



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter  
January 17, 2025

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

**Friday, January 17-Thursday, January 23**  
- Domino's Pizza Fundraiser Continues

**Friday, January 17**  
- Boys A Team @ Zion Harvester, MO  
Tournament vs Zion Harvester 6:45 p.m.

**Saturday, January 18**  
- PeeWee Boys Basketball 9:00 a.m.  
- Boys A Team @ Zion Harvester, MO  
Tournament TBA

**Monday, January 20**  
- NO SCHOOL - MLK Birthday

**Tuesday, January 21**  
- Boys Basketball AC Home vs Holy Cross,  
Collinsville 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Night  
- Girls Basketball AC @ Zion Belleville 6:00

**Thursday, January 23**  
- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)  
Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)  
- Boys Basketball AC @ Zion Belleville 6:00  
- Girls Basketball AC @ Unity ESTL 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 24**  
- GSLS Theme T-shirt day  
- Girls Basketball AD @ Zion, Bethalto 6:00

**Sunday, January 26**  
- 5th and 6th Grades sing in 10:30 church  
- 7th and 8th Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church  
- Band accompanies worship at Good  
Shepherd Church - 7:30 a.m.  
- New Enrollment Open House 1:00-3:00  
p.m.

**For more information:**  
[gslcs.org/calendars](https://gslcs.org/calendars)



### Domino's Pizza Fundraiser

Do you like Domino's Pizza? Don't miss out on this amazing deal! Time is short to get your Slice the Price card! Purchaser receives unlimited BOGO free pizzas in 2025! You can stack on the savings with multiple purchases: buy 10, get 10! Order in-app or online for carry-out or delivery. Mix and match flavors to keep everyone happy.

Good Shepherd will receive \$10 for every \$20 card sold! **When we hit our \$7,000 goal, all students will have 5 days of FREE Dress Day!** The school will be able to purchase a new laminator to replace our ancient one! 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>

### 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.

### 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!

### Science Fair

Kindergarten-5th and 7th Grade Science Fair projects will be on display in the gym on **Monday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m.** You are invited to come see their amazing discoveries! (See flyer that follows this newsletter.)

### National Lutheran Schools Week

We look forward to celebrating Good Shepherd Lutheran School during National Lutheran Schools Week **January 27-31.** (See flyer that follows for fun dress days and daily themes.)

### Spelling Bee

This year's spelling bee will be on **Wednesday, January 29th** at 9:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The order of participants will be numerical again this year: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th. Parents are welcome to attend.

### Peer Tutoring

There will be **NO Peer Tutoring on Thursday, January 30th** due to National Lutheran Schools Week. Peer Tutoring will resume on **February 6th.**

# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Pastor's Corner -

This weekend we will hear about Jesus turning the water into wine at the Wedding in Cana. It is our Lord's first miracle and it reveals to us a number of things about who He is and what He came to do. First and foremost, Christ is revealed to be the True Bridegroom who has come to rescue His Bride (the Church). All the promises of the Old Testament about God keeping His covenant and promises are fulfilled in Christ who rescues us through His death and resurrection for us.



## Spring Resale Shop Open - February 22

Mark your calendar to stop by our **Resale Shop** on **Saturday, February 22nd** from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to purchase gently used standardized dress clothes and Good Shepherd Chargerwear at bargain prices. You may bring clean, gently worn standardized clothes or Chargerwear items to the school office any time to be included in the sale.

## Annual Benefit Auction

The 2025 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be on **Saturday, March 29th**. Now is the time to be looking for items/services to donate to the classroom basket. **A list of themes for each class/grade** is attached and has been sent home with your student. A sponsorship/donation form is also attached. We appreciate your generosity and involvement!

## 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.



## Something to Consider...

### Tough Times

**Can I be thankful even in the tough times?**

**Don't worry about anything instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Philippians 4:8**

**It's hard to be thankful for the rough times, but you can at least be thankful in them. If you can learn to see your troubles as a crucible for strengthening your character and convictions, then you are better able to rise above them and even thank God for the good they are bringing to your life**

**Blessings!**

**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 Anthony M., Violet M., Piper M., Nathan P., Taylor P., Kaelyn S., Marco S., and Adrian V. 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...

## Counselor's Corner

We are in the thick of winter with cold temperatures, more darkness, limited sunlight, and not many opportunities to be outside in the fresh air and sunlight. Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) can impact both children and adults. SAD is temporary (mainly during the winter months) and can make people feel down, more tired, less motivated, and even change our eating and sleeping routines. Children and teens may experience some of these symptoms. The good news is we can help our children feel more happy in the winter months! Some strategies include, encouraging more light exposure, talking to friends or a trusted adult, eating a healthy diet, doing fun activities as a family, and planning fun activities when the weather improves! Spring and summer are just around the corner, so hang in there!

