



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter
January 19, 2024

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, January 19-Saturday, Jan. 20

- All Illinois Jr. Band Festival at University of IL

Sunday, January 21

- Start of Nat'l Lutheran Schools Week
- 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

Monday, January 22

- NLSA Theme - Connected to Christ
- Science Fair in Gym 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Dress Up: Career Day

Tuesday, January 23

- NLSA Theme - Connected to the Father
- Dress Up: Decades Day
- Boys Basketball AC Home & C Girls vs Holy Cross, Alumni Night 5:00 p.m., Pep Band plays

Wednesday, January 24

- NLSA Theme - Connected to the Spirit
- Dress Up: Dress in Favorite Color, Head to Toe
- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (All Grades) in Gym
- Spelling Bee 9:00 a.m. in Gym

Thursday, January 25

- NLSA Theme - Connected to the Church
- Dress Up: Wear your favorite team apparel
- Assembly: Tye-Dye Iguana, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Girls Basketball AC @ Zion, Bethalto 6:00 p.m.
- Boys Basketball A Class S SIJHSAA Regional 6:45 p.m. @ Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights, IL

Friday, January 26

- NLSA Theme - Connected to His Commission
- Dress Up: Comfy Cozy Day
- Boys Basketball A Class S SIJHSAA Regional TBA

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Where Do I Find?...Helpful School Links

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

National Lutheran Schools Week



We look forward to celebrating Good Shepherd Lutheran School next week during National Lutheran Schools Week, **January 22-26**. Students will participate in fun dress-up days, daily devotions, and other activities to celebrate

Lutheran schools. The theme is "Connected" - John 15:1-5

(See flyer that follows for fun dress days and daily themes.)

Spelling Bee



This year's spelling bee will be on **Wednesday, January 24th** at 9:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The order of participants will be numerical this year: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th. Parents are welcome to attend.

Student News

Congratulations to Josie W., 8th grade clarinetist, upon her acceptance into the All Illinois Junior Band Festival to be held on Friday and Saturday, January 19th-20th, 2024 at the University of Illinois.



The All Illinois Junior Band is a 79 member elite ensemble of 7th and 8th grade instrumentalists from anywhere in the state of Illinois. Hundreds of students recorded a rigorous audition of scales and etudes and sent them in last fall. Students are selected solely on their audition score and almost 75% of the selected students are from Chicago and suburbs. **Only 15 clarinets were chosen out of all the 7th and 8th graders in the state and Josie earned 3rd chair!** Selected students rehearse their challenging festival music in the historic Harding Band Building, tour the John Philip Sousa estate museum archives and library, attend a reception, and perform a concert in the world class Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Josie is the fourth student from Good Shepherd (along with James A., Dean H., and Kate M.) to ever be accepted into the All Illinois Junior Band.

Alumni Night

Tuesday, January 23rd is Alumni Night! The Chargers Boys Basketball "A" team will play the Holy Cross Braves that evening about 7:00 p.m. The Boys "C" team is scheduled to play at 6:00 p.m. The Girls "C" team will also play at 5:00 p.m. We welcome all alumni and look forward to their return to GSLs! The band will play and will include any alum who wants to join in. All will be recognized during half time of the "A" Game. Hope you can join us. Tell your friends!

Charger Headlines Continued...

Peer Tutoring

There will be NO Peer Tutoring on **Thursday, January 25th** due to National Lutheran Schools Week. Peer Tutoring will resume on **February 1st**.

Counselor's Message

Sometimes as adults, we can forget that our kids are susceptible to stress too. Homework, after school activities/responsibilities, peers, etc can all create stress for our children. Children can experience the same physical response that adults do when they experience chronic stress. It's critical to check in with your child on a regular basis and make note of any sudden changes in behavior or mood. As a parent, I understand life can be hectic and these check ins can seem difficult at times. That's why stress management is a great approach, even for kids! Let's talk about a few ways to help them manage stress and finish the school year strong!

Eat a well balanced meal.

Exercise

Schedule a routine that allows time to complete homework/projects.

Get plenty of rest each night.

Make sure to check in with your kids. Stress can be hard to identify, but having the space to talk about it can be very helpful in developing good stress management skills.

Stress is a very normal part of life and while we can't prevent it entirely, we can build the skills necessary to help our children manage it well.

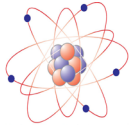
-Tiffany Meek

Open House

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!



