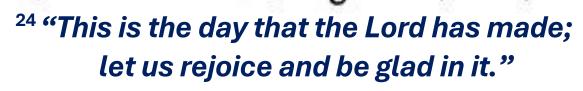




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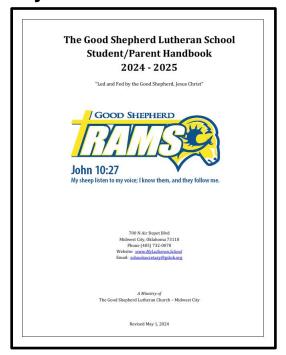
Psalm 118:24 ESV





Welcome!

As we settle into a new school year, we would encourage you to become familiar with the **Student/Parent Handbook** that can be found on the website, **mylutheran.school**:



Why Send Your Child to a Lutheran School?

Lutheran Elementary Schools:

- Are driven by a commitment to the Gospel and focused on a mission of bringing hope and healing to students and families.
- Are governed by board members who clearly understand their roles and focus on the vision and board policies that effectively govern the operation of the school.
- Meet or exceed state and national academic standards at all grade levels.
- Have educators who model visionary leadership. They practice stewardship of

resources, build up others and empathize with others.

- Have educators who model servant leadership. Do those served grow as persons; do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? (Robert Greenleaf)
- Have educators who model spiritual leadership. They study God's Word, share their personal faith story, apply Law and Gospel appropriately, exhibit a passion for ministry, act courageously, equip God's people for service, care for others, demonstrate integrity, and pray.





Re-accreditation Certificate Presentation

August 25, 2024



(l to r) Mr. Jake Rogers, LCMS Oklahoma District Education Executive; Mr. Van Guillotte, Campus Administrator; and Pastor Ron Simpson.

Mr. Jake Rogers Education Executive Message

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4

Welcome to the Oklahoma District Education Page!

https://oklahomalutherans.org/education

We are delighted to have you explore our vibrant Lutheran community of Lutheran schools where faith, learning, and character development come together. At all of our district's Lutheran schools and preschools, we provide a Christ-centered education that nurtures academic excellence, spiritual growth, and personal integrity. We educate children from infants to twelfth grade. We currently have eighteen childhood programs and eight elementary/middle schools across the state. Our oldest school is St. Paul's in Enid. It was established in 1926. Immanuel in Broken Arrow, is home to our only Lutheran high school. At our Lutheran schools, you are known!

Our district's dedicated teachers and staff are committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where each student is valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. Rooted in the teachings of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), we strive to instill in our students a strong sense of faith, compassion, and service to others.

Thank you for visiting our website and considering Lutheran schools for your child's educational journey! I invite you to learn more about our schools, programs, values, and community. We look forward to partnering with you to inspire and guide your child in their academic and spiritual growth.

May God continue to bless you, your family, and the entire Oklahoma District Lutheran Schools community.





Let Us Pray for Our Good Shepherd Lutheran Day School



"Jesus, Savior and Good Shepherd, who has given Your life to save us, You have directed us to feed and tend Your lambs and sheep. Bless our Lutheran schools. Strengthen, equip and encourage all who teach and all who learn in

them, so that Your name is praised and honored as knowledge, skills and attitudes imparted and acquired. Make our school a haven of Your grace and mercy. Give patience and discernment to our teachers as they daily interact with their students. Give them the insight to apply rightly both Law and Gospel, equipping their students to share the Good News of the forgiveness of sins won for us on Calvary."

"As Your holy Word is studied, applied and committed to memory by our students, cause it to find fertile soil that it may bear fruit in a great understanding of You and in a genuine appreciation of Your saving grace. Establish our school as a blessing to our students and families, to our entire congregation and to our community. Through Word and Sacrament, strengthen and encourage each of our school families so they grow in faith toward You and in love to one another, that, by your grace, they may be a light in a world held captive in the darkness of sin. In Jesus name we pray, Amen."

Lutheran Book of Prayer Revised Edition 2005 Concordia Publishing House







Good Shepherd Lutheran School Celebration Sunday August 25, 2024

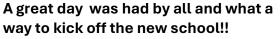


Mr. Jake Rogers presenting the Re-accreditation Certificate to Van Guillotte as Pastor Simpson looks on.

Swim buddies hamming it up during the Back-to-School Bash Swim Social at the Reno Swim and Slide.









