



Good Shepherd Charger News

"CHOSEN" 1 Peter 12:9-10

All School Newsletter
February 3, 2023

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 3

- Mid-Quarter
- Boys Basketball A Team Conf. Tourney 7:45 p.m. @ MELHS
- Girls Basketball A Team Conf. Tourney 5:15 p.m. @ MELHS

Saturday, February 4

- Boys Pee Wee Basketball Gr. 2-4 8:30-9:45 a.m
- Resale Shop Open 9-12:00 Noon in Cafeteria
- Boys Basketball A Team Conf. Tourney @ MELHS
- Girls Basketball A Team Conf. Tourney @ MELHS

Tuesday, February 7

- Boys Basketball AC @ Zion Belleville 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8

- Chapel 2:30 p.m. in the gym ECC-Gr.8
- Speaker from Garuna Christian Schools
- Auction Planning Mtg. 7:00 pm in Library

Thursday, February 9

- Girls Basketball D Team Tourney @ Zion Belleville 4:15 p.m.

Friday, February 10

- GSLS Theme T-Shirt Day
- Girls Basketball A Team @ St. Charles, MO Tournament
- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville TBA

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



GSLS RESALE SHOP - Saturday, February 4th

Don't forget: 9:00 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria is the time and place to buy gently used standardized clothes for your student! Polos, shorts, pants, skirts, and more are available in all sizes for both boys and girls. (4T-18+).

5th Grade Parents, we need your help tonight at 6:30 or tomorrow!



CHEERLEADING CLINIC FUNDRAISER



Saturday, February 25th, the Chargers Cheer Squad is hosting their FIRST annual Cheer Clinic from 8-12:00 Noon for students in grades Kdg-8th. Students will be taught cheers and will receive a t-shirt, hairbow, snack and drink. Please complete the permission slip that follows this newsletter and **return with check by Wednesday, February 8th.**

6-WEEK STEM CLASS FOR 2ND & 3RD GRADERS

We are looking for an adult assistant (or two) for a possible afterschool STEM program for 2nd and 3rd grades. If interested, please contact the office 344-3153 or ncluck@gslcs.org for more information. An enthusiastic GSLS parent (who is a mechanical engineer) is ready to lead the class and has plenty of materials. No technical aptitude or experience required! The class will be held on Thursdays starting Feb 23rd through March 30th from 3:15 to 4:15. Another adult is required to make this class a reality so please consider donating your time! Thank you.



SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to 8th grade student, Ava G., whose Science Fair project also qualified her to attend the Regional Science Fair in Effingham, IL, but was mistakenly omitted in last week's newsletter announcement.

CHARGER BUCKS-SCRIP PROGRAM - Valentine Specials

It's not too late to pick up some gift cards for you or your valentine using the order forms or the [RaiseRight](https://www.raiseright.com/shop/category/72?appLink=Category?categoryId%3D72) app. Check out these big specials, (including Build-A-Bear): <https://www.raiseright.com/shop/category/72?appLink=Category?categoryId%3D72> Download the app today and start saving and earning! Any questions, contact the school office.



Charger Headlines Continued...

PASTOR'S CORNER

Wednesday Woman Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Carol Walther with any questions at CWalther@gslcs.org.



GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

Pastor Andrew Packer of Pagosa Springs, Colorado has been called to serve as associate pastor. Pastor Packer, his wife, and youngest daughter came for a visit and toured the school. We keep him in our prayers as he considers the possibility of serving here at GSLCS.

GSLCS 39th VIRTUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Our online auction begins Monday, March 13th and ends on Saturday, March 18th. You may sign up to bid using this link: <http://events.handbid.com/auctions/good-shepherd-annual-school-auction-2023>

The committee is asking assistance from our GSLCS families in helping acquire a variety of donations! Examples: gift cards, condo rentals and hotel/resort stays, sports and other tickets, food/gift/spirits baskets, jewelry, purses, meat bundles, and creative experiences, are a few suggestions.

We are looking for business and individual Auction sponsors and donors. (Forms follow this newsletter.) Please contact Michelle Matuszewski at 618-973-3493 or matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com or the school office for more information!



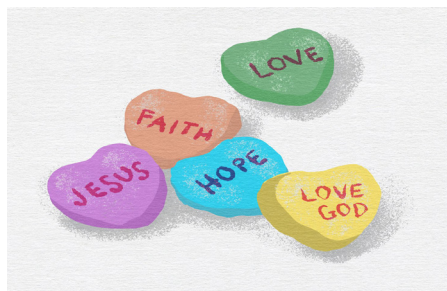
TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS - Apply Now!

