Good Shepherd Charger News

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All School Newsletter
November 20, 2026

Calendar of Events

Friday, November 20
-GSLS Boys Basketball Tournament Continues through Sunday 11/22

Monday, November 23
- Basketball Girls ACD 5pm (Home)

Tuesday, November 24
- Pie Sales Pick-up 8am - 5pm
- Basketball Boys AC 6pm (Away)

Wednesday, November 25-Friday, November 27
- NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 30
- Basketball Boys A 6pm (Away)
- Basketball Girls B 5pm (Away)
- Papa Johns Night

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars

Charger Headlines...

Thanksgiving Break is Next Wednesday - Friday



The faculty and staff wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving! May your days off be blessed with time for reflecting on the ways God's love shines on you and your family. We are blessed by our students and their families and we thank God for each of you! We pray your celebration will be a safe and happy one.

Thank You for Supporting the Fall Pie Sales

A big thank you to everyone who purchased pies at our fall fundraiser! Please remember to pick up your order from school on **Tuesday, November 24th** from 8:00am-5:00 pm in the school lobby.

Papa John's Pizza

Good Shepherd Day/Night at Papa John's is **Monday, November 30th**. You get pizza and Good Shepherd will receive 20% of your purchase price. **Must mention our code: SSG005 when ordering.**

Good Shepherd 38th Annual Boys Basketball Tournament

The GSLS 38th Annual Boys Basketball Tournament began yesterday and runs through Sunday, November 22nd! Please consider supporting GSLS and the team by working the tournament, or any of the other home games for both girls and boys. Sign up on the GSLS website choosing the Extra Curricular Tab, Athletics, Athletics Volunteering or use this link. Your help is needed and appreciated!

Help Secure Good Shepherd's Future!

If you love Good Shepherd and the difference it makes in the lives of our children, here's your chance to help ensure it's here for generations to come! Through our School Endowment Fund, your gift today can help provide a Christ-centered education for children long into the future. Scan the QR code in the flyer for details.

Hat, Scarf, and Gloves Collection

The mitten trees are on display in the main school lobby and in the early childhood center. Please consider sharing the warmth of Christ's love by donating new hats, mittens or gloves, and scarves for the Jesus Saves Ministry coordinated by Mrs. Dee Ann Billings. Donations may be brought in **NOW through Wednesday, December 16th**. Thank you!

Christmas Teacher Appreciation Group

Christmas is right around the corner! The Parents of Good Shepherd like to show the teachers how much we appreciate them several times during the year. Christmastime is a perfect time to do this! Please consider helping by signing up to either bring items or donate money! If you have questions, please contact Carrie Kober - ckrenning@hotmail.com. Sign up here.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer



This Sunday is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Jesus wants to make sure we are ready for His return so He tells us the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids. In that parable we learn the necessity of an enduring faith - especially one that endures the seeming delay of His second coming. Join us this Sunday!

Gingerbread House

This is a holiday store at school for students to shop for gifts for immediate family members. (Prices range from $1-$9.) This is offered for fun for our students. This year's store will be open on **December 15th - 17th.** This event requires a lot of helping hands and we look to our parents to provide this assistance. Watch for a sign up link to volunteer. The link indicates the classes and their shopping time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rachel Pennington in the Church Office at (618) 344-3151.



Also, **donations of tissue paper** for the gift bags would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office.

Charger Bucks - Scrip Program

Make giving gifts to special people in your life easy! Use the scrip program for family, friends, coworkers, teachers, and employees! Order electronic cards on the RaiseRight app to do your shopping or order physical cards through the school office.

FRIENDZY

In December students will be learning about the importance of having a good attitude and giving their best effort. Life is hard work sometimes, but when we focus on the Lord, He will help us. The catch phrase for December is **100% Attitude, 100% Effort**. See the flyers later in the newsletter for details.

Pee Wee Basketball for Boys Starts in January

Starting in January, the boys in grades 2-4 will have a chance to learn basketball in the Pee Wee Basketball program. This is an introductory program on Saturday mornings with a big game night to finish the program at the end of February. Please see the attached sign up flyer for details.

Something to Consider...

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of the many blessings God continues to provide here at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Thanksgiving is a wonderful opportunity to slow down, reflect on God's goodness, and recognize the people He has placed in our lives.

