



Ram Page

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Planning Ahead

- Sept. 12 *School Board Meeting*
- Sept. 16 *PTL Walk-a-thon*
- Sept 30 *No School- Staff Development*
- Sept 30 *PTL Outdoor Movie*
- Oct. 7 *Picture day/*
- Oct. 9 *K-4 Grade Choir*
- Oct. 23. *End of 1st Qtr.*

CHRISTMAS STORE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER NEEDED!

GSLs is looking for a volunteer to organize and shop for the student Christmas Store. Each year our students are treated to a special shopping event where surprise Christmas gifts can be purchased for family and friends. **If organization is your talent and you like to shop, this job is for you!** Please contact Amy Gromowski at 261-2579 for more information.

PTL Walkathon ~ NEXT Friday - September 16th 6:30pm



This the 6th year for our Fall Fundraiser and 4th year we are making it a FAMILY FUNDRAISER! We will be walking Friday evening from 6:30-7:30pm and are encouraging all family members to participate!

Snacks Needed: Please sign up on the sheets located just outside the Church office!

Ask family and friends to support your student with a pledge for the walk-a-thon. **If interested in helping** please contact or Rebecca Hartmann (920) 988-7448 or at rebeccajhartmann23@gmail.com.

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Automatic Withdrawal for Tuition



If you have not yet turned in your family's automatic withdrawal for tuition form (**due Thursday, September 15th**), please do so promptly. If you need an extra form, please contact the school office. Our school's policy states that families choosing to pay for tuition in monthly installments are required to participate in the automatic bank withdrawal program. If you need to make other arrangements for paying off your tuition fees this year, please contact school office. Thank you for your attention in this matter!

1st Quarter Chapel Offerings



Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God’s children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and we ship these meals to our distribution partners. FMSC meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world in our history. Our chapel offerings will go to help pay for the food needed. Please visit their website www.fmsc.org for more information.

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER SUMMER?



The school would like to put up students adventures for the summer on our video screens to share their summers. If you have any summer vacation pictures that you would like to share please send them to Heather McGuire at hmcguire@goodshepherdwi.org. Thank you!

FIELD TRIP – Mission trip to assist packing food for the organization-*Feed My Starving Children*.

The Good Shepherd 4th-8th grade students will travel to Brookfield Lutheran to participate in a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) food packing event on **Thur. Sept. 22**. FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God’s children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Meals are shipped to distribution partners. FMSC meals have reached 70 countries around the world. This is a well fun, purposeful, well organized event. Please contact your child’s teacher if you are interested in chaperoning as spots are limited.

There is also a church group packing on Sat. Sept. 24 from 11:00am-1:00pm. If you would like to join this group see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Karen Schempf.

Note: **All participants will wear hairnets.** All earrings, rings, jewelry must be removed before packing. All students with long hair should have hair pulled back in order to tuck hair up into hairnet.

Each participant should bring a sack lunch and drink marked with his/her name.

Box Top Competition

Fall boxtop completion has started! We will collect boxtops until **Friday, October 7th!**

The top class will get a Pizza Party for their efforts!



Bring the box tops in a clear baggie with your name on it put them in your classroom box.

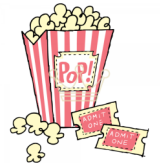
“Ask Anything you Want”

On Tuesday evening, September 20 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Groth is inviting school parents, members or not, to sit down and chat. There will be no agenda, and you can ask him anything you want. For example, “I’ve never really understood infant baptism. They don’t even know what’s happening, so what’s the point?” Or, “Why are there so many different denominations?” Or, “I like to go out and drink with friends. Is that wrong?” He might not have an immediate answer, but he’ll certainly give it a go. Questions will be written down and given him anonymously, so you need not worry about being embarrassed. He’s the one who will be on the hot seat, not you! Come and ask anything you want. Child care will be provided.

Mark your Calendar!

