

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

August 31st – September 4th, 2026

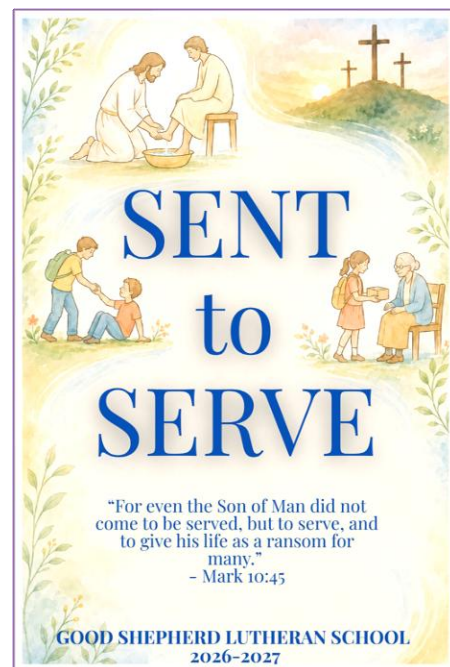


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General News and Notes

- Help us reach our **HundredX fundraising goal!** It doesn't cost any money, and there's nothing to sell – just surveys to complete! **Text "DFG" to 90412 to sign up.** Each individual can complete up to 75 surveys of businesses that you already use or interact with to raise money for our school! Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors to join!
- **Grandfriends' Day** is coming up in two weeks – **Friday, September 11th!** This is a fun morning when students can invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other special friends to spend time with them doing fun activities together before going out to lunch after our 11:30 a.m. dismissal. More information will be sent home on Monday!
- We will be partnering with **Runza** again this year on a fundraiser after our Grandfriends' chapel service & activities on Friday, September 11th. Please plan on grabbing a bite to eat between **11 am and 4 pm**, and 10% of all sales will come back to Good Shepherd!
- The Grand Opening of our **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming up - Wednesday, September 9th at 7:50 am! You can start shopping online now, view shopping hours, and set up an eWallet for your student/s [by clicking right here](#). Please share our online shopping link with friends and family who live out of town – they can order online and have books shipped. All sales benefit our classroom libraries. If you'd like to volunteer to help, [you can read more about those opportunities and sign up right here](#). Let's help encourage a school of bolder, prouder, stronger readers!



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7

NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)

September 9-14

Scholastic Book Fair

September 11

Grandfriends' Day (1/2 Day)

September 14-17

MAP Testing (1st-8th grade)

September 16

Goodnight Stories @ 6:30 p.m.

September 18

Picture Day

September 22-24

Parent-Teacher Conferences

September 25

NELHS Day (5th-8th grade)

October 10

Fall Festival

October 12-16

NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)
(Teachers' Conference @ YMCA of the Rockies – Snow Mountain Ranch)

Worship Focus

THIS WEEKEND



Sunday 8/30/26

9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Pastor Otto)

10:30 a.m. – Worship (Pastor Otto)

Theme:

"Cross Comes Before Crown"

Readings:

- 1st Lesson – Jeremiah 15:15-21
- 2nd Lesson – Romans 8:18-25
- Gospel - Matthew 16:21-26

Hymns:

- #831 – "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"
- #694 – "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"
- #812 – "Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"
- #813 – "He Will Hold Me Fast"

MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS' CLASSROOM

- Mrs. Roberts – 7th & 8th graders will have a mini-test over Section 3.5 in U.S. History. This section is about the lead-up to the Revolutionary War. They can study their notes and the book section to prepare for this test.



Pastor Otto teaching Catechism class

TESTS THIS WEEK

M – None
Tu – None
W – U.S. History (7th & 8th)
Th – None
F – None



MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

Memory Work:

2 Corinthians 8:9 for Wednesday

Acts 4:20 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

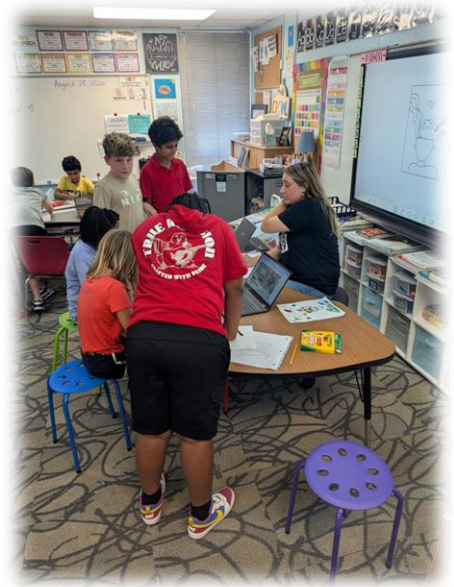
5th - awake, feast, stray, greet, praise, disease, repeat, display, braces, thief, ashamed, sleeve, brain, beneath, sheepish, release, remain, sway, training, niece

Notes & Reminders:

- Keep an eye on your emails for some information about soccer starting soon!
- Our scholastic book fair is coming to town soon. If you are able to volunteer your time to help set-up or run the cash registers, please reach out. We'd love the help!
- There is no school Monday, September 7th.
- Grandfriends' Day is Friday, September 11th.



Having fun with our Bulldog Buddies (chapel groups)!



Small-group work

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: an, bad, can, nap, cat, pan
 - 2nd: yes, job, hug, rest, frog, hum, left, melt, plum, shut, net, dot
- **High Frequency Words:**
 - 1st: a, first, good, had, he, I, my, was
 - 2nd: best, does, end, job, left, men, more, see, than, wash
- **Sound of the Week:**
 - 1st: Review consonants n, d, p, c; vowel short a
 - 2nd: Short o, u, and e
- **Focus Skills**
 - 1st: story, structure, monitor and clarify, author's purpose, make inferences
 - 2nd: central idea, author's purpose
- **Power Words**
 - 1st: accept, calm, happened, introduce, kinds, last, partner, ridiculous, search, together
 - 2nd: cautiously, compliment, discuss, elected, jammed, local, mock, panicked, prohibited, ridiculous, scribbled, smirked, tryouts, wistfully

First and second grade will have their first spelling test on Friday, September 4th. The words are always in the Weekly Note sent out on Saturday. We have a pretest on Monday and a final test on Friday. If your child gets all the words correct on Monday, they do not need to take the spelling test on Friday.

Memory Work was sent home on Thursday in your child's folder. I also sent an email with the memory work calendar attached.

Upcoming Dates:

September 7th - No School
September 11th - Grandfriends' Day (1/2 day of school)
September 14th - 17th - MAP Testing
September 22nd-24th - Parent-Teacher Conferences



Working on art projects

MEMORY WORK

Tuesday:

1st - Luke 2:10

2nd - Luke 2:10

Wednesday:

2nd - Acts 4:20

Thursday:

1st - 1 John 4:10

2nd - 1 John 4:10



One of the beautiful pollinators that visits our flowers

mrs. otto's classroom

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Word of God: Jesus birth and wise men worship Jesus

Math: 2D and 3D shapes

Writing: drawing with shapes

Reading: story elements, listening comprehension, the word 'a'

Structured Literacy: identifying and writing letters (G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P)

Science: trees!

Social Studies: citizens have rules

A NOTE

We had a long but great first full week! Our class worked so hard and have been learning so much already. We are settling into our routines, getting to know one another, and having lots of fun along the way. I am so proud of how hard our kindergarteners are working and how much they have grown already!

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/2 - Chapel 8:15-8:50

9/7 - No school (labor day)

9/11 - GrandFriends' Day

(1/2 day)

9/16 - Goodnight Stories

9/18 - Picture Day

9/22-9/24- PT conferences



We "adopted a tree" in science class to observe and learn from!



Learning about 2D shapes in math is helping us become writers!

MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn two stories. Our first story is "God Creates Adam and Eve." In this story, we will hear how God created the first two people. Our second story is "Adam and Eve Disobey God." In this story, we will hear how sin entered the world.
- For Circle Time, this week we will talk all about the letter L and the theme All About Me.
- If you have not sent me your family picture, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not returned your Parent 3-2-1 or All About Me poster, please do so as soon as possible.
- There is Show and Tell this week. A note was sent home about the themes and dates when Show and Tell will take place. The theme for this week is "something that starts with T or L."
- Bloomz is up and running! If you did not receive an email with information about Bloomz, please let me know.
- There is No School on Monday, September 7th.
- 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!



Making the south parking lot a more colorful place!



Fun with Bulldog Buddies chapel groups!

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