



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"Be Brave" Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter  
September 26, 2025

## Charger Headlines...

## Calendar of Events

### Friday, September 26

- Baseball Conference Tournament vs Holy Cross @ MELHS 4:30 p.m.
- GSLS Volleyball Tournament A Team vs Immanuel St. Charles 6:00 p.m.
- Volleyball D 5th Grade Tourney vs. Holy Cross @ Zion Belleville 5:00 pm
- Volleyball D 5th Grade Tourney vs. Zion Litchfield @ Zion Belleville 5:45 pm
- Volleyball D 5th Grade Tourney vs. Zion Belleville @ Zion Belleville 7:15 pm

### Saturday, September 27

- GSLS Volleyball Tournament A Team - TBA
- Volleyball D 5th Grade Tourney vs. Zion Staunton @ Zion Belleville 10:45 am

### Monday, September 29

- Bo-Bo's Pizza Sale begins
- Open House for K-Gr 4 7:00/7:30 p.m.; Gr. 5-8 7:30/8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 1

- Chapel Service Gr. 3-8, 8:25 a.m.
- Chapel Service PK-Gr 2 8:55 a.m.

### Thursday, October 2

- NO SCHOOL - LEA Conference
- Cross Country Meet Highland Middle School 4:00 p.m. @ Highland High School

### Friday, October 3

- NO SCHOOL - LEA Conference

### Sunday, October 5

- Harvest Fest 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 a.m. church service
- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church

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



### Bo-Bo's Fundraiser

Sales will begin on **Monday, September 29th** with orders and money turned in by Friday, October 17th. Order forms are being sent home TODAY. Delivery will be to the school on Wednesday, November 13th. Orders for BoBo's St. Louis Brand Pizzas, Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough, desserts, and chocolates are offered. (See flyer that follows for sales prizes.) Samples of the pizzas will be given out at our September 29th Open House.

### Open House

Good Shepherd's Open House for Students K-8 will be on **Monday, September 29th!** The start times are 7:00 and 7:30 pm for Grades K-4 and 7:30 and 8:00 pm for Grades 5-8. Please come to the classroom at these recommended times. This is an opportunity to see what is happening in the classroom and for parents to ask questions. If a one-on-one meeting is desired, please schedule a meeting with the teacher at a later time.

### Harvest Fest - Sunday October 5, 2025, 3:00-6:00

Free food, music, games, bounce houses, and family fun! Invite your friends and neighbors!

**We are looking for volunteers** for your child's class booth. All supplies and directions are provided. This is a great outreach to the community as well as an opportunity to meet other GS parents! Click the sign up link and look for the signup for your child's class and to bring a tent.

Link for signup: <https://signup.com/go/usvXuqC>

### Harvest Fest Wagon Parade - October 5th

We are also inviting everyone to enter the **Harvest Fest Wagon Parade** planned to begin at 4:00 p.m. The theme for this year is "This is How We Make a Joyful Noise". Decorate a kid-sized wagon to show how you and your family make a joyful noise. Wagons can be pulled by kids or get the whole family involved. Any questions, please contact Lynn Sengele' (lsengele@gslcs.org). See flyer.

### Time to Order your Theme Shirts

Don't Miss Out - The Chargerwear store is NOW OPEN. Order your theme shirt and other Chargerwear for both adults and students. They make great gifts, too. Use this link from AllPro Tees to purchase yours before the midnight **deadline on Sunday, October 5th!**

<https://gslsrnd4.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Pastor's Corner

This weekend we will celebrate St. Michael and All Angels. It teaches us about God's messengers, which is what angel means. We can only see them if they reveal themselves, but angels are all around us. Throughout the Bible, they deliver God's promises. The angels battle against the devil and his demons. They also keep watch over the little ones, those who believe. They proclaim the glory of Jesus Christ. One day we will join with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in the word to come. Come rejoice with us this weekend in these wonderful creatures of God's creation and the message they proclaim.

## Blood Drive

It's not too late to help! The Impact Life Blood Drive bus will be on our parking lot on **Monday, October 6th**, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. There is a huge need for blood donations so please give. If there are 20 or more donations, the school will receive a \$275 grant to purchase P.E. and playground equipment! Schedule an appointment by using the QR code on the flyer following this newsletter, calling ImpactLife at 800-747-5401, or online at [bloodcenter.org/group](http://bloodcenter.org/group); grp #9887.

