



Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter
January 13, 2025

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 13-Thursday, January 23
- Domino's Pizza Fundraiser

Monday, January 13
- Girls Basketball A @ Holy Cross 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14
- Boys Basketball AC @ Holy Cross,
Collinsville 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15
- A Team Girls Basketball Regional Game
vs St. Mary's, Alton @ St. Boniface,
Edwardsville

Thursday, January 16
- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8) Chapel
Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)
- Boys Basketball AC @ Unity Lutheran 6:00
- Girls Basketball Home AD vs Zion Bethalto
6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 17
- All Illinois Jr. Band Festival at Univ. of IL
- Boys A Team @ Zion Harvester, MO
Tournament vs Zion Harvester 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, January 18
- PeeWee Boys Basketball 9:00 a.m.
- All Illinois Jr. Band Festival at Univ. of IL
- Boys A Team @ Zion Harvester, MO
Tournament TBA

Monday, January 20
- NO SCHOOL - MLK Birthday

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



ATTENTION PARENTS

Please sign into your FACTS Family Portal, on the lefthand side click "Family", then click "Family Home". Under your photo at the bottom of the page you will see a box titled, "Online Filing Cabinet". Click "Family Demographic Form" to update addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, financial information and to choose the required (2) volunteer options.

Also note, should you choose not to re-enroll your student(s), you must notify the school no later than January 17th to avoid the Non-Refundable fee being withdrawn from your account on January 20th.

If you have any trouble logging in to your FACTS account/portal, please contact Mrs. Osborn in the office, 618-344-3153 or josborn@gslcs.org.

Domino's Pizza Fundraiser

Do you like Domino's Pizza?! Then this card is for you! The Slice the Price cards are a great deal you can't pass up!!! Buy 1 card for \$20 and you can use it as many times as you want throughout 2025! This card allows you to buy one pizza, and get one pizza free. Or maybe you are hosting a party, buy 10 pizzas, and get 10 pizzas free! Order in-app or online for carryout or delivery! The card is good for one full year, and can be used as often as you like.

Good Shepherd will receive \$10 for every \$20 card sold! Please help our students raise money for a new school laminator, and when we hit our goal, we will have 5 days of FREE Dress Day! You can share our store link on Facebook, Instagram, or text it to your family and friends so they can purchase a card and enjoy Buy 1, Get 1 Free pizza until 12/31/25!

<https://store.dominos.cards/46172>

Counselor Introduction

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Rachel Epplin to our staff! Her schedule will be Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00-1:00. A little bio from Rachel follows. "My name is Rachel Epplin-Rincker (Mrs. Epplin for short) and I am excited to be Good Shepherd's counselor! I have my Master in Social Work and my Bachelor in Social Work and Elementary Education. I have worked with children and families in school settings and therapy practices for over 20 years. I live in Edwardsville with my husband, Thomas, my 12- year old, Nathan, and my 9-year old, Michael. I love to run, cook, bake, and hike! I am also a Developmental Therapist for Early Interventions working with families and children birth to 3 years old. I look forward to meeting students in their classrooms soon."



Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner -

This Sunday we celebrated The Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus wasn't baptized because He needed the forgiveness of sins. He steps into the water to take our place and be our sin-bearer. He stands in the water as our representative and rather than having the water wash away His sins, He cleanses and purifies all baptismal waters for us. His baptism also shows us what happens in our own baptisms - the heavens are opened, the Spirit descends, and we hear from our Father that we are His beloved child.



Tuition Scholarships

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are available through FACTS. (See flyer.) LESA is sponsoring a virtual application event on Tuesday, February 25th, noon - 7:00 p.m. titled, "How to do a Financial Scholarship in FACTS". Watch for the sign-up link coming later this month.

National Lutheran Schools Week

We look forward to celebrating Good Shepherd Lutheran School during National Lutheran Schools Week January 27-31. Students will participate in fun dress-up days, daily devotions, and other activities to celebrate Lutheran schools. The theme is Endure, from Hebrews 12:1-2. (See flyer that follows for fun dress days and daily themes.)



Annual Benefit Auction

The 2025 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be on **Saturday, March 29th**. Keep reading to find a list of themes for each of the classrooms. A sponsorship/donation form is also attached. We appreciate your generosity and involvement!

FRIENDZY

January's unit is titled, "I Am Brave". During this unit we will be discussing what it looks like to be brave when facing challenging circumstances in life. We also will be teaching the students what it means to have courage. "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."-1 Corinthians 16:13 (See letter following from Mr. Mayhew for ways to continue the conversation with your child.)



