



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter
January 26, 2024

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 27

- Boys Basketball A Class S SIJHSAA Reg. 11:00 a.m. vs. St. Mary's Alton @ Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights

Monday, January 29

GSLS @ Papa John's - Beltline Location

Tuesday, January 30

- Girls Basketball A Team Conference Tournament HOME 6:00 p.m. vs. Zion Belleville

-Wednesday, January 31

- Boys Basketball A Team Conference Tourney 6:00 p.m. @ Trinity Edwardsville vs St. Paul Hamel

Thursday, February 1

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)
- Spring Pictures - Preschool and Kindergarten

Friday, February 2

- Spring Pictures - Grades 1-8 and Boys & Girls Basketball and Cheerleading Sports Pictures

Saturday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 6

- Boys Basketball Home ACD vs Zion Belleville 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville 4:30 p.m. vs. Zion Belleville

Thursday, February 8

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)
- Boys Basketball D Team @ Zion Belleville Tournament 5:30 p.m. vs. Red Bud

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Where Do I Find?...Helpful School Links

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

Open House for Prospective Students



GSLS will be holding an Open House on **Sunday, January 28th** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for interested parents of children age 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!

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.)



GSLS Video

<https://www.gslcs.org/about/school-video/>



SCAN ME

With increasing exposure to TV shows, phones, and social media: kids are required to discern what is good for them and what is not. Proverbs 22:6 states: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is here to do exactly what the Bible tells us: to develop kids to their God given potential, dedicating each activity to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Scan the QR code with your phone or use the [link](#) to watch our official school video. Feel free to share!

Change Drive

A sincere **Thank You** to everyone who participated in our recent Change Drive! Total contributions amounted to **\$4,479.08!** We are humbled by your generosity and are very grateful!

- 1st place - 1st Grade
- 2nd place - 5th Grade
- 3rd place - 4th Grade



Tax Forms

Families needing to print statements for tax purposes, please follow the steps below. If you have trouble or need assistance please contact Mrs. Osborn in the school office.

Log into your FACTS account > Payment Plan & Billing > View Details > Select Correct Term > View Payment Summary > Print

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner -

This Sunday's Adult Bible Study, led by Pastor Packer, will focus on Heaven! Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Level. We also have Sunday School for all ages!



Help Needed

Good Shepherd is hosting a couple more basketball games this winter, Tuesday, January 30th (Conference Tournament) and Tuesday, February 6th, regular season game. Please use this [link to volunteer](#) to help. We greatly appreciate all who have supported our teams this year. We can't do it without you. THANK YOU!



Message from our Counselor

Technology has been a big part of our kids' lives in recent years. The days of computer centers/labs is long gone. They've been replaced by iPads and Chromebooks that fit into our children's backpacks and phones that fit into their pockets. Technology has its purpose and has made life easier, but it comes with many dangers. One of the biggest issues for many kids/teens is exposure to social media. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat have become increasingly popular among our youth population. With that increase, we've seen a rise in cyberbullying and even in suicide rates among kids 10 and older. In the therapy world, we are seeing more issues related to social media use.

Our kids aren't prepared for social media. They are not equipped for responsible use of many of these platforms. Let me take a moment to explain the science behind it. The prefrontal cortex is the part of the brain responsible for our decision making. It allows us to make informed, rational decisions. The prefrontal cortex doesn't become fully developed until around the age of 25, which means that during adolescence, the prefrontal cortex begins the biggest part of its development. This helps us understand that responsible decision making is really just beginning to develop in adolescence. The content found on social media can heavily influence our young kids and can sometimes put them into situations they don't know how to handle. They send things over platforms like Snapchat, thinking no one will see it, but don't think through capabilities like screenshotting or sharing posts. This can sometimes lead to life altering consequences. Social media heavily influences kids and teens and parents should always proceed with caution. Awareness is key. Make sure you know what your kids/teens are accessing on their devices and have conversations about internet safety. We all share a common goal: keeping our kids and teens safe. -Tiffany Meek



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 Anthony M., Piper M., Sophia N., Olivia P., Kaelyn S., and Marco S.

