



Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter
May 2, 2025

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, May 2

- APEX Fundraiser Ends

Saturday, May 3

- Conference Track Meet @ Belleville East H.S. 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6

- 5th-8th Gr. Choirs and Bands Spring Concert - Arrive by 6:10 p.m. Concert 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 10

- SID Track Meet @ Belleville East H.S. 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 12

- Blood Drive 2:00-6:00 pm on school parking lot

Tuesday, May 13

-Deadline to purchase Awards Banquet tickets and Cardinals Tickets

Thursday, May 15

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

Friday, May 16

- GSLS Theme T-shirt day- "In His Hands"

For more information:

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



Sports Physicals - 2025-2026

A Sports Physical and Concussion Form is required if your child will be participating in Boys Baseball, Boys or Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, or Track. A Sports Physical is not required for 6th grade athletes as their required medical exam fulfills this requirement. These forms can be picked up in the school office or downloaded from the school [website](https://www.gslcs.org/parents/health-forms/). - <https://www.gslcs.org/parents/health-forms/>

Peer Tutoring

The last day for Peer Tutoring for this school year is **Thursday, May 8th**.

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5-9, 2025

Each day, we believe our staff sparks curiosity, kindles creativity and brightens the future for our students. Join us in celebrating these remarkable educators during Teacher Appreciation Week. (See the flyer following the newsletter with theme gift ideas for each day.) Any questions, please contact Rachel Pennington by email: racheljpennington@gmail.com or phone: 573-275-0557

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Lots of great savings on gift cards during upcoming bonus events. See flyer following the newsletter for all the details!

Good Shepherd's Awards Banquet

Good Shepherd's Awards Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, May 20th** at 6:30 pm in the gym. We will recognize our 7th and 8th grade students who participate in Band, Choir, and Sports. We will also recognize students in the National Honor Society, Peer Tutoring, and younger students who participated in varsity sports, band or are receiving a letter in track. The evening will begin with a catered dinner and will be followed by the presentation of awards.

Tickets are required to attend the Awards Banquet. Please return the bottom portion of the Award Banquet flyer with payment **to the school office by Tuesday, May 13th**. Checks should be payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Tickets are available in the office. NO tickets will be sold at the door. Any questions, please call the school office - 344-3153. (See form following newsletter.)

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

This is a helpful summary of the themes for this coming Sunday: Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). “For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls” (1 Peter 2:25).



2025-2026 School Calendar

The calendar for our next academic year follows this newsletter and can also be found on the [school website](#)

Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School are once again holding a Blood Drive on **Monday, May 12th**, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Impact Blood Center's Mobile Bus unit will be on the front parking lot. To schedule an appointment call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401 or use this link - https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/140002

MELHS Music Department Presents - Spring Pops Concert

Join MELHS on **Thursday, May 8th** at 7:30 PM in Henschen Alumni Hall! Enjoy amazing performances by Chorale, Ritterchor, String Ensemble, and the Concert Band featuring music from Harry Potter, Star Wars, Wicked, and The Greatest Showman! Plus, stick around for a delightful dessert reception afterwards!



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 Nolen P., Jacob R., Hunter S., Alyssa S., Chance S., Donovan T., Elise T., Noah W., and Cali W.

Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

Embracing the Blessings of May

As we step into the month of May, we give thanks for the growth, learning, and blessings we've experienced throughout the school year. This season reminds us of God's faithfulness and the beauty of His creation blooming all around us.

May is also a time to reflect on perseverance and purpose as we finish the year strong—keeping Christ at the center of all we do. Let's continue to encourage one another, shine His light, and celebrate each step forward with grateful hearts.

“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9

Blessings!

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...

St Louis Cardinals Baseball Tickets

Cardinal tickets are on sale now! Anyone can purchase from us, so please share! See the attached flier and details! Tickets should be purchased through this **GOOGLE FORM** link <https://forms.gle/S9zB2zKH0GiTNnwF7>. The orders will be processed after the order form closes on **Tuesday, May 13th**. Receipt of payment in the office is required prior to receiving tickets. Tickets will be distributed around **May 16th**. Send money to the school office or if you don't have a child in school, send a check by mail to Good Shepherd Lutheran School attn: Zach Stegman-Music, 1300 Beltline Road, Collinsville, IL 62234. Our Music Program receives a profit of \$0.85 per ticket sold, only if we sell all of our 350 tickets.

Game: **Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025** 6:45 PM game time Cardinals game #28 vs. Kansas City Royals
Tickets are in the Lower Left Field Box and Left Field Box-sections 165, 166, or 167.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School students currently in K-8th grade will sing "God Bless America" before the game begins, approximately 6:30 PM. COST: \$20 per ticket (printed face value of ticket reads \$50) Students wishing to sing God Bless America at the game **MUST** buy a ticket from GSLS. No outside tickets for singers. Students must have ticket in hand with a guardian phone number written on it when it is time to go on field. You must also indicate on the Google Form the singers' names and include the email address where you would like the singing information sent.

