



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Rooted in Christ” Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter
February 9, 2024

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 9

- Boys Basketball D Team @ Zion Bell. TBA
- Girls Basketball A Team @ St. Charles, MO vs. ILS-SC 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville 5:30 p.m. vs. Zion Staunton

Saturday, February 10

- Boys PeeWee B-ball 9:15-10:15 a.m.
- Madison County BAND Festival @ Collinsville Middle School
- Boys Basketball D Team @ Zion Belleville Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball A Team @ St. Charles, MO vs. St. Norbert 8:00 a.m.
- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville 2:00 p.m. vs. Trinity Edwardsville

Sunday, February 11

- 1st & 2nd Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church
- 3rd and 4th Gr. Sing in 10:30 a.m. church
- Boys Basketball D Team @ Zion Belleville Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville TBA

Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday, Worship Services @ 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Where Do I Find?...Helpful School Links

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

NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day - February 19

There will be no school on Monday, February 19th in honor of Presidents Lincoln and Washington's birthdays.



Spring Resale Shop Open - February 24

Mark you 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 for both boys and girls. (sizes 4T-18+).

Parents, if you have any clean, gently used, outgrown school clothes, you may drop them off at the office any time prior to the sale. Thank you.

GSLs Open House for Prospective Students

Good Shepherd will host an open house on **Sunday, February 25th**, from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** All are invited to visit our dynamic school, tour our campus, meet our faculty, and get answers to questions about everything from academics and extracurriculars to tuition and financial aid. For more information, call the school office at 618-344-3153.

2024-2025 Tuition Scholarships

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are available **NOW** through FACTS. (See flyer.) 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>

Friendzy

During the month of February, students will learn the importance of their words and how to use them to build each other up and not to tear classmates down. The catch phrase, **Watch My Words**, helps remind us to think before we speak as our words are powerful. Please click [here](#) for more useful parent information.

Variety Show

The Variety Show is back! The GSLs Variety Show will be held **Friday, April 5th** at 7:00 p.m. We invite any students, families, and staff to participate! Please look for the audition form and information about auditioning for the show at the end of the newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing all the talent at Good Shepherd!



Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner -

On Tuesday 2/13 at 6pm, we will be starting a new class - A Simple Explanation of Christianity: What do we believe? Why do we believe it?

We will cover such topics as: What is God's Word? Is it still relevant? Does it matter what you believe? What do the Ten Commandments mean for us today? What is the Gospel? How is someone saved? What is Baptism? Who should get baptized? What is the Lord's Supper? Why do we need it? And more!

If you are interested in what we believe and confess, if you are looking for a church home, or even if you are just curious, we would love to have you! Please email Pastor Packer at pastorandrewpacker@gmail.com if you have any questions, or if you plan on attending. We will meet in the lower level of the church.



From Our Counselor

What is the difference between school counseling and individual therapy? School counseling seeks to support the child in academic success through skills to improve behavior, academics and social interaction. The primary goal is to help the student achieve success in the academic setting and to provide resources to parents that support their goals for their children. School counseling usually includes check ins with the school counselor to discuss skills to provide support in the school setting.

Individual therapy is very similar, except we operate on 50-60 minute sessions that are centered around a treatment plan designed for clients. Clients create specific goals and the therapy can often be more intensive. You will find that school counselors will often make referrals for individual therapy if a student has higher needs and requires the additional support or would benefit from a team approach. School counseling is not meant to replace individual counseling, but seeks to supplement support to children and families to ensure success. If you have additional questions about school counseling or individual therapy or would like resources for your child don't ever hesitate to reach out by contacting the school!

Something to Consider...

**Can you depend on God?
Promises about Who God is....
God is your Father:**

**I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.
2 Corinthians 6:18**

**Jesus said to his disciples, Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16**

**Jesus said, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
John 14:6**

**Jesus said, As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.
John 16:9**

**Whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.
1 John 2:23**

**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**



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 Hailey S., Natalie S., Vanessa V., Madilyn S., Mia W., and Lilly W.
Please join us in prayer.

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.



Good Shepherd Lutheran School

This year's variety show will review the many talents of individual students, groups of students, or family acts. (Parents are invited to participate with their child/ren.)

The variety show will be **Friday, April 5, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.**

Audition information:

- We are accepting video auditions. If you would like, you may request an in- person audition. Email submissions to Mrs. Batty (jbatty@gscls.org) or Mr. Lingel (clingel@gscls.org)
- Audition forms must also be submitted to the school office, your child's teacher, or by email to Mrs. Batty or Mr. Lingel. Please complete the following information as it should appear in the program.
- All auditions must be submitted no later than **Friday, March 8th**.
- All acts should be presented just as they will be performed on the night of the Variety Show. If you are not prepared to perform your act as you would the night of the Variety Show, please save your act for next year.

GUIDELINES:

- There will be a 4-minute time limit for each performance. (Some performances may, by their very nature, be much shorter than a full 4-minute slot.)
- **All acts must exemplify the standards of Good Shepherd Lutheran School. (This includes musical selection, lyrics, and manner of dress.)**
- Each act will be required to audition. Please have sheet music, CD, and a copy of the lyrics. (The Internet provides sites for hard-to-find lyrics.)
- Each person auditioning must turn in a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian.

Please plan to attend the dress rehearsal on **Wednesday, April 3rd**, beginning at 3:30 P.M.

NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

INDIVIDUAL GROUP (Please list all participants): _____

Name _____ Phone # _____ Grade _____ Dance Voice

Musical Instrument _____ Other (juggling, mime, etc.) _____

Musical Selection (Title and Composer/Artist)

Permission to perform:

I am aware of my child's intentions to perform in the GSLS Variety Show 2024 and will help my child prepare for his/her performance according to the guidelines outlined above.

I understand that the Variety Show Committee reserves the right to refuse my child's act.

Signature _____ Relationship to the child _____ Phone # _____



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.