



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter
January 12, 2024

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, January 12

- GSLS Theme T-shirt day
- Boys Basketball AC Home vs. Unity 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 13

- Boys PeeWee Bball 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Monday, January 15

- NO SCHOOL-MLK Holiday

Tuesday, January 16

- Boys Basketball AD @ Zion Bethalto 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 18

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)
- Girls Basketball AC Home vs. Trinity Edwardsville 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 19-Saturday, Jan. 20

- All Ill. Jr. Band Festival at Univ. of IL

Sunday, January 21

- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 a.m. church service
- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church service
- Faculty sings in both church services
- Start of National Lutheran Schools Week

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Where Do I Find?...Helpful School Links

[Health Forms](#) [Athletics Volunteer Signup](#) [Website](#) [Charger Bucks-Scrip](#)

No School

On Monday, January 15th, we will be observing the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Please safely enjoy the 3-day weekend.



TRACKS Announcements

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Angela Dixon for her service as our TRACKS Director. We wish her the best as she pursues a new career.

Mrs. Bryanna Dahhou is stepping into the Director role. Mrs. Dahhou also serves as an aide in the ECC and has worked as a sub in TRACKS. Please join us in welcoming her to this position.



If you are looking for a new home for board games or indoor games that are in good condition and appropriate for 1st-8th grade students, the TRACKS program would be happy to receive them. You may drop them off in the office at your convenience. Thank you in advance!

Open House for Prospective Students



GSLS will be holding an Open House on **Sunday, January 28th** 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 and all it has to offer!

Student Safety

Please review the following safety rules:

1. All vehicles picking up students should have a sign in the front window with student'(s)' last name and grade(s). Legible handwritten sign is acceptable.
2. The pickup and dropoff lines are considered child zones and the driver's cell phone should not be in use when children are present.
3. Please do not pass the car in front of you unless instructed to do so by school personnel.
4. In the morning, if you are in a hurry or you have slow moving children, please park your car and let your children cross the parking lot using the crosswalks.
5. Please be aware of crosswalks and do not block them. Allow students to have a clear path to walk safely.
6. If your child is going to arrive after 8:15 a.m., an adult should plan to come to the office and sign them in.



Charger Headlines Continued...

Message from Our Counselor

As kids get older, many parents may find themselves struggling to connect with their child. We may ask our kids questions and get a nod or a shrug, and let's face it, there may be times we get no response at all. Technology has started to replace a lot of in person interaction, and while technology is a great resource, it cannot effectively replace the face-to-face human connection that we are designed for.

I want to take a moment to talk about a couple of ways to help start conversations each day with your kids. The first and most important step is to create a space free from distraction. You want to make sure to focus on what your child has to say. We're interested! Once this space is created, then ask open ended questions about them and about their day. Finally, offer something positive about the interaction. An example could be, "Thanks so much for sitting and talking with me" or "I really love hearing about your day." These distraction free moments of genuine conversation are great for building social skills that will last your child a lifetime and most importantly, it lets your child know you're listening. - Tiffany Peek



2024-25 GSLS Reenrollment Has Begun

Parents, if your child **will NOT be attending GSLS** in the fall, you must **notify the school ASAP to avoid the Non-Refundable fee** being withdrawn from your account **on January 20th**.

To check on re-enrollment, please go into your Parent Portal in FACTS and make sure everything listed is correct including addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, financial information, and choose volunteer activities. Any questions, contact Jennifer Osborn 618-344-3153 or josborn@gslds.org.



National Lutheran Schools Week



Good Shepherd will be participating in the National Lutheran Schools Week January 23-27. **See flyer that follows for fun dress days and themes.**



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week this school year, the faculty will be praying for the students and their families. Next week we will be praying for Elise T., Donovan T., Chance S., Alyssa S., Jacob R., Reeve M., and Meghan M. Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

Who is God to You?

Promises about Who God's Role in Your Life

God is Your Savior:

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10

I love you, O Lord, my strength. Psalm 18:1

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we are still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Take the opportunity to share God's promises from holy scripture and allow the holy spirit to work in them.

Blessings on your journey!

Robert Mayhew, Principal

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...

Request from Gingerbread House Volunteers

If possible, please return the cloth bags brought home with your child's gifts. We would like use the bags again next Christmas. You can send them to the classroom or the school office. Thank you.



Chapel Offerings

The offerings in January and February will go to the Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund which benefits families in our community who want their children to have a Christ-centered education. Your offerings are an outreach tool to bring families to Christ.



Papa John's - Good Shepherd (Beltline Location)



Order from Papa John's on **Monday, January 29th** 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. (See flyer following newsletter.)

Substitute Teachers

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is looking for kind and caring substitute teachers to ensure our students continue to thrive when teachers need to be out of the classroom. Substitute teaching is a great opportunity for future teachers, stay at home parents, retirees, part-time employees and anyone that wants to make a difference.

You will need to have a substitute teaching license. We provide a flexible work schedule that you can tailor to your needs. This includes choosing the grade level(s) and/or subjects you'd like to teach. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in being a substitute teacher for Good Shepherd, please call the school office 618-344-3153 and ask for Jennifer Osborn.



GSLs Change Drive

Last day to donate to the Change Drive is **Friday, January 19th**. The money collected will benefit our school auction. Students will be receiving special dress days for each level their grade reaches. (See flyer for details.)

