



Good Shepherd Charger News

"In His Hands" Isaiah 49:16

All School Newsletter
March 28, 2025

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 29

- GSLS Auction @ American Legion, Collinsville 5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 31-Tuesday, April 8

- Achievement Testing - KDG-Gr. 8

Thursday, April 3

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)

Friday, April 4

- Free Dress Day

Wednesday, April 9

- Free Dress Day

Thursday, April 10

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
Chapel Service 8:55 a.m. (ECC-Gr1)
- Deadline to submit scholarship application for LESA & Good Shepherd

Friday, April 11

- 3rd & 4th Gr. Spring Musical in Gym - 7:00 p.m. (Students arrive at 6:45)
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day 8:15-11:00 a.m.
- NO Hot or Alternate Lunches
- GSLS Theme T-shirt day
- Mid-Quarter

Saturday, April 12

- Belleville Invitational Track Meet @ Bell. East H.S. 9:00 a.m.

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Spring Musical - Grades 3&4

Friday, April 11th 7:00 PM in the GYM

3rd and 4th grade students present the Spring Musical "The Born Again Identity". Dress for 3rd grade will be the t-shirt they will receive on that day. Dress for 4th grade is their costumes. Students arrive by 6:45 PM in their classroom. Doors open at 6:35 PM. All families are welcome to attend!

Region Science Fair Results

Congratulations to Good Shepherd's Region 12 Science Fair Participants!

5th grade- 1st Place - Christopher G.

2nd Place - Richard V., Ellie F., Jed S., and Gavin G.

7th grade- 1st Place - Owen C., Will B., Ava H., and Agnes H.

2nd Place - Isabella B. and Adalie T.

Owen, Will, Ava, and Agnes have been invited to participate at the State Competition. Will was also nominated to compete in the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge. (Only 2 students from the region were selected.) Well done all!

Shake, Rattle and Bid! - Tomorrow, Saturday March 29th

Thank you for all your donations and sponsorships! We look forward to a successful and fun auction tomorrow! Make sure you register to bid! Use this link to [register](#).

Thank you to our GOLD LEVEL AUCTION SPONSORS!

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Peer Tutoring

There will be **NO** Peer Tutoring **Thursday, April 3rd** or **Thursday, April 10th**. Peer tutoring will resume **Thursday, April 24th**.

FRIENDZY

The theme for April and May is "I Am For You". We will be talking about emotions and how to help others with kind words and actions. See the letter from Mr. Mayhew that follows the newsletter for more information.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Packer

This coming Sunday is sometimes called Refreshment Sunday. It's the fourth Sunday in Lent and things are a little different. Rather than readings that focus on our battle against Satan and his demons, we have a focus on how Christ is the Greater Prophet than Moses who provides for all our spiritual and physical needs. Join us this Sunday and be refreshed by Jesus.



FREE DRESS Days

Mark your calendars for the last three FREE Dress Days from the Dominos Pizza Sale! **Friday, April 4th, Wednesday, April 9th, and Thursday, April 10th.** Thank you for your support!

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

We look forward to seeing you on **Friday, April 11th** from 8:15-11:00 a.m. A form was sent home with all students this week with the schedule of the morning events. **PARENTS**, please answer the permission questions and return the form to the teacher ASAP.

To create ample parking for everyone, we ask the Early Childhood and Kindergarten families to park down by the playground and come in through the ECC Front Doors. All other families may park in the main upper parking lot. We appreciate your understanding and help.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **No Hot Lunch** served. All students who are staying in school over the lunch hour will need to bring a lunch.

Exciting News

The ECC is teaming up with the [Real Kids, Real Faith](#) organization. This organization has awarded us a grant to expand the number of worship boxes we can share with our ECC families. This organization plans to take our worship box idea and share it with other Christian organizations! They, too, believe worshiping as a family together at home is important and want to help the idea to become more widespread. We look forward to creating more worship boxes to share with our families so our students can lead their family's worship time at home.



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 Caleb K., Katarina M., Annabelle R., Landon S., Mason S., Damian S., Cassidy S., and Hailey T. Please join us in prayer.

Something to Consider...

What should I do if I'm experiencing burnout?

I am exhausted and completely crushed. My groans come from an anguished heart.
-Psalm 38:8

If you become unusually weak and exhausted in the middle of doing your work, or if you constantly feel overwhelmed, you may be experiencing burnout. Sometimes you feel burnt out at the end of a project or a great personal victory. When you are stretched in every direction for too long, you lose focus and can't do anything well. You reach this point quickly when the holidays and trials of life all seem to crash in on you. To enjoy the spirit of the day you need to pause. Get adequate sleep, good nourishment, and ask for help to refresh you so that you can truly enjoy the moments of life.

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...