Mrs. Epplin - School Counselor

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/emotional-problems/Pages/Winter-Blues-Seasonal-Affective-Disorder-and-Depression.aspx>

## Introduce A Girl to Engineering Day

On **Saturday, February 22nd** there will be a wonderful opportunity for girls in grades 5-8 to have hands-on engineering experiences and learn more about the field from female engineering leaders in the Metro East Area. The event will be held in the Engineering Building at SIUE. (See the flyer that follows for registration and more information.)

## Tax Forms

Families needing to print statements for tax purposes, please follow the steps below. If you have trouble or need assistance please contact Mrs. Osborn in the school office.

Log into your FACTS account > Payment Plan & Billing > View Details > Select Correct Term > View Payment Summary > Print

## 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to all our 5th-8th grade students whose efforts during the 2nd Quarter earned them a place on Good Shepherd's Honor Roll.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
EDWARDSVILLE

ALL MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS ARE INVITED!

# INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING DAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2025

8:30AM - 3:30PM

PRESENTED BY:



## WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Keynote Speaker
- Hands-On Engineering Activities in Computer Science, Electrical/Computer, Mechanical, Civil, and Industrial Engineering
- Professional Panelists Discussion with Q&A
- Intern/Co-op Info Session
- **Lunch will be provided**

## REGISTER HERE!



[TINYURL.COM/SIUEIGE](https://tinyurl.com/siueige)

**FREE TO ATTEND!**

**REGISTER BEFORE: 02-02-2025**

FREE TO ATTEND WITH  
REGISTRATION

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### ANGELA HEISE

Angie, is a SIUE computer science alumna, who currently serves as

**Corporate Vice President  
for Microsoft Worldwide,  
Public Sector**

overseeing government,  
defense intelligence,  
and education industries.

CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS

[SWESIUE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SWESIUE@GMAIL.COM)

## Q2 Honor Roll 2024-2025

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### High Honor Roll with Distinction (Gr. 7&8 - GPA 4.00+)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Raeli B., Trinity B., Liam D., Cooper I., Elle J., Prabhgun K., Meghan M., Jake R., Chance S., Elise T., Cali W.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Will B., Isabella B., Owen C., Agnes H., Alexis K., Livy P., Caroline S.,

### High Honor Roll (Gr. 5&6 - GPA 3.51 to 4.0; Gr. 7&8 - GPA 3.51 to 3.99)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Chloe B., Brayden B., Zoe G., Caleb M., Hunter S., Alyssa S.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Zion C., Ella F., Sydney H., Jacob K., Elise L., Violet M., Piper M., Charlotte P., Nate P., Levi T.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Alison B., Vivian C., Molly F., Lola F., Lena G., Paisley H., Emma J., Hunter M., Adelynn M.,  
Bhavneet S., Madilyn S., Natalie S., Mia W., Riley Y.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Remy B., Brad B., Aiden B., Alayna E., Hazel F., Gavin G., Savannah G., Camy H., Isla J., James K., Lucy P.,  
Amelia R., Jed S., Sydney S., Ceana S., Grant W.

### Honor Roll (Gr. 5-8 – GPA 3.00 to 3.50)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Robert A., Ezra C., Rory D., Kaleb G., Donovan T., Noah W.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Myla G., Taylor P., Kaelyn S., Marco S., Adalie T., Isaiah W.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Ryan B., Owen C., Tinley F., Francesca H., Andi H., Brennan I., Errolyn K., Rylee M., Aria M.,  
Alexis M., Hayes O., Hailey S., Ryleen T., Lily W.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Jemma A., Livi B., Lexi D., Tilayna E., Ellie F., Violet G., Christopher G., Francesca H., Frison R., Richard V.,  
Holden W.

# K-8 Tuition Assistance

**Step 1:** Complete application online through FACTS

- <https://online.factsmgt.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](http://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](mailto:mgersman@lesastl.org)

Website: [lesastl.org](http://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.*



JANUARY 27TH / 6:30 PM

# GSLC Science Fair



**FREE  
ENTRY**

THE SCIENCE FAIR WILL SHOWCASE  
SCIENCE PROJECTS FROM EACH GRADE



IF YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL:  
[SHULSE@GSLCS.ORG](mailto:SHULSE@GSLCS.ORG)

# LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

HEBREWS 12:1-2

JAN  
27

**NEON DAY**

Stripping Away Hindrances

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