Relaxing in the cool water on a hot day. Attendees visit with one another under the canopies providing shade.





Van and Royce were sharing their secrets to grilling an awesome hot dog.





Classroom News

Preschool

Our first week back to preschool and my students and I had a blast! We made new friends and have gotten into a good routine for our time together. We are ready to take on the school year!

Ms. Samantha Johnson

PreK

Our PreK class is off to a great start! We have been going over all our classroom rules and how we can treat each other with kindness. We read "How to Fill a Bucket" and "Our Class Family." We finished the week with Friendship Friday, and everyone brought a snack that we put together for the ultimate friendship snack mix. This is a great way to show the students how we should care for each other throughout the school year.

Mrs. Alesha Baumann

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is off to a great start! The students are adjusting well to their new schedule and classroom. They are getting to know Ms. Dodd and me along with all their new and old classmates. The first week of school we focused on the Bible story of Creation and Adam and Eve. The students learned and recited our Bible verse, Psalm 100:3. They all did a great job! I am looking forward to teaching your children this year in kindergarten.

Mrs. Dana Johnson and Ms. Stephanie Dodd

1st Grade

We are so very pleased with our class and the excitement they have for learning. We are planning to have a great year and look forward to what is yet to come. I thank you for bringing your child to us. God is good!

Mrs. Grace Rower

2nd Grade

Wow! These first few weeks have been great as we settle into a brand new school year. We are adjusting to our daily schedule and reviewing what we have previously learned. Your child will be hearing about kindness and caring for one another, right along with their daily studies. I am looking forward to the time spent with your child.

Mrs. Gail Marlatt





3rd & 4th Grade

My third and fourth grade students are awesome! We did a lot of reviewing the first week of school and getting to know each other. KINDNESS is our word of the year. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you," Ephesians 4:32 is the Bible verse we started the year with and will continue to focus on this school year. Thank you for sharing your children with me this year. I am looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Marla Junghanns

5th & 6th Grade

The 5th & 6th Grade class is excited to be back in school and looking forward to a wonderful school year! Ms. Belinda Harke



7th & 8th Grade

Our first week of school has been great! The students are getting along with each other, and they love our class and so do I! I can't wait to see what blessings this school year brings us all!

Ms. Kerriona Carson

Individual Instruction

Summer vacation went by quickly and now it's good to be back at school. The first week has been busy and quite smooth. I am looking forward to lots of fun this school year. God's Blessings!

Mrs. Cunningham



²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

Galatians 5:22-23, ESV



Shepherding our Students

Stacey Eising August 12, 2024



(LCMS/Erik M. Lunsford)

It is a challenging time for Lutheran schools, as it is for most schools. Scarce funding, declining congregational attendance, shifting cultural ideologies, teacher and administrator shortages — these things worry us and wear us down.

Yet, faithful Lutheran education remains as crucial today as it was back in the 1870s, when C.F.W. Walther wrote: "May God preserve for our German Lutheran Church the treasure of its parochial schools! Humanly speaking, everything depends on that for the future of our church in America."

During those early decades, LCMS communities faced severe hardships common to early American immigrants: harsh conditions, poverty, illness, meager resources. Nevertheless, they insisted on prioritizing schools. Every founding congregation of the LCMS had a day school. They prized education for the same reason Martin Luther and the early Reformers did: "that the next generation might know [God's testimony and laws] ... and arise and tell them to their children" (Psalm 78). An education with Christ at its center is the greatest gift we can give our children.

Since that time, LCMS schools have faced many more challenges. Yet they have endured — today, our LCMS schools make up the second-largest parochial school system in the U.S.

The August issue of *The Lutheran Witness (LW)* takes up the topic of Lutheran education — its purpose and its history; the difficulties it has overcome; the challenges it faces today and the ways our schools are working to overcome them; the various models of Lutheran schools; the pressure to focus on either "mission" or "Lutheran identity" and how these two can go hand in hand; how parents can and must support their children's education at home; and more.

Faithful Lutheran communities have always been and will always be teaching communities. We have been given an immeasurable gift in our over 2,500 Lutheran early childhood centers, preschools, elementary schools and high schools. We have also been handed an incredible opportunity. May God preserve us and keep us faithful for years to come.