Summer Fun

Spring is right around the corner and so is Summer Fun. Summer fun will run from May 28-Aug. 1. If you click [here](#) you will see the summer fun dates along with the Themes. The older students will also be having an art day, STEM, baking, and water day plus so much more. The younger kids will be having projects and learning based on the theme. Chapel will take place on Wednesdays.

Please fill out the form for the days your child will be attending. If they are coming half day, mark with an H, full day with an F and extended day with an E. You can make changes as long as the changes happen by the Wednesday before the week starts. Forms are due back by **Friday, April 25th**. Summer Fun, right now, is only offered for our students enrolled for the 2025-2026 School year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nobbe. (Forms are available on the website - <https://www.gslcs.org/k-8th/summer-camp/> and in the school office.)

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.)

2025-2026 School Calendar

The calendar for our next academic year follows this newsletter and can also be found on the [school website](#).

Position Openings at Good Shepherd for 2025-26

Teachers

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 with a teaching license. 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, 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! Teachers shall have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in education with a teaching license. Please contact Mr. Mayhew at gsls1@hotmail.com or 618-344-3153 to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Teacher Aides

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 344-3153 or rnobbe@gslcs.org or gsls1@hotmail.com

Celebrating **41** *Years of Christian Education*
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Dear Good Shepherd Families,

THIS IS IT /// This month we will be diving into the last Friendzy unit before sending the students out for the summer! This year students learned how to create and maintain healthy friendships through Friendzy. We know friendships take work, so this last month we are teaching students what it means when we say the phrase **I AM FOR YOU** and how to live it out in order to be a supportive friend.

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 For You"	"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works." -Hebrews 10:24	To understand emotions and help others with kind words and actions.

Here are ways to **Continue the Conversation** by talking through the key points of this unit:

1. **I am for you.**
2. **I can think about how others feel.**
3. **My words and actions can help others.**

I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS /// We live in a culture of independence, blaze your own trail, and get it done by your own strength. Yet God designed us to need each other. We are to help carry each other's burdens - this means we help others and we ask others for help when we need it. Share with your student a time you asked for help or should have asked for help but did not.

THANK YOU /// Thank you for traveling along on this journey with us! We trust that God has revealed His love and truth to your child and your family along the way. Having you partner with us and Friendzy has been a blessing! It is a joy to teach your students the importance of friendship.

When kids learn friendship, they learn it for life!
 Enjoy the summer!

Blessings,
 Mr. Mayhew

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL
2025 BENEFIT AUCTION

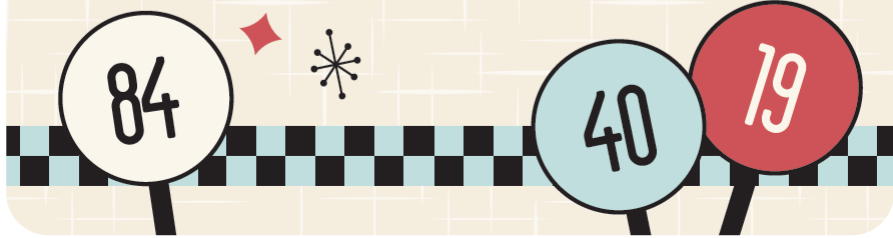
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American Legion *
Collinsville, IL



Scan to
Purchase Tickets

Email gs.auctioncommittee@gmail.com
for seating requests or questions.



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

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.

2025-2026

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

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Aug 12 Welcome Back Night at 6-8 pm- Grades K-8

Aug 14 Athletic Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm- Gr. 5-8

Aug 14 Classes Begin - Preschool - Grade 8

Aug 29 No School - LESA School Improvement Day

Sep 01 No School - Labor Day

Oct 02 No School - LEA Teacher Conference

Oct 03 No School - LEA Teacher Conference

Oct 13 No School - Columbus Day

Oct 17 End of 1st Quarter - 42 days

Oct 30 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct 31 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov 26 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Nov 27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Nov 28 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Dec 19 End of 2nd Quarter - 40 days

Dec 22 No School - Christmas Break

Dec 23 No School - Christmas Break

Dec 24 No School - Christmas Break

Dec 25 No School - Christmas Break

Dec 26 No School - Christmas Break

Dec 29 No School - Christmas Break

Dec 30 No School - Christmas Break

Dec 31 No School - Christmas Break

Jan 01 No School - Christmas Break

Jan 02 No School - Christmas Break

Jan 5 School Resumes

Jan 19 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb 16 No School - President's Day

Mar 6 End of 3rd Quarter - 43 days

Mar 13 No School - School Improvement Day

Mar 30 No School - Easter Break

Mar 31 No School - Easter Break

Apr 01 No School - Easter Break

Apr 02 No School - Easter Break

Apr 03 No School - Easter Break

Apr 06 No School - Easter Break

May 21 Last Day of School - End of 4th Qt. - 47 days

May 21 8th Grade Graduation - at 6:30 pm

May 26 Summer Fun Begins

Jul 03 Summer Fun Closed - Observance of July 4