## Picture Retake Day - October 10th and Fall Sports Pictures

Lifetouch will be back to school on **Friday, October 10th** to retake pictures. **If you are unhappy with the pictures you purchased earlier, please send them with your child to give to the photographer** when he/she has their new one taken.

Forms to order retake pictures are available in the school office or you can order online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) ID: EVTCW7R3S

Fall Sports Pictures are also available to order online using ID: EVTQTGTJW

Below is the schedule for the Sports Pictures. Please use the south side door of the gym to enter.

**7:00 Baseball**

**7:10 A/B Volleyball**

**7:20 C/D Volleyball**

**7:30 Cross Country**



## 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 Henry B., Marlie C., Josie F., Eden G., Hosea G., Gavin H., and Micah H.

Please join us in prayer.

## Something to Consider...

### God's Hope in His Word

**In a world that often feels uncertain, God gives us a sure and steady hope through His Word. Scripture reminds us that His promises never fail and His mercies are new every morning. When we feel weak, His Word gives us strength; when we are burdened, His Word gives us peace; when we are lost, His Word lights our path. True hope is not found in what the world offers, but in the unchanging love of Christ Jesus—our Savior who died and rose again so that we may have eternal life.**

**"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope." —Romans 15:4**

**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...

### The Variety Show is Coming!!

This year's show will be held on **Thursday, November 6th** at 7:00 p.m, in the gym. The forms to sign up are available in the school office. We are excited to see what is in store for the show!

### MELHS Fall Sampler Concert

You're invited to the Metro East Lutheran High School Music Department's Fall Sampler Concert! Join us this **Sunday, September 28th** at 4 PM in Henschen Alumni Hall. Experience the beautiful sounds of our Honors Choir, Chorale, String Ensemble, and Concert Band as we celebrate our school year theme of "Value in Christ." A free will offering will be taken to support our Music Department, and a delightful dessert reception will follow!

### FRIENDZY

In October, our Catchphrase will be "Listen Up!" Students will be learning about Whole Body Listening; learning to listen with our whole selves so that others feel seen, heard, and valued. This is an important skill to master. Proverbs 2:2 states "Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding." Being quick to listen and slow to speak will lessen the chance for misunderstanding. Please see the attached letter from Mr. Mayhew for more information and the tools behind the acronym G.E.A.R. Up to Listen Up.

G-Get Quiet, E-Engage, A-Accept, R-Respond

# FRIENDZY

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## UNIT TWO >>> LISTEN UP!

Good Shepherd Families!

### THIS MONTH ///

We are in the second unit of Friendzy. Time flies when you are having fun! This month we are teaching the students the Catchphrase **LISTEN UP!** In this unit we will learn about **Whole Body Listening**; learning to listen with our whole selves so that others feel seen, heard, and valued.

**Catchphrase** (main point for students to catch on to):

**“Listen Up!”**

**Key Verses** (Biblical anchor points):

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5:** “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

**Proverbs 2:2:** “Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding.”

Here’s what Whole Body Listening entails. Whole Body Listening is a concept we will learn in this lesson to help focus and actively listen with more than just our ears. It involves **ALL** of these parts of our body: ears, eyes, brain, mouth, heart, hands, and feet. We can learn to be whole body listeners through Friendzy!

We encourage you to **Continue the Friendzy Conversation** with your student!! Here are the main points your student will learn in Unit 2:

1. **Listening is a whole-body activity.** Turn your body toward the person speaking and use your eyes to **SEE** the person’s expressions and posture, your ears to **TAKE IN** what they are saying, your heart to **RELATE** to whatever emotions they are communicating so that you can **RESPOND** with wisdom and love, in words if necessary.



2. **Listening can keep peace.** When we are quick to listen and slow to speak, we can be sure we are understanding others more clearly before we jump to conclusions or have misunderstandings that lead to hurt feelings and anger. Wait to speak until you are sure you understand.
3. **Listening demands good questions.** Some people need to be drawn out. Some people need help making their point. Questions like, “tell me more” and “how does that make you feel?” can be powerful to help people feel loved and safe in friendship. Be curious about your friends.
4. **Wise words heal hearts.** Affirming words that follow active listening can heal hearts and build friendships. When we “concentrate on understanding”, we will respond to our friends with wisdom and encouragement that builds friendships and changes the culture of our schools.

