



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Be Brave” Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter
February 20, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 22

- Open House for Prospective Students
1:00-3:00 pm

Monday, February 23

- Papa John’s
- Boys Basketball @ Holy Cross vs
Our Savior Springfield 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24

- Boys PeeWee Basketball Game 6:30
p.m. Grades 2-4

Wednesday, February 25

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

Sunday, March 1

- Preschool & Kdg. students sing in
church - choose 8:00 or 10:30 am
service

Wednesday, March 4

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

Friday, March 6

- End of 3rd Quarter

Sunday, March 8

- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 a.m.
church service

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



GSLS Open House for Prospective Students

Good Shepherd will host an open house this **Sunday, February 22nd**, from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** All are invited to visit our dynamic school, tour our campus, meet our faculty, and get answers to questions about everything from academics and extracurriculars to tuition and financial aid. For more information, call the school office at 618-344-3153.

Auction dinner tickets are on sale!

To help our caterer prepare an accurate headcount — and to ensure we have plenty of food and seating for everyone — we strongly encourage families to purchase their dinner tickets early. Buying early not only helps our planning team, but it also ensures you’re eligible to bid on our live auction items. Tickets can be bought by accessing Handbid. <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/good-shepherd-lutheran-school-auction-2026>.

There is also a Handbid app you can download on your phone, and search Good Shepherd Lutheran School Auction 2026.

If you have any questions or special seating requests, please don’t hesitate to reach out. You can contact the committee anytime at gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com.

PeeWee Boys Basketball Game

Our PeeWee boys team (grades 2-4) has been working hard learning the basics of basketball. You are invited to attend their game on **Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m.** Please support their efforts and come cheer our future Charger athletes!

Mark Your Calendars!

On **Friday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday April 19th at 2:00 p.m.**, the 7th & 8th grade students of Good Shepherd are proudly presenting “Happily Ever After: Tales Told by the Brothers Grimm,” a stage production by Sylvia Ashby.

We hope you’ll come to join in hearing a few of the lesser known, but still meaningful, Grimm fairy tales.

We’re looking forward to sharing our storytelling talents with you soon!



Fairy Tale by
SYLVIA ASHBY
FROM THE TALES BY
THE BROTHERS GRIMM

Papa John’s Pizza

Good Shepherd Day/Night at Papa John’s on the Beltline in Collinsville is this **Monday, February 23rd**. All day you may order online, on the app, or by phone and Good Shepherd will receive 20% of your purchase price. **Must mention our code: SSG005 when ordering.**

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

This Sunday throws us into the wilderness to watch as the devil tempts Jesus. We will see how the devil tempts us the same way He tempted our Lord, and how the Lord wins the victory over the devil for us and our salvation. Join us!



Summer Fun

Spring is almost here, and so is Summer Fun! Summer Fun will run from **May 27–July 31**.

Please complete the form to let us know which days your child will attend. Forms are available on our website <https://www.gslcs.org/k-8th/summer-camp/> and in the school office. All forms are due by **April 11**.

If your child will attend half day, mark “H”; full day, mark “F”; extended day, mark “E.” Changes may be made as long as they are submitted by the Wednesday before the week begins. Summer Fun is currently available only to students enrolled for the 2026–2027 school year. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Nobbe.

Student Illnesses

Please continue to be vigilant about avoiding the spread of germs. As a reminder, your child **must stay home** if they have a fever of 100.0° F or higher. Wait at least 24 hours after the fever has come down without medication before sending your child back to school. You will be asked to come pick up your child if their temperature is above 100°F or if vomiting has occurred while at school. You may want to have your child wear a mask if they have a cough.

MELHS Music Department - Winter Concert

Join the MELHS Music Department for their Winter Concert on **Sunday, March 1st** at 4pm in Henschen Alumni Hall. Our concert theme is “The Lord Who Watches Over You Always,” a perfect reminder during the season of Lent. This concert will feature the MELHS Chorale, Honors Choir, String Ensemble, and Concert Band. Stay after the concert for a dessert reception. Be sure to bring your family & friends!



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 Lauren L., Callie L., Dylan M., Kannon R., Jaxson T., Bekham W., and Jingzhe X.

Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

Presidents' Day: Leadership and Service

Presidents' Day gives us an opportunity to thank God for those who have served our nation in leadership. Scripture reminds us that “there is no authority except from God” (Romans 13:1). God works through earthly leaders to provide order, peace, and care for society.

As Christians, we pray for our leaders—past, present, and future—that they may serve with wisdom, humility, and a desire for justice. While no leader is perfect, we trust that God remains sovereign and faithful in all times.

May this day also remind us of our own calling to serve others faithfully, seeking the good of our neighbor and placing our ultimate hope not in human leadership, but in Christ alone, our true King.

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.

Classroom Baskets for School Benefit Auction

PK3 – American Girl / Lego Basket

- o Ideas: American Girl Doll, Doll accessories (furniture, clothes, styling kit), American Doll books, Lego sets, Lego table, Lego organizer
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a larger/more unique Lego set or go in together for a larger dollar amount for American Girl Store Gift Card.

PK4 – Local Staycation Basket

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

K – Family Fun Basket

- o Ideas: gift cards to local attractions: Edisons, Trampoline Park, Children’s Museums, Magic House, City Museum, Top Golf,
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for larger quantity gift cards.

1 –Disney Themed Basket

- o Ideas: All things you need for a day at a Disney Park. Disney theme: bag, backpack, water bottles, lanyards, Mickey Ears, autograph book
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a Disney Store Gift Card.

2 – Postcard Cabin Getaway

- o Ideas: Items needed for a quiet cozy getaway: snacks, books, games.
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a gift card for a 3-night stay

3 – 4th of July/Patriotic Basket

- o Ideas: Red, White, and Blue Items, Grill accessories, Butcher Gift Card,
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for a color themed Yeti Cooler

4 – Tech Bundle Basket

- o Ideas: headphones, Bluetooth speaker, Fortnite/Roblox Gift card
- o Larger Item Idea: Parents can chip in together for Beats products

5 – Water Fun Basket

- o Ideas: Water park passes; Beach Bag, Cooler

6 – Wine & Dine Basket

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

7 – Golf Basket

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

8 –Good Shepherd Fan Basket

- o Chairs, Wagon, Cooler, Tumblers, Blanket
- o 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 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

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

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

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

THANK YOU FOR SALUTING EDUCATION AND INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS!

YOUR SPONSORSHIP IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. TAX ID: #37-0841452



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