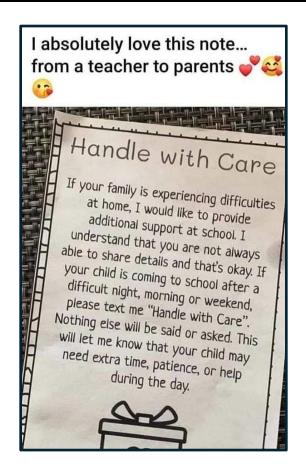
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To subscribe to the print LW, and to read select print content and additional web-exclusive articles, visit witness.lcms.org. Stacey Eising is a staff editor and writer for LCMS Communications.

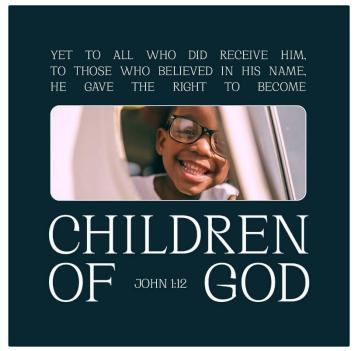


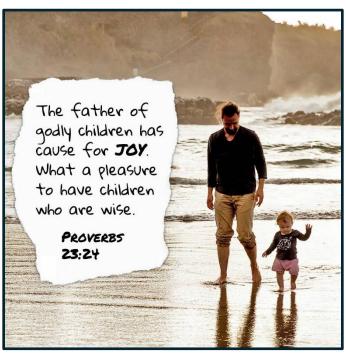


"Food for Thought" Poster Gallery













REMINDER: Uniform Dress Code

The Good Shepherd Lutheran School dress code consists of a uniform for all its students, Pre-Kindergarten 8th grade. One Navy shirt WITH the SCHOOL LOGO shall be purchased from the school. A detailed dress code follows.

Girls Uniform

- Khaki and navy-blue pleated pants.
- Khaki and navy-blue shorts or skorts.
- Khaki and navy-blue skirts Skirts shall be no higher than three inches above the knee.
- Short or long sleeve solid color, collared, 3-button polo shirts w/NO logos or designs.
- · Solid uniform color hoodies, jackets, or The Good Shepherd Lutheran School hoodies and

Boys Uniform

- Khaki and navy-blue flat front or pleated pants.
- Khaki and navy-blue flat front or pleated shorts.
- Short or long sleeve solid color, collared, 3-button polo shirts w/NO logos or designs.
- Solid uniform color hoodies, jackets, or The Good Shepherd Lutheran School hoodies and sweatshirts.

General Rules for All Students

- All students shall come to school every day clean and well-groomed.
- Beginning with Grade 5 (or earlier if necessary), students should begin using deodorant daily.
- · Both boys and girls shall wear athletic shoes with socks daily (including Wednesdays for Chapel). NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Tattered, torn, or dirty uniforms are unacceptable school wear.
- Body piercing or fake tattoos are not allowed (Exception: Students are allowed to have pierced ears, but no more than one piercing per ear.)
- Hats, scarves, or other head coverings are not allowed unless worn to and from school for warmth in inclement weather. Head coverings are not permitted inside the building or at school-related
- Hairstyles for both boys and girls shall be modest and easily maintained. Hairstyles that are disruptive to the classroom environment and educational process are unacceptable.
- Jewelry worn to school by both boys and girls is limited to watches, rings, bracelets, necklaces with small Christian symbols, and earrings.
- Chains are never allowed, whether worn as jewelry or attached to clothing.
- Shorts are allowed as school attire for children up to October 30 and after March 1.
- All children are expected to be dressed appropriately for weather conditions and outside temperatures. Winter coats may not be worn in the classroom.
- On Wednesday for chapel, all students shall wear their navy blue The Good Shepherd Lutheran School logo shirts.

Exceptions to this policy are at the discretion of the Administrator, as there may be clothing, hairstyles, or accessories not explicitly addressed herein that are so disruptive to the educational process that the Administrator may need to take immediate corrective action.

Revised May 1, 2024





Opportunities

Parent Teacher League (PTL)

The purpose of a Parent Teacher League (PTL) is to foster and promote a better understanding and closer relationship between the school, the home, and the church so that parents and teachers can more effectively work together in communicating, educating, and financially supporting the best possible Christian education at The Good Shepherd Lutheran School (GSLS). Interested? Let the school office know.

Student Clubs and Activities under development:

Art
Chess Club
Choir (Children's Chorus)
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Club









Physical Education Classes:

Archery (Fall 2024) Bowling (Spring 2025) Health Track and Field









Basketball Sign-Up Inquiry:

Are you interested in developing a basketball team?

