



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter
April 5, 2024

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, April 5 - Friday, April 12

- Apex Fundraiser

Sunday, April 7

- 1st & 2nd Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church service

- 3rd and 4th Gr. Sing in 10:30 a.m. church service

Thursday, April 11

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

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

Friday, April 12

- Theme T-shirt day

Saturday, April 13

- Good Shepherd Invitational Track Meet - 9:00 a.m. @ Collinsville High School

Sunday, April 14

- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 a.m. church service

- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church service



Variety Show

We hope to see you tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the gym to enjoy our talented students performances in the Variety Show!

GSLs Auction

Auction Tickets - Please register for our dinner auction on May 4th. Tickets need to be purchased by 4/27 so we have an accurate head count. The last time we were able to gather in person for the auction dinner was 2019! You don't want to miss out on this fun event! Please use this link to buy your tickets.

<https://events.handbid.com/auctions/2024-good-shepherd-lutheran-school-annual-auction>

Class Baskets - We are still accepting class basket donations! Thanks to those who have donated already!

Charger Shoutout - The Charger Shoutout is an easy way to sponsor the auction. For \$20, you can give a 1-2 sentence shoutout to your student that will be displayed in the auction program. Please share with family and friends! Checks made payable to the school and shoutout can be given to the school office.

Baked Goods - The auction committee is looking for baked goods for a bake sale at the live event. Please reach out to Michelle if you are able to donate to this cause.

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

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

REQUIRED Health Forms For 2024-2025 School Year

Parents, please NOTE: **Students entering Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 6th grade** need updated Illinois health forms. Please make your appointments **now with your physician and or dentist!** The forms should be given or sent to the school office **BEFORE** the start of school.

Forms can be found in the office or on our [website](#). If you visit a Missouri doctor or dentist you may need to supply the form. Click [here](#) for the link or come by the office. Our fax number is 618-344-3156. **Illinois required exams and vaccines:**



Kindergarten: New physical, dental, and eye exams

2nd Grade: New Dental exam. Current physical including 2nd Varicella.

6th Grade: New physical including the DTAP, Meningococcal, and second varicella (chicken pox) booster.

For more information:

gslcs.org/calendars



APEX Program

Thank you for your amazing support of the APEX program. The students are enjoying the daily lessons and experiences and we all are looking forward to the Pledge Run on Thursday and Friday next week!

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner -

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The great Easter proclamation fills us with joy. The resurrection of Jesus is the very foundation of our faith. This joy is not limited to Easter Sunday. Easter is not just one day, it is a full season of the church year that is celebrated for a full fifty days. The Easter season ends with the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. But even that is not the full story. Every Sunday is a mini-Easter throughout the entire year. The whole reason we gather week in and week out is to celebrate our crucified and risen Lord, and to receive His generous gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation that He gives to us each and every week. The Easter proclamation should shape our entire lives. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



April 10th Deadline for 2024-25 School Year

Reminder

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd is available through [FACTS](#). Info for LESA's scholarship requirements follow this newsletter. **Deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 10, 2024.**

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.



GSLS and the Solar Eclipse

On Monday, April 8th, Good Shepherd will be near the path of a total solar eclipse. A **permission form** was sent earlier in an email and a text. It can be found [here](#) for **grades 3-8** and follows this newsletter. **Without your written approval** your student will view it on the classroom smartboard. You may email your teacher(s) your approval also. The lower grades will be viewing the event via smartboards.



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 John, Hailey, Adam, Yuna, Katarina, Noah, Harrison, and Briar. Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

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

**"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:11-13**

**Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:4**

**Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:58**

**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.

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.



SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PERMISSION SLIP

Mr. Robert Mayhew
Principal



On April 8th, 2024, Good Shepherd will be near the path of a total solar eclipse. This solar eclipse provides a unique opportunity for students to view the phenomenon. After this total solar eclipse, the next total solar eclipse that will be viewable from the contiguous United States will not occur until 2044. Planning is already underway to ensure our students can experience this amazing event. We have acquired eclipse safe viewing glasses for students, faculty, and staff.

Safety is always a top priority. We will take all precautionary measures to make this experience both safe and enjoyable. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. Students will not be permitted to look at the un-eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through unfiltered cameras, telescopes, binoculars, or other optical devices, with or without glasses. Because of these safety concerns, a parent or guardian signature on this sheet is required in order for students to participate in the event using the eclipse glasses. **The consent form is for grades 3-8 only. The other grades will view the event via smart boards in the classroom. Students whose parents do not complete this form by Friday, April 5, will not be able to view outside,** and will view the eclipse on the Smart Board in the classroom, instead of going outside for viewing. The classes will be using this time also to educate the students in the event through, Religion Science, Art classes, and other various means.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN CONSENT – Grades 3-8

Student Name: _____

I/We, parent(s)/ Guardian(s) of _____, hereby give consent for my/our son/daughter to participate in the school activity to view the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024 using the eclipse-safe viewing glasses. I/We have been informed that viewing the eclipse involves risk, which could result in injury to the eyes, if eclipse-safe viewing glasses are not worn properly. I/We hereby release Good Shepherd Lutheran School as well as any and all of its employees from any and all liability for any and all harm arising to my/our son/daughter as a result of this school activity.

_____ Parent/ Guardian Signature Date

_____ Student Signature Date

Working together in a “Partnership” will enable a “Quality Christian Education” that is Christ-Centered

METRO EAST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Directed by
Judy Brown &
Joseph Meador



Music Performed
by MELHS Music
Department

BOOK & LYRICS BY ALAN JAY LERNER

MUSIC BY FREDERICK LOEWE

ADAPTED FROM GEORGE BERNARD SHAW'S PLAY & GABRIEL PASCAL'S
MOTION PICTURE "PYGMALION"

ORIGINAL PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY MOSS HART

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 @ 7PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 13 @ 7PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 14 @ 2PM

Ticket Link: <https://our.show/melhs-theatre-my-fair-lady>



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