



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter
March 21, 2024

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 21

- Chapel Service 9:00 a.m.
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day 8:15-11:00 a.m.
- NO Hot or Alternate Lunches
- 3rd & 4th Gr. Spring Musical in Gym 7:00 p.m. (Students arrive at 6:45 in classrooms)

Friday, March 22

- NO SCHOOL - School Improvement Day

Saturday, March 23

- Regional Science and Engineering Fair @ SWIC Belleville Campus TBA

Sunday, March 24

- 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church
- 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Gr. Sing in 10:30 a.m. church service

Monday, March 25 - Monday, April 1

- NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

Tuesday, April 2

- Auction Meeting @ Firemen's Hall in Collinsville 6:30 p.m.
- APEX Fun Run Pep Rally and Fun Run Fundraiser begins

For more information:
[gslcs.org/calendars](https://www.gslcs.org/calendars)



Spring Musical

We are excited to enjoy the GSLS 3rd & 4th Grade Musical! Please join us **tonight, Thursday, March 21st** at 7:00 PM in the gymnasium for fun music, talented students, and plenty of humor. Thank you for supporting our students and music program.

FRIENDZY

During the month of April, we will be discussing and reading God's Word to discover the incredible gift that Jesus chose us! **I Am Valuable** is the catchphrase and our goal is to help students recognize their value and strengths, and identify the value and strength of others. For more aids to continue the conversation with your child, this [link](#) has helpful ideas.

2024-2025 Yearly Calendar

Next year's school calendar can be found on the website and following this newsletter. The link to it on the website is <https://www.gslcs.org/calendars/>

GSLS Auction

You are invited to celebrate with us at the annual Dinner Auction on May 4th at the Firemen's Hall in Collinsville. If you are unable to attend, please consider bidding virtually on our silent auction. You may purchase tickets or register by clicking here, [GS Annual Auction](#). Please review the invitation and instructions following this newsletter.

Also, please consider helping to "[Paint the Door Red](#)" and reduce the retirement debt on the Early Childhood Center. This website link helps explain this year's "[Fund the Need](#)" portion of the Auction.

You may reach out to Michelle at matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com with any questions.

APEX Fun Run

When we return from Easter break on April 2nd, the Apex team will be joining us! Apex provides our students a fun-filled program to encourage development of leadership habits, good character and fitness.



Our Apex leadership program and fundraiser starts on April 2nd!

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner -

This Sunday we begin Holy Week. Holy Week is a very sacred time of the year, for during Holy Week we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.



Holy week begins on Sunday, March 24th with Palm Sunday and ends on Sunday, March 31st with Easter. Over the years, this week has been considered the most important and holy time in the life of the church—especially what is known as the “Triduum” — or Great Three Days — of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter morning.

Join us for our worship during Holy Week, as we contemplate the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On Palm Sunday we will hold our palms and we will hear The Gospel of our Lord entering Jerusalem on a donkey. On Holy Thursday we will give Him thanks that He has given us The Sacrament of His Body and Blood, and on Good Friday we will kneel at the foot of His Cross to give Him thanks that He died to take away our sins. On Easter morning we will joyously celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Most importantly, at all of our services, our Risen Lord comes to us and gives us the gifts of the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation!

Palm Sunday this weekend - Saturday 5:30pm; Sunday 8am and 10:30am
Holy Thursday (3/28) - 4:30pm and 6:30pm
Good Friday (3/29) - 4:30pm and 6:30pm
Easter Weekend (3/30 & 3/31) - Saturday 5:30pm; Sunday 8am and 10:30am

Summer Fun 2024

Our summer fun program for Good Shepherd students age 3 to entering Grade 8 will begin May 29th for ten weeks. The details and registration forms are now available. Click the [Summer Fun](#) link to review the information which is on our [website](#). Forms are also available in the school office.



Something to Consider...

**At The Foot Of The Cross,
I Can Hardly Take It In,
That The King Of All Creation
Was Dying For My Sin.
And The Pain And Agony,
And The Thorns That Pierced
Your Head,
And The Hardness Of My Sinful
Heart
That Left You There For Dead.
And Oh What Mercy I Have
Found
At The Cross Of Calvary;
I Will Never Know Your
Loneliness,
All On Account Of Me.
And I Will Bow My Knee Before
Your Throne,
Cause Your Love Has Set Me
Free;
And I Will Give My Life To You,
Dear Lord,
And Praise Your Majesty,
And Praise Your Majesty.
And Praise Your Majesty.**

**We look forward to Easter
Sunday Morning when Christ
Defeated Death and The Devil!**

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. When we return from Easter break we will be praying for Brody B., Yana J., Parker O., Dax S., Elliot Y., and Alexa T. 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.

Charger Headlines Continued...

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to our 5th-8th Grade Students whose academic efforts earned them recognition on the school's 3rd Quarter Honor Roll.

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., Teagan W., Josie W.

7th Grade: Raeli B., Trinity B., 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.

7th Grade: Chloe B., Brayden B., Rory D., Liam D., Cooper I., Meghan M., Caleb M., Hunter S., Elise T.

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

5th Grade: Allison B., Vivian C., Molly F., Tinley F., Lola F., Brennan I., Emma J., Daniel L., Hunter M., Woody M., Adelynn M., Bhavneet S., Madilyn S., Hailey S., Natalie S., Rylen T., Mia W., Riley Y.

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

8th Grade: Henrik G., Wyatt K., Olivia L., Ryan P., Brady R., Ceaira T.

7th Grade: Alyssa S., Donovan T., Noah W.

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

5th Grade: Ryan B., Owen C., Paisley H., Andi H., Aria M., Vanessa V., Lily W.