Maybe help coach? Please let us know!





Community Fund Raising Events to Benefit and Support Good Shepherd Lutheran School



Show your support for the **GSLS Arby's Benefit**All day on **TUESDAY – September 24, 2024**At **1700 South Air Depot – Midwest City**

With your purchase, a percentage of qualified proceeds will be donated to the organization above. Just mention the organization or show this notice/flyer when placing your order. ©2024 "Coca-Cola" is a registered trademark of the Coca-Cola Company. TM&©2024 Arby's IP Holder, LLC.



REMEMBER – When you place your order, be sure to mention you are from Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT and sharing this information with your friends and neighbors so they can also participate by eating at Arby's, 1700 South Air Depot, Midwest City, any time of the day on **Tuesday, September 24, 2024**.

Save These Dates for Future Events



5661 Tinker Diagonal, Midwest city, OK 73110 Includes "dine in" as well as "online orders" placed at BlackBearDiner.com from open to close. When ordering, identify your order from Good Shepherd Lutheran School so they will register your order to benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School.



November 12, 2024 Swadley's B·B·Q

6905 SE 29th St., Midwest City, OK 73110 Good Shepherd Lutheran School Night Dine in, Pick up Orders from 5-8pm ONLY Very Simple, just order, get served and pay. A percentage will benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School







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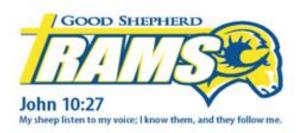
Fuel discounts

If you're after the lowest price on fuel, this is your ticket to get it.









Good Shepherd Lutheran School is inviting you to join us for a round of golf Sept. 13. Tee time is 8 a.m. at John Conrad Golf Course, 711 South Douglas Blvd., Midwest City, 73130

- Registration opens at 7 a.m. with shotgun start at 8 a.m. This tournament benefits our school in many ways.
- In addition to golf, there will be contests for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Putting contest, Door prizes, Team prizes
 (cash), and continental breakfast. Lunch provided by Pelican's Restaurant, Midwest City.
- Men and Women welcome; scramble format.
- \$100 donation registration fee per golfer.
- All proceeds benefit our school playground and new PE Equipment fund at Good Shepherd Lutheran School with grades Pre-school through eighth grade, a non-profit organization which serves pupils on a non-denominational basis.
- Register now by contacting 405-732-0070 or email <u>MChrist721@aol.com</u> or online at www.MyLutheran.School.
- Hope to see you on Friday Sept.13 between 7 and 7:30 a.m. to start at 8 a.m.



Sponsorships: There are several levels of sponsorships available. Choose which one you can support for our tournament. Ask others to Sponsor – Ask your insurance agent, your accountant, your physician, etc.

Volunteers to Assist: We are seeking volunteers to help on the day of the tournament as well as some of the preparation time before. It is a fun time

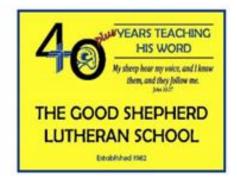
to have lots of fellowship with others in this event filled day. Contact Marguerite Christman at Mchrist721@aol.com or 405.570.5506.



Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know how you would like to participate in our golf tournament, either by sponsorship, providing prizes and/or playing in the tournament – (How about entering a team to represent your company or family!)



Help us Celebrate our 40^{plus} Years of Good Shepherd Lutheran School











For the past thirty-seven years, Good Shepherd Lutheran School has held a Golf Benefit to help fund our school. Our thirty-eighth tournament will be held <u>Friday</u>, <u>September 13, 2024</u>, and we would like for you to take part in this "AWESOME" event. As you know, it is only through the generosity of donors like yourself that our Golf Tournament has been a success all these years. It just simply could not be done without the outstanding support we receive from people and businesses like you. There are several ways you can help.

Sponsorships: There are several levels of sponsorships available. Choose which one you can support for our tournament. Ask others to Sponsor – Ask your insurance agent, your accountant, your physician, your plumber, etc.

Provide Donations for Prizes or Awards: All donations of cash, merchandise, or gift Certificates will be appreciated. Once again, any donations are tax deductible and are an economical way to advertise your company and your products. Hats, polo shirts, gift cards, pens, pencils, and logo golf balls are very popular items. You can be sure that whatever you choose to give will



be greatly appreciated. Our goal is for every participant to receive a prize. We usually have 140 participants.