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty will be praying for the students and their families. This week we will be praying for Sophia N., Olivia P., Charlotte P., Rylin R., Caroline S., Levi T., Adalie T., and Isaiah W. Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

Conflicts

Can I resolve a conflict I have with someone?

**Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry.
2 Timothy 4:11**

This verse reveals conflict met head-on and eventually resolved. God worked in this disagreement to send over two missionary teams instead of one. Later, Mark and Paul resolved their problem and Mark became vital to Paul's ministry. When you're in a conflict, do your best to work things out. If you can't understand that Christians do not always agree. Problems can be solved by respectfully agreeing to disagree and by letting God work his will.

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...

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Monday, January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Please take time to reflect and pray for our country.



REMINDER

If school must be closed due to the weather, parents will be notified by text. - (Parent Alert)

In addition, you can listen to your radio or TV for: *Good Shepherd, Collinsville*. Good Shepherd Collinsville's name will be listed. **Please do not call the school or teachers and other workers at their homes.**

Watch local TV Stations - **KMOV (4), KSDK (5) or FOX (2)**

Listen to Radio Stations - **KMOX (1120), WIL-FM (92.3), WRYT (1080)**

Good Shepherd Collinsville **DOES NOT** follow Collinsville Unit 10's plan for late starts or closings. If school is in session, Good Shepherd will start at the regular time.

Parents, if you decide to pick your child up early due to weather, please call the school office in advance.

Prospective Students Open House



Good Shepherd Lutheran School will hold an Open House on Sunday, January 26th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for Preschool through Grade 8. Invite your friends and neighbors to tour the school and find out more about the opportunities at Good Shepherd!

Celebrating **41** Years of Christian Education
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K-8 Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete application online through FACTS

- <https://online.factsmtg.com/grant-aid/inst/4FG82/landing-page>

Step 2: Submit payment for application (\$40)

Step 3: Submit **ALL 2024** tax documents by April 10

- Applicant & co-applicant must submit tax docs
- Taxes do not have to be filed, but must be prepared and uploaded to application

Step 4: CHECK EMAIL

- FACTS representatives will email if documentation is missing. Please respond as soon as possible and **check your junk folder** for FACTS emails.
- Tips on uploading a document can be found at www.lesastl.org

Required Documentation

- 2024—1040 Tax Form (page 1 & 2)
- 2024 W2
- Business Income docs
 - ⇒ Schedule 1—5, C, E, K, etc.
- Non-taxable docs
 - ⇒ Child support, SNAP, TANF, Social Security

Do You Qualify?

1. If at least **10% of income from 2024** is used to cover the cost of a child/children's Lutheran K-8 **net tuition**
2. Child/children must be enrolled at the school by April 30 to be eligible for a scholarship during the May awards

Questions???

FACTS Parent Line: 1.866.315.9262

LESA Office: 314.200.0790

Email: mgersman@lesastl.org

Website: lesastl.org

Deadline: April 10, 2025

Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA)

LESA equips Lutheran schools, families, and communities with resources to expand God's Kingdom.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

HEBREWS 12:1-2

JAN
27

NEON DAY

Stripping Away Hinderances

JAN
28

SILLY HAT AND SOCKS

Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus

JAN
29

SPORTS DAY

Enduring the Cross

JAN
30

FAVORITE COLOR DAY

The Joy Set Before Us

JAN
31

COMFY COZY

Running the Race with Perseverance

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



Dear Good Shepherd Families,

This month’s unit is titled **I Am Brave**. During this unit we will be discussing what it looks like to be brave when facing challenging circumstances in life. We also will be teaching the students what it means to have **courage**.

Catchphrase <i>Main point for students to catch on to</i>	Key Verse <i>Biblical anchor points</i>	Goal <i>What students will practice and work towards</i>
“I Am Brave”	“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” -1 Corinthians 16:13	To show bravery by making a good choice when you feel scared or unsure.

We think there will be a lot of engaging conversations around the idea of bravery. From the outside bravery may look bold and confident, however inside most brave people still feel a little scared. Talk about what bravery means to you and how you see your student exhibiting bravery. **Continue the Conversation** at home; here are the main points of this unit:

1. I am brave.
2. I can make a good choice even if I feel scared.
3. I can make a good choice even if I’m unsure.
4. Being brave can help me learn, have fun, and help someone.

HOW TO ENCOURAGE BRAVERY!!! It can be overwhelming at any age to face fear of failure and be brave. One way you can support your student is by reframing failure as an opportunity for growth. When failure is viewed as positive, it bolsters your students' confidence to be brave and try new things even if they may fail. Share with your student a time when you failed but you learned a lot in the process and were stronger and wiser in the end. When kids learn friendship, they learn it for life!

Blessings,
 Mr. Mayhew