



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Forgiven" 1 John 1:9

All School Newsletter
August 21, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 24

- Volleyball B&C @ Grace Chapel 4:30
- Baseball @ home 4:30

Tuesday, August 25

- Volleyball ACD @ Bethalto/Staunton 5pm
- Cross Country ICS Invitational 4pm

Wednesday, August 26

- Baseball @ St. Rose 4:30

Thursday, August 27

- Volleyball AC @ Home 6pm

Friday August 28

- Volleyball B Tournament @ Belleville (Time TBA)
- Baseball @ Holy Cross 4:30

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Welcome Back to School!

Auction Committee Meeting

The GSLS Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction is one of our school's largest and most impactful fundraisers and planning is officially underway. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us build an unforgettable event. Our first kickoff meeting will be held on September 17th at 6:30pm in the school library. If you're interested in joining the committee or learning more, please reach out to Michelle Matuszewski and Megan Agne at gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com.

Required Health Forms

Parents with students in Kindergarten, 2nd & 6th grades, please remember to turn in your student(s)' required health forms **asap**. Refer to our website for details <https://www.gslcs.org/parents/health-forms/>

Athletics

Thank you to everyone who attended the athletics meeting for grades 5-8. If you were unable to attend, please *stop by the office* for important information. Here is the link for [signing up](#) to work at games. Everyone must work 7 times. Also, we are still looking for C & D team coaches for boys and girls basketball. See Mr. Mayhew if you are interested!

Grades 1-8 Drop Off

Please be patient and do not drive around a car dropping off students. The safety of our kids is our priority. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Pee Wee Basketball

Pee Wee Basketball is an instructional basketball program for grades 2-4. The girls' season begins after Labor Day and runs through late October. The boys' season runs from the beginning of January through the end of February. Each season ends with a "big game night." Following the newsletter is a sign-up sheet. Please return it to school before the first practice. Sessions begin **Saturday, September 12th from 9-10:00 a.m.** If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Cross: rcross@gslcs.org or Mrs. Morwick: mmorwick@gslcs.org

Safety Drills and School Resource Officer

At the beginning of each school year, the staff reviews and students practice drills related to fire safety, tornado safety, earthquake safety, and other emergencies. These can be unpleasant but they are necessary considerations. You might also see our **School Resource Officer** who will visit at various times. His supportive presence will foster an environment of safety for you and your students as well as faculty and staff.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner

As another school year begins, we want you to know that we are praying for you and your children. If you do not have a church home, you are always welcome to join us for worship. We are also here for every school family. If you have questions about what we teach and believe, or if you ever need prayer, pastoral care, or other support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

In Christ,

Pastor Packer and Pastor Gray



ReSale Shop

We made \$1,236 at the Resale shop at welcome back night. **Thank you** to Cindy Frazier, Tori Feichtinger, and everyone who helped with the sale!

School Picture Days are Coming

School picture days are **Wednesday & Thursday, September 2nd & 3rd**. Preschool & Kindergarten students will be photographed on Wednesday. Grades 1-8 students will have their pictures taken on Thursday. Lifetouch picture forms are sent home with students and can be brought to school or you can pre-order with Lifetouch at <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/packages> using our school's Picture Day ID: EVTTNCZNJ. **These will be yearbook pictures so standardized dress clothes are required.**



Chapel Offerings

Our offerings in August - October will go to [AfricanVisionofHope](#) which is a Christian non-profit organization committed to ending extreme poverty in Zambia.

Biblical Conflict Resolution

The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran School is to partner with parents in providing a quality Christ-centered education that nurtures life-long learners who are rooted in Christ, built in faith, and growing in love. See the attached flyer on how we plan to resolve conflict and reconcile in God's love.

Charger Bucks - Scrip

Consider signing up for Raise Right to purchase things you already buy. See the attached flyers for details.



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty will be praying for the students and their families. Next week we will be praying for R. Bailey, A. Beavers, L. Cross, V. Cross, L. Frazier, A. Huff, K. Kreher and E. Kruta

Please join us in prayer.

Welcome Back GSLS Families!

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year and Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 43rd year of providing a quality, Christ-centered education! We are grateful that God has brought together our students, families, faculty, and staff for another year of learning and growing in faith.

Our theme this year is "Forgiven," based on 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Throughout the year, our students will be reminded of the wonderful gift of forgiveness we receive through Jesus Christ. Because we are forgiven, we can freely share His grace, mercy, and love with others.

Thank you for entrusting your children to our care and for partnering with us in Christian education. We look forward to a wonderful year filled with faith, learning, friendships, and many blessings.

It's a great day to be a Charger!

Questions are always welcomed!

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.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School
Girl's Pee-Wee Basketball 2026-2027

Dear Parents,

The time for Pee-Wee registration is here. Our Girl's Pee-Wee program will run during the fall months again this year. We will start Saturday, September 12. Girls in grades 2-4 are eligible to participate in this program. The goals of the Pee-Wee Program are as follows:

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| 1) introduce the girls to the game of basketball | 2) teach introductory skills |
| 3) teach the importance of sharing and team play | 4) enjoy a GREAT game |

Parents are a large reason for the growth of the program over the past few years. When you register your child, please see if you are able to assist at practice on any of the dates. A basic knowledge of the game and love for children are the requirements. We will use team play to teach the children. This means I am in need of parents who could take charge of a team and make most of the practices. If you are not available for all of the practices, I will still use you on the days you are able to help.

