



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter  
November 22, 2024

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

#### Friday, November 22

- Boys Bball GS A Team tourney continues
- Hat, Mittens/Gloves, Scarf Collection continues thru Dec. 18

#### Saturday, November 23

- Boys Bball GS A Team vs. Holy Cross 9:15 a.m.
- ILMEA All District Band/Choir/Orchestra Festival @ Bell. West H.S.

#### Sunday, November 24

- Boys Bball GS A Team tourney - TBA
- Preschool & Kdg. students sing in church - 8:00 and/or 10:30 am service

#### Monday, November 25

- Girls Basketball AC Home vs Zion Belleville 6:00 p.m.
- Pep Band plays at girls basketball game - 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 27-Friday, November 29

- NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

#### Sunday, December 1

- 5th & 6th Grades sing in 10:30 church
- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 church

#### Monday, December 2

- Boys Bball AC @ Maryville Christian 5:30
- Girls Basketball A @ Trinity 6:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, December 3

- Boys Basketball AC @ St. Boniface 6:00

For more information:

[gslcs.org/calendars](https://gslcs.org/calendars)



### Student Illnesses

Please continue to be vigilant about avoiding the spread of germs. Walking pneumonia, bronchitis, and other respiratory infections are being seen in children now. As a reminder, your child **must stay home** if they have a fever of 100.0° F or higher. Wait at least 24 hours after the fever has come down without medication before sending your child back to school.

You will be asked to come pick up your child if their temperature is above 100°F or if vomiting has occurred while at school. You may want to have your child wear a mask if they have a cough. Questions are always welcomed!

### Papa John's Pizza

Good Shepherd Day/Night at Papa John's on the Beltline in Collinsville is **Monday, November 25th**. All day you may order online, on the app, or by phone and Good Shepherd will receive at least 20% of your purchase price. **Must mention our code: SSG005 when ordering.**

### Good Shepherd 36th Annual Basketball Tournament

The GSLS 36th Annual Boys Basketball Tournament began yesterday and runs through Sunday, November 24th! If you would like to support the team by working the tournament, or any of the home contests for both girls and boys, please sign up on the GSLS website choosing the Extra Curricular Tab, Athletics, Athletics Volunteering or use this [link](#) Your help is appreciated!

### Hat, Scarf, and Gloves Collection

Please consider sharing the warmth of Christ's love by donating new hats, mittens or gloves, and scarves for the homeless ministry headed by Mrs. Dee Ann Billings. Donations may be brought to school NOW through Wednesday, December 18th. Look for the Christmas trees both in the ECC and School Entrances to hang your donations or put them under the trees. Thank you!

### Gingerbread House

December 16th-19th our students will get to shop for the special people in their lives. The students get sooooo excited when they come back with their bag full of gifts. This event would not be possible without all of our amazing volunteers. The only way it goes smoothly is with your help! The sign up link includes the classes and their shopping time. Please use this link to volunteer <https://signup.com/go/sWqrpMf>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Rachel Pennington in the church office at [churchoffice@gslcs.org](mailto:churchoffice@gslcs.org) or call 618-344-3151. Thank you for helping us make this a special time for our students and helping us spread joy. Also donations of tissue paper for the gift bags would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office.

# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Pastor's Corner -

This weekend we will hear the words, “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” These are powerful, reality shaping words. The LORD and His Word is the foundation of all reality. He is in control of all things. This is Good News for all who trust in their Almighty King. Join us as we hear what this means for our lives.



## School Christmas Concerts

Every student will be participating in a Christmas Concert at Good Shepherd on **Sunday, December 8th, 2024**. Students may dress in nice dress clothes of any color, school clothes, or more formal attire of choice, no t-shirts or jeans.

