



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"Be Brave" Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter  
August 22, 2025

## Charger Headlines...

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, August 25

- Baseball Home vs. Trinity Edwardsville 4:30 p.m.
- Papa John's
- Volleyball BD @ Holy Cross 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 27

- Chapel Service Gr. 3-8, 8:25 a.m.
- Chapel Service PK-Gr 2 8:55 a.m.
- Baseball Home vs Holy Cross 4:30 pm

### Thursday, August 28

- Volleyball AC Home vs Holy Cross Collinsville 6:00 p.m.

### Friday, August 29

- NO SCHOOL - LESA School Improvement Day

### Monday, September 1

- NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday

### Tuesday, September 2

- Volleyball AC vs Trinity Edwardsville 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 3

- Baseball @ Small Schools 4:30 p.m. (Location TBD)
- Picture Day - Preschool & Kindergarten 8:30 a.m.

### Thursday, September 4

- Picture Day - Gr 1-8

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



### Support Your School - Papa Johns

Good Shepherd Day/Night at Papa John's on the Beltline in Collinsville is **Monday, August 25th**. All day Call, Order on app, or Online at [Papajohns.com](https://papajohns.com) and 30% of the sales price will be donated to Good Shepherd! Must mention our code: SSG005 when ordering. (See flyer following newsletter)

### Auction Committee Meeting

There will be an informational auction planning meeting for all who would like to help plan this year's auction. This meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 15th at 6:30 pm** in the school library. Any questions about planning the auction can be emailed to [gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com). Thank you!!

### Grades 1-8 Drop Off

Please be patient and do not drive around a car dropping off students. The safety of our kids is our priority. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

### Pee Wee Basketball

Pee Wee Basketball is an instructional basketball program for grades 2-4. The girls' season begins after Labor Day and runs through late October. The boys' season runs from the beginning of January through the end of February. Each season ends with a "big game night". Following the newsletter is a sign-up sheet. Please return it to school before the first practice. Sessions begin **Saturday, September 9th from 9-10:00 a.m.** If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Cross: [rcross@gslcs.org](mailto:rcross@gslcs.org) or Mrs. Morwick: [mmorwick@gslcs.org](mailto:mmorwick@gslcs.org)

### Safety Drills and Preparation

At the beginning of each school year, the staff reviews and students practice drills related to fire safety, tornado safety, earthquake safety, and other emergencies such as hostage taking, bombs, etc. These are unpleasant but necessary considerations. Mr. Mayhew welcomes questions.

### Recycle Bins

Recycle bins- The green and yellow bins on the front parking lot are for **use by the church and school only**. For your personal recycling we encourage you to use your recycle bin at home or the large recycle bin behind the Collinsville Aqua Park at Eastport. Please see Marty Hoffman with any questions.

### Charger Bucks-Scrip Program

This program acts as a tuition reduction program for Good Shepherd families and friends. 50% of your credits earned may go toward the reduction of **your** tuition or you may **donate** your credits toward another family or the School's General Fund. If you have any questions, please contact the school office OR Customer Service at 1-800-727-4715. Enrollment Code is: F8CLL9AF2577 (See flyers following)

# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Pastor's Corner -

The theme for this year is "Be Brave" based on Deuteronomy 31:6. In that verse the LORD is encouraging Joshua that He will be with him and that He Himself will lead the people into the promised land. It is because of these promises that Joshua can be strong and courageous (brave!). He doesn't have to fear because the LORD will fight for Him and never leave or forsake him. In Christ, we as Christians, have these same promises. Jesus promised He would never leave us or forsake us. Jesus promised He would be with us. Because of the promises of Jesus we can be strong and courageous in the face of adversity, trial, persecution, and temptation. We can be brave because Christ has triumphed over sin, death, and the devil for us and our salvation.



## Something to Consider...

### Welcome Back to School

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! Our theme this year is "Be Brave" from Deuteronomy 31:6: "Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

As we begin a new year, we are reminded that God's promises give us the courage to face challenges and the strength to grow together in Christ. At Good Shepherd, we walk as a team... students, families, and staff encouraging and supporting one another each day.

May the Lord bless our work, our learning, and our fellowship as we boldly step forward in faith.

Questions are always welcomed!

