



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter  
February 7, 2025

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

#### Saturday, February 8

- Boys Basketball A Class S SIJHSAA State 10:45 a.m. @ Rend Lake, IL
- Boys Basketball D Team @ Zion Belleville Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville TBA

#### Sunday, February 9

- 1st & 2nd Gr. sing in 8:00 a.m. church
- 3rd and 4th Gr. Sing in 10:30 a.m. church
- Boys Basketball D Team @ Zion Belleville Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball D Team Tournament @ Zion Belleville TBA

#### Monday, February 10

- Boys Basketball A SIJHSAA State- TBA
- Girls AC Home vs. Unity, ESTL 6:00 p.m. (8th Grade Night)

#### Thursday, February 13

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)
- Boys Basketball A SIJHSAA State - TBA
- Boys Basketball C Team Staunton Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball C Team Staunton Tournament TBA

#### Friday, February 14

- GSLS Theme Shirt Day
- Girls Basketball A Team @ Immanuel, St. Charles, MO vs CCLS 5:35 p.m.
- Boys Basketball C Team Staunton Tournament TBA
- Girls Basketball C Team Staunton

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



#### Shake, Rattle and Bid!

Get out your vibrant colors, retro designs, leather jackets, cat-eye glasses, chiffon scarfs and more! We are going back to the 1950's for the **Good Shepherd Lutheran School Benefit Auction**. You can see event details and purchase dinner tickets by scanning the QR code on the invitation. (Invite follows newsletter.)

The auction committee is still looking for sponsorships and item donations. Please consider helping make this a successful event. Please email [gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com) with any questions.

#### 2025-2026 Tuition Scholarships

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are available **NOW** through FACTS. (See flyer.) LESA is hosting a virtual scholarship application event on **Tuesday, February 25th, 12 - 6 p.m.**, for families needing assistance with the LESA application. Please use this link to sign up for a 30-minute virtual meeting.

<https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/ujjlu>

#### Tax Forms

Families needing to print statements for tax purposes, please follow the steps below. If you 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

#### GSLS Open House for Prospective Students

Good Shepherd will host an open house on **Sunday, February 23rd**, from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** All are invited to visit our dynamic school, tour our campus, meet our faculty, and get answers to questions about everything from academics and extracurriculars to tuition and financial aid. For more information, call the school office at 618-344-3153.

#### Spring Resale Shop Open - February 22

Mark you 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. Polos, shorts, pants, skirts, and more will be available in lots of sizes for both boys and girls. (4T-18+).

Parents, you are encouraged to bring clean, gently worn standardized clothes or Chargerwear items to the school office any time to be included in the sale.

# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Pastor's Corner

This coming Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday where the glory of Jesus is revealed to the disciples on the mountain. This text has a lot to teach us, for this brief summary I just want to look at one thing. Jesus revealed the glory of the Son of Man at His transfiguration. Jesus is not in danger of running out of glory. He is glorified as He bestows His glory to others. He shares His glory with you. You have been redeemed and are being transformed into His image from glory to glory. Freely we receive, freely we give - as Jesus glorifies us, so we too seek to glorify others and our Heavenly Father.



## Domino's Slice the Price Cards

If you or someone you know missed out on our fundraiser but would like to buy a Domino's Slice the Price card, they are **now available** to purchase from the school office. Price is \$20.00 each. Check or cash is accepted. These BOGO free cards for large pizzas are good to use through 12-31-25.

**We are excited to report the updated earnings from the Domino's Fundraiser is \$9,010!** Thank you for your support!

## Parents Night Out

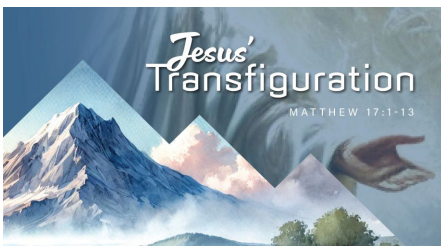
Good Shepherd's High School Youth Group is offering a Valentine's Parents Night Out on **Saturday, February 15th** from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The kids will enjoy crafts, games, snacks, and fun while parents enjoy a night out. **RSVP by tomorrow, February 8th.** Call or text Carrie Kober 314-221-9722. (See flyer.)

## Lunch Balances

Parents, please log into your FACTS account and check your child(ren)'s lunch balances. All balances need to be brought current. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Osborn in the school office.

## NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day - February 17

There will be no school on Monday, February 17th in honor of Presidents Lincoln and Washington's birthdays.



## 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 Savannah G., Francesca H., Lucy P., Ella R., Jed S., Ceana S., and Grant W.

Please join us in prayer.

## Something to Consider...

**I will Thank you**

**How can I show my thankfulness to the Lord?**

**As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should!**  
- Psalm 119:7

**There are many ways to show your thankfulness to the Lord... through praise, prayer, singing, worship, giving, obedience, and service. Like you, God also loves to hear a simple "Thank you."**

**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...

## Counselor's Corner

We all have anxiety. Anxiety is felt at every age and every walk of life. I have noticed an increase in anxiety among children and teens with the demands of school, sports, friendships, and family life. You may notice anxiety in your child and wonder if it's "normal". Sometimes anxiety is good- it helps us study for a test, perform a major task, or keep focused while driving through a snow storm. Parents can help their child identify what is making them anxious, how to deal with it, and develop coping skills. If you notice your child cannot cope well or has more anxiety than what is expected, I can help!

Here is a helpful article that explains how you can help your child and what to avoid. If you need additional help, please reach out!

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/9-tools-for-helping-your-child-manage-anxiety>

## Postion Openings at Good Shepherd for 2025-26

### Teacher Openings:

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is accepting applications for Christian teacher positions in grades K-8. We are planning for the 2025-26 school year and will be looking for teachers. Good Shepherd is a special, unique Christian school having strong commitment to the quality education and Christian training of the lambs of our Good Shepherd. Teachers shall have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in education. Applicants should have good communication, organizational skills, leadership qualities, and a love for children. A more complete job description is available in the school office. Please contact Mr. Mayhew at 618-344-3153 or [gsls1@hotmail.com](mailto:gsls1@hotmail.com), if you are interested or know of anyone who may be an excellent candidate.

### Physical Education Teacher

We're excited to announce an opening for a PE Teacher (Grades K-8) at our school! We're 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](mailto:gsls1@hotmail.com) or 618-344-3153 to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

### Teacher Aides Needed:

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is receiving resumes for teacher aide positions. The part-time positions will work with the Early Childhood and Day School teachers for the 2025-26 school year. Seeking a dedicated person who loves children, who can follow instructions, work cooperatively with others and be a self-starter. Please contact Mrs. Nobbe or Mr. Mayhew at 618-344-3153 or [rnobbe@gslcs.org](mailto:rnobbe@gslcs.org) or [gsls1@hotmail.com](mailto:gsls1@hotmail.com)



**Valentine's**

# Parent's Night Out

***Crafts, Games, Snacks, Fun  
for your kids while you enjoy a night out!***

***Support the GS High School Youth Group  
with your generous donations.***

**FEB  
15**

**Good  
Shepherd  
Fellowship  
Hall**

**6:30 -  
9:00PM**

***RSVP by February 8th to reserve your spots.  
Limited Space Available!  
Call or Text - Carrie Kober - 314-221-9722***

SHAKE \* RATTLE  
& Bid

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
2025 BENEFIT AUCTION



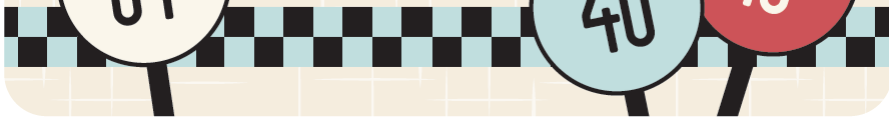
March 29, 2025 · 5pm

American Legion \*  
Collinsville, IL



Scan to  
Purchase Tickets

Email [gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com)  
for seating requests or questions.





# 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

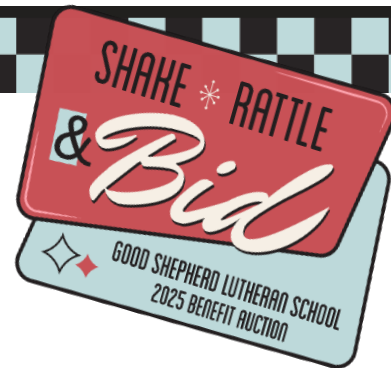
\*Additional \$50 if you would like for us to create an ad for you.

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

# 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.

# 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.