



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Be Brave" Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter
January 9, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Fri, January 9-Sun., January 11

- Boys Basketball B Team Holy Cross Collinsville Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball B Team Holy Cross Collinsville Tournament TBA

Sunday, January 11

- 1st & 2nd Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church
- 3rd and 4th Gr. Sing in 10:30 a.m. church service

Monday, January 12

- Girls Basketball AD @ Staunton/Bethalto 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13

- Boys Basketball Home AC vs Zion Belleville 6:00 p.m.
- Girls Basketball A Team SIJHSAA Regional Tourney @ Maryville Christian vs Pontiac 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14

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

Thursday, January 15

- Girls Basketball C Team Home vs Holy Cross, Collinsville 5:00
- Boys Basketball AC Home vs Holy Cross Collinsville 6:00 p.m.
- Girls Basketball SIJHSAA State Tournament 6:00 p.m.

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



2nd Quarter Report Cards

Parents, reports cards were emailed to you on **Wednesday, January 7th**. Any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Domino's Pizza Fundraiser

Day # 4 Update: Raised \$1,230 - Goal is \$7,000 for 5 Free Dress Days and a Gaga Pit for recess. Last year we raised \$8,940 and purchased a laminator for the teachers. Please share and orders yours today!

Do you or someone you know like Domino's Pizza? The Slice the Price cards are a great deal! Buy 1 card for \$20 and buy one large pizza, and get one large pizza free every time you use it. Maybe you are hosting a party, buy 10 large pizzas (any type), and get 10 large pizzas free! Order carryout or delivery in-person, with call-in orders, online, and in the Domino's app! The card is good throughout 2026 and has unlimited uses.

Good Shepherd will receive \$10 for every \$20 card sold! Please help us raise money for a new outdoor Gaga Ball Pit. When we hit our goal, participating students will have 5 FREE Dress Days! You can share our store link on Facebook, Instagram, or text it to your family and friends so they can purchase a card and enjoy Buying 1 large pizza and getting Get 1 large pizza free until 12/31/26!

Link to share: <https://store.dominos.cards/49435#card>

2026-27 GSLS Reenrollment

All current Preschool-Grade 7 students have been automatically enrolled for the upcoming school year, using the family and student information from this year.

PLEASE NOTE: To avoid a non-refundable fee on January 20, 2026, you must notify the school by Friday, January 16, 2026, if your student is not returning.

To ensure we have the correct emergency contact information, every family is asked to sign into the **FACTS Family Portal** and follow these steps: on the lefthand side click "Family", then click "Family Home". Under your photo at the bottom of the page you will see a box titled, "Online Filing Cabinet". Click "Family Demographic Form" review and update addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, financial information and choose the required (2) volunteer options. If you have any trouble logging in to your FACTS account/portal, please contact the FACTS Helpline: 866-441-4637. Our District Code is GS-IL Please DO NOT create a new application.

Future **Kindergarten** Parents: Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, **only full-day** kindergarten will be offered.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner

We will begin another new members class on Wednesday the 14th at 7pm in the lower level of the church. If you want to find out what we believe and why we believe it, we would love to have you come. You do not have to become a member if you take the class, but if you go through the class you would have the option of joining the church at the end of the class. The class will meet every Wednesday evening for about 10 weeks. If you have any questions, or if you would need childcare, just let me know - pastorandrewpacker@gmail.com. We hope you will join us! - Pastor Packer



Something to Consider...

As the church year moves through the season of Epiphany, we pause to reflect on the Baptism of Our Lord — a moment filled with promise, identity, and mission. At the Jordan River, Jesus stepped into the waters not because He needed forgiveness, but because He came to stand in our place. In His baptism, He identified Himself with us so that, through our baptism, we may be united with Him.

Scripture tells us that as Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended like a dove, and the Father declared, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:11). What a beautiful reminder that God’s love is not based on accomplishment or status — but on identity as His children.

Here at Good Shepherd, we rejoice that many of our students have been baptized into Christ, and we joyfully support families who are nurturing children in the faith. In baptism, God places His name on us, forgives our sins, and makes us His own. It is not simply a memory or ceremony — it is a daily gift of grace that shapes how we live, learn, forgive, and love one another.

As we teach and walk beside our students, we pray that they grow to know:
They are loved by God.
They are forgiven in Christ.
They have purpose as His children.
May we continue to point our students to Jesus, who entered the waters for us and leads us in newness of life.

Blessings!

Robert Mayhew, Principal

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.)