Doors open 30 minutes before each concert. Students should meet in the school cafeteria 15 min. prior to their concert time. All concerts are held in the church. Enter through the church doors. School doors will be locked.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2024 GSLS Christmas Concerts

- 1 PM 3's (Hill, Klaas)
- 2 PM 4's (Nobbe, North)
- 3 PM Kindergarten (Krause, Sengele')
- 4 PM 1st and 2nd Grade (Nehrt, Robinson, Cross, Strocher)
- 5 PM 3rd and 4th Grade (Clayton, Gruben, Batty, Tennyson)
- 6 PM 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th (Dhuse, Rebbe, Lingel, Maske, Hasamear, Hulse, Krueger)

## FRIENDZY

December's unit will be talking about being responsible for our reactions and emotions. Students will learn that their feelings lead to choices and they can take steps to make positive choices. The key verse is from James 1:19b, "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." A great way to remember this is **STOP. PRAY. WALK AWAY.** See the letter from Mr. Mayhew that follows the newsletter for ways to continue the conversation with your child.



## In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty prays for our students and families. When we return from our Thanksgiving break, we will be praying for Kate A., Piper B., Tauriel C., Evan D., Lydia G., Kruze H., Maahi J., Emma K., Elaina L., Skylar M., and Gabe N.

Please join us in prayer.

## Something to Consider...

### Retaliation

**What can I do to reduce my anger responses to people?**

**A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.**

**Proverbs 15:1**

**Don't sin by letting anger control you. Think about it overnight and remain silent.**

**Psalm 4:4**

**Anger is like mud; you can brush it off much more easily when it's dry. You can reduce your angry responses not by reacting, but by responding. Reacting occurs without thought; responding can happen after you've had a chance to cool off and gain God's perspective. Giving in to anger gives even more power to the source of your anger. Striking back invites the other person to strike back harder. Ask God to help you respond**

**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.**

## Charger Headlines Continued...

### School Benefit Auction

Our annual benefit auction will be **Saturday, March 29th** at the American Legion in Collinsville. Keep reading to find a list of themes for each of the classrooms to help you start thinking and collecting items/services to donate. A sponsorship/donation form is also attached. Please consider how you and your family would like to be involved this year. We appreciate your generosity and involvement!



### Thanksgiving Blessings

*The faculty and staff wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving! We are blessed by our school families and thank God for each of you. We pray your celebration will be a safe, happy one!*

A large graphic with a checkered border at the top and bottom. On the left is a red sign that says "SHAKE \* RATTLE &amp; Bid" and "GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL 2025 BENEFIT AUCTION". To the right, the text reads "Save the Date", "March 29, 2025", "American Legion Collinsville, IL", and "Details to follow." At the bottom, there are three circular signs with the numbers "84", "40", and "19" on them, with decorative starburst icons around them.



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# Theme Class Baskets



## ❖ **PK3 – Family Game Night**

- Ideas: Board games, Puzzles, Snacks, Scoreboard

## ❖ **PK4 – Family Fun Day Basket**

- Ideas: gift cards to local attractions: Edisons, Trampoline Park, Childrens Museums, Magic House, City Museum, Top Golf,
- Parents can chip in together for larger quantity gift cards.

## ❖ **K – Outdoor Yard Games**

- Ideas: Ladder Toss, Bocce Ball, Washers, Croquet, Giant Jenga, and many more
- Parents can chip in together for corn hole set or a basketball hoop.

## ❖ **1 – Sourdough Starter Kit Basket**

- Ideas: Food scale, mixing bowls, special whisking tool, proofing bowls, warmer pad, aprons, mason jars, oils, jams, recipe,
- Parents can chip in together to buy a proofing box.

## ❖ **2 – Coffee Basket**

- Ideas: Mugs, Coffee, Syrups, Local Coffee Gift Cards, Coffee scented candles, graphic coffee T-shirt (example: but first coffee...), etc.

## ❖ **3 – Summer/Grill Theme Basket**

- Ideas: Beach towels, bubbles, Chalk, Water bottles, grilling accessories, tiki theme stuff, summer décor
- Parents can chip in together for a Yeti Cooler or Grill.

## ❖ **4 – Dinner Date Night Basket**

- Ideas: Restaurant Gift Cards; Weekly Menu Board

## ❖ **5 – Spa / Wellness Basket**

- Ideas: Bath salts/bombs, yoga mat, candles, journal, water bottle, small weights
- Parents can chip in together for a massage gift card.