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 at LESA.



Something to Consider...

Better Choices

How can I make better choices this year than I did last year?

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased." He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" Luke 19:5-8

Zacchaeus had clearly made some bad choices, the people in the crowd called him a "notorious sinner." But after Jesus spent some time with him, Zacchaeus life changed, and he wanted to make better choices. Our choices reflect the kind of people we are, and this is often influenced by whom we spend time with. Zacchaeus began to change when he spent time with Jesus. That is the best choice you can make too!

Blessings!

Robert Mayhew, Principal

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 Savannah G., Ceaná S., Grant W., Christopher G., and Ellie F.

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...

AUCTION COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING

Reminder: The auction meeting is Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the school Media/Library. The link to the auction on our website is <https://www.gslcs.org/support-our-school/auction/>

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.)



CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

We are happy to share amazing news of a Good Shepherd Alum! Collinsville High School Sophomore, Danielle C. has earned the Congressional Award Gold Medal from the United States Congress, the highest level of congressional recognition available to America's civilian youth. The award is given annually to student leaders who have intentionally devoted their time to goal-setting and community engagement. The program requires each participant to select an advisor who will oversee their journey and sign off on the final application prior to submitting it. Danielle chose Mr. Krueger from Good Shepherd Lutheran School.



Danielle started working toward this goal in October 2020 when she turned 13.5 years old, which is the youngest you can be to register for the award program. To be eligible for the award, participants are expected to log a minimum of 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development, 200 hours of physical fitness, and a five-day, four-night expedition or exploration. Danielle's volunteer hours consisted of working with the Caseyville Public Library, the Disabled American Veterans, and Girl Scouts. Her personal development goals included teaching herself to play the ukulele and becoming certified in scuba diving. Her physical fitness hour goals revolved around her training and advancement in martial arts at McArther's Taekwondo & Fitness. Lastly, her exploration was an adventurous trip to Curacao where she hiked, scuba-dived, and explored the landscape, historical monuments, and culture of the island.

By earning the Gold Medal, Danielle also earned the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Certificates, as well as the Bronze and Silver Medal, which she received in the mail. She has been invited to attend the Gold Award Summit in Washington D.C. in June 2023 to be recognized and receive her Gold Medal. Congratulations Danielle!

**CHARGER CHEER SQUADS'S
FIRST
ANNUAL CHEER CLINIC
FUNDRAISER**



This permission slip must be signed by a parent/legal guardian
and submitted by Wednesday February 8th 2023

Dear Parents:

On Saturday February 25, 2023 The Chargers Cheer Squad is hosting their FIRST annual Cheer Clinic! We would like to invite your child Grades K-8th to participate! The cheer clinic will be held in the Gym from 8:00am - 12:00pm. During the clinic your child will be taught cheers till about 11:00am then we ask parents to Join us back at 11:15am to watch their child show off what they have learned!!

Your child will also have the opportunity to share what they have learned again the GSLS Annual Variety Show on Friday March 24th.

Cost to enroll your child is \$40.00 for the Clinic! This will include a shirt/bow/snack/drink!

Please make checks to: Brittany Christ or you may send cash as well. If you have any questions you can email Coach Brittany @ brittchrist4@gmail.com

Parent/Guardian must fill out this response slip.

I am allowing my child, _____, to attend the Chargers Cheer Clinic on Saturday February 25th 2023

Note: Have returned back in time to ensure shirt will be in for the clinic!

Additional Information:

Shirt Size: _____

Grade: _____

Allergies: _____

PARENTS INFO

NAME: _____

NUMBER: _____



K-8 Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete application online through FACTS

- <https://online.factsmtg.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.



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 Church and School

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

1300 Belt Line Road ♦ Collinsville, Illinois 62234
www.gscls.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 am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
- John 10:11

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?

Pastor:
Michael Walther
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 donation 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.

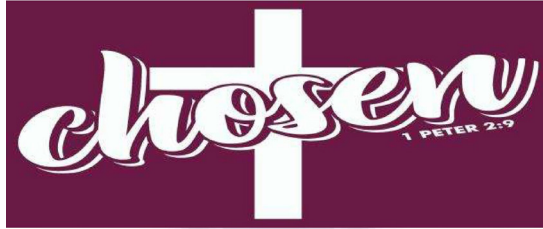
Sincerely,



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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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.

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