Titanium Level \$1275 Team Tees off First on Hole #1 or #10 Includes registration for 6 Players Name on Church Digital Sign, School Website & Facebook for six weeks Jumbo Personalized Sign at Practice Green Lead Recognition at Awards Presentation as Titanium Sponsor	Platinum Level \$875 Team Tees off First on Hole #2 or #11 Includes registration for 4 players Name on Church Digital Sign, School Website & Facebook for four weeks Large Personalized Sign at Practice Green Special Recognition at Awards Presentation as Platinum Sponsor	Gold Level \$475 Includes registration for 2 players Name on Church Digital Sign, School Website & Facebook for two weeks Large Personalized Sign at Tee Box Recognition at Awards Presentation as Gold Sponsor	Silver Level 5275 Includes registration for 1 player Name on Church Digital Sign, School Website & Facebook for one week Standard Personalized Sign at Tee Box Recognition at Awards Presentation as Silver Sponsor	Bronze Level \$125 Standard Personalized Sign at Tee Box Recognition at Awards Presentation as Bronze Sponsor (Consider sponsoring a hole in honor of a loved one.)	Other Sponsorships Appreciated Benefit Sponsor - \$1500 Lunch Sponsor - \$1000 Prize Sponsor - \$1500 Photo Sponsor - \$750 Breakfast Sponsor - \$500 Gift/Prize Sponsor - \$250 Recognition at Awards Presentation
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Participate in the Tournament: You may also participate in our tournament. The entry fee is just \$100.00 per player and the format is a 4-person scramble; men and women. So, plan on playing. Better yet, organize a team of four players. If not, we accept single players as well. Don't miss this 38th tournament. Join in the fun and fellowship. John Conrad Golf Course, 711 S. Douglas Boulevard, Midwest City, OK is the location, Friday, September 13th. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. See Golf Registration form.



The proceeds from this tournament benefit the school in so many ways. In the past, the proceeds have helped purchase playground equipment, computer software, curriculum, teaching aids and much, much more. We are seeking to raise funds to assist with replacing Playground and PE Equipment so more students can experience fun activities an enjoy updated equipment when they attend Good Shepherd.

Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know how you would like to participate in our golf tournament, either by sponsorship, providing prizes and/or playing in the tournament – (How about entering a team to represent your company or family!) The deadline for all entries and donations is September 5. Again, thank you for your generous support as we continue to serve the Midwest City and surrounding communities. If you have questions, contact Giselle King at 405-732-0070 or Marguerite Christman at 405-570-5506.

*** Pick up Your Golf Player Registration Forms which are available near the Church Office and in the Fellowship Hall on the rear table.

Come! Enjoy golf, food, and fellowship — Help celebrate the 40 plus years







"Come and see!" There are some awesome things happening east of the cross!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, School and Early Childhood Center

Church:

700 N. Air Depot Blvd.

Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110

Phone (405) 732-2585

Website: www.MyLutheran.church

Church Services:

Sunday Worship: 8:00AM & 10:30AM Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:15AM

Wednesday Midweek:

Fellowship Meal, 5:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:00pm – 7:00pm

& Children's Class

School:

Phone (405) 732-0070 Fax (405) 732-3977

Website: www.MyLutheran.school E-mail: schoolsecretary@gslok.org

School Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8:15 AM - 3:45 PM

Early Childhood Center:

Phone (405) 732-7667 Fax (405) 732-3977

Website: www.MyLutheran.school
E-mail: eccdirector@gslok.org
Early Childhood Center Hours:
Mon-Fri: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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worship?

Are you wanting to be in fellowship with other Christians?
You are cordially invited to come join us in worship and fellowship.

Come and see. We'd love to have you.







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	9 Spaghetti com, garlic bread, pine- apples, milk	10 Taquitos, beans, fruit, milk	11 Chicken broc- coli rice casserole, applesauce, milk	12 Chicken Nug- gets, Mashed Pota- toes & gravy, corn, garlic bread, milk/	13 Cheese Ques- dilla fruit, milk School Closed	14
	16 Soft tacos, Spanish rice, man- darin oranges, milk	17 Pizza, Salad, mixed fruit, Milk	18 Grilled Cheese, Chicken or Tomato Soup, pickles, milk	19 BBQ Chicken, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	20 Turkey Cheese Wraps, Chips, Fruit, Milk. School Closed	21
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