Charger Shoutout

Charger Shoutout - only \$20!

For parents, grandparents, and special friends to support their student and the school by giving a 1-2 line shout out to be featured in the Annual Dinner Auction program.

The \$20 Charger Shoutout proceeds go towards our school's infrastructure and ECC! Checks can be sent to the school office, along with your shoutout. Please consider donating.



Teachers for 2024-25

Thank you for telling others about our wonderful school! We are looking for classroom teachers and a PE Teacher for the upcoming school year. If you know of someone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Mr. Mayhew at gsls1@hotmail.com or by calling the school at 618-344-3153 x 231. We are also looking for classroom aides to assist our teachers.



Classroom Auction Baskets and SCRIP

When you are picking up items for classroom baskets, keep in mind gift cards from SCRIP!

Scrip is also great for those upcoming celebrations; graduations, weddings, Mother's Day. Forms are available in the office and on the website.

Have a blessed and safe Easter break and celebration. - GSLs Faculty and Staff

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

GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN SCHOOL
ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION

A Night to Shine

"You are the light of the world" Matthew 5:14

You're invited to celebrate 40 years of Good
Shepherd Lutheran School.



Details about the event.

Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Firemen's Hall, Collinsville, IL.
Doors open at 5:00pm for happy/social hour, with dinner at 6:30pm.
Live Auction begins at 8:00pm.

Dinner and Live Auction tickets must be purchased prior to the event by scanning the Handbid QR code or clicking this link: [GS Annual Auction](#).

Individual Tickets: \$45

Table of 10 Tickets: \$450

If unable to attend the Dinner and Live Auction, support our school by participating in the Silent Auction. For Silent Auction only, register by scanning the Handbid QR code or clicking this link: [GS Annual Auction](#).

Silent Auction begins Monday, April 29 and will end Saturday, May 4 at 7:30pm.

Funds raised for this year's auction will go towards the school's infrastructure: technology, phones, intercom, and security cameras.

Fund the Need proceeds will go to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to help pay down the mortgage on the Early Childhood Center.

Wear your Ruby (maroon/red) attire or jewelry in honor of 40 years of Good Shepherd Lutheran School providing a Christ-Centered education for children.



How do you register for the Dinner & Auction?

1. Log into Handbid by scanning the QR Code or clicking this link [GS Annual Auction](#).



2. On the homepage you will see the option to Buy Tickets or Register. If you are attending the dinner, click Buy Tickets. When you buy your dinner ticket you are already registered for the silent auction and will receive a paddle number. If you wish to support Good Shepherd in the silent auction only, you will click, Register.

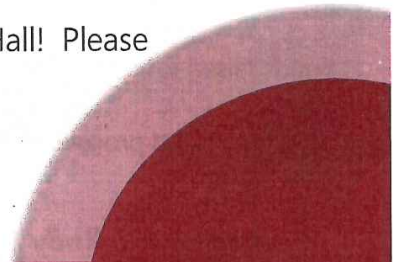
3. There are two ticket options. You as the purchaser will add the names of your guests. Adding an email address for each guest will allow you to send an invite to your guest so they can complete their registration and receive a paddle number.



- a. Individual Ticket – you can purchase yours and a guest.
- b. Table Ticket – This option allows you to buy a table of 10 tickets.



4. You are all set! See you May 4th at the Firemen's Hall! Please use the West Side door to enter the hall.



Auction Class Baskets

A Night to Shine

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- **PK3 – Baby Theme Basket**
 - Ideas: Onesies, 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



2024-2025

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Aug 16	Classes Begin - Grades PS-Grade 8	
Aug 30	No School - School Improvement Day	
Sep 02	No School - Labor Day	
Oct 04	No School - CID/SID Teacher's Conference	
Oct 14	No School - Columbus Day	
Oct 31	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences	
Nov 01	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences	
Nov 27	No School - Thanksgiving Break	
Nov 28	No School - Thanksgiving Break	
Nov 29	No School - Thanksgiving Break	
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Jan 03	No School - Christmas Break	
Jan 20	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
Feb 17	No School - President's Day	
Mar 21	No School - School Improvement Day	
Apr 14	No School - Easter Break	
Apr 15	No School - Easter Break	
Apr 16	No School - Easter Break	
Apr 17	No School - Easter Break	
Apr 18	No School - Easter Break	
Apr 21	No School - Easter Break	
May 22	Last Day of School	
May 27	Summer Fun Begins	
Jul 04	Summer Fun Closed - Observance of July 4	
Quarter 1	Aug 19 - Oct 18	42 days
Quarter 2	Oct 21 - Dec 20	40 days
Quarter 3	Jan 6 - March 7	43 days
Quarter 4	March 10 - May 22	47 days



Help Support Good Shepherd Lutheran School!

Our Apex leadership program and fundraiser starts on April 2nd!



PARTNERSHIP WITH APEX

Apex provides an amazing two-week interactive leadership program combined with a fitness-focused event fundraiser that helps schools all over the country raise funds the healthy way. During the fun-filled program, Apex encourages development of leadership habits, good character, and fitness.



ALL STUDENTS INCLUDED

Every student at our school participates in the daily leadership and character lessons, receives daily lesson silicone wristbands, enjoys classroom & school wide rewards, and takes part in the celebratory, high-energy fitness event, regardless of financial participation in the fundraiser.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

When the fundraiser kicks off, help our school by:

- 1) Making a donation online at www.MyApexEvent.com
- 2) Sending a link to invite family and friends to also donate online.
- 3) Encouraging your child to do their best at our fitness event!

More info will be coming home soon. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!