



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Forgiven" 1 John 1:9

All School Newsletter
October 9, 2026

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 10

- Volleyball A in Holy Cross Tournament

Sunday, October 11

- Volleyball A in Holy Cross Tournament

Monday, October 12

- No School Today

Tuesday, October 13

- Cross Country at Belleville 4:30pm
- Volleyball AD at Litchfield 6pm

Wednesday, October 14

- Chapel Service Gr 3-8 @ 8:25am
- Chapel Service PK-Gr 2 @ 8:55am

Thursday, October 15

- Volleyball ABCD at Belleville 4:30pm

Friday, October 16

- End of 1st Quarter
- Picture Re-Take Day & Sports Pictures
- 7:00am Baseball
- 7:10am A/B Volleyball
- 7:20am C/D Volleyball
- 7:30am Cross Country
Last Day for Bobo's Fundraiser

Saturday, October 17

- Pee Wee Basketball at 9am

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Have a Blessed and Safe Weekend

School is closed Friday, October 9th and Monday, October 12th. We wish you a blessed and safe weekend!

Book Fair is Coming

Join us in the school library October 20th - 23rd for our Annual Book Fair! The fair will be open each morning from 7:45-8:15am and each afternoon from 3:15 - 4pm. Students, families, and friends of Good Shepherd are invited to browse hundreds of exciting books for readers of all ages. Every purchase directly supports our school library and helps us provide valuable resources for our students. It's also a great opportunity to get a head start on your Christmas shopping with gifts that inspire learning and imagination!

Long Term Substitute Teachers Wanted

We are looking for 3 long term substitute teachers for 3 teachers, one starting Oct 26 until Dec.19, Feb 14 for 6 weeks and May 1 to May 20. Please prayerfully consider whether you could be a substitute teacher or know someone who could be. Contact Mr. Mayhew at gsls1@hotmail.com or 618-344-3153.

Bobo's Fundraiser

Keep selling for a few more days! All paper orders and money are due Friday, October 16th. Online stores close Monday, October 19th. Delivery will be November 12th. Thanks for supporting your school!

Check Your Account Balances in Facts

As the end of first quarter approaches, take the time to check your account balances in Facts. Keeping your accounts current is appreciated. If you have any questions about your balances, contact Mrs. Osborn in the school office at josborn@gslcs.org or 618-344-3153.

LESA Presentation at Church Services

A representative from LESA (Lutheran Elementary School Association) will be at our church services on October 18th to present a tuition assistance check. LESA helps support area Lutheran schools in many ways. Good Shepherd has been partnering with LESA for 22 years. In that time, we have received \$332,000 in tuition assistance for our students. Come celebrate the partnership in making Christ-centered education possible. Check out [LESA's website](#) for information and to find out about community events you can attend. Consider attending [Brew in The Lou](#) on Saturday, October 10th at Francis Park. Proceeds will go toward LESA's efforts to support area Lutheran schools.



State Required Health Forms

The Illinois state deadline for turning in your student(s)' physical is quickly approaching.

- Kindergarteners need: a physical, dental and eye exam
- 2nd graders need: a physical and dental exam
- 6th graders need: a physical and dental exam

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Gray

Thanks be to God that His mercy comes to us by the authority of His Son, Jesus Christ!

In Matthew 9, the friends of a paralyzed man brought him to Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus first forgave the man's sins and then healed him of his paralysis. The people who witnessed this were filled with awe and marveled that God had given such authority to men.

That authority of Christ still goes forth into all the world today. We, too, can rejoice that Christ brings healing to us, not only healing for the body, but, most importantly, the forgiveness and healing that we need in body and soul. He has appointed His Word and Sacraments as the means by which His gracious gifts are delivered to us.

This weekend, as we gather together to hear the Good News of Christ, let us marvel once again at the authority Christ has given for our good. Through His Word and Sacraments, forgiveness and life brings us healing now and in the life to come.



Basketball Coaches Needed

We are in need of Girls and Boys C/D Basketball coaches. The boys season begins the week of Oct 26. The girls season begins the week of Nov. 9. Contact Mr. Mayhew at gsls1@hotmail.com or call 618-344-3153, to get more information. Your help is needed!



Picture Re-Takes and Sports Pictures

Lifetouch will be here to take sports pictures and re-takes on Friday, October 16th. If your student is having re-takes done, please send back the picture packet you are not keeping. The **schedule for Sports Pictures** is:

- 7:00am - Baseball
- 7:10am - Volleyball A&B
- 7:20am - Volleyball C&D
- 7:30am - Cross Country

Please have your student enter the side door of the gymnasium before school. The order code for **sports pictures** is **EVTPJFM38** at www.mylifetouch.com



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 Jack A., Reagan A., Brody B., Mason B., Weston F., Jolis F., Will F., and Sam K. Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

As we prepare for the end of the quarter, we want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work and growth our students have demonstrated so far this school year. The final weeks of the quarter are an important time for students to stay focused, complete assignments, ask questions, and finish strong. The end of the quarter is Friday, October 16. Families can help by encouraging students to review their grades, check for missing work, and communicate with their teachers about anything they may need to complete or clarify before the quarter closes.

We are also looking forward to connecting with families during Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 29 and 30. These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to work together, celebrate student successes, discuss areas for growth, and establish goals for the next quarter.

We encourage families to take advantage of this time to ask questions, share insights about their child, and partner with teachers to support continued academic and personal growth.

As we approach these important dates, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can help our students finish the quarter with confidence and begin the next one ready to learn, grow, and succeed!

Important Dates:

October 16: End of Quarter
October 29–30: Parent-Teacher Conferences

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.