



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter
March 8, 2024

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, March 8

- End of 3rd Quarter

Monday, March 11-Wednesday, March 20

- Achievement Testing Gr. K-8

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

- Illinois Lutheran Honor Band @ Trinity Lutheran, Bloomington, IL

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

Saturday, March 23

- Regional Science and Engineering Fair @ SWIC Belleville Campus TBA

For more information:

gslcs.org/calendars



Where Do I Find?...Helpful School Links

[Health Forms](#)

[Website](#)

[Charger Bucks-Scrip](#)

Achievement Testing

Achievement tests will be given March 11th-20th to all students in Kindergarten through Grade Eight. As always, please help your child do their best by having enough rest and breakfast before coming to school.

Grandparents/Special Friends Day

Students may invite their grandparents or a special friend to spend the morning with them on **Thursday, March 21st**. Your student and grandparent or special friend are welcome to eat lunch together in the cafeteria or the classroom. Lunches will need to be brought from home. Milk will be available. **No lunch will be provided by Chef Lisa.** Please let your child(ren)'s teacher(s) know your child(ren)'s lunch plans by returning the form sent home earlier. (The form also follows the newsletter. Return by **Friday, March 15th.**) Any questions, please ask the teacher or the office.



3rd and 4th grade students MUST return to school by 1:00 for dress rehearsal!

The schedule for the morning is as follows:

8:15-9:00 Visit Classrooms

9:00-10:00 Chapel

10:00-11:00 Explore Stations

Peer Tutoring

There will be **NO peer tutoring March 14th, 21st, or 28th** due to Achievement Testing, Grandparent's /Special Friends Day, and Easter Break. Peer tutoring will resume on Thursday, April 4th.

3rd & 4th Grade Musical

Hear Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Mary Magdalene, the Samaritan Woman, Mary, and Martha testify in court providing evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and the prophesied Savior! Some people aren't always happy to get that jury summons, but fun music and plenty of humor will more than compensate your time. The official hearing will be **Thursday, March 21st** at 7:00 PM--or catch the **dress rehearsal with school classes present at 1:30 PM** on the same day!



3rd & 4th Grade Musical

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner -

I recently posted this quote on the church's Facebook page: When the Bible says "do not lean on your own understanding," the Bible is being serious. Your heart is deceitful, your emotions fluctuate, your understanding does not see the overall, big picture. God never lies, God never changes, God knows all. Trust Him.



This means that we must hear and believe God's Word. We must hear it weekly in church and daily in our homes. The more we hear and believe His Word, the more we will find this quote to be true. The Christian life is one of constantly relying on God's wisdom and understanding rather than our own. This is the way to having a true peace of conscience. - Pastor Packer

2024-2025 School Scholarships

Scholarship applications for **LESA's Building Blocks Assistance** and **Good Shepherd's financial assistance** is available using the Family Portal in FACTS or this [link](#). The district code for Good Shepherd is GS-IL. (A flyer with info for LESA's scholarship requirements follow.)



Deadline to apply for LESA'S scholarship is **April 10th. Apply now!** Contact Maureen Gersman at the LESA office, 314-200-0790, or mgersman@lesastl.org for answers to your application questions, required documents, etc.

Report Cards

TODAY ends the Third Quarter of school. Report cards will be emailed by the teachers after school on Tuesday, March 12th. Please contact the teacher if you have any questions.



ISBE Report on Tax Credit Scholarships Flawed

The Illinois State Board of Education's new report is believed to be flawed. To read more about their findings, please see the Save My Scholarship's news release found [here](#)



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 Lauren L., Zaydn LP, Sebastian M., Brooklyn M., Alice M., Fred S., and Jaxson T.

Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

**You can depend on God!
Does God Hold Your Future?**

He who believes has everlasting life.

John 6:47

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Acts 3:19

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Nothing impure will enter the Holy City, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:27

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.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Grandparents/Special Friends Day

March 21, 2024 from 8:15-11:00am

Dear Parents,

Please fill out and return this form to your child's teacher by March 15th.

_____ indicates number of Grandparents/Special Friends attending.

My child _____ has permission to leave for lunch at 11:00 with _____.

(Grandparents/Special Friend's name)

Parent's signature _____

_____ My child will leave at 11:00 and not return.

_____ My child will return by 1:00.

8:15-9:00 Visit classrooms

9:00-10:00 Chapel

10:00-11:00 Stations

Lunch will not be served, so if your child is not leaving for lunch, he/she will need to bring a lunch.

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.