PTL Outdoor Movie

~ September 30th



Band Financial Aid Available

Financial aid is available to those children enrolled in 5th-8th grade at Good Shepherd. If interested in applying for financial aid, please stop by the school office for an application. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU MUST QUALIFY FOR TADS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE BAND FINANCIAL AID.** The deadline for submitting your application is September 30. Please contact school office 920-261-2570 with any questions. Thank You!

Interested in getting a CDL?

Good Shepherd bus driver volunteer group is looking for another person interested in helping to drive the bus on occasion for field trips and or gym days. The school is willing to help you get your CDL. Please contact Steve Zillmer @ 920-261-1224 or Ron Bartels @ 920-988-2993



6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Confirmation Classes

On Wednesday, September 16 class begins. Classes go from 3:30 to 5:00 pm until the end of April and are for public and parochial students alike. Ron Wille will teach the sixth grade, Lucas Gerlach the seventh grade, and Pastor Groth the eighth grade. If you don’t receive a mailing but have an eligible student with a pleasant and respectful disposition, good memory and a great eagerness to learn, a student who is punctual, considerate and quiet, well then, please contact the church office at 920-261-2570.

FASTDIRECT

FastDirect is Good Shepherd’s web-based school communications program. This program allows you to view many things about your child’s account and progress at school. Lunch account balances, class schedule, assignments, parent contact information, grades, midterms, report cards, and the school directory. You’ll also be able to email your student’s teacher.

Parents, if you have forgotten your ScreenName and Password please contact Mrs. McGuire at the school office 920-261-2579 and she will give it to you. New student parents will be receiving the information soon. <http://www.fastdir.com/gsls/>

September 8, 2016

Dear GSLS Parents,

I am writing to you today to introduce myself as well as let you know what expectations I have for music during this school year. I and my family have been members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for 11 years. Two of our children attend GSLS and are in 6th and 4th grade. Our youngest child was born last spring! Outside of GSLS, I am a professional opera singer as well as a private voice instructor.

With this new school year, I want to let you know what I will be expecting of your children in class and in performances. On Tuesdays, I meet with each large group for choir rehearsal. During choir, we learn proper singing skills and various music concepts while we prepare for our upcoming performances (i.e. our Sunday morning engagements, the Christmas musical, and the Spring Choir Concert). Please note: ALL PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY and are the main part of your student’s choir grade. There are many reasons for this. First of all, we will be learning how to be a choir. These will not just be classes where we go to sing every week. A choir is a team effort and thus requires all of its members to be there when it is time to perform. If a student does not show up for a performance, the sound of the choir is greatly changed in a negative way. Secondly, our choirs will be representing our school. When students do not come to performances, it sends a poor message about our school to our community as well as the congregation. Third, our performances will help teach our students how to serve others through music. Music is a way to reach people in a way that is not always possible with mere words. Singing for church services, for the musical, and for the concert is a way for us to help others worship and to help them get to know our Lord Jesus Christ!

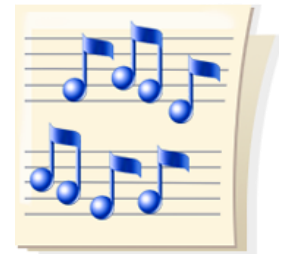
I do know that not all GSLS families are members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. However, the commitment is relatively small. Each choir will sing on only 4 Sundays, along with the Christmas musical and the Spring Choir Concert.

*****Please Note: The choirs are divided as follows. K-4th Grade and 5th-8th Grade.** This is a change from the 2016-2017 GSLS Academic Calendar.

K-4th Grade Choir will sing Oct. 9, Jan. 8, Feb. 12 and April 23.

5th-8th Grade Choir will sing Nov. 13, Jan. 8, Mar. 12, and May 7.

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| Christmas Musical | Dec. 15 |
| Spring Choir Concert | May 4 |



I will send a note home and/or put a note in the RamPage to remind you when the dates get closer and to let you know which service(s) we will be singing in. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call. I am looking forward to this new year with our students!

Sincerely,
Kristin Wrolstad, GSLS Music Teacher

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Contact Heather McGuire 920-285-7110 with any questions or how you can get started!

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Please call the school office with questions 920-261-2579