



Good Shepherd Charger News

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All School Newsletter
September 18, 2026

Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 19

- Girls PeeWee Basketball 9:00-10:00
- GSLS Band in Italian Fest Parade 4pm

Tuesday, September 22

- Volleyball BC at Home 5pm

Wednesday, September 23

- Chapel Service Gr. 3-8, 8:25 a.m.
- Chapel Service PK-Gr 2 8:55 a.m.
- Cross Country at O'Fallon 4pm

Friday, September 25

- Volleyball A GSLS Tournament
- Volleyball D Tournament at Belleville

Saturday, September 26

- Volleyball A GSLS Tournament
- Volleyball D Tournament at Belleville

Monday, September 28

- Open House
- Grades K - 4 at 7pm or 7:30
- Grade 5 - 8 at 7:30pm or 8pm

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Charger Headlines...

Open House

Good Shepherd's Open House for Students K-8 will be **Monday, September 28th!** The start times are 7pm and 7:30pm for Grades K-4 and 7:30pm and 8pm for Grades 5-8. Please come to the classroom at these recommended times. This is an opportunity to see what is happening in the classroom and for parents to ask questions. If one-on-one meeting is desired, please schedule a meeting with the teacher at a later time.



Early Dismissal Procedures

Thank you for keeping our kids safe by coming to the office to sign them out. All students must be signed out by the adult who is picking them up. Thank you for your partnership.

From our School Resource Officer

"My name is Officer Greg McAllister with the Collinsville Police Department. I am one of the school resource officers with Collinsville Unit 10 assigned to the 5 elementary schools in town. I have been in law enforcement for approximately 7 years. Prior to that, I served in the army for 8 years with Psychological Operations. I graduated from University of Missouri St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice/Criminology and have 2 minors (psychology & sociology) and a trauma certificate. I have a passion for ensuring the safety of all kids in schools, and Good Shepherd is no exception. You may see me in the halls or standing out front in the mornings greeting students. Feel free to stop and say hi! If you ever need anything, please don't hesitate to ask!"

Auction Committee

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with the annual GSLS school auction! Thank you to Michelle Matuszewski for chairing the event!

Italian Fest

September 18 and 19: Come visit the 8th grade class booth this weekend for a Famous 6 ounce Italian Chicken Sandwich! They are \$7 per sandwich. Chips will also be available for \$1 per bag. THANKS for your support as we raise money for our 8th grade class trip! Come for a sandwich and stay for the parade! **Good Shepherd's 5th-8th Grade Band** students will be marching in the **Italian Fest Parade on Saturday, September 19th at 4:00 p.m.** Enjoy great food and music and support our kids!



September 17th is Constitution Day!

GSLS students watched or talked about the constitution in their classrooms. Scan the QR Code on the following page to watch a short video celebrating our country's birthday.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

What do we believe? Why do we believe it? If you're looking for a church home or simply have questions, you're invited! Join Pastor Packer for A Simple Explanation of Christianity on Sundays, beginning October 4th in the church library from 9:15am - 10:15am. See the attached flyer for more details.



Good Shepherd Harvest Fest

Sunday October 4th 3:00-6:00

Food, games, bounce houses, chili cook-off and family fun! We are looking for volunteers to help with Harvest Fest. Please consider

helping at your child's class booth. All supplies and directions are provided. This is a great outreach to the community as well as an opportunity to meet other GS parents! We are in need of a few popup tents for some of the booths. Click the sign up link and look for your child's class. Link for signup: <https://signup.com/go/usvXuqC>

Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School is sponsoring the Impact Life Blood Drive on **Sunday, Oct. 4**, from 2:00-6:00 pm in the ECC during Harvest Fest. If there are 20 or more donations, the school will receive a grant to purchase P.E. and playground equipment! Please consider not only donating for the gift of life, but also to help the school receive the grant. You can schedule an appointment by using the QR code on the flyer following this newsletter, calling ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 or at bloodcenter.org/group#9887.

Get Your Fall Mums at the Harvest Fest

Our Youth Group is selling mums at the Harvest Fest. Stop by and pick up your fall mums and support the youth group's fundraising efforts. Funds will go toward the upcoming mission trip.

After School Care Staff Needed for ECC

If you enjoy working with children and are interested in being part of our after-school program in the ECC, please reach out to Mrs. Nobbe (rnobbe@gslds.org) for more information or to express your interest. She is looking for dependable, enthusiastic individuals to work after school hours (4-5 days a week, a couple hours per day).



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 all the new families and students who have joined our school for the 2026-2027 school year. Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

As we reach the midpoint of the first quarter, we are thankful for the wonderful start to our school year. The first several weeks are an important time for students to adjust to new classrooms, teachers, routines, expectations, and friendships.

Our teachers have been working diligently to assess each student's academic progress and provide the instruction and support needed for continued growth. Mid-quarter offers families an opportunity to celebrate accomplishments and identify areas where additional effort or encouragement may be needed.

We also recognize that education involves more than academics. Through our social-emotional learning program, students are developing skills such as kindness, responsibility, self-control, communication, problem-solving, and respect for others. These skills help create a safe, caring, and Christ-centered learning environment.

Please take time to talk with your child about how the year is going—academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and partnership as we help every student grow in faith, knowledge, and character.

It's a great day to be a Charger!

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.

A Simple Explanation *of* Christianity

What do we believe?
Why do we believe it?

Looking for a church home?
Have questions? Simply curious?

You're invited!

BEGINNING OCTOBER 4, 2026

Sundays • 9:15–10:15 a.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Collinsville

Church library, lower level

Explore the Bible, Jesus, the Ten Commandments,
the Gospel, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

No previous knowledge needed.
Come and bring your questions!

Sunday School available for children.

Questions? Contact Pastor Packer

970-507-0773

pastorandrewpacker@gmail.com



HARVEST FEST

FREE!

**LIVE MUSIC - FREE FOOD - FUN GAMES -
BOUNCE HOUSES - AND MORE**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**1300 Beltline Rd.
Collinsville, IL 62234**

FROM 3:00PM - 6:00PM

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER**

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BLOOD DRIVE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 4

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Earlychildhood Center - Main Lobby

(around back of church)

1300 Belt Line Rd

To schedule an appt, scan QR code,
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401,
or online at [bloodcenter.org/group;grp #9887](http://bloodcenter.org/group;grp#9887)

Every donation earns rewards!
Choose from a
\$20 e-gift card, points to shop
our Rewards Store, or
donate e-gift card to your
favorite nonprofit for all
successful donations!



Happy Constitution Day

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

September 17, 1787

Celebrating
239 years
of
Freedom and Liberty

HAPPY
250TH
BIRTHDAY
AMERICA

scan qr code to
view US
Constitution Made
Simple video for
kids



Celebrating **43** Years of Christian Education
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