



Good Shepherd Bastrop

Little Sheep Learning Center

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

September 2021 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/MAST and Family Connections will begin after Labor day. Please check with Kyleigh if you are interested in registering for Whiz Kids. GSLS students automatically have MAST 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.

As most of you know, we started the Baby Room Build Out (BRBO) earlier this summer with the intention of moving the infants from the church building. This move would then allow us to utilize the vacated original baby space for our elementary grades three and four. A group of church members and parents have logged many hours on the BRBO project and we were significantly under budget on the estimated project.

We were within about 10 days of completion, when the City Fire Marshall made a routine visit and issued a stop work order because we did not have one of the necessary city permits. Since that time our Church Council President has been working with the City of Bastrop to enable us to meet the egress requirements for the two new baby rooms.

Late last week we learned from the Bastrop Fire Marshal that we only have one reasonable option to meet the egress requirements for the two new baby rooms: cut doors through the back masonry wall to the outside in each of the baby rooms. We now have a path forward and contractor estimates are being secured for this piece of the project.

We will continue to keep you updated.

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, if your child is in After-School, please start signing your children out each day. This is new information. Chapel shirts are on backorder. We will update you when we have more information.

Calendar and News Events

Labor Day- GSLS and LSLC will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday September 6th.

National Grandparents Day- September 12th. Treats will be out during drop off Friday, September 10th for all Grandparents.

National Grandparents day is Sunday

September 12th

We are so thankful for our LSLC/GSLS grandparents. Please enjoy treats for grandparents at drop off Friday, September 10th.

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Cohen Johnson	2nd
Zoey Glenn	3rd
Sawyer Robbins	9th
Jett Green	9th
Hattie Shelly	13th
Elias Fowler	15th
Emma Wobus	16th
Tatum Schievelbein	19th
Audrey Rosenauer	20th
Waylon Wallace	25th
Raevyn Orellana	26th
JJ Gilbert	28th



Teachers Appreciation:

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



2021-2022 LSLC Closing Dates

Labor Day	September 6th
Thanksgiving	November 25th & 26th
Christmas	December 22nd –24th
New Years	December 31st (observance)
Good Friday	April 15th
Memorial Day	May 30th
Independence Day	July 4th

Please see the attached GSLS school calendar



CHANGES

Our Fall picture day is set for October 27th. Pictures will begin at 6:30am. More information on purchasing pictures will be released when we get more information.

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

Email:

headofschool@goodshepherdbastrop.org,
admin@goodshepherdbastrop.org

Website: Goodshepherdbastrop.org

Remind: please see admin for information

Phone Number: 512-988-1778

Fax: 512-412-6323

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

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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,

Steve

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! We have many talented artists and we are 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. This time is crucial for fostering self expression, confidence, and individuality.

The curriculum this year will take students on a journey to express themselves and their personalities by learning and apply expressive art. While each lesson will have a distinct focus, we will concentrate on including five disciplines of the arts:

1. Visual arts: The National Art Education Association (NAEA) states visual arts are sources for aesthetic experience; bases of human understanding; means of developing creative and flexible forms of thinking; and ways of helping students understand and appreciate art.
2. Dance/Movement: Recent research shows how dance can benefit students in a number of ways, from improving student achievement through embodied learning, helping vulnerable student populations who are left behind by traditional teaching methods, and improving school culture through community building.
3. Music: This includes personalizing cultural understanding; learning important future workplace skills such as collaboration, communication, problem solving, and creativity; furthering growth in musical knowledge and skills; and developing critical language arts skills.
4. Drama/Theatre: Drama/theater provides students with authentic opportunities to: develop oral language skills, experience different perspectives through acting, develop/practice writing skills, and gain self awareness, self control and self esteem.
5. Media Art: Engaging students in media arts learning draws readily from the kinds of media exploration that dominates their out-of-school time. Students will take part in mind-stimulating games and media.

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A Message from your Pastor

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Hello Good Shepherd,

Our fall semester is well underway and we give thanks to God for the chance to learn, pray, and worship together. Thanks to all of you who participated in our Back-to-School Kids & Family Worship in August! It's always fun to see so many smiles.

In September we have some *really interesting* events that may be perfect for you and your families:

On Sunday 9/12 Good Shepherd is launching a new Sunday Children's Ministry! This Ministry will offer age-appropriate Bible lessons for kids up to 12 years old during worship. We have a core team of leaders already assembled, and we're learning in church how else we can help this Ministry thrive. If you don't have a church home for your family, please consider attending Good Shepherd! We have a great time together and are consistently working to serve all generations (the whole body of Christ) better. Sundays at 10 AM.

On Sunday 9/12 we share our annual *God's Work, Our Hands* day of service. This year we'll be meeting at the Bastrop County Animal Shelter from 2-4 PM to do volunteer work, helping God's creatures know that they have a home here, even while they await a permanent home. This is an all-ages, family friendly service opportunity! You can register for free at goodshepherdbastrop.org/contact (for RSVP #s), or simply show up.

On Saturday 9/18 Good Shepherd is hosting a free, one-day *Right Use of Power* workshop, 10-4:30. This Zoom workshop will benefit anyone who works with people, especially in civic life, corporate life, and the field of education! We will learn how to identify and claim our own power, understand power dynamics and differentials, and how to repair relationships after misuses of power. This workshop will be appropriate for adults, but not very kid-friendly. Register for free at goodshepherdbastrop.org/contact.

On Sunday 9/19, at our 10 AM Worship we will commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the Bastrop Fires. If you were affected by these fires, this is an opportunity to offer that suffering up to God's transformative care. We move toward healing when we entrust our ashes to the great Healer.

Good Shepherd is interested in sponsoring someone to attend a VERY FUN one-day workshop on *Wildcraft Wines*. This workshop is on Sunday 9/19, 9 AM - 3 PM (special dispensation will be given by the Pastor for missing worship!). This experience will be part of this fall's Dialogue Circle on *Food & Faith*. This person's local winemaking knowledge will be shared with the Good Shepherd community for us to make our own Communion wine; God will surely ferment some beautiful community among us in the process! Let pastor@goodshepherdbastrop.org know if you are interested.

On Wednesday 9/29 we are hosting an *Acorn Harvest Family Walk*! This super fun, family-friendly event is connected with our fall Dialogue Circle on *Food & Faith*. We'll meet at Charlotte Gilman's Nature Sanctuary at 6:30 PM to harvest acorns! These acorns will then be processed and prepared to make our very own Communion Bread for church worship on a following Sunday. Please join!

As you can see, there are many ways to make your faith (and your family's faith) come alive this fall at Good Shepherd. We hope you'll join us!

In great gratitude,
-Pr. Travis