



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"Be Brave" Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter  
January 23, 2026

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

#### **Saturday, January 24**

- A Team Boys Red Bud Basketball Tourn. vs Immanuel Perryville 1:00 pm

#### **Sunday, January 25**

- National Lutheran Schools Week Begins- 5th-8th Gr, band and faculty sing and play in 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. church services
- A Team Boys Red Bud Basketball Tourney
- Prospective Students Open House 1:00-3:00 pm

#### **Monday, January 26**

- National Lutheran Schools Week - Theme
- Let's Make a Joyful Noise – Ps. 98:4
- Dress up: Country Western or Country Club
- Jennie Williamson Concert in gym 8:30 am
- Science Fair 6:30-7:45 pm in gym
- Papa John's

#### **Tuesday, January 27**

- Theme – Joyful Noise in Praise – Ps. 95:1-2
- Dress up: GSLS Spirit Wear/8th-grade vs. Teacher Volleyball game
- Boys & Girls Basketball A Team Conference Tournament TBA

#### **Wednesday, January 28**

- Theme- Joyful Noise in Service, 1 Peter 4:10
- Dress up: Mismatch Day
- School-Wide Spelling Bee after chapel

#### **Thursday, January 29**

- Theme – Joyful Noise in Community – Dress Up: Career Day/ Move Up Day
- Boys & Girls Basketball A Team Conference Tournament TBA
- Boys Basketball A SIJHSAA Class S Regional

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



### Prospective Students Open House

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will hold an Open House this **Sunday, January 25th** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for Preschool through Grade 8. Invite your friends and neighbors to tour the school and find out more about the opportunities at Good Shepherd!

### National Lutheran School's Week January 26-30

The theme for the year is based on Psalm 98:4. Each day will begin with devotions in the gym with the following activities planned:

**Saturday:** The Faculty will sing at 5:30 Church Service

**Sunday:** The Faculty will sing at both Church Services.

**Monday:** - Theme – Let's Make a Joyful Noise – Ps. 98:4

Dress up: Country Western or Country Club

Science Fair Night/ Jennie Williamson Concert in the gym at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday:** - Theme – Joyful Noise in Praise – Ps. 95:1-2

Dress up: GSLS Spirit Wear/8th-grade vs. Teacher Volleyball game

**Wednesday:** - Theme – Joyful Noise in Service – 1 Peter 4:10

Dress up: Mismatch Day

School-Wide Spelling Bee after chapel in the gym

**Thursday:** - Theme – Joyful Noise in Community – Phil. 2:2

Dress Up: Career Day/ Move Up Day

**Friday:** - Theme – Joyful Noise in Christ – Romans 15:13

Dress up: Cozy Comfy Day / Movie Day in the classroom

### Offerings

The offerings collected during Lutheran Schools week will be going to Heifer International. Their mission is working to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities they serve. The programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the group up. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets.

These families are able to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders. By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, they are investing in a new breed of success.

Heifer International is working to end world hunger in 10 countries across four continents. Heifer works in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Ethiopia, Honduras, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, the United States of America and Zambia. Thank you for your support during our National Lutheran Schools week.

# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Good Shepherd/Papa John's

Good Shepherd Day/Night at Papa John's on the Beltline in Collinsville is **Monday, January 26th**. All day you may order online, on the app, or by phone and Good Shepherd will receive at least **20%** of your purchase price. Mention our code: SSG005 when ordering.



## Peer Tutoring

There will be **NO Peer Tutoring on Thursday, January 29th** due to National Lutheran Schools Week. Peer Tutoring will resume on **February 5th**.

## Tuition Scholarships

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are now available through FACTS. (See flyer following for all the details.) Parents please use this link to sign up for the LESA Tuition Assistance Application Zoom Meeting – February 24, 2026. This is a 30 minute Zoom meeting and will be very helpful, especially for first time applicants.

<https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/qyyfe>

There will be a virtual event on March 24, but this will be 15 minute time slots. Families can sign up for more than one time slot if they feel they need more time. Here is the link for the March 24 sign up: <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/tuxoj>

## Annual Benefit Auction

The 2026 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be on **Saturday, March 21st**. Keep reading to find a list of themes for each of the classrooms. Ready to buy tickets? Use this link to get yours today: <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/good-shepherd-lutheran-school-auction-2026> A sponsorship/donation form also follows the newsletter. We appreciate your generosity and involvement! Any questions, email the committee for a quick response: [gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com)



## In Our Prayers This Week

Next week we will be joining schools across the country to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. We will be focusing on praising God for Lutheran education, the gift of salvation, and thanking Him for our students, teachers, families, school, and communities.