Please fill out the attached form and return it to your child's teacher, or the school office. Please contact Rachel Cross (rcross@gslds.org) or Megan Morwick (mmorwick@gslds.org) with any questions or concerns.

We need a parent or two to be the person in charge at the Saturday practices. We will make sure things are ready for practices. Please consider this request and let us know as soon as possible. See you on the COURT!

'FORGIVEN'

Mrs. Cross and Ms. Morwick

Sept. 12	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Sept. 19	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Sept. 26	NO GIRLS PEE WEE BASKETBALL	
Oct. 3	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Oct. 17	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Oct. 24	Grades 2-4	9:00-10:00
Oct. 27	GAME NIGHT	6:30

My child, _____ (Grade: _____), has my permission to participate in the Girls Pee Wee Basketball Program this fall.

_____ I am willing to coach or assist with coaching at some or all practices

_____ I am available to stay, if needed, and help at some or all practices.

Parent Name (Print)

Date

e-mail: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name: _____

Phone: _____



Welcome to the Charger Bucks

Good Shepherd Lutheran School's Scrip Program

What is Scrip?

Scrip is a tuition reduction program for school families and friends.

You simply order gift cards to pay for things you would normally be purchasing. Good Shepherd families share an extra benefit by participating in the program because they earn credits which reduce the cost of their tuition payment based on their individual spending. Participating families will receive credits posted to their family tuition account in February and August. The credits are split 50/50 for reduction of your tuition and the school's general fund.

Orders may be placed by turning in a green sheet with a check or exact cash. Please have your child turn the order in to the school office or give it to their teacher. These orders will be filled on weeks when school is in session a full five days. They will be given to your child's teacher on Friday to be sent home.

Orders may be placed online. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com

Check out the newest mobile app RaiseRight. See more information on the next page.

We will not be selling Walk-Up scrip cards in the school lobby or at church for the foreseeable future. If you would like to purchase Walk-Up scrip cards, please contact Gail Mayhew and we will make arrangements. scrip@gslds.org (618)444-6131

Check out the Family User Guide to help you navigate the order process at www.ShopWithScrip.com

Good Shepherd's enrollment code: F8CLL9AF2577

Shop With Scrip Customer Service: 1-800-727-4715

Simply the Right Way to Fundraise



The new RaiseRight™ mobile app makes fundraising easier

Shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands—right from your phone. Whether you're at home or at the store. Get started with on-the-go fundraising that creates opportunities for the people that matter most to you.

Narrow your search with categories that fit your everyday shopping needs

Discover new earning opportunities every day

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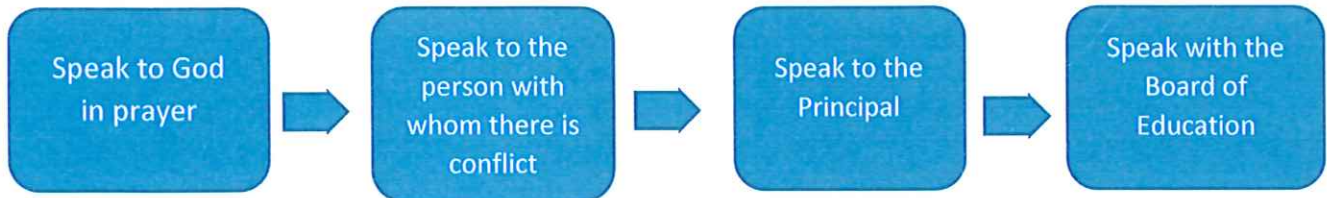
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Good Shepherd Lutheran School Biblical Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Flow Chart

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." Romans 12:18



If you have been hurt, offended, or feel that a conflict has occurred, please follow the flow chart above. After speaking to the Lord in prayer and asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, approach the person directly at the appropriate level. The following plan is based on God's Word and can be used to reach a peaceful resolution and reconciliation. Pastor can always be considered as a resource to encourage and guide you, if needed, in order to help you follow these steps and to provide spiritual guidance in order to promote Christ-centered communication all throughout the process

Biblical Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Plan

Step 1: Take the matter to God in prayer.

"What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? ... You do not have, because you do not ask." James 4:1-2

Step 2: Remain confidential at each step and avoid gossip.

"For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases." Proverbs 26:20

Step 3: Go directly and privately to the person with whom there is a conflict.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother." Matthew 18:15

Step 4: Sympathize, empathize, and listen before attempting to solve the conflict.

"... let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God." James 1:19

Step 5: Attack the problem and not the person. Strive for good communication and understanding.

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1

Step 6: Repent. Forgive. Receive forgiveness.

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. . . ." James 5:16
"Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him," Luke 17:3

Step 7: If the conflict is not resolved, continue to move through the flow chart as you ask the next person for assistance as you again approach your brother or sister in Christ with whom you are in conflict.

"But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, . . ." Matthew 18:16

I have read the above "Biblical Resolution and Reconciliation Flow Chart and Plan", and I intend, with God's help and according to His will, to follow it in regards to conflicts that need to be resolved.