Robert Mayhew, Principal

## School Picture Days are Coming

School picture days are **Wednesday and Thursday, September 3rd & 4th**. Preschool and Kindergarten students will be photographed on Wednesday and Grades 1-8 students will have their pictures taken on Thursday. Lifetouch picture forms are sent home with students and can be brought to school or you can pre-order on [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) using our school's Picture Day ID: EVTV933JM. **These will be yearbook pictures so standardized dress clothes are required.**



## Chapel Offerings

Our offerings in August - October will go to [African Vision of Hope](http://AfricanVisionofHope.org) which is a Christian non-profit organization committed to ending extreme poverty in Zambia.

## Mini Cheer Camp

Kindergartners through eight graders are invited to attend a cheer mini camp on Sunday, September 7 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Lutheran South Gym. Participants will learn cheers, a dance and stunts to be performed during halftime of the Lutheran South varsity football game on Friday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. Registration is \$35 and includes a shirt, bow, and snack. Register at <https://www.islancers.org/events>



## In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty will be praying for the students and their families. Next week we will be praying for D. Fisk, S. Hill, O. Packer, A. Hemmer, I. Billings, and E. Fish

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**  
**Girl's Pee-Wee Basketball 2025-2026**

Dear Parents,

The time for Pee-Wee registration is here. Our Girl's Pee-Wee program will run during the fall months again this year. We will start Saturday, September 6. Girls in grades 2-4 are eligible to participate in this program. The goals of the Pee-Wee Program are as follows:

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| 1) introduce the girls to the game of basketball | 2) teach introductory skills |
| 3) teach the importance of sharing and team play | 4) enjoy a GREAT game        |

Parents are a large reason for the growth of the program over the past few years. When you register your child, please see if you are able to assist at practice on any of the dates. A basic knowledge of the game and love for children are the requirements. We will use team play to teach the children. This means I am in need of parents who could take charge of a team and make most of the practices. If you are not available for all of the practices, I will still use you on the days you are able to help.

Please fill out the attached form and return it to your child's teacher, or the school office. Please contact Rachel Cross ([rcross@gscls.org](mailto:rcross@gscls.org)) or Megan Morwick ([mmorwick@gscls.org](mailto:mmorwick@gscls.org)) with any questions or concerns.

We need a parent or two to be the person in charge at the Saturday practices. We will make sure things are ready for practices. Please consider this request and let us know as soon as possible.  
See you on the COURT!

'BE BRAVE'

Mrs. Cross and Ms. Morwick

Sept. 6	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Sept. 13	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Sept. 20	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Sept. 27	NO GIRLS PEE WEE BASKETBALL	
Oct. 4	NO GIRLS PEE WEE BASKETBALL	
Oct. 11	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Oct. 18	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Oct. 25	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Oct. 28	GAME NIGHT	6:30

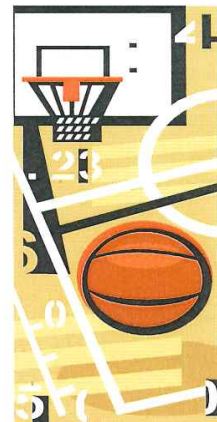
My child, \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade: \_\_\_\_\_), has my permission to participate in the Girls Pee Wee Basketball Program this fall.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to assist some or all practices.

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Parent Name (Print) Date

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_





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**Welcome to the Charger Bucks**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran School's Scrip Program**

What is Scrip?

*Scrip is a tuition reduction program for school families and friends.*

*You simply order gift cards to pay for things you would normally be purchasing. Good Shepherd families share an extra benefit by participating in the program because they earn credits which reduce the cost of their tuition payment based on their individual spending. Participating families will receive credits posted to their family tuition account in February and August. The credits are split 50/50 for reduction of your tuition and the school's general fund.*

Orders may be placed by turning in a green sheet with a check or exact cash. Please have your child turn the order in to the school office or give it to their teacher. These orders will be filled on weeks when school is in session a full five days. They will be given to your child's teacher on Friday to be sent home.

Orders may be placed online. Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

Check out the newest mobile app RaiseRight. See more information on the next page.

We will not be selling Walk-Up scrip cards in the school lobby or at church for the foreseeable future. If you would like to purchase Walk-Up scrip cards, please contact Gail Mayhew and we will make arrangements. [scrip@gslds.org](mailto:scrip@gslds.org) (618)444-6131

**Check out the Family User Guide to help you navigate the order process at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com)**

**Good Shepherd's enrollment code: F8CLL9AF2577**

**Shop With Scrip Customer Service: 1-800-727-4715**

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