



# Good Shepherd Bastrop

## Little Sheep Learning Center

### Good Shepherd Lutheran School

### September 2020 Newsletter

Dear Valued Families,

Thank you for a successful start to the school year! Our children have adjusted very well, and we know this stems from your trust in our programs.

This month Whiz Kids and Family Connections will begin after Labor day. Please check with Kyleigh if you are interested in this enhancement. GSLS students automatically have this built into their schedule.

Please also take a moment to review the additional items included in this newsletter. You will find the menu, LSLC enrichment information, and GSLS updates and program information.

This month also starts the community design teams work on the architectural redesign of our campus and sanctuary to support the growth of both church and school. We are always looking for fresh eyes and volunteers to help with this process and we encourage any that are interested to let Alysa know at [headofschool@gslsbastrop.com](mailto:headofschool@gslsbastrop.com).

Good Shepherd Bastrop continually strives to make our preschool and elementary school the most effective and beneficial for your children. Our dedicated team of teachers, work endlessly to provide the best educational environment and teaching methods.

Warm regards,

Alysa K Johnson

#### Reminders

LSLC: Those enrolled in LSLC please remember to sign in and out when dropping off and picking up each day.

GSLS: Monday's are Chapel days, please wear the purple chapel shirts. School begins at 8am each day. School releases at 3:30pm each day. Starting 9/1, please start signing your children out each day. This is new information.

#### **Calendar and News Events**

Labor Day- GSLS and LSLC will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday September 7nd.

National Grandparents Day- September 13th

National Grandparents day is Sunday

September 13th.

We are so thankful for our LSLC/GSLS grandparents. Please enjoy treats for grandparents at drop off Friday, September 11th.

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

Sawyer Robbins	9th
Zachary Coleman	9th
Hattie Shelly	13th
Gwendolyn Magden	14th
Braylee Young	14th
Elias Fowler	15th
Emma Wobus	16th
Audrey Rosenauer	20th
Reid Tucker	24th
Waylon Wallace	25th
Raevyn Orellana	26th
JJ Gilbert	28th



**Teachers Appreciation:**

We will have our sign up sheet on the sign in and out table for those that would like to volunteer.



**2020-2021 School Year**

**Closing Dates**

<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>September 7nd</b>
Thanksgiving	November 26th & 27th
Christmas	December 23rd –25th
New Years	January 1st
Good Friday	April 2nd
Memorial Day	May 31st
Independence Day	July 5th (observance)



Our Fall picture day is set for October 1st and 2nd. Please keep a look out for what day your child will be taking pictures. Pictures will begin at 6:30am. Parents will be able to view and purchase pictures on Friday from 3-6pm.

If you ever have a question or concern or need an additional copy of paper work. LSLC has multiple avenues for communication. Our information is listed below:

**Email:** [headofschool@gmail.com](mailto:headofschool@gmail.com),  
[lslc.5day@gmail.com](mailto:lslc.5day@gmail.com)

**Website:** [lslcbastrop.com](http://lslcbastrop.com), [gslsbastrop.com](http://gslsbastrop.com)

**Remind:** please see admin for information

**Phone Number:** 512-988-1778

**Fax:** 512-303-3980

# Good Shepherd Lutheran School—September Information

## PE Post

Teaching is an absolute passion of mine, and I am excited to work with your child. It is going to be a year full of fun, learning and lots of adventures. The elementary physical education curriculum is a program that has been designed to focus on three major areas that will contribute to your child's physical health.

- Movement concepts- The program emphasizes the variety of ways we travel, such as running, hopping and balancing. The speed latter will help these concepts with changes in directions, changing speeds, ways to balance, jump and land.
- Skill themes- Basic motor skills such as kicking, throwing and catching will also be emphasized during this program. We will learn more fundamental skills in sports and playground games.
- Safety & wellness- These concepts are taught throughout the program and include ways to improve cardiovascular performance, endurance and flexibility as well as safety and following instructions.

Physical activity must be done regularly to achieve health benefits. P.E. class will be twice a week, every other week, on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please remind your child to wear tennis shoes to class. Your child's participation is important for school and their health.

Sincerely,  
Coach Turner

T.E.K.S. 116.2 1,2,3

## Musical Focus

Hello everyone! I'm so excited to be a part of the Good Shepherd Lutheran School this year. We're off to a great start in our weekly music classes! We've already learned a couple songs and singing exercises, learned about tambourines and made our own, and started practicing rhythms with them. We also did some getting-to-know-you games!

In September we will continue focusing on understanding rhythms, as they are the fundamental building blocks of music. We will practice playing rhythms and understanding beats, as well as beginning to learn how rhythms are written. We will also start to learn musical terms that describe music's speed, dynamics, and style, and apply these new terms to our listening examples. As always, we will be listening to new instruments from around the world, and learning to identify them by their sound.

I hope everyone is staying healthy, and I look forward to sharing and exploring music with your kids!

Blessings,

T.E.K.S 117.103 1,2,3

## Afterschool Enrichment

Homework is our focus! After a nutritious snack, and some outside time, our children are provided an organized homework time. During this time, our children complete any additional assignments provided by their GSLS teacher. This can also be a time for extension assignments to assist in reinforcing any additional practice needed in the classroom. After homework is completed— we break for some fun and another snack at 5pm. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns— or have some specific work for your child to do while in this part of our program.

## The Art Corner

Starting this week, we will have art class every other Friday! I know we have many talented artists and I am excited to work with our students to help expand and cultivate their skills. Art is so important because it gives students the freedom and responsibility to create and perceive. As a teacher, I believe this time is crucial for fostering self expression, confidence, and individuality.

My curriculum this year will take students on a historical journey, connecting lessons to past artistic styles and mediums. While each lesson will have a distinct historical/artistic focus, I will concentrate on including four elements that are necessary for elementary art students:

1. Observation/Perception: encouraging students to make unique and careful observations about their environment while making sure they understand the artistic elements
2. Creative Expression: allowing students to communicate their ideas through a variety of media with appropriate skills and imagination
3. Historical and Cultural Relevance: connecting and educating students on cultural and historical perspectives through an artistic lens
4. Critical evaluation and Response: Growing students' ability to analyze and respond to the world around them

I am thankful to share this time with your children and look forward to an exciting and fruitful year of art!

T.E.K.S. 117.102 1,2,3