



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Be Brave” Deuteronomy 31:6

All School Newsletter
April 24, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 25

- GSLS Track Meet @ CHS 9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 27

- Papa John's

Wednesday, April 29

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

Tuesday, May 5

- Spring Concerts Choir - Gr 5-8, Band -
Gr 4-8 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6

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

Thursday, May 7

- 4th Grade Jamboree @ CHS

Sunday, May 10

- 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th Gr. sing in 8:00
a.m. church service
- 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Gr. Sing in 10:30
a.m. church service

Monday, May 11-Thursday, May 14

- 8th Grade @ Camp Wartburg

Wednesday, May 13

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

For more information:

[gslcs.org/calendars](https://www.gslcs.org/calendars)



GSLS at Beltline Papa Johns

Order food from Papa John's Beltline location in Collinsville **any time on Monday, April 27th** and up to 20% of your purchase price will be donated to our school. You must mention our school's promo code when ordering on the app, by phone, online, or in store. Our school code is SSG005.

All Parents - Check Your Balances

With only 4 weeks of school remaining in the 2025-2026 school year, please take a moment to log into your FACTS account and make sure all Tuition, Incidentals, and Lunch balances are paid in full, along with the re-enrollment fee for the 2026-2027 school year. Any balances that are not current by the last day of school will result in the student's report card being withheld until balances have been paid. If you have any questions regarding this or your account, please contact Mrs. Osborn in the school office.

Good Shepherd's Awards Banquet

Good Shepherd's Awards Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, May 19th** at 6:30 pm in the gym. We will recognize our 7th and 8th grade students who participate in Band, Choir, and Sports. We will also recognize students in the National Honor Society, Peer Tutoring, and younger students who participated in varsity sports, band or are receiving a letter in track. The evening will begin with a catered dinner and will be followed by the presentation of awards.

Tickets are required to attend the **Awards Banquet**. Please return the bottom portion of the Awards Banquet flyer with payment to the school office by **Tuesday, May 12th**. Checks should be payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Tickets are available in the office. NO tickets will be sold at the door. Any questions, please call the school office - 344-3153. (See form following newsletter.)

GSLS Golf Tournament

Please save the date for the 23rd Annual Good Shepherd Golf Classic at Arlington Greens Golf Course. The tourney is **Saturday, July 11th** with tee times starting at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$90 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf, driving range, carts, meal, plenty of refreshments, and a chance to win cash prizes for lowest team score (multiple flights), closest to the pin, longest drive, and more. More details can be found on the school [website](https://www.gslcs.org/support-our-school/golf-classic-scramble/). Here is the [link](https://www.gslcs.org/support-our-school/golf-classic-scramble/) for your use: <https://www.gslcs.org/support-our-school/golf-classic-scramble/>
See flyers following newsletter.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Gray

Jesus taught His disciples on the night He was betrayed that, in a little while, they would be sorrowful—but their sorrow would turn to joy. And this is exactly what happened. After His death, they were filled with sorrow, but their sorrow was transformed into joy through His resurrection.

We, too, experience many sorrows in this world. Yet we are given the same promise: that our sorrow will be turned to joy on the day of Christ's return. For all who believe, He is the source of our hope—now and forever.

This Sunday, we will look more deeply at what it means to listen to Jesus' teaching, so that we may be prepared and sustained during our own "little while."



Spring Concert for 5th-8th Grade band & choir AND 4th Grade band

Tuesday, May 5th 6:30 PM in the CHURCH

All students in grades 4-8 who are in band and 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade choir students.

Dress: Nice dress clothes (no t-shirts or denim) any colors.

Students arrive by 6:15 PM in school cafeteria. Doors open at 6:05 pm

We hope you can come and enjoy their musical talents!