Psalm 107:1 reminds us, "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

At Good Shepherd, we have so much for which to be thankful. I am especially grateful for our dedicated teachers and staff who faithfully serve our students each day, our supportive parents who partner with us in Christian education, and our wonderful students who bring joy, energy, and excitement into our classrooms and hallways.

As you gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, I encourage you to take a few moments to talk with your children about the blessings God has given your family. Help them understand that a thankful heart is not just about appreciating what we have, but also about sharing God's love through kindness, generosity, and service to others.

I want to personally thank each of you for being part of the Good Shepherd family. Your prayers, encouragement, volunteer efforts, and continued support make a tremendous difference in our ministry. It is truly a privilege to work alongside you as we nurture children academically, spiritually, and socially.

Blessings!
Robert Mayhew, Principal



In Our Prayers This Week

Please join us in prayers for recovery for Mrs. Batty and in sympathy for Mrs. North and her family. We will also say prayers of gratitude for all of our school families.

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...

Christmas Concerts and Upcoming Musicals and Programs

Please take note of our concert and musical dates and times for this year which involve ALL of Preschool-8th grade. The students work hard throughout the school year to make these performances special. Your attendance is needed and appreciated. Please join us!

Christmas Concerts
Sunday, December 6th, 2026 (Please note time by grade)
1:00 PM 3's (Klaas & Meyer)
1:45 PM 4's (Nobbe & North)
2:30 PM Kindergarten (Calle & Krause)
3:15 PM 1st-2nd (Cook & Green, Cross & Strocher)
4:00 PM 3rd-4th (Meador & Roberson, Batty & Fick)
5:00 PM 5th-8th (Hamari & Rebbe, Gindler & Lingel,
Bair & Hasamear, Krueger & Langendorf)



Spring Musical
Friday, April 2nd, 2027
1:45 PM 3rd-4th Grade Dress Rehearsal
7:00 PM 3rd-4th Grade Public Performance

Tuesday, May 4th 2027
6:30 PM Spring Concert
4th Grade Band, 5th-8th Grade Band, 5th-8th Grade Choirs

Sunday, May 16th, 2027 Spring Programs
1:00 PM 3 year olds (Klaas & Meyer)
1:45 PM 4 year olds (Nobbe & North)
2:30 PM 1st-2nd grade (Cook & Green, Cross & Strocher)
3:30 PM Kindergarten (Calle & Krause)



Lost and Found

Final call for owners of lost items! There are so many items waiting to go home with their owners. All unclaimed items at the end of the day on **Tuesday, November 24th** will be donated to charity or sold at our next Resale Shop.

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UNIT FOUR >>> 100% ATTITUDE, 100% EFFORT

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

GIVING 100% ///

This unit is titled **100% ATTITUDE, 100% EFFORT**. This Friendzy unit will help our students learn to give their all with a good attitude and best effort. Having a positive attitude makes it easier to achieve our goals. When we give 100% in our attitude it helps us make better decisions and see the potential in circumstances instead of the problems.

YOU CAN LOSE BUT STILL WIN ///

As we unpack the teaching around **100% ATTITUDE, 100% EFFORT** students will learn to think about how you can lose but still win when you give 100% attitude and 100% effort. When you give the best of what you have to offer, no matter the outcome you can feel good about the outcome. Do your best at all times. You may not always be the best at everything, but you can always do your best at everything you try. Effort leads to improvement. Practice makes progress. This month's Catchphrase and Key Ideas are listed below.



CATCHPHRASE: 100% Attitude, 100% Effort

Key Verses (Biblical anchor points):

Philippians 2:14
"Do everything without grumbling or arguing."

Colossians 3:23
"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not human masters."

GOAL: To learn to give our all with a good attitude.

WHEN LIFE GIVES US LEMONS ///

Life is hard work sometimes. It is not always easy to do our best or to maintain a positive attitude. If we focus on the Lord, He will help us to work hard and work well with a good mindset. Here are the main points of the unit:

Give your all. 100% of something means all of something. 100% effort means working
with all your heart at whatever you do. 100% attitude means always showing up ready to give your all.

Choose positive vs. negative attitudes. Your attitude is your choice. You are what you think. What you set your mind on (your attitude) can become your reality.

You can change your attitude! Think positively. Focus on the good in any person or situation. Envision the future and expect good things.

You can lose and still win! When we give a 100% attitude and effort we can be proud of ourselves regardless of the outcome.



