

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

August 25th – 29th, 2025

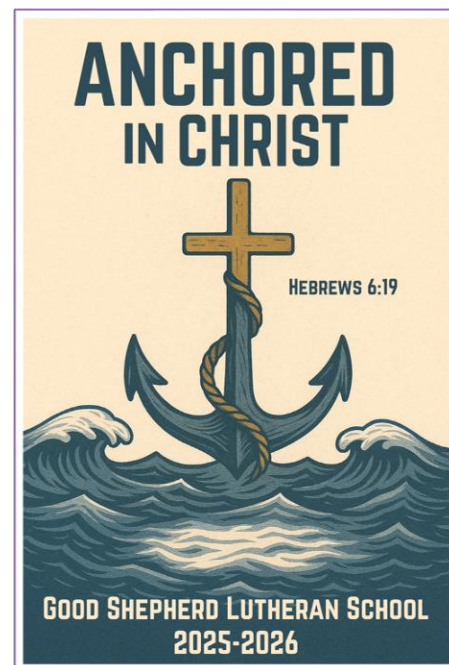


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General News and Notes

- This Sunday, August 24th, we'll celebrate the beginning of our new school year with a special worship service at 10:30 a.m. We'd love for everyone to join us to thank God for the many blessings he continues to shower on us at Good Shepherd!
- Our rescheduled "Back-to-School Cookout" is this Friday, August 29th! We'll have smoked meats, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and the opportunity to get to know other members of our Good Shepherd family! We hope to see you there!
- Grandfriends Day is coming up two weeks from now – Friday, September 12th! This is a fun morning where students can invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other special friends to spend some time with them doing some fun activities together before going out to lunch after our 11:30 a.m. dismissal. Look for more information and the day's schedule to come home this week!
- Parent login information for Jupiter Ed (our online gradebook and attendance record for grades K-8) will be sent home with your child(ren) this upcoming week, so keep an eye out for it!
- Scholastic Book Fair will be here soon! We're looking for help setting up on September 9th, cashiering before and after school (especially during Grandfriends Day), and taking down the book fair on September 15th. Please sign up on the posted sheet or reach out to Mrs. Beals! Our students and families look forward to this fun event every fall, and we are so grateful for your help!



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 29

Back-to-School Cookout
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

September 1

NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)

September 5

NELHS Day (5th-8th grade)

September 10-15

Scholastic Book Fair

September 12

Grandfriends Day (1/2 day)

September 15-19

MAP Testing (1st-8th)

September 17

Goodnight Stories @ 6:30 p.m.

September 19

Picture Day

September 23-25

Parent-Teacher Conferences

September 26

No School (Faculty In-Service)

Worship Focus

THIS WEEKEND



Sunday 8/24/25

9:30 a.m. – Bible Class (Pastor Helwig)

10:30 a.m. – Worship (Pastor Helwig)

Theme:

“Anchored in Christ – He Will Hold You Fast”

Scripture Readings:

- 1st Lesson – Joshua 22:1-5
- Psalm 34
- 2nd Lesson – Ephesians 4:11-16
- Gospel – John 6:60-71

Hymns:

- #812 – Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor
- #563 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
- #559 – If Your Beloved Son, O God
- #575 – By Grace I’m Saved
- #813 – He Will Hold Me Fast

MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS’ CLASSROOM

- Thank you for getting your NELHS Day sheets turned back in! We look forward to a fun day next Friday, September 5th!
- The 6th-8th-graders are getting settled into our classroom routines and expectations, and they’ve been doing a great job as leaders these past two Fridays with our chapel group activities! I’m proud of them for setting a positive example!



TESTS THIS WEEK

Mon – Fri - None this week



The newest addition to our classroom - an Atlantic mudskipper!

MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

Memory Work:

3rd- John 3:16 for **Wednesday**. Romans 6:23 for **Friday**.

4th- John 3:16 and Romans 3:23 for **Wednesday**. Romans 6:23 for **Friday**.

5th- John 3:16 and Romans 3:23 for **Wednesday**. Romans 6:23 for **Friday**.

Spelling:

3rd- spoke, mile, save, excuse, cone, invite, cube, price, erase, ripe, broke, flame, life, rule, spent, swing, class, lunch

4th- west, steep, member, gleam, fresh, freedom, speed, steam, beast, believe, speck, kept, cheap, pretend, greed, shelf, least, eager, reason, chief

5th- awake, feast, stray, greet, praise, disease, repeat, display, braces, thief, ashamed, sleeve, brain, beneath, sheepish, release, remain, sway, training, niece

Notes & Reminders:

- I will be out of town on Thursday and Friday this week, and there will be a substitute in the classroom. If you need to contact me, please send me an email and I will get back to you as soon as possible.
- Our Back to School picnic is this Friday, August 29th.



Sharing what we know about bus safety



Chapel groups writing or drawing what it means to be "Anchored in Christ"

Mission Statement

Good Shepherd
Lutheran School exists for
students to be

FED by the Word,
FOLLOW Christ in his love,
and
FIND the lost with his Word.

MRS. HOPFENSBERGER'S CLASSROOM

- **Spelling Words (1st & 2nd Grade):**
 - 1st: an, bad, can, nap, cat, pan
 - 2nd: yes, job, hug, rest, frog, hum, left, melt, plum, shut, net, dot
- **High Frequency Words:**
 - Kindergarten: the
 - 1st: a, first, good, had, he, I, my, you
 - 2nd: a, and, the, go, got, have, not, the, to, will, you
- **Sound of the Week:**
 - Kindergarten: G-P
 - 1st: n, d, p, c, & short a
 - 2nd: Consonants; Short o, u, and e
- **Focus Skills**
 - Kindergarten: Identify rhymes, identify words in a sentence
 - 1st: Story structure, ask-and-answer questions, collaborative conversations
 - 2nd: Central idea, author's purpose, summarize
- **Power Words**
 - Kindergarten: None
 - 1st: accept, calm, happened, introduce, kinds, last, partner, ridiculous, search, together, trip, wished
 - 2nd: cautiously, compliment, discuss, elected, jammed, local, mock, panicked, prohibited, ridiculous, scribbled, smirked, tryouts, wistfully
- Those of you in my classroom last year, I will no longer be using Seesaw. If you need to get in touch with me during the day, please call the school office or email me at ahopfensperger@gsomaha.com
- Memory work will start in September. More information about memory work will go home soon.

Upcoming Dates:

September 1st- No School-Labor Day
September 10th- Grandparents' Day ½ day of school
September 17th- Goodnight Stories at 6:30 p.m.



We love it when the big kids play tag with us!

K - 2ND GRADE MEMORY WORK

Memory Work will start in
September



Coloring anchors with our chapel groups

MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn two stories. Our first story is "God Creates Man and Woman." In this story, we will hear how God created the most special part of his creation, people. Our second story is "Adam and Eve Disobey God." In this story, we will hear how Adam and Eve disobeyed God's rule and sinned.
- For Circle Time, this week we will talk about the letter L and All About Me.
- There is No Show and Tell this week.
- There is No School on Monday, September 1st.
- The August Nightly Reading sheets are due this Friday, August 29th.
- If you ever have any questions, please feel free to email me, send me a message in Bloomz, send a note in your child's backpack, or talk to me in person.
- Have a great week!



All smiles while learning about bus safety!



Having fun outside on the playground

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