Please join us in prayer.

## Something to Consider...

**Growing in Faith — Every Day, In Every Season**

### Why does this matter for families?

Parents have a beautiful calling to nurture faith at home. Even simple habits—an evening devotion, talking about Jesus in the car, or praying before sports and meals—help children know God's love is for them in every part of life.

### This week's Family Faith Challenge

Choose one small step this week:

- \* Attend worship together
- \* Read one Bible verse a day
- \* Pray for someone who needs God's comfort
- \* Share a promise of Jesus with a friend
- \* Practice kindness in Jesus' name

Let's continue growing together as God's forgiven and beloved children. He is faithful and will strengthen us!

### Scripture Focus

**"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."**  
— Romans 10:17

**"We love because He first loved us."**  
— 1 John 4:19

### 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...

### 2026 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of 01/01/26) are invited to participate in the local level of competition of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. This competition is **free of charge** and will be held at SS Peter & Paul's gym, 207 Vandalia Street in Collinsville on **Saturday, January 31st**. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with the contest starting at 2:00 p.m. Entry forms will be available the day of the event. Participants are required to provide proof of age and parental consent on the entry form. All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Winners may progress through district and state level competition. Any questions please call the chairman of the event, Paul Proffitt at 618-616-1249.

### Metro-East Lutheran High School Open House

Sunday, February 1st, 2026 1pm-3pm

Tour our School

Meet our Teachers

Find out what it takes to become a Knight!

### Reminder

**If school must be closed due to weather, parents will be notified by text. - (Parent Alert)**

In addition, you can listen to your radio or TV for: **Good Shepherd, Collinsville**. Good Shepherd Collinsville's name will be listed. **Please do not call the school or teachers and other workers at their homes.**

Watch local TV Stations - **KMOV (4), KSDK (5) or FOX (2)**

Listen to Radio Stations - **KMOX (1120), WIL-FM (92.3), WRYT (1080)**

Good Shepherd Collinsville **DOES NOT** follow Collinsville Unit 10's plan for late starts or closings. If school is in session, Good Shepherd will start at the regular time.

Parents, if you decide to pick your child up early due to weather, please call the school office in advance.

*Celebrating **42** Years of Christian Education*



Support Your

# SCHOOL

Order from Papa Johns on

**Monday,  
January 26, 2026**



**20%** of sales price will be donated  
to your school for sales under \$1000  
and **25%** for sales \$1000 and up.

## Good Shepherd Lutheran School

YOUR SCHOOL'S PROMO CODE

**SSG005**

**MUST USE SCHOOL PROMO CODE**

when ordering by phone for  
school to receive credit.

Fundraiser valid at the below participating locations:

**501 Belt Line Rd. Collinsville, IL 62234**

**ORDER BY PHONE AT YOUR LOCAL PAPAJOHNS.**

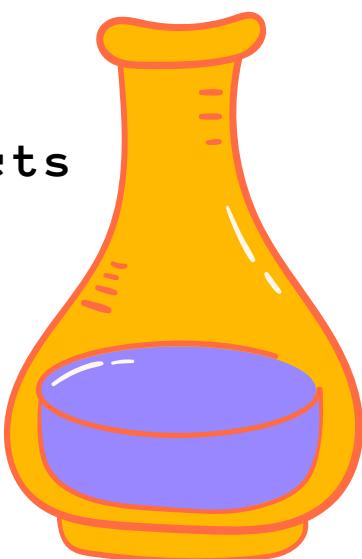
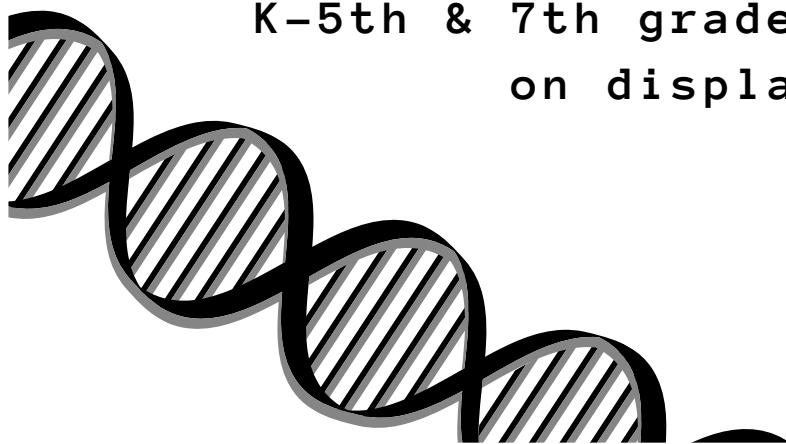
**Good Shepherd Lutheran School  
presents the annual**

