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Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

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9/1: No School – Labor Day

9/5: Cross Country Meet – Clay Park

9/11: Parent Education Night – Montessori Philosophy

9/12: Picture Day – Primary and Lower Elementary

9/17: Picture Day – Upper Elementary and Junior High

HAPPY Birthday

Tuesday, August 26 — Louisa Strasser (Dogwood)

Tuesday, August 26 — Aggie O'Sullivan (River Birch)

Thursday, August 28 — Patrick Ponisciak (River Birch)

Friday, August 29 — Georgia Bayer (Elm)

Family Parent Cooperative Opportunities

Now that we've settled into the new school year, we are excited to begin identifying Family Parent Cooperative (FPC) opportunities that will support our classrooms and sustain the daily work of our school.

Atrium – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Redbud Atrium Volunteer

Help every **Thursday morning** from **8:15–10:45 a.m.** with simple material making and escorting children to the bathroom during Atrium time.

Silver Maple Atrium Assistant

Every **Thursday** from **1:15–2:45 p.m.**, assist Mrs. Alexis Duffy in the Level II Atrium with half of the children from the Silver Maple classroom. This is a great opportunity to learn about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and spend time with the children as they “talk to and listen to God” together.

Please email Sarah Kulwicki at skulwicki@gsms.org to sign up or get more information.

Kitchen

Kitchen Helpers Needed

Tuesdays

- Prep 9:30–11 or 11:30 a.m.
- Clean up 1:30–3:00

Thursdays

- Clean up 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Fridays

- Work with teens 9:00–11:30 a.m.
- Clean up 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Special Opportunity: A Bench for Caps Program

- Need **program leader** to meet with students as needed to sort caps, ensure cleanliness, bag, and weigh them.
- Note: To be eligible for a bench, this work **MUST** be done with students.
- Read more on the Green Tree website: <https://www.greentreeplastics.com/>

To help, please contact Michele Woody at mwoody@gsms.org.

Lower Elementary

Physical Expression

We could use more parent help on Fridays from 2:15 to 2:55 p.m. for physical expression. Dates still needed: Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, and Nov. 7.

Yarn Donations for Finger Knitting

Please send in your donation with your Lower Elementary child or drop it off at the front desk.

Donate Meal Worms

Help keep Herman, the Bearded Dragon for Dogwood, happy and fed! (As needed, please contact Micaela Argueta, Dogwood guide, at margueta@gsms.org.)

At-Home FPC: Laundry

Kitchen Laundry

- Take home on Wednesday afternoons and return on Friday mornings. To volunteer, email Michele Woody mwoody@gsms.org or Heather Tuttle htuttle@gsms.org.

Art Room Laundry

- Take home on Friday afternoons and return on Monday mornings (or choose another weekday and return the following morning). To volunteer, email Laurie Rousseau at lrousseau@gsms.org.

✨ We are grateful for your continued partnership in strengthening our classrooms and community! ✨

Limited After-School Camp Fire Availability

Due to record-high numbers this fall, **Camp Fire has temporarily suspended drop-in care on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.** Once they are able to hire more staff members, they will be able to reopen drop-in care. Please be in touch with them (info@riverbendcampfire.org) if you have any questions.

Fall After-School Art Clubs

Ms. Laurie Rousseau is offering three opportunities for students to grow their sewing skills during After-School Art Club!

- Please note that due to the high demand for art club, **spaces will be assigned by lottery.**
- Families should complete one form for each club they are interested in; multiple children may be included on each form.
- All families who complete the online form by **8:00 a.m. Friday, August 29**, will be entered into the lottery.

Hand Sew Some Stuff in the Art Room

Felt Stuffies & Embroidery—*Beginner projects that you can take to any level*

- \$50 fee covers the cost of class, supplies, and a snack. Will be charged to FACTS.
- **Ages 6 and up**, limited to 8 children in each session
- 6-week class meets Tuesdays or Thursdays, from 3:00–4:30 p.m.



Two sections will be offered:

6 Tuesdays: September 9, 16, 23, & 30 and October 7 & 14

OR

6 Thursdays: September 11, 18, & 25 and October 2, 9, & 16

[Click here to enter the lottery for “Hand Sew...”](#)

After-School in the Art Room: Machine Sewing Class

Learn the basics of using a SEWING MACHINE—From denