



Good Shepherd Charger News

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All School Newsletter
February 10, 2023

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 10

- Girls Basketball A Team Valentine’s Tournament @ Immanuel St. Charles vs. St. Cletus 5:40 p.m.
- Girls Basketball D Team Zion Belleville Tourney 6:15 p.m.
- 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group 6:00-8:30 p.m. in TRACKS area

Saturday, February 11

- Madison County BAND Festival @ Collinsville Middle School
- Girls Basketball A Team Valentine’s Tournament @ Immanuel St. Charles

Thursday, February 16

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:50 a.m. (ECC-Gr. 1)
- Boys Basketball C Team Staunton Tournament 5:45 p.m. vs. Trinity Edwardsville
- Girls Basketball C Team Staunton Tournament 7:00 p.m. vs Zion Bethalto

Monday, February 20

- NO SCHOOL - Presidents’ Day

Tuesday, February 21

- Pee-Wee Basketball Game 6:30 p.m.

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



HEARTS FOR JESUS CHAPEL OFFERINGS

February’s Chapel Offerings will be going to the Garuna Christian School Ministry in Cambodia. This Lutheran ministry is operating 7 schools in Cambodia, with 2 more schools under construction, opening in 2023. Garuna means “grace” in the Khmer language, and the students are called “Garuna Kids”. There are currently over 1,300 Garuna Kids who are learning about Jesus each day. Our offerings will help the Garuna Kids in a country where only 2% trust in Jesus. Our gifts help send these children to school where they learn Bible, math, the Khmer (Cambodian) language, and basic English in grades K-6. Each student receives a uniform, backpack, school supplies, textbooks, and an opportunity to learn about Jesus.



5th-8th GRADE CHOIRS

5th through 8th grade choirs will NOT sing this Sunday as originally planned. We look forward to Sunday, March 5th when 5th-8th grade choirs will sing again as scheduled!

5th and 6th GRADE YOUTH

Please join us for 5th and 6th grade youth group TONIGHT, Friday, February 10th from 6-8:30 PM. **PARENTS, please let Mr. Stegman or the school office know if you can volunteer to stay and assist.** It is not difficult. Volunteers just help distribute food and drinks and help supervise games. We need at least 2 people, preferably one male chaperone and one female chaperone. Thank you! Please enter at the “TRACKS” door on the lower level and check your student in with an emergency phone number etc. 5th and 6th graders from the church or school are welcome and may bring a friend.



INCREDIBLE FREE CONCERT - [CHECK IT OUT HERE](#)

The Concordia Irvine Symphony Orchestra is traveling to Good Shepherd from Los Angeles, CA to provide a free concert for community outreach, recruiting, and especially to inspire Good Shepherd students in music! **The concert is Saturday, February 25th at 3:00 PM** in the church. The concert will feature exciting music by John Williams (composer of Star Wars, Indiana Jones etc.), and classics by Bach and Copland. The orchestra includes band instruments, strings, LOTS of percussion, grand piano, harpsichord, organ, voice, and harp! In 2021, the orchestra recorded a PBS Channel 9 Christmas special which aired in 75% of the United States!

Please see this video which they specially produced for this concert at Good Shepherd: <https://youtu.be/o4fbuxp6Vno> Invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers, the concert is FREE!

Charger Headlines Continued...

PASTOR'S CORNER

Souper Bowl Offering – On Saturday, February 11th & Sunday, February 12th we will have a large soup bowl in the narthex to collect a special offering to benefit the Collinsville Food Pantry which oversees the community food pantry and also helps families with utility payments and other emergencies. Checks should be made payable to the Collinsville Food Pantry. Thank you!



OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

GSLs will be holding an Open House on Sunday, February 26th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for Preschool through Grade 8. Invite your friends and neighbors to tour the school, meet our teachers, and find out more about Good Shepherd!



GOOD SHEPHERD NIGHT AT PAPA JOHN'S (Beltline Location)

Order from Papa John's on Monday, February 27th and up to 25% of your order will be donated back to our school! Offer valid only at the 501 Beltline location. Call or order online at PAPAJOHNS.COM. Enter our promo code online, SSG005, or mention Good Shepherd when ordering.



VARIETY SHOW

The Variety Show is back! The GSLs Variety Show will be held Friday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. We invite any students, families, and staff to participate! Please look for the audition form and information about auditioning for the show at the end of the newsletter.



We are looking forward to seeing all the talent at Good Shepherd!

GSLs RESALE SHOP

Thank you to all who donated and shopped the Resale Shop on Saturday. Please feel free to bring your gently used standardized clothes to the school office any time during the school year. \$600 was earned for future scholarships!

NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENTS' DAY - FEBRUARY 20, 2023

No school on Monday, February 20th in honor of President Lincoln and President Washington's birthdays.

Something to Consider...

How Much Love?

How much does God love me?

His unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. Ps 103:11

Long ago the Lord said to Israel: "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself. Jeremiah 31:3

It is impossible to measure God's love, which is beyond our comprehension. The Bible describes God's love for us as "unfailing," "everlasting," as high as the heavens. God created you, loves you, and longs to have a relationship with you. So great is his love that he pursues you with persistent and unfailing love, drawing you to himself.

Blessings

Robert Mayhew, Principal



Pray for Our Students

In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty will be praying for the students and their families. Next week we will be praying for Brad B.; Isla J.; James K.; Ella R.; Jed S.; Sydney S.; Holden W.; and Hudson Y.

Please join us in prayer and thanksgiving.

The purpose of Good Shepherd Lutheran School is to provide each student with a quality Christian Education. We recognize that this begins with the premise that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and in Him we have eternal life. The curriculum and all activities are developed around this premise.

Charger Headlines Continued...

ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

The online auction begins Monday, March 13th and ends on Saturday, March 18th. The committee is asking assistance from our GSLS families in helping acquire a variety of donations! Examples are: gift cards, condo rentals and hotel/resort stays, sports and other tickets, food/gift/spirits baskets, jewelry, purses, meat bundles, and creative experiences, to name just a few.

We are also looking for business and individual Auction sponsors. Please see donation forms following this newsletter. Sponsorships are also welcomed and encouraged. The Sponsorship form also follows this newsletter. Please contact Michelle Matuszewski at 618-973-3493 or matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com or the school office for more information!



AUCTION CLASS BASKET LIST

3 year old Preschool = Art Club (arts and crafts)

4 year old Preschool = Friends of Animals Club (anything pet related)

Kindergarten = Future Builders Club (building blocks, Lego, Magnatiles, etc.)

1st Grade = Gamers Club (games and puzzles)

2nd Grade = Science Club (anything science related - books, experiment kits, slime kits, etc.)

3rd Grade = Adventure Club (camping, hiking, and outdoor equipment/supplies, etc.)

4th Grade = Drama Club (anything for movie lovers; snacks, movies, gift cards, entertainment items, etc.)

5th Grade = Sports and Rec Club (anything sports related - footballs, basketballs, jump ropes, sporting goods, bleacher seat cushions, etc.)

6th Grade = Community Club (gift cards to your favorite local restaurants, shops, local goods, etc.)

7th Grade = HomeEc Club (baking and cooking gear, recipe books, cooking utensils, etc.)

8th Grade = Gardening Club (gardening gloves, knee pads, pots, seeds, garden decor, etc.)



2023-2024 TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are available NOW through FACTS. (See LESA flyer following the newsletter.)

NEED HELP APPLYING FOR A LESA SCHOLARSHIP?

LESA will host a virtual application event on February 28, 2023, 12:00-7:00 p.m. titled, "How to do a Financial Scholarship in FACTS." Anyone needing assistance with the application, have application questions, or have questions about required documentation for the application is encouraged to sign up [here](#) for a 30-minute virtual meeting with Maureen Gersman at LESA.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Come support the Youth of Good Shepherd and St. James at Trivia Night on Friday, March 3rd at Metro East Lutheran High School. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the game starts at 7:00 p.m. Funds raised will help the youth groups of both churches get to the Youth Gathering in 2025 in New Orleans. (See flyer following.)



**Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 39th Annual Auction
March 13-18, 2023 (Virtual)**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business/Donor _____

Contact Name (if different from above) _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

DONATION

Item/Package Description _____

Approximate Value _____

_____ Item/Gift Card Included with this form

_____ I will send/deliver my donation to Good Shepherd by Wednesday, March 1, 2023

_____ Please arrange to pick up my donation

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR DONATION TO:

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Attn: GSLS Auction

1300 Beltline Road

Collinsville, IL 62234

**The donation deadline is Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Please contact the school office at
618.344.3153 with questions. ***TAX ID: 37-0841452****

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!



Good Shepherd Lutheran School; Collinsville, IL

2023 Virtual Auction

Monday, March 13 to Saturday, March 18

Sponsorship Levels

Premier Partner - \$1,000

- Featured on the school's two Facebook pages (with a combined list of almost 1,500 connections) during the auction.
- Featured in 4 weekly school newsletters the month following the auction.
- Listed as a Premier Partner on the Handbid auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over those two weeks to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.

Tier Two Sponsorship - \$500

- Featured on the school's public Facebook page during the auction.
- Featured in 1 weekly newsletter the month following the auction.
- Listed as a Silver Sponsor on the Handbid auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over those two weeks to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.

Supporter - \$250

- Listed as a Supporter on the Handbid auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over those two weeks to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.

Sponsorship questions? Please contact Michelle Matuszewski, auction volunteer, at matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com or 618.973.3493. Deadline to submit sponsor information is Wednesday, March 1 2023.

Tax ID: 37-0841452

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School

Church: (618) 344-3151
Fax: (618) 344-3378

1300 Belt Line Road • Collinsville, Illinois 62234

www.gslcs.org

School: (618) 344-3153
Fax: (618) 344-3156



Dear Business Representative:

It has been said, "A good beginning has no end." It is the goal of Good Shepherd Lutheran School to provide that vital, "good beginning" to hundreds of Metro-east young people, age three through those in grade eight.

As a successful business person, I am sure you understand the importance of a good education - one which refines the spirit as it challenges the mind.

I invite you to support our cause and the children we serve by contributing toward the Good Shepherd School Auction. This entertaining Virtual fund-raising event will be held, March 13 through the last day Saturday March 18, 2023.

May we ask for your help in making this a successful event?

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

- John 10:11

Pastor:
Michael Watter
618-44-3151

You or your company is invited to help us by:

- Donating items or services to the auction.
- Donating cash for the cause

Principal:
Robert Mayhew
618-344-3153

Past auctions have included such items as trips (short and long), tickets to sporting and theatrical events, products manufactured in the area and much, much more. Of course, the value of your donations is tax-deductible. My office can provide a receipt at your request.

While items will be accepted through the day of the auction, to have heard from you by Wednesday, March 1 would allow us to effectively advertise your items.

The best way to support our students is to attend the auction virtually, enjoy the evening and take advantage of the opportunities available. It is an enjoyable experience. This is our second virtual auction for our school.

Please respond to our volunteer representative or contact my office if you feel led to support the Good Shepherd School Auction.

Sincerely,

Robert Mayhew
Principal

Please visit us! I invite you to contact me at our main campus at 1300 Belt Line Road in Collinsville. You can call the number given above. It would be my pleasure to share with you the school's special mission and provide a guided tour of our facility.

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CONCORDIA
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CONCORDIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Tour

Dr. Jeff Held, music director
Mya Chahbazian '23, mezzo-soprano
Ruth Pearson '25, flute
Chi Zhang '23, violin

Hear a rare Midwestern appearance from one of Southern California's most engaging collegiate orchestras. The latest in its "Cathedral Concerts" series, this concert features Concordia's 58-member orchestra, professional repertoire, exceptional soloists, and a program anchored in the theme of "contented peace."

All performances are free, non-ticketed, and open to the public.

Bach: Selections from Cantatas, BWV 170 & 204

Rouse: Flute Concerto (Scherzo and Amhrán)

Bach: Sonata #2 (Fugue) for Solo Violin

Copland: Appalachian Spring

Williams: Suite from Far and Away

A. Guebert: "For All the Saints"

Saturday, February 25 • 3:00pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
(Collinsville)

Sunday, February 26 • 6:00pm
Zion Lutheran Church (St. Charles)

Tuesday, February 28 • 7:30pm
First Presbyterian Church (Kirkwood)

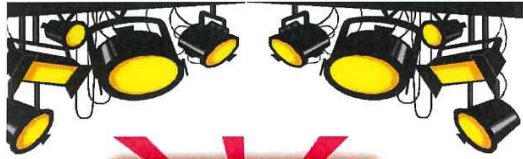
Additional Appearances (alternate repertoire)

Sunday, February 26 • 9:20am & 10:30am
Peace Lutheran Church (St. Louis)

Monday, February 27
Local High Schools

Tuesday, February 28 • 9:35am
Chapel and Post-Chapel Concert,
Concordia Seminary





Good Shepherd Lutheran School

This year's variety show will review the many talents of individual students, groups of students, or family acts. (Parents are invited to participate with their child/ren.)

The variety show will be **Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

Audition information:

- We are accepting video auditions. If you would like, you may request an in- person audition. Email submissions to Mrs. Batty (jbatty@gslcs.org) or Mrs. Maske (kmaske@gslcs.org)
- Audition forms must also be submitted to the school office, your child's teacher, or by email to Mrs. Batty or Mrs. Maske. Please complete the following information as it should appear in the program.
- All auditions must be submitted no later than **Friday, March 1st**.
- All acts should be presented just as they will be performed on the night of the Variety Show. If you are not prepared to perform your act as you would the night of the Variety Show, please save your act for next year.

GUIDELINES:

- There will be a 4-minute time limit for each performance. (Some performances may, by their very nature, be much shorter than a full 4-minute slot.)
- **All acts must exemplify the standards of Good Shepherd Lutheran School. (This includes musical selection, lyrics, and manner of dress.)**
- Each act will be required to audition. Please have sheet music, CD, and a copy of the lyrics. (The Internet provides sites for hard-to-find lyrics.)
- Each person auditioning must turn in a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian.

Please plan to attend the dress rehearsal on **Monday, March 20th**, beginning at 3:30 P.M.

NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

INDIVIDUAL GROUP (Please list all participants): _____

Name _____ Phone # _____ Grade _____ Dance Voice

Musical Instrument _____ Other (juggling, mime, etc.) _____

Musical Selection (Title and Composer/Artist)

Permission to perform:

I am aware of my child's intentions to perform in the GSLS Variety Show 2023 and will help my child prepare for his/h'er performance **according to the guidelines outlined above.**

I understand that the Variety Show Committee reserves the right to refuse my child's act.

Signature _____ Relationship to the child _____ Phone # _____



TRIVIA NIGHT

HELP GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. JAMES' YOUTH

GROUPS GET TO THE YOUTH GATHERING IN 2025!

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

DOORS OPEN: 6 P.M.

GAME START: 7 P.M.

\$25/individual

\$200/table of 8

Metro East Lutheran
High School

- BYO Food & Drinks
- Table Decorating
- Silent Auction
- Mulligans

Registration - Turn into SJ or GS Church Offices

Name(s): _____

Amount (Make it out to GSLC): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Full Table: _____

Individual



K-8 Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete application online through FACTS

- <https://online.factsmt.com/ga/inst-application/inst/4FG82>

Step 2: Submit payment for application (\$35)

Step 3: Submit **ALL 2022** tax documents

- Applicant & co-applicant must submit tax docs
- Taxes do not have to be filed, but must be prepared and uploaded to application

Step 4: CHECK EMAIL

- FACTS representatives will email if documentation is missing. Please respond as soon as possible and **check your junk folder** for FACTS emails.
- Tips on uploading a document can be found at www.lesastl.org

Required Documentation

- 2022—1040 Tax Form (page 1 & 2)
- 2022 W2
- Business Income docs
 - ⇒ Schedule 1—5, C, E, K, etc.
- Non-taxable docs
 - ⇒ Child support, SNAP, TANF, Social Security

Do You Qualify?

Families will qualify for some level of assistance from LESA if **at least 10% of income from 2022** is used to cover the cost of their child/children's Lutheran K-8 net tuition.

Questions???

FACTS Parent Line: 1.866.315.9262

LESA Office: 314.200.0790

Email: mgersman@lesastl.org

Website: lesastl.org

Deadline: April 10, 2023

Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA)

LESA provides financial resources for children in need to obtain Lutheran Christian education in the St. Louis area. We promote and advocate for efforts to improve the sustainability and quality of Lutheran Christian schools.