# **Science Fair**

**Amazing discoveries on  
January 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm!**

Good Shepherd Lutheran School  
Gymnasium

K-5th & 7th grade projects  
on display





## K-8TH GRADE TUITION ASSISTANCE

### ABOUT LESA

Through generous donors and fundraising events, we provide tuition assistance to qualifying K-8<sup>th</sup> grade Lutheran elementary students.

### DO YOU QUALIFY?

Yes, if your student is enrolled and at least 10% of income is used to cover the cost of a family's K-8 net tuition (including other financial aid, such as MO Scholars).

Late applications are reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the summer.

LESA's website: [www.lesastl.org](http://www.lesastl.org)

### QUESTIONS?



MAUREEN GERSMAN  
314-200-0790  
[MGERSMAN@LESASTL.ORG](mailto:MGERSMAN@LESASTL.ORG)



FACTS PARENT HELP LINE  
1-866-412-4367

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete application in FACTS
  - o **Deadline: April 10**
  - o <https://tinyurl.com/LESA-App>
2. Submit required documents
  - o 2025 - 1040 tax return (entire packet)
  - o 2025 - W2
  - o nontaxable income (SNAP, etc)
3. Application is complete by **April 30**

### AWARD NOTIFICATION

Families will be emailed of award or denial once their application has been reviewed.

1<sup>st</sup> round of review - Emailed by May 22

**APPLY BY: APRIL 10, 2026**

LESA'S MISSION  
EQUIPPING FAMILIES, LUTHERAN SCHOOLS,  
AND FAITH COMMUNITIES FOR DYNAMIC,  
CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION

# NLSW DRESS UP DAYS

Monday

Country Western  
or Country Club



Tuesday

Good Shepherd  
Spirit wear



Wednesday

Mismatch Day



Thursday

Career Day



Friday

Comfy Cozy



Let's make  
a Joyful  
Noise

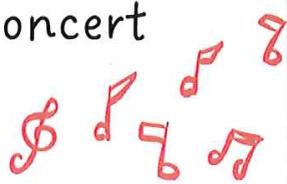
Psalm 98:4

# NLSW ACTIVITIES

Monday

Jennie Williamson

Concert



Tuesday

8th grade vs  
Teacher Volleyball

game  
5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade



Wednesday

Spelling Bee



Thursday

Move Up Day



Friday

Movie Day



Let's make  
a Joyful  
Noise

Psalm 98:4

## **Annual Benefit Auction**

The 2026 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be on **Saturday, March 21st**. The following is a list of themes for each grade.

### **PK3 – American Girl / Lego Basket**

Ideas: American Girl Doll, Doll accessories (furniture, clothes, styling kit), American Doll books, Lego sets, Lego table, Lego organizer

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a larger/more unique Lego set or go in together for a larger dollar mount for American Girl Store Gift Card.

### **PK4 – Local Staycation Basket**

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for gift cards to experiences in Grafton, IL

### **Kdg – Family Fun Basket**

Ideas: gift cards to local attractions: Edisons, Trampoline Park, Children's Museums, Magic House, City Museum, Top Golf

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for larger quantity gift cards.

### **1st –Disney Themed Basket**

Ideas: All things you need for a day at a Disney Park. Disney theme: bag, backpack, water bottles, lanyards, Mickey Ears, autograph book

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a Disney Store Gift Card.

### **2nd – Postcard Cabin Getaway**

Ideas: Items needed for a quiet cozy getaway: snacks, books, games.