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Tournament



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of 01-01-24) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition is free of charge. The contest will be on **Saturday, January 20th** at Holy Cross Lutheran School, 304 South Street, Collinsville. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. with the contest starting at 10:00 a.m.

Charger Bucks - SCRIP

Weekly orders will be placed on January 22nd and 29th, with delivery on Friday of the same week. Thank you for using the app and continuing to place orders. Save tuition dollars and earn money for the school!

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Auction Change Drive



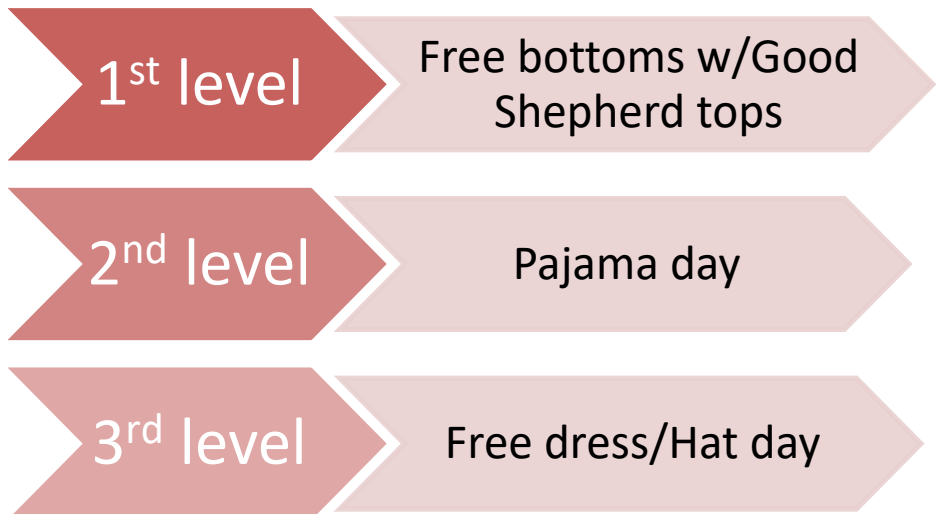
To benefit the education at Good Shepherd

Dear families:

Please start collecting all your loose change for our annual change drive. We will be collecting the change from January 8-19.

The grade who raises the highest dollar amount, overall, will receive a pizza and ice cream party. There will also be special dress days as the grades reach each goal level.

Thank you for supporting our children!



CONNECTED John 15:1-5

National Lutheran Schools Week 2024

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be participating in the National Lutheran Schools Week from January 20th-January 26th. The following is the schedule of events. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher.

Monday, January 22nd-Theme: Connected to Christ

Dress up: Career day (wear something that shows what you would like to be when you grow up.) **Science Fair Night in the gym from 6:30-7:30.**

Tuesday, January 23rd-Theme: Connected to the Father

Dress up: Decades day (wear 1950's, 1970's, 1980's, 2000's) **Move up day at 2:15-2:35. (first grade moves to second grade, second grade to third, etc.)**

Wednesday, January 24th-Theme: Connected to the Spirit

Dress up: Dress in your favorite color from head to toe. **Spelling Bee in the church starting at 9:00.**

Thursday, January 25th-Theme: Connected to the Church

Dress up: Wear your favorite team apparel(jerseys, hats, etc.)

Assembly: Tye-Dye Iguana in the gym at 2:00-3:00.

Friday, January 26th-Theme: Connected to His Commission

Dress up: Comfy Cozy Day (pajamas, sweatshirts) **Movie Day-each class will have a movie in their room.**

LIST OF THEME BASKETS BY GRADE FOR THE
40TH ANNUAL GSLS BENEFIT AUCTION – May 4, 2024
Firemen’s Hall, Collinsville, IL

- PK3 – Baby Theme Basket
 - Ideas: Onseys, Bottles, Décor, Books, Stuffedies, Toys, Diapers, Monitor, Gift Cards
- PK4 – Family Fun Day Basket
 - Ideas: gift cards to local attractions: Edisons, Trampoline Park, Childrens Museums, Magic House, City Museum;
- K – Future Builders Basket
 - Ideas: Legos, Magnatiles, Building Blocks, Puzzles
- 1 – Camping and Smore’s Basket
 - Ideas: Sleeping Bag, Lawn Chairs, flashlight, camping accessories, smores kits, campfire kits
- 2 – Coffee & Hot Chocolate Basket
 - Ideas: Mugs, Coffee, Syrups, Local Coffee Gift Cards, Hot Chocolate, Marshmallows,
- 3 – Summer Theme Basket
 - Ideas: Beach towels, bubbles, Chalk, Water bottles, grilling accessories, tiki theme stuff,
 - summer décor
- 4 – Dinner Date Night Basket
 - Ideas: Restaurant Gift Cards; Weekly Menu Board
- 5 – Spa / Wellness Basket
 - Ideas: bath salts/bombs, yoga mat, candles, journal, Water bottle, small weights
- 6 – Movie Night Basket
 - Ideas: Popcorn maker, Popcorn, bowls, snacks, cozy blanket, AMC gift card, Chef shoppe gift card
- 7 – Sunday Morning Brunch Basket
 - Ideas: waffle maker, pancake mixes, Breakfast restaurant gift cards, recipes, Coffee
- 8 – Baking Basket
 - Ideas: Baking utensils, dessert recipes, mixing bowls

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