## ❖ **6 – Book Lover's Basket**

- Ideas: subscription, gift cards, book light, books, gift cards
- Parents can chip in together for Kindle.

## ❖ **7 – Local Sports Basket**

- Ideas: Cardinals, Blues, City, Mizzou, Illini: apparel, gadgets, tumblers, etc.
- Parents can chip in together for box tickets to a sporting event.

## ❖ **8 – Outdoor Oasis Basket**

- Ideas: outdoor rugs or pillows, string outdoor lights, potted plants,
- Parents can chip in together for a hammock or water fountain display.

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNUAL AUCTION

March 29, 2025



**WE INVITE YOU TO HELP SUPPORT OUR CAUSE AND CHILDREN WE SERVE BY CONTRIBUTING TOWARD THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL(GSLs) AUCTION.**

The purpose of GSLs is to provide each student with a quality Christian education, to see that each child develops to the fullest of his/her capabilities.

Proceeds from this year's auction will go towards updating the school's security camera system. Currently, the school has analog cameras, but would like to upgrade those to new IP cameras that will offer higher resolution and advanced features. The school would also like to add additional cameras to the school campus.

**COMPLETE FORM AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL BEFORE MARCH 1, 2025**

NAME / BUSINESS NAME:
DONATION DESCRIPTION OR SPONSORSHIP LEVEL:
VALUE OF DONATION:

## How Can You Help?

### Donating Items

Item Ideas Include:

- Basket of Goods
- Gift Cards
- Services: Tastings, Sports or Entertainment Tickets, Trips

### Cash Sponsorships

#### \$300 Gold Level:

- **2 Admission tickets to the auction in March**
- Full page ad in event program\*
- 1 month of your business logo in the weekly school newsletter
- 1 yard sign placed on the school lawn for 1 month.

#### \$150 Silver Level:

- Half page ad in event program\*
- Social media shoutout on both school Facebook pages
- Name on table at the event

#### \$75 Bronze Level:

- Business card or business logo in event program
- Social media shoutout on both school Facebook pages

\*Additional \$50 if you would like for us to create an ad for you.

TAX ID: #37-0841452

Donated Items/Checks can be mailed to: Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 1300 Beltline Rd, Collinsville, IL 62234

Email business ad/logo to: Michelle at [Matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com](mailto:Matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com)



Dear Good Shepherd Families,

**HALFWAY THERE ///** This month marks our halfway point through the Friendzy program! We are so excited to see students dive into and truly understand how to be the best friends they can be! This unit is about being responsible for our reactions and emotions. Students will learn that their feelings lead to choices and they can take steps to make positive choices.

<b>Catchphrase</b> <i>Main point for students to catch on to</i>	<b>Key Verse</b> <i>Biblical anchor points</i>	<b>Goal</b> <i>What students will practice and work towards</i>
“Respond Instead of React”	“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” -James 1:19b	To recognize that feelings lead to choices.

This unit gives ample opportunity to talk through the challenge of responding instead of reacting. Emotions are good and helpful and give us the ability to recognize when we need to listen to them and not let them rule over us! **Continue the Conversation** at home with your student. Here are the main points of this unit:

1. **Feelings are tiny alarms we need to pay attention to.**
2. **Feelings are followed by a choice. We choose to respond instead of react!**
3. **The kind choice is to love like Jesus.**

**WARNING SIGNS ///** One way to help your child respond instead of react is to help them identify their “warning signs”. When we are angry or upset our body reacts with our emotions. Breathing can change, muscles can become tight, hands turn into fists, etc. Pay attention to your child’s warning signs to help remind them to not let their emotions rule over them!

**GOD’S PLAN IS BETTER ///** God knows what is best for us. As it says in our key verse, James 1:19, we should be quick to listen and slow to become angry. A great way to remember this is to **STOP. PRAY. WALK AWAY.** Doing these three steps will help them choose to respond best to the situation and truly live out James 1:19.

**TELL US ABOUT IT ///** Share a time when your student decided not to let their emotions **rule** over them and responded instead of reacting!

When kids learn friendship, they learn it for life!

Blessings.