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a gift card for a 3-night stay

### **3rd - 4th of July/Patriotic Basket**

Ideas: Red, White, and Blue Items, Grill accessories, Butcher Gift Card,

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a color themed Yeti Cooler

### **4th – Tech Bundle Basket Ideas: headphones, Bluetooth speaker, Fortnite/Roblox Gift card**

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for Beats products

### **5th – Water Fun Basket**

Ideas: Water park passes; Beach Bag, Cooler

### **6th – Wine & Dine Basket**

Ideas: Red and White wine, gourmet snacks, charcuterie board, gift card to local restaurants

### **7th – Golf Basket**

Ideas: Top Golf gift card, Park North gift card, X- Golf, Dicks/Golf Galaxy gift card

### **8th –Good Shepherd Fan Basket**

Chairs, Wagon, Cooler, Tumblers, Blanket

Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a Bogg Bag

Good Shepherd Lutheran School  
2026 Benefit Auction ★★★

RED, WHITE & BID

March 21, 2026  
Collinsville American Legion  
★★★

## BE A HERO FOR OUR STUDENTS

Become a Sponsor – Stand with Us for Lutheran Education  
& Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Your partnership helps fund critical programs for Good Shepherd Lutheran School students while proudly displaying your commitment to community, education, and country. All proceeds directly benefit necessary improvements to our school security and facility - helping create an enriching & safe learning environment.

WILLING TO DONATE AN  
AUCTION ITEM?

ITEM IDEAS INCLUDE:

- BASKET OF GOODS
- GIFT CARDS OR CERTIFICATE
- SPORTING EVENT TICKETS
- ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS
- TRIPS OR EXCURSIONS

### MOUNT RUSHMORE \$1,500

Official Event Koozie Sponsor (Only 2 Available)

- ✓ Your logo ON SIDE of every koozie sold (other side has school logo)
- ✓ First to Claim chooses Koozie Size (Slim/Reg.)
- ✓ Guests take your brand home in their hands
- ✓ (2) Admission Tickets with Prominent Table placement
- ✓ Verbal recognition
- ✓ Signage at event & yard sign outside event

### LIBERTY BELL \$750

Official Game Prize Sponsor

- ✓ Sponsor Our Prizes for Fundraising Efforts
- ✓ Prominent Signage at Multiple Stations
- ✓ (2) Admission Tickets
- ✓ One Month of Business Logo in Weekly School Newsletter
- ✓ Verbal recognition & yard sign outside event

### 4-STAR GENERAL \$500

- ✓ (2) Admission Tickets

✓ Full Page Ad in Event Program

- ✓ One Month of Business Logo in Weekly School Newsletter
- ✓ Verbal recognition & Social Media Shoutout
- ✓ Yard sign outside event

### COLONEL \$300

- ✓ Half Page Ad in Event Program
- ✓ Social Media Shoutout
- ✓ Yard sign outside event

### MINUTEMAN \$100

- ✓ Business Card or Business Logo in Event Program
- ✓ Social Media Shoutout

YES! WE PROUDLY SUPPORT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL STUDENTS! (SELECT DONATION LEVEL)

**FOUNDING FATHER SPONSOR – \$3,000 (ONLY 1 AVAILABLE – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED)**

**MOUNT RUSHMORE KOOZIE SPONSOR – \$1,500 (ONLY 2 AVAILABLE – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED)**

**CONTINENTAL CONGRESS SPONSOR – \$750**

**FOUR-STAR GENERAL SPONSOR – \$500  COLONEL SPONSOR – \$300  MINUTEMAN SPONSOR – \$100**

[OPTIONAL:  PLEASE DESIGN MY AD FOR ME – ADD \$50 TO YOUR DONATION LEVEL]

DONATE PHYSICAL ITEM(S): \_\_\_\_\_

VALUE OF DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:  **CHECK ENCLOSED (PAYABLE TO GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL BEFORE MARCH 1, 2026)**

PLEASE EMAIL HIGH-RESOLUTION LOGO (VECTOR .EPS OR .AI PREFERRED) TO: [GS.AUCTIONCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM]

BY MARCH 1, 2026 TO GUARANTEE INCLUSION.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: [GS.AUCTIONCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GS.AUCTIONCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM)

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