

Good Shepherd Charger News

"Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7

All School Newsletter May 10, 2024

Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 11

- SID Track Meet @ B.E.H.S. 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 13-May 16

- 8th Grade Trip - Camp Wartburg

Thursday, May 16

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)
- Blood Drive 1:00-6:00 pm on school parking lot

Friday, May 17

- Gr. 2 Field Trip

Saturday-Sunday May 18 & 19

- LSA State Meet - Concordia Chicago

Sunday, May 19

- 1st & 2nd Gr. Spring Concert, arrive by 2:45, concert @ 3:00 p.m.
- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 a.m. church service
- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church service

Tuesday, May 21

- Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m. in Gymnasium

Thursday, May 23

- 8th Grade Graduation 6:30 p.m.
- Chapel 8:25 a.m. (ECC-Grade 8)
- Last Day of School

For more information: gslcs.org/calendars



Charger Headlines...

All Parents - Check Your Balances

With just 11 days of school left for the 23-24 school year, it is important to check your FACTS account and please make sure ALL balances, including your child(ren)'s tuition, lunch and the 24-25 re-enrollment fees are current. Any account(s) not brought current before the last day (May 23rd) will encounter a hold being placed on your child(ren)'s report card.

If you have any questions regarding this or your account, please contact Mrs. Osborn in the school office asap. 618-344-3153

Teacher Aides Needed

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is receiving resumes for the 2024-25 school year for teacher aide positions in the Early Childhood and Day School. Seeking a dedicated person who loves children, who can follow instructions, work cooperatively with others and be a self-starter. Please contact Mr. Mayhew at 618-344-3153 or gsls1@hotmail.org

Looking for You

We have open positions for the 2024-25 School Year. Please check the descriptions that follow and contact us as soon as possible!

Development Coordinator

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is accepting applications for a part-time, 16 hours a week, Development Coordinator. Primary responsibilities are threefold: this position is responsible for 1) developing and implementing strategies in collaboration with the Principal, the Fund Development and Marketing Committee of the School Board, and staff to achieve revenue goals established in the Day School strategic plan, 2) raising awareness of Good Shepherd Lutheran School as an educational option for families in the metro east and Southern Illinois areas, and 3) working with GSLS staff to build and maintain relationships with school families and the Lutheran and general metro-area/Southern Illinois communities to advance Good Shepherd's mission. A more complete job description is available in the school office. Please contact Mr. Mayhew at 344-3153 or gsls1@hotmail.com, if you are interested or know of anyone who may be an excellent candidate.

Physical Education Teacher

We are excited to announce an opening for a PE Teacher (Grades K-8) at our school! We are seeking an energetic leader who thrives on teamwork and is passionate about inspiring students to embrace physical activity. If you have a knack for fostering a love of movement and are interested in coaching volleyball or other sports, we want to hear from you! Please contact Mr. Mayhew at gsls1@hotmail.com or 618-344-3153 to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Easter Season. The joy of Easter is celebrated for a full 50 days before we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Then the church year turns its focus from the life of Christ to what Christ is doing in and through His people, the Church. You are always welcome to join us at any of our services!



Teacher Appreciation Week

We would like to thank everyone who remembered our teachers during this Teacher Appreciation Week! You spoiled us richly! We are truly blessed by the support of our families and our Board of Education. We appreciate your continued prayers, love, and partnership in educating your children. The food was delicious!

St Louis Cardinals Baseball Tickets

GSLS students currently in Kindergarten-8th grade are eligible to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" on Sunday, June 9th, 2024 during the 7th inning stretch of the 1:15 PM Game when the Cardinals play the Colorado Rockies. ANYONE can purchase tickets from GSLS and our music program receives a portion of our total ticket sales, so please spread the word and encourage people to buy from GSLS using this google form link: https://forms.gle/GoEfgYVW1bLmNUtg8
A flyer also follows this newsletter that has a QR code available for your use and also details all the freebies included with your child's ticket. Please feel free to share the flyer with your family and friends. If you cannot use the google form for some reason, please contact Mr. Stegman (zstegman@gslcs.org) or the school office. Here's a promo video starring our kids with all the info: https://youtu.be/VHsvcDRzt7g8

Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School is once again holding a Blood Drive on Thursday, May 16th, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Impact Blood Center's Mobile Bus unit will be on the front parking lot. To schedule an appointment, call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401, or online at www.bloodcenter.org/group; grp #9887, or use the QR code on the flyer that follows this letter.

