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Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

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9/4: Picture Day (Part 1): UE & JH Individual & Class Photos

9/6: Picture Day (Part 2): All-School Photo & Primary, LE Individual & Class Photos

9/11: Cross Country Meet (Upper Elementary & Junior High)

9/12: Parent Education Night | 6:00 p.m.

9/14: Cross Country Meet (Junior High)

Tuesday, September 3 — Paul Graff (Redbud)

Wednesday, September 4 — Isaac Shane (Elm)

Wednesday, September 4 — Sofia Velasquez (River Birch)

Tomorrow: Picture Day, Part 1

We will have **two picture days** this week. Please note that Junior High and Upper Elementary students will participate in BOTH picture days.

- **Wednesday, September 4:** JH and UE Individual & Class Photos*
- **Friday, September 6:** All-School Photo, Primary and LE Individual & Class Photos

***Please note that the JH and UE class photos will now be taken tomorrow, 9/4.**

NOTE: The All-School picture will be taken FIRST THING on Friday morning, so **please ensure your child arrives by 8:15 a.m.**

How to Order School Photos

Please follow the steps below to order prints, gifts, or digital files from Valentino's/Scott Leonard Studios. **Order by September 9th!**

Order here: <https://v2.myproimages.com/valentinos/code/642KO>

- Type in your **child's first name** and click the search button.
- Select your child from the drop-down menu and click continue.
- Select the package you want, then scroll to the **bottom of the list** and click Add To Cart.
- You can add a second child or continue to your cart to complete your purchase.

If you need any help with ordering, please contact us at office@gsms.org.

Parent Education Night | Sept. 12

Our first Parent Education Night is on **Thursday, September 12, from 6–7:30 p.m.** Dr. Kaiser will give a talk titled **“Creating Space, Cultivating Wisdom, Contributing to the Common Good: Three Hallmarks of a Montessori Education.”** We ask that at least one parent from each GSMS family attend. Participating in Parent Education Nights counts for one hour toward your family's FPC commitment.

Sign-Up for Childcare by 9/9

Childcare will be provided for any current GSMS students who are registered by Monday, September 9th. [Click here to register.](#)

Family Parent Cooperative Opportunities

Snacks for 9/12: Sign up on [MobileServe](#).

Discussion/social time follows the Parent Education Night on Thursday, September 12. You can help provide the snacks!

Picture Day Volunteers: Sign up on [MobileServe](#).

Help the morning go smoothly on Friday, September 6, from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Lower Elementary Farm Help

Sneak some outdoor time into a weekday by volunteering to accompany Dogwood to Prairie Winds Nature Farm. A few Thursdays are still available; the next opening is 9/26. Time commitment is approximately 11:50 a.m. to dismissal. [Sign up online](#).

Morning Prayers Musicians & Singers

Play an instrument or love to sing? Consider volunteering as a Tuesday Morning Prayer musician! Email fpc@gsms.org.

Email fpc@gsms.org to offer your own special skills.

To find opportunities on MobileServe, log in online: <https://mobileserve.com/> Next, click "Opportunities," then "Invitations."

Farm Highlights from Parent Coffee

Parent Coffee Highlights

Farmer Theri unpacked a lot of information at last Friday's Parent Coffee, including sustainable gardening tips you can apply at home! Some highlights include:

Permaculture Design

Farmer Theri applies several **Permaculture Design Principles** on the GSMS urban farm, including *observe and interact*, *catch and store energy*, *produce no waste*, and *creatively use and respond to change*.

Rain Gardens

Where does water naturally pool after rain? Make a rain garden with native plants. Typically, the roots go as deep as the plant is tall. The roots draw the water deep into the ground for better retention.

Compost

Food scraps from lunch, weeds, prunings, straw, and other organic items are added to the compost piles **daily** at GSMS. An intentionally turned compost pile can be ready in 18 days, while a sedentary pile can become compost in 2 years. Want to make your own compost pile at home? The ideal ratio is 30:1, i.e., **30 parts carbon** (brown materials such as leaves, wood chips, and straw) to **1 part nitrogen** (materials such as grass clippings and food scraps).

Beware the Bindweed!

Bindweed is a big problem for small farmers across the U.S., and in the last five years for Good Shepherd, too. Bindweed is an **invasive plant** that spreads quickly (even up to 20 feet without light) and chokes out other plants. It is vine-like with a flower that looks like white morning glories.

If you'd like to participate in the **important work of removing bindweed at GSMS**, please email Farmer Theri to "**adopt a spot.**" She will train you on how to properly weed an area. This FPC opportunity can be done on your own schedule! Email tniemier@gsms.org.

Mark your calendar for the next **Parent Coffee** on **Friday, October 4!**

Hot Lunch

Menu

- Wednesday 9/4 – Yogurt Bar
- Thursday 9/5 – Pasta w/Chicken & Broccoli

- Friday 9/6 – Black Bean Stew
- Monday 9/9 – Pizza Pie
- Tuesday 9/10 – Bill’s King Ranch Casserole

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