National Lutheran Schools Week

We look forward to celebrating Good Shepherd Lutheran School during National Lutheran Schools Week **January 26-30**. Students will participate in fun dress-up days, daily devotions, and other activities to celebrate Lutheran schools. The theme is “Let’s make a Joyful Noise” from Psalms 98:4 (See flyers that follow for fun dress days and daily themes.)



Prospective Students Open House

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will hold an Open House on **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!

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to all our 5th-8th grade students whose efforts during the 2nd Quarter earned them a place on Good Shepherd’s Honor Roll. The complete list follows the newsletter.



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 Charlotte P., Nathan P., Juan R., Kaelyn S., Marco S., and Caroline S. 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.

Charger Headlines Continued...

No School - Federal Holiday

There will be no school on **Monday, January 19th** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Please take time to reflect and pray for our country.

Reminder

If school must be closed due to the 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.

Volleyball Coach


Metro East Lutheran High School is looking for a Head Girls Volleyball Coach and Freshman Girls Volleyball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested or know someone that is interested please email the Athletic Director, Jason Batty at jason.batty@melhs.org. Thank you!!!

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

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.

Celebrating  *Years of Christian Education*
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Q2 Honor Roll 2025-2026

High Honor Roll with Distinction (Gr. 7&8 - GPA 4.00+)

8th Grade: Will B., Isabella B., Agnes H., Sydney H., Livy P., Charlotte P., Caroline S.

7th Grade: Alison B., Lola F., Connor J., Adelynn M., Bhavneet S.

High Honor Roll (Gr. 5&6 - GPA 3.51 to 4.0; Gr. 7&8 - GPA 3.51 to 3.99)

8th Grade: Alexis K., Jacob K., Elise L., Violet M., Piper M., Nate P., Kaelyn S., Levi T., Adalie T.

7th Grade: Vivian C., Molly F., Lena G., Madilyn S., Natalie S., Rylen T., Lily W., Riley Y.

6th Grade: Brad B., Aiden B., Livi B., Alayna E., Tilayna E., Hazel F., Violet G., Gavin G., Savannah G., Camy H., Isla J., James K., Lucy P., Amelia R., Jed S., Sydney S., Ceana S., Richard V., Grant W.

5th Grade: Henry B., Cooper B., Marlie C., Annalynne C., Emily F., Josie F., Eden G., Hosea G., Gavin H., Frederick H., Micah H., Teddy K., Emily L., Lauren L., Callie L., Brooklyn M., Dylan M., Alice M., Kaelyn P., Ellie S., Fred S., Jaxson T., Bekham W.

Honor Roll (Gr. 5-8 – GPA 3.00 to 3.50)

8th Grade: Ella F., Daphne F., Myla G., Lorelai N., Taylor P., Marco S.

7th Grade: Tinley F., Paisley H., Andi H., Brennan I., Emma J., Kailee K., Hunter M., Aria M., Hailey S., Mia W.

6th Grade: Jemma A., Lexi D., Ellie F., Christopher G., Francesca H., Frison R., Holden W.

5th Grade: Josiah J., Sebastian M., Kannon R., Colton W., Jingzhe X.



K-8TH GRADE TUITION ASSISTANCE

ABOUT LESA

Through generous donors and fundraising events, we provide tuition assistance to qualifying K-8th 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

QUESTIONS?



MAUREEN GERSMAN
314-200-0790
MGERSMAN@LESASTL.ORG



FACTS PARENT HELP LINE
1-866-412-4367

REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete application in FACTS
 - **Deadline: April 10**
 - <https://tinyurl.com/LESA-App>
2. Submit required documents
 - 2025 - 1040 tax return (entire packet)
 - 2025 - W2
 - 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.
1st 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



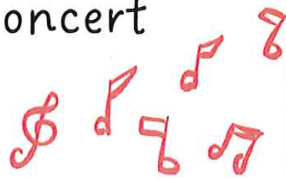
*Let's make
a Joyful
Noise*

Psalm 98:4

NLSW ACTIVITIES

Monday

Jennie Williamson
Concert



Tuesday

8th grade vs
Teacher Volleyball
game
5th - 8th grade



Wednesday

Spelling Bee



Thursday

Move Up Day



Friday

Movie Day



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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
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BE A HERO FOR OUR STUDENTS

Become a Sponsor – Stand with Us for Lutheran Education
& Celebrating America's 250th 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

Founding Father \$3,000 Dinner Sponsor

- ✓ Full two-page Ad spread in the Official Event Program
- ✓ (2) Admission Tickets - Prominent Table placement for Great Viewing
- ✓ Prominent signage throughout the venue & yard sign outside event
- ✓ Multiple verbal recognition from the podium before & after dinner
- ✓ Featured social media shoutouts before & after the event

ONLY 1
AVAILABLE

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

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