Science Fair



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FAIR**

Kindergarten-5th and 7th Grade Science Fair Projects will be on display in the gym on Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to come see their amazing discoveries! (See flyer that follows this newsletter.)



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 Agnes H., Ava H., Elise L., Violet M., and Charlotte P.

Please join us in prayer and thanksgiving.

Something to Consider...

Who is God to You?

Promises about Who God's Role in Your Life

God is Your Shepherd:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

Psalm 100:3

You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are people, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign Lord.

Ezekiel 34:31

You were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:25

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:11

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...

Spring Pictures Day

Lifetouch will be taking Spring pictures on **Thursday, February 1st** for Preschool and Kindergarten students. Grades 1-8 pictures will be taken on **Friday, February 2nd**. Standardized dress is **not** required for these pictures. Order forms will come home with your student or you can order online using our school ID: EVT84XZN8

Basketball and Cheerleading pictures will be taken on **Friday, February 2nd** beginning at 7:00 a.m. You can order online using this ID: EVTNNW79C or use the form sent home with your athlete.

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.)

LESA is hosting a virtual scholarship application event on **Tuesday, February 27th**, 12 - 7 p.m., for families needing assistance with the LESA application. Please use this link to sign up for a 30-minute virtual meeting.

<https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/jnycj>

Spring Resale Shop Open - February 24



Mark your calendar to stop by our **Resale Shop** on **Saturday, February 24th** from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to purchase gently used standardized dress clothes and Good Shepherd Chargerwear at bargain prices.

Honor Roll - 2nd Quarter

High Honor Roll with Distinction (Gr. 7&8 - GPA 4.00+)

8th Grade: Marion H., Lauren K., Dylan L., Calista S., Lily W., Bradley W., Josie W.

7th Grade: Cooper I., Elle J., Prabhgun K., Reeve M., Jake R., Chance S., Cali W.

High Honor Roll (Gr. 5&6 - GPA 3.51 to 4.0; Gr. 7&8 - GPA 3.51 to 3.99)

8th Grade: Ally P., Owen T., Teagan W.

7th Grade: Chloe B., Brayden B., Raelei B., Trinity B., Rory D., Liam D., Meghan M., Hunter S., Elise T.

6th Grade: Will B., Isabella B., Caleb B., Owen C., Zion C., Agnes H., Sydney H., Jacob K., Elise L., Violet M., Piper M., Sophia N., Livy P., Charlotte P., Nate P., Caroline S., Levi T., Adalie T.

5th Grade: Ryan B., Alison B., Vivian C., Molly F., Tinley F., Lola F., Paisley H., Andi H., Brennan I., Emma J., Errolyn K., Daniel L., Hunter M., Adelynn M., Aria M., Bhavneet S., Madilyn S., Hailey S., Natalie S., Rylen T., Mia W., Lily W., Riley Y.

Honor Roll (Gr. 5-8 – GPA 3.00 to 3.50)

8th Grade: Wyatt K., Olivia L., Ryan P., Brady R.

7th Grade: Caleb M., Alyssa S., Noah W.

6th Grade: Ella F., Daphne F., Nathan G., Myla G., Ava H., Alexis K., Parker L., Taylor P., Kaelyn S., Isaiah W.

5th Grade: Owen C., Woody M., Alexis M., Hayes O., Vanessa V.

Celebrating **40** *Years of Christian Education*

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.**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran School
presents the annual**

Science Fair

**Amazing discoveries on
January 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm!**

Good Shepherd Lutheran School
Gymnasium

K-5th & 7th grade projects
on display



K-8 Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete application online through FACTS

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

Step 2: Submit payment for application (\$40)

Step 3: Submit **ALL 2023** tax documents

- Applicant & co-applicant must submit tax docs
- Taxes do not have to be filed, but must be prepared and uploaded to application
- **Call LESA office with any questions**

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

- 2023—1040 Tax Form (page 1 & 2)
- 2023 W2(s)
- Business Income docs
 - ⇒ Schedule 1—5, C, E, K, etc.
- Non-taxable docs
 - ⇒ Child support, SNAP, TANF, Social Security

Do You Qualify?

1. If **at least 10% of income from 2023** is used to cover the cost of a child/ children's Lutheran K-8 **net tuition**
2. Child/children must be enrolled at the school by April 30 to be eligible for a scholarship during the May awards

Questions???

FACTS Parent Line: 1.866.315.9262

LESA Office: 314.200.0790

Email: mgersman@lesastl.org

Website: lesastl.org

Deadline: April 10, 2024

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.