



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter
February 2, 2024

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, February 3

- Boys PeeWee Basketball 9:15-10:15 a.m. A Girls and Boys Conference Basketball Tourney @ Metro

Tuesday, February 6

- Boys Basketball Home ACD vs Zion Belleville 5:00 p.m. 8th Grade Night

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
- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville TBA
- Boys Basketball A Class S SIJHSAA State - TBA

Friday, February 9

- GSLs Theme T-Shirt Day
- Boys Basketball D Team @ Zion Belleville Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville 5:30 p.m. vs. Zion Staunton
- Girls Basketball A Team @ St. Charles, MO Tournament

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Where Do I Find?...Helpful School Links

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

Lutheran Schools Week

Thank you for the variety of ways you supported Good Shepherd and all Lutheran schools during National Lutheran Schools Week. Please join us in thanking the NLSW Committee for their contributions to make it a memorable and joyous celebration: Mrs. Robinson, Chair; Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Davis, Miss Eatherton, Miss James, Mrs. Lingafelter, Mr. Lingel, Mrs. Italiano, Mrs. Sengele' and Mrs. Strocher. With your partnership and prayers we continue to have many reasons to be thankful and to celebrate!

Help Needed

Our last regular season home basketball games are scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th. The boys A, C, and D teams will play Zion Belleville with the first game beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please use this [link to volunteer](#) to help. We greatly appreciate all who have supported our teams this year.



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. Polos, shorts, pants, skirts, and more will be available in lots of sizes for both boys and girls. (4T-18+). Parents, you are encouraged to bring to the office any time prior to the sale your child's clean, gently used, outgrown school clothes.



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>



Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner -

You Are Invited

The Season of Lent, which helps prepare us to celebrate Easter, starts with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Starting on that Wednesday, we will have services throughout Lent at 4:30pm and 6:30pm with dinner in between the services at 5:30pm.

You are welcome to attend either service and join us for dinner. We look forward to having you join us!



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

Donations

Thank you for your donations for the **Global Kids Fund!** We were able to raise \$354 so far. That is \$1 for each student in the school! Lutheran Hour Ministries in St. Louis, MO supports the Global Kids Fund. Your gift supports the creation of resources such as videos, apps, podcasts, and more so that kids can hear and experience the Good News of Jesus here and around the globe! If you would like to make a donation, please write Global Kids Fund on the envelope for the office so that we can send it or you can donate online at lhm.org/give

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.



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 Errolyn K., Ayden LP., Aria M., Emma J., Tinley F., Alexis M., and Lola F.

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 Lord:

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.

So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:8

God is not far from each one of us.

Acts 17:27

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Psalms 145:18

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

Psalms 145:17

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...

Message from our Counselor

I wanted to take a moment to discuss perfectionism. What does this look like in children? Children who are struggling with perfectionism may often exhibit the following: sensitivity to criticism, tendencies to be critical of others, difficulty completing work, unrealistically high expectations, avoiding failure, procrastination, difficulty making decisions, and fear of embarrassment. Sometimes we may all find ourselves battling internal pressure to be perfect and never make a mistake. What we know is that none of us are perfect and this would be considered an unrealistically high expectation. This doesn't mean that we can't be great at things in our life or work hard, but great still isn't perfect and this is an important conversation to have with our children.

What can parents do to help their children if they notice their child is struggling in this area? First, let's model healthy behavior for our children. It is important to remind them that mistakes happen and we can learn from those mistakes. This is called a growth mindset. Instead of "I can't" or "I will never get this", the growth mindset pushes children to think "I can give it a shot" or "It's okay if I don't get it right the first time". Second, if your child tends to have a difficult time completing homework or school tasks, it may be necessary to set limits on those tasks. Think of it as a brain break! Pause and take a time out for a few. Then we can get back to work. Finally, help children correct negative thoughts and statements. If we hear a child say "I'm so dumb," this is a perfect opportunity to catch it, check it, and change it. Catch the thought and explain to your child that this is a negative thought. Together you can think of ways to reframe this thought into something more helpful such as, "I'm having a hard time with this assignment, but I'm going to keep trying." I will end with an amazing quote from Brene Brown. "Mistakes are proof that we are human and flawed, but also capable of growth and improvement." -Tiffany Meek

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School Parking Lot


Just a reminder. when you enter the parking lot do not drive quickly and obey the signs such as the stop sign coming up from the Early Childhood. This is a student zone, so we need to be mindful, patient, and courteous of the surroundings. Safety is important! Thank you for partnering together for the safety of all!

Lunch Balances

Please log into your FACTS account and check your child(ren)'s lunch balances. All balances need to be brought current. If you have any questions regarding your child(ren)'s balance, please contact Mrs. Osborn in the school office - 618-344-3153.

Mid-Quarter - 3rd Quarter

Parents check your child(ren)'s mid-quarter grades on FACTS. If you have any questions regarding the grades, please contact the classroom teacher. The 3rd quarter ends March 8th.

Celebrating  *Years of Christian Education*
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K-8 Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete application online through FACTS

- <https://online.factsnet.com/ea/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.