Promotional items: A picture of promotional items follows the newsletter. It includes an XL National League jersey, a Youth Medium black/neon Cardinals jersey, a Scott Rolen bobblehead, 2 hanging growth charts featuring a Cardinals player, and 2 packs of baseball cards.
The first person to purchase 25 tickets, 20 tickets, 15 tickets, 10 tickets, and 5 tickets will get their choice of items. The items will be chosen on **Tuesday, May 13th** with the first 25 ticket purchasers getting first pick, then the first 20 ticket purchasers etc.

Please note, sadly, this year the Cardinals are not providing us a free hot dog and soda with ticket purchase.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE spread the word to friends/co-workers/neighbors. **ANYONE** can buy tickets from us! Please share the Google form link or call the school office at 618-344-3153 and ask about ticket sales.

Important notes: GSLS has sold tickets and sung at the Cardinals game for almost 10 years as a fun opportunity for families and friends and also as a fundraiser. Provided we sell all 350 of our consigned tickets, we will profit \$0.85 per ticket. Our purchase price from the Cardinals is \$19.15. We are not making a huge profit. The Cardinals have raised prices AND raised our minimum sales requirement, so this is falling more into the fun opportunity category than fundraiser. We will continue to offer this activity as long as tickets sell. If we have trouble selling tickets, we will have to discontinue this event for future years. It just depends on the interest level of our families.

Additional Details and Disclaimers: All students who are currently in K-8th may participate in the singing. Students **MUST** have their ticket in hand to show and be scanned by the Cardinals security before they enter the secure area of Busch Stadium and go on field for the singing. It is the guardian's responsibility to write down their cell number and put it in the pocket of their student (all ages) so that we can contact you on your cell phone in case of illness or another problem once we take the students into the secure area. Tickets are not refundable. Our contract with the Cardinals states that we must sell at least 350 tickets in order to sing. This has never been a problem for us in the past. If rain would occur, the cardinals rain out policy would go into effect and we may OR may not reschedule the singing depending on a number of factors. **Write down your ticket information** as soon as you receive them in case they are lost or stolen and you need to contact the cardinals to get them reprinted. Students may wear comfortable clothes, there is no specific color or dress for this time, though we ask that the students leave hats with their families so their faces can be seen.

Celebrating **41** *Years of Christian Education*
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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Teacher Appreciation WEEK

MAY 5-9

• *Monday*

Flower Monday

Giving flowers are the way to express loving gratitude

• *Tuesday*

Gift of Giving

The day when we share giftcards

• *Wednesday*

Thankful Wednesday

Let's show thankfulness with attractive notes

• *Friday*

Friday Surprises

Show the last day event with surprises

• *Thursday*

Food Treat Day

Bring a favorite treat or drink to your teacher!



APRIL 26-MAY 9



Two BIG bonus events, 125+ brands

Here's What's Coming

April 26-May 9: Mother's Day bonuses

- 60+ brands, earnings up to 23%.
- Bonuses on all card types.

May 2-5: Raise Days

- 60+ MORE brands, earnings up to 18%.
- Bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards only.
- Participants have FOUR days to shop!

How to Participate

Already have a RaiseRight account?

View and shop bonuses during these events on the RaiseRight mobile app or at RaiseRight.com.

Don't have a RaiseRight account yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning. Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.

Get a Sneak Peek of all Raise Days bonuses

Exclusively on the RaiseRight mobile app, Thursday, May 1



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GOOD SHEPHERD'S 41st ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

TUESDAY, MAY 20th AT 6:30 P.M.

SPONSORED BY THE 6TH GRADE CLASS IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD GYMNASIUM



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The evening will begin with dinner and will be followed by the presentation of awards. Students are requested to sit with their parents during the banquet and presentation of awards. Please plan to attend to show our support for their efforts and talents.

The event will feature a catered dinner followed by the presentation of awards. The menu includes Roasted Chicken, Roast Beef, Pasta, Loaded Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Dessert and Drinks. Students are asked to sit with their parents during both the banquet and presentation. *A Team Coaches will be free, please note this on the form.*

Tickets are required to attend the Awards Banquet. Therefore, please return the bottom portion of this invitation with payment to the school office by Tuesday, May 13th. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Tickets will be sent home via your student on May 16th. NO tickets will be sold before or after school, or at the door.

P.S. As a reminder, this is also an appropriate time for teams or groups to recognize their directors, coaches and sponsors who helped make these opportunities possible.

AWARDS BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM

Please mark quantity needed

Number of Tickets	Description	Cost per Ticket	Subtotal
#	Adults & 4 th – 8 th grade students	\$14.00	\$
#	1 st – 3 rd grade students	\$7.00	\$
#	Kindergarten and younger	free	n/a
Total			\$

Student Name _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____

Make checks payable to Good Shepherd School
and Return form with payment to the office by
May 13th.

Good Shepherd
**SINGS AT
BUSCH
STADIUM**

"God Bless America"

TUESDAY,
JUNE 3 @ 6:45

CARDINALS
== **vs** ==
ROYALS

TICKETS \$20 EACH

**SECTIONS 165, 166, OR 167
LOWER LEFT FIELD BOX
AND LEFT FIELD BOX**



Get your tickets here!
**OR IN THE SCHOOL
OFFICE
BY MAY 13TH**