Teacher Appreciation Week! May 4-8

Parents, it's time again to show how much we appreciate our amazing teachers and staff! Please see the flyer following the newsletter for suggestions for your child to make a special week for their teacher. Collectively, our parents will provide lunch drinks, and snacks each day. Please sign up to help with this on this sign up:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/263208102011/false#/invitation>

You also may send donations towards the costs to the office marked teacher appreciation. Or you can send money via Venmo to Rachel Pennington: @Rachel-Pennington-10



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 Elsie G, Kenleigh H, Alayna H, Kayson J, Theo M, Ayla M, Lyla M, Henry N, Lennox O, Caroline P, and Avi S.

Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

We are grateful for the opportunity to share about an important process currently taking place in our school—our continued work with National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) and the Illinois Non-Public School Recognition process.

Both of these processes are valuable as they help ensure that we are providing the highest quality Christ-centered education for our students. Through prayerful reflection, self-study, and collaboration, our teachers and staff are taking a close look at all areas of school life—academics, spiritual development, operations, and community engagement.

This is not simply about meeting standards, but about strengthening our mission and ministry. It is an opportunity to celebrate what we are doing well while also identifying areas where we can grow and improve, always with the goal of serving our students and families faithfully.

On Tuesday, 4/28 and Wednesday 4/29, there will be a committee here to validate what we say we do. This process will help our school remain strong in the teaching of your students.

We value your partnership and appreciate your support and prayers throughout this process.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for walking alongside us as we continue striving for excellence in Christian education.

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...

United States Air Force Band

Scott Air Force Base is home to the Band of Mid America, one of seven Active Duty United States Air Force Bands. The USAF Bands feature full time professionals on their instruments who make up a larger marching/concert band and break up into smaller groups for local tours when they are not performing for official government and military functions throughout the world or bringing deployed troops relief through a taste of home. GSLS is excited to host a small Jazz Ensemble from the USAF Band of Mid-America on Friday, May 8th, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the gym. Family members are welcome to attend, sit on the bleachers, and enjoy the concert, if interested!



<https://www.music.af.mil/Bands/US-Air-Force-Band-of-Mid-America/>

Is Your Student Entering Kindergarten, 2nd, or 6th Grade in the Fall?

Schedule your child(ren)'s appointments **NOW**.

The school office should receive the forms **BEFORE** the start of school:

Kindergarten Students Need: New Physical, Dental, and Eye exams

2nd Grade Students Need: New Dental exam. Current physical, 2nd Varicella.

6th Grade: New Dental exam, New physical including the DTAP, Meningococcal, and second varicella (chicken pox) booster

Your providers should have the State required health forms or they can be found on the school website

<https://www.gslcs.org/parents/health-forms/> These are the links for each health waiver, if needed: [Dental Waiver](#) [Eye Exam Waiver](#) [Immunization Waiver](#)

School Toolbox

You can purchase prepackaged school supplies for the 2026-2027 school year through School Tool Box. Each supply box matches the grade's approved list. You can add extras or remove what you don't need. After you pay online, supplies are shipped directly to your home address. Link to order: <https://schooltoolbox.com/school-supplies/school/list-boxes/?schoolId=32177>

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Teacher Appreciation WEEK

MAY 4-8

• *Monday*

Flower Monday

Giving flowers are the way to express loving gratitude

• *Tuesday*

Gift of Giving

The day when we share giftcards

• *Wednesday*

Thankful Wednesday

Let's show thankfulness with attractive notes

• *Friday*

Friday Surprises

Show the last day event with surprises

• *Thursday*

Food Treat Day

Bring a favorite treat or drink to your teacher!



GOOD SHEPHERD'S 42nd ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

TUESDAY, MAY 19th AT 6:30 P. M.

SPONSORED BY THE 6TH GRADE CLASS IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD GYMNASIUM

The Good Shepherd Awards Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30 PM in the gym**. This special evening is dedicated to honoring and recognizing our 7th and 8th grade students who participate in Band, Choir, and Sports, as well as all students who have been part of an A Team. We will also celebrate members of the National Honor Society and younger students who have participated in varsity sports, band, or earned a letter in track. In addition to recognizing our students, we will extend our heartfelt appreciation to our band and choir director, coaches, assistant coaches, activity sponsors, and all who have generously given their time and talents to guide and support our students.