#### G.E.A.R. Up to Listen Up! ///

**G—Get Quiet:** Turning off the external noise of media creates space to focus on quieting down the internal conversations happening in our own minds.

**E—Engage:** Be present in conversations by actively listening with your whole body. When appropriate, engage, and ask questions. Practice patience, wait for your turn to talk, and be careful not to interrupt.

**A—Accept:** Actively listening is a way we accept the gift of what others are sharing. Let's be friends who accept the gift of other's stories, receiving them with kindness and respect.

**R—Respond:** Responding with whole-body listening communicates we are engaged, we care, and we're listening.

#### ASK THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS ///

Next time you have your eyes glued to a screen and begin to tune out the world around you, consider pausing and asking yourself these helpful questions to practice the skills of self-awareness and social awareness in your home:

- > What is happening around me?
- > Who is present in the room that I need to be aware of?
- > Do I need to pay attention to them?

**We are better and stronger together!**

Blessings,  
Mr. Mayhew



# Good Shepherd Lutheran Fundraiser

We are pleased to kick-off our Fall fundraiser and partner up with BoBo's Fundraising. The profits from this fundraiser will be used to directly benefit the students at Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

## ★ Important Payment Information ★

Please collect payments as you take orders.

Please make checks payable to:  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran**

Sign up for BoBo's Easy Share Program below to share your unique link for family & friends to pay online.

## ★ IMPORTANT DATES ★

**FUNDRAISER ENDS:**  
Friday, October 17th

**DELIVERY:**  
Thursday, November 13th

## 3 SIMPLE STEPS TO BOBO'S EASY SHARE PROGRAM

1. Scan the QR code with your smart phone or mobile device.
2. Complete the simple registration process.
3. Share your unique link with family, friends, & neighbors via email, text, or on social media!

If you are using a computer, you may go to [bobosfundraising.com](http://bobosfundraising.com) on your web browser and click the **Registration** tab. Then, a new webpage will open for you to enter your School ID, **GSL**. Next, complete the above Steps 2 & 3.



Online **Ship to School** orders will be delivered with paper orders on the delivery date above.

Online **Ship to Home** orders will be shipped directly to the customers address.

If you have any questions or concerns about your fundraiser, please call us at (314)315-5255.

## APPRECIATION PRIZES

Sell 2 items =  
Flashing Spin  
Top



Sell 8 items =  
Pizza Squishy



Sell 12 items =  
Micro Missiles



Sell 18 items = Get on the  
GAME TRUCK at SCHOOL!



Sell 25 items =  
Frisbee Ball



Sell 35 items =  
Bluetooth  
Headphones



Sell 45 items =  
Game Cube with  
15 Fun Games



Sell 60 items =  
3-in-1 BT Speaker with  
Wireless Charging  
Station, Alarm Clock &  
LED Night Lamp



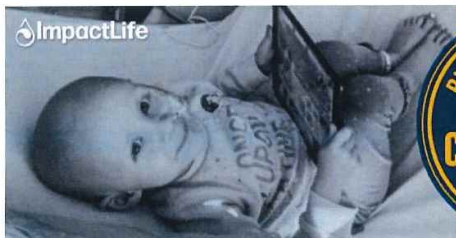
75 items =  
Portable Mini 4k Projector



All prizes are cumulative. The more you sell the more you win!



ImpactLife



# BLOOD DRIVE

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Monday, October 6

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Donor Bus

1300 Belt Line Rd

To schedule an appt, scan QR code,  
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401,  
or online at [bloodcenter.org/group; grp #9887](http://bloodcenter.org/group; grp #9887)

Get a \$20 e-gift card  
(or points to shop our  
Rewards Store)  
when you  
successfully give blood!



# Good Shepherd Harvest Fest Wagon Parade October 5<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Fest begins at 3pm, Parade at 4pm

The theme this year –

“This is how we make a Joyful Noise”

Please email me - Lynn Sengele’  
([lsengele@gsllcs.org](mailto:lsengele@gsllcs.org)) to register your  
participation. Thank you.

Wagons may be pulled by kids or get the  
whole family involved. Everyone can join in the  
fun



Questions? Contact Lynn Sengele’ - [lsengele@gsllcs.org](mailto:lsengele@gsllcs.org)