WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

November 23rd – 27th, 2026

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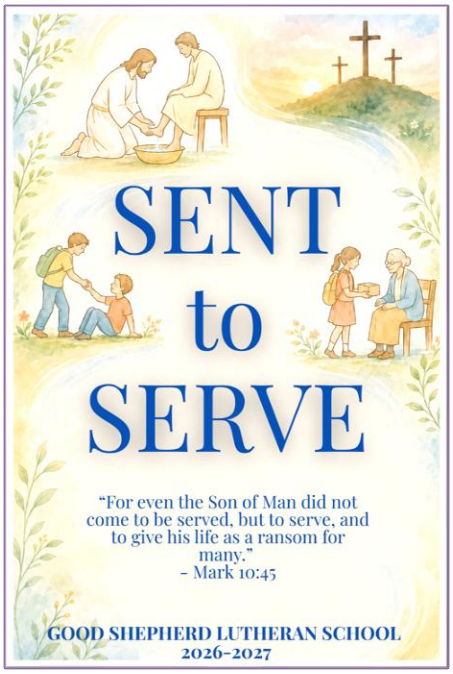

General News and Notes

- Thank you to everyone who came out to Living History Night last night! The students did a great job of making history come alive, and we're excited to cash in all of the quarters and other donations to buy new books for our classrooms!
- The Christmas Wreaths arrive this weekend! We'll be sorting, bagging, and labeling all of the wreath orders, so they'll be ready for pickup after school on Monday! Keep an eye out for an email from Ms. Zoucha!
- A reminder that there is NO SCHOOL this Wednesday through Friday, as we celebrate Thanksgiving. We are so thankful for our Good Shepherd family, and we pray you have a wonderful holiday, reflecting on all the gifts our gracious God pours out on us – especially the gift of His Son, our Good Shepherd!
- We will be having basketball practice again this Tuesday after school from 4-5 p.m. at Coram Deo. (There will be no study hall on Tuesday.)
- It's hard to believe, but our Children's Christmas Service is less than a month away! We will be working hard in the coming weeks on this year's program, "Ancient Cradle Songs," as we prepare for the service on Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. More information to come!
- If you haven't already registered your child in preschool through 5th grade for Christmas for Kids (Saturday, December 19th from 9 a.m. – noon), you can do that by clicking right here!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 25-27
NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

December 4
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" @ the Rose Theater (PreK-5th)

December 17
Children's Christmas Service @ Coram Deo Church

December 18
Christmas Parties (noon dismissal)

December 19
Christmas for Kids (9 a.m. - noon)

December 21-January 1
NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)

January 4
School Resumes (3rd Quarter)

January 11-15
MAP Testing (1st-8th grade)

January 18
No School (MLK Jr. Day)

February 3
Goodnight Stories @ 6:30 p.m.



Sunday 11/22/26

9:30 a.m. – Bible Class (Pastor Otto)

10:30 a.m. – Worship w/ Praise Band (Pastor Otto)

Theme:

"Hope for the Best"

Readings:

- First Reading – Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
- Second Reading – 1 Thess. 4:13-18
- Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46

Hymns:

- "Living Hope" – Phil Wickham
- "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" – Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell
- #511 - "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
- # 612 – "How Great Thou Art"

MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS' CLASSROOM

- This week, we'll begin practicing our Christmas Service and wrapping up classes before our brief Thanksgiving break. Mr. Lauber and Mrs. Roberts are thankful for our room full of Christian young men and women!



Working on conditioning at our first basketball practice of the season!

TESTS THIS WEEK

M – 7th&8th U.S. History (open book)
Tu – 6th-8th Science
W – NO SCHOOL
Th – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
F – NO SCHOOL



Eagerly anticipating "Black Violin" taking the stage at the Holland!

MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

- Look for a new memory work packet coming home. This packet will have our Christmas Recitations for December 17th. Please note that we will be saying memory work more than on Wednesdays and Fridays during this season.
- Basketball practice is still on for Tuesday, November 24th. This is open to everyone in 5-8th grade.
- There will be no spelling test due to the short week.
- I pray you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Seeing "Black Violin" is always a favorite field trip when they come to town!



Having fun at Skate City!

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. HOPFENSPERGER'S CLASSROOM

- **Spelling Words (1st & 2nd Grade)**:
  - 1st: chin, chop, much, chip, rich, chick
  - 2nd: milk, neck, ask, snake, truck, kick, smoke, rock, desk, black, lake, trick
- **High Frequency Words:**
  - 1st: be, here, me, play, started, today, use, very
  - 2nd: ask, asked, buy, comb, girl, grand, lady, mother, number, often
- **Sound of the Week:**
  - 1st: ch
  - 2nd: k, ck
- **Focus Skills**
  - 1st: ideas and support, topic and central idea, evaluate, point of view
  - 2nd: text organization, story structure, make inferences
- **Power Words**
  - 1st: bend, coach, drills, equipment, fan, field, goal, jog, pace, rules, team, twist
  - 2nd: barging, clue, cozy, disturb, expression, groggy, pause, positioned, rattled, sense, steaming, tackled, traipsing, varying

We will have the same spelling words for next week. Taking a test on Tuesday.

Memory Work will be going home this week for December. All of our memory work will be for the Children's Christmas Service.

There will be no show and tell in December.

Upcoming Dates:

November 25th-27th- No School





John Glenn at our Living History Night!

MEMORY WORK

Tuesday:

1st – No memory work this week

2nd –

Wednesday:

2nd –

Thursday:

1st –

2nd –



mrs. otto's classroom

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Word of God: Jesus Chooses Matthew

Math: Classify and Count Data

Writing: Writing sentences

Reading: Community Heroes, synonyms and antonyms, story elements, topic and theme

Structured Literacy: short vowel e, blending and segmenting, building and chaining words

Science: Weather: wind

Social Studies: Cooperation

A NOTE

Another awesome week in kindergarten! We were working hard on our Living History Night play and now we will be working hard to get ready for the Christmas Service!

I pray your family has a blessed Thanksgiving.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/25-11/27- Thanksgiving Break

12/17- Childrens Christmas Service





Visits from a nurs and plumber this week!

Learning about wind in science.



MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn review the stories we have learned so far this year.
- For Circle Time, this week we will talk all about bears.
- To finish our study of bears we are going to have a Teddy Bear Day at school. Everyone can bring a small to medium-size teddy bear to school. An additional note was sent home last week with more information.
- There is No School on Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th.
- November's Family Fun Calendars and Nightly Reading Sheets are due next Monday, November 30th.
- This week our parts for the Children's Christmas service are going to come home. The Children's Christmas Service is on Thursday, December 17th. Please practice these words at home. We will learn the melodies and actions at school.
- Now that fall is officially here, it is a little chilly in the mornings when we go out for recess. Please bring hats, gloves, and a jacket with your child. Please write your child's name in their items so that if they are lost, we know who they belong to. Thanks.
- 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!





Preschool & Kindergarten telling us about the real Johnny Appleseed!

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