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 Friend**

**You understand, O Lord;
remember me and care for me.
Jeremiah 15:15**

**Cast all of your anxiety on God
because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7**

**Jesus said, "Here I am! I stand at
the door and knock. If anyone
hears my voice and opens the
door, I will come in and eat with
him, and he with me."
Revelation 3:20**

**Jesus said, "You did not choose
me, I chose you and appointed
you to go and bear fruit...fruit
that will last. Then the Father
will give you whatever you ask in
my name."
John 15:15**

**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...

Spelling Bee



Congratulations to all our students who participated in this year's Spelling Bee. It takes courage to stand up in front of your peers and spell outloud. What an accomplishment! We are proud of all our students.

- 1st Grade - Dax P. - 1st, Caleb K. - Runner-up
- 2nd Grade - Clark M. - 1st, Easton G. - Runner-up
- 3rd Grade - Emily F. - 1st, Callie L. - Runner-up
- 4th Grade - Jed S. - 1st, Aiden L - Runner-up
- 5th Grade - Hunter M. - 1st, Natalie S. - Runner-up
- 6th Grade - Myla G. - 1st, Owen C. - Runner-up
- 7th/8th Grade - Elise T. - 1st, Reeve M. - Runner-up

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 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.

Metro-East Lutheran High School

MELHS invites you to an Open House on Sunday, Feb. 4. Stop by anytime between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to tour our campus, meet our teachers, chat with administrators, and get answers to all of your questions about the Knight life. For more information, call the school office at 618-656-0043 or email admissions@melhs.org.

Baseball and Softball Registration - Drost Park Maryville League

Following the newsletter is a flyer with information for boys and girls ages Pre-K - Grade 8 to register for Spring Ball.

Early Childhood Center Building Loan Update

Please see the flyer following this newsletter to learn more about how to assist in paying off the building debt for our beautiful center. Your contributions are a blessing to all our students and future students enrolling in our school. Thank you.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER BUILDING LOAN UPDATE

Good Shepherd's Early Childhood Center has been a blessing for hundreds of Preschool and Kindergarten children since its opening in 2015. Our Early Childhood building loan matures this September, so our goal is to raise \$568,363 by this September to pay the loan balance in full.

We are asking for assistance from our Good Shepherd family to help pay off this loan in the next several months! With your contribution, Good Shepherd could finally be debt free on all school and church properties! Please prayerfully consider how you can help us meet this goal.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made via check to GSLC or through any of our [Online Giving](#) platforms by designating the gift for our Building Loan Fund. Please contact the Church Office at 618-344-3151 for more information or any questions. Thank you for your support of Good Shepherd and our mission, "To Feed the Sheep Who Have Been Found & To Find the Sheep That Are Still Lost."





Registration for Spring Ball 2024

Registration Opens: January 20, 2024

Registration Closes: March 3, 2024

Season Dates – April - June

Where: Online Registration at www.drostparkleague.org

Pricing:

DIVISION	GENDER	Current School Year	FEES*
T-Ball	Boys/Girls	Pre-K (Must turn 4 by 4/30/2024)	\$70.00
Coach Pitch	Boys/Girls	Kindergarten	\$70.00
Instructional (Machine Pitch)	Boys/Girls	Grade 1-2	\$100.00
Rookie (Kid pitch)	Boys/Girls	Grade 3-4	\$100.00
A	Boys/Girls	Grade 5-6	\$100.00
AA-Girls	Girls	Grades 7-10	\$100.00
AA-Boys (MERBL)	Boys	Grades 7-8	\$125.00

* \$170.00 maximum fee per family (does not include volunteer and fundraising fee)

*Late fee of \$30 per player will be charged if registration is after 3/3/24.

Additional Fees-

Fundraiser: TJ's Pizza – \$30.00 deposit – Reimbursed with 12 items sold

Volunteer: \$30.00 deposit – Reimbursed with 4 hours of volunteer service.

Volunteer opportunities available during registration

Contact Info-

dpkinfo@drostparkleague.org – General League information

managers@drostparkleague.org – Volunteer to coach a team!!

fundraising@drostparkleague.org – Fundraising information

**We are an all-volunteer organization and can always use more help. Please send us an e-mail if interested!

<http://www.drostparkleague.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Drost-Park-Khoury-League/255656591144369?fref=ts>



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.

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