CONNECT THROUGH CONVERSATION ///

This Friendzy unit is all about learning how attitude and effort helps you do your best. Having a positive attitude helps build self-confidence, boosts our mood and happiness and helps us gain friends.

- An attitude is a way of thinking or feeling that reflects your behavior. **Describe someone you know who has a positive attitude. What are they like?**
- **Have you ever had a negative attitude? What happened?**
- Having a positive attitude makes it easier to achieve our goals. Focusing on what you are good at or what is good in your life helps act as a catalyst for success. **Name some of your individual strengths. Start with, "I am good at _____.'**

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE///

We are in this together and we are so grateful for the opportunity to connect and learn with your children. In order to best serve their needs, we want to connect with you since you know your child best! Please share with us what they are enjoying and sections that have provided more of a challenge. Your feedback is welcome and needed.

When kids learn friendship, they learn it for life!

Blessings,

Mr. Mayhew - Principal

Planting Seeds for Good Shepherd's Future

A gift today. A lasting impact for generations.

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

Every year, our community steps up to support immediate needs through events like our annual auction and fun run. These fundraisers are vital for today's classroom resources, but we are also planning for tomorrow.





What is an Endowment?

An endowment provides long-term financial support for Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Donations are invested and allowed to grow, while a portion of the earnings helps fund the school's mission, support its current students, and create lasting opportunities for the future.

"An annual fundraiser buys the fruit for today; an endowment plants the tree that yields fruit for generations."

Why an Endowment Matters

Long-Term Stability

Protects Good Shepherd's educational and ministry offerings for decades to come.

Predictable Support

Generates steady annual revenue regardless of yearly economic changes.

Preserving Our Mission

Ensures future generations of students receive a quality, Christ-centered education.

Together, we're planting the seeds for generations of Christ-centered education.

Scan QR code for more details and to make a donation.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School
Boys Pee-Wee Basketball 2026-2027

Dear Parents,

The time for Pee-Wee registration is here. Our Boys Pee-Wee program will run during the winter months again this year. We will start Saturday, January 9th. Boys in grades 2-4 are eligible to participate in this program. The goals of the Pee-Wee Program are as follows:

1) Introduce the boys 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 consider assisting 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, which means we are 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, we will still use you on the days you are able to help.

Please fill out the attached form and return it to Mrs. Cross by TH, 2026. It is important to meet this deadline in order for the necessary planning to begin. Please contact me at rcross@gslcs.org with any questions or concerns.

****We NEED a parent or two to be the person in charge at the Saturday practices. I will make sure things are ready but parent volunteers are necessary to keep this program running. Please consider this request and let me know as soon as possible.***

See you on the COURT!

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Mrs. Cross and Ms. Morwick

Jan. 9	Grades 2-4 9:00-10:00
Jan. 16	Grades 2-4 9:00-10:00
Jan. 23	NO PRACTICE- SCIENCE FAIR
Jan. 30	Grades 2-4 9:00-10:00
Feb. 6	Grades 2-4 9:00-10:00
Feb. 13	Grades 2-4 9:00-10:00
Feb. 20	Grades 2-4 9:00-10:00
Feb. 23	GAME NIGHT 6:30



My child, _____ (Grade: _____), has my

permission to participate in the Boys Pee Wee Basketball Program this winter.

I am available to assist at the practices. ____ yes _____ no

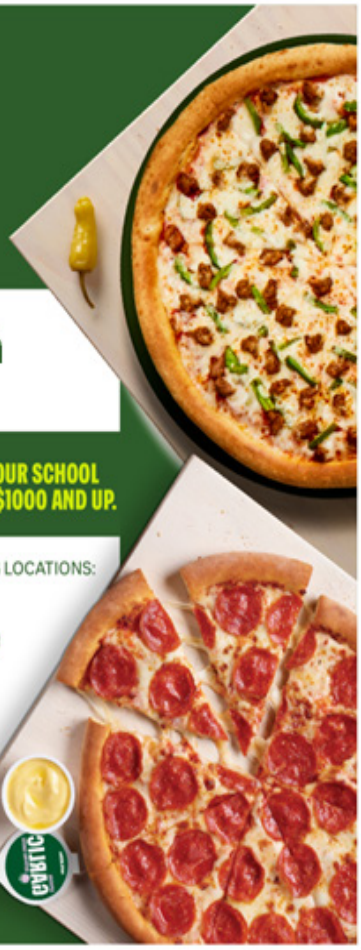
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