Something to Consider...

You can depend on God!

Does God Hold Your Future?

I wait for you, O Lord; you will answer, O Lord my God. Psalm 38:15

I wait for your salvation, O Lord, and I follow your commands. Psalm 119:166

If we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:25

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Psalm 130:5-6

Take the opportunity to share God's promises from holy scripture and allow the Holy Spirit to work in them.

Blessings on your journey!

Robert Mayhew, Principal



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 Nolen P., Hunter S., Noah W., and Cali W.

Please join us in prayer.

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...

GSLS Summer Sports Camps

Charger Basketball and Volleyball Camp forms are available on the <u>website</u>, in the school office and follow this newsletter. You can click each camp name and you will be linked to its form. Please return the completed form along with payment to the school office.

Boys Basketball - Grades 3-8

June 3-7 Students entering gr. 3-4 8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Students entering gr. 5-8 10:00 - 12:00 NOON

Girls Basketball - Grades 3-8

June 10-14 Students entering gr. 3-4 8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Students entering gr. 5-8 10:00 - 12:00 NOON

Girls Volleyball - Grades 3-8

June 17-21 Students entering gr. 3-5 8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Students entering gr. 6-8 10:00-NOON

Good Shepherd's Awards Banquet

Good Shepherd's Awards Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, May 21st** 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 Award 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.)

Vacation Bible School

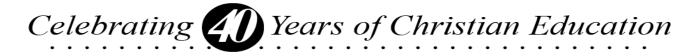
Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd (June 24th to June 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). Children ages 3 (potty trained) - entering 6th grade are welcome. Use this link to register your child or to volunteer. https://vbsmate.com/events/GSLCSVBS/28736 (See flyer following newsletter.)

GSLS Golf Tournament

Please save the date for the 21st Annual Good Shepherd Golf Classic at Arlington Greens Golf Course. The tourney is Saturday, July 13th at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$80 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. Here is the link for your use: https://www.gslcs.org/support-our-school/golf-classic-scramble/

Spring Pops Concert @ MELHS, Sunday May 12th

On Sunday, May 12th at 4pm in Henschen Alumni Hall, the Metro East Lutheran High School Music Department will be presenting their Spring Pops Concert. The concert will feature the String Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Concert Band. Various pop music genres will be shared, including music from Gershwin, The Beatles, Guardians of the Galaxy, Star Wars, La La Land and much more! A freewill offering will be collected to support the MELHS music department. We look forward to seeing you.



Charger Headlines Continued...

From Our Counselor -

Summer is almost here! The end of the school year is quickly approaching and soon we will prepare for summer fun and more time at home. It can often be difficult to find ways to keep our kids entertained and sometimes we are scrambling to find a little reprieve on those long summer days. It's easy to give into more screen time for kids. It's not uncommon to find our kids spending more time in front of the television, playing video games, or pulling out a tablet. However, it is very important to remember to encourage outdoor play when possible and to continue limiting screen time. Too much exposure to screens has been linked to behavioral issues, educational problems, obesity, and sleeping problems. It can also create a lack of desire to engage in social situations, which are crucial for healthy development. And as always, knowing what our kids are watching is a good idea! Many platforms come with parental controls, but sometimes those controls are limited and violent or inappropriate material makes it through the filter. Too much exposure to violent video games, videos/movies can desensitize children to violence and often in younger children we see them trying to imitate what they see.

As we race into summer, let's encourage outdoor play. Just remember, screens in moderation. I am attaching an article if you'd like to know more about the importance of monitoring screen time. Have a great weekend!

Medicine

Parents, please be aware your child(ren)'s medicine will be sent home with them on the last day of school, including inhalers. Any questions, please contact Nancy Cluck in the school office.

8th Grade Graduation

This year's Graduation service will be at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23rd. Graduates should meet at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria for pictures to be taken by Lifetouch.** Immediately following the service, the 7th Grade class will be providing a light reception in the gymnasium for the graduates and their guests.

Required Health Forms for 2024-25 School Year

Students starting Kindergarten, 2nd grade and 6th grade need updated Illinois health forms. Please make your appointments **now** so you can give or send the completed forms to the school office **BEFORE** the start of school:

Kindergarten: New physical, dental, and eye exams

2nd Grade: New Dental exam. Current physical including 2nd Varicella.

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

Any student transferring from another school or state, is required to provide a current physical and dental record.

All health forms can be found on the school website or by using this link - https://www.gslcs.org/parents/ health-forms/

New Students beginning **Preschool** are required to submit a current vaccine record and birth certificate.



BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Thursday, May 16 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Donor Bus 1300 Belt Line Rd

Appointments required.

To schedule an appointment, scan QR code, call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401, or online at www.bloodcenter.org/group; grp #9887



Give & get choice of gift card, a donation to Best Friends Animal Society or bonus points to the rewards store!





GOOD SHEPHERD'S 40th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

TUESDAY, MAY 21st AT 6:30 P.M. SPONSDRED BY THE 6TH GRADE CLASS IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD GYMNASJUM









Good Shepherd Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 21* at 6:30 pm in the gym. This Banquet is being held to honor and recognize 7th and 8th grade students who participate in Band, Choir, and Sports. Also any student who participated on an A Team. It also recognizes students in the National Honor Society and younger students who participated in varsity sports, band or are receiving a letter in track. Not only will our children be recognized, but also well-deserved appreciation will be given to band and choir director, coaches, and assistant coaches, activity sponsors and all others who have given unselfishly of their time to guide our children.

The evening will begin with dinner and will be followed by the presentation of awards. Students are requested to sit with their parents during the banquet and presentation of awards. Please plan to attend to show our support for their efforts and talents.

The event will feature a catered dinner followed by the presentation of awards. The menu includes Roasted Chicken, Roast Beef, Pasta, Loaded Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Dessert and Drinks. Students are asked to sit with their parents during both the banquet and presentation. <u>A Team Coaches will be free, please note this on the form.</u>

Tickets are required to attend the Awards Banquet. Therefore, please return the bottom portion of this invitation with payment to the school office by Tuesday, May 14th. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Tickets will be sent home via your student on May 17th. NO tickets will be sold before or after school, or at the door.

P.S. As a reminder, this is also an appropriate time for teams or groups to recognize their directors, coaches and sponsors who helped make these opportunities possible.

AWARDS BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM

Please mark quantity needed

Number of Tickets	Description	Cost per Ticket	Subtotal
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GOOD SHEPHERD Sings at Busch Stadium!

- What are we singing? Take Me Out to the Ballgame during 7th Inning Stretchl
- When? Sunday, June 9th gametime at 1:151
- Game day Promotions?
 - Students with ticket and entry will receive a free Neon Cardinals Jersey!
 - Stop by Ford Plaza before the game to get some free ice gream!
 - After the game ends, come on back down to the field where students can run the bases!
 - Free hotdog and sodal

Tickets: \$20 Each For Right Field Loge

Get your tickets here or in the school main office!

We hope to see you there!

Good Shepherd Latheran School Annual "Chargers" – Boys Baskethall Camp – 2024

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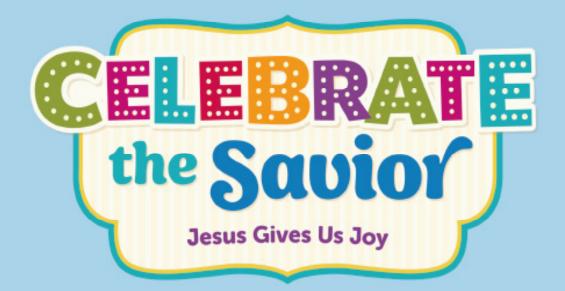
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GOOD SHEPHERD VOLLEYBALL CAMP-2017

Camp dates: June 19-23

You're Invited!



Vacation Bible School

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
June 24th- June 28th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ages 3 (potty trained) - entering 6th grade

Register here!