The evening will begin with a catered dinner, followed by the presentation of awards. Students are asked to sit with their parents during both the meal and the awards ceremony. We encourage all families to attend as we celebrate the dedication, effort, and talents of our students.

Dinner Menu:

Roasted Chicken, Roast Beef, Pasta, Loaded Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Dessert, and Drinks. Please note: A Team coaches will receive complimentary admission—be sure to indicate this on the form.

Tickets are required to attend the banquet. Please return the bottom portion of this invitation along with payment to the school office by **Tuesday, May 12th**. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Tickets will be distributed at the time of payment. Please note that tickets will **not** be sold before or after school or at the door. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Harrington at 618-972-4409 or cccharrington@att.net.

P.S. This is also a wonderful opportunity for teams and groups to recognize and thank their directors, coaches, and sponsors who helped make these experiences possible.

AWARDS BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM

Please mark quantity needed

Number of Tickets	Description	Cost per Ticket	Subtotal
#	Adults & 4 th - 8 th grade students	\$14.00	\$
#	1 st - 3 rd grade students	\$7.00	\$
#	Kindergarten and younger	free	n/a
Total			\$

Student Name _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

_____ Make checks payable to Good Shepherd School and Return form with payment to the office by May 12th.

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

Order from Papa Johns on

MONDAY, APRIL. 27TH

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

Fundraiser valid at the below participating locations:

Valid online or over the phone at any participating St Louis or surrounding community locations

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MUST USE SCHOOL PROMO CODE when ordering by phone for school to receive credit.



ORDER BY PHONE AT YOUR LOCAL PAPAJOHNS.

Providing funds for the
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Athletic Program

July 11, 2026

8:00 AM (Shot Gun Start)

Arlington Greens
Golf Course

**Must
Attend**

- > Closest to the Pin Prizes
- > Longest Drive Prizes
- > Longest Putt Prizes
- > Skins Game
- > Mulligans
- > 64 and younger - Blue Tees
- > 65 - 74 - White Tees
- > 75 plus - Red Tees

GSLs GOLF CLASSIC
COMMITTEE

Questions
(618)344-3153
RobertMayhew
(314)420-4510
RonHartmann

ENTRY FORM

23rd Annual Good Shepherd Lutheran School Golf Classic 4 Player Golf Scramble

You are invited to participate in the 23rd Annual Good Shepherd Golf Classic Scramble being held at Arlington Greens Golf Course in Granite City, IL. The tournament is July 11 with tee times starting at 8:00 am. The cost is \$90 per golfer, 18 holes of golf, carts, driving range, meal, plenty of refreshments, and a chance to win cash prizes for lowest team score (multiple flights), closest to the pin, longest drive, and more. Hole Sponsorships are \$125.00 - help support! Please register by June 30, 2026.

Golfer 1 (Captain)

Golfer 2

Name:		Name:	
Email:		Email:	
Phone:			

Golfer 3

Golfer 4

Name:		Name:	
Email:		Email:	

I am unable to attend, but am enclosing a gift to support GSLS in the amount of \$ _____

Net proceeds to fund the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Athletic Program



Make checks payable to **Good Shepherd**
Mail check and form to:
Good Shepherd
c/o GSLS Golf Classic
1300 Beltline Road
Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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Robert Mayhew
(314) 420-4510
Ron Hartmann

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Message on sign: _____

GSLs/C Member
that contacted you: _____

Select Sponsor

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00 Sponsor	Entitles sponsor to a 12" x 18" black and white sign on the tee box.
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Email a high quality photo or logo in pdf or jpeg format to gsls1@hotmail.com
Please add your email address or phone number in case of file problems. File sizes of
1mb or higher is recommended. Call at 618-345-3153 or 314-420-4510 with
questions.

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Name: _____

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Email: _____

Prize Description: _____

I would like to
donate an
attendance Prize

- Any attendance prize donations, regardless of value are appreciated! If you would like to donate an attendance prize, please complete the form. Please call Good Shepherd at 618-344-3153 or 314-420-4510.
- You may want to donate a monetary gift for the event.
- Net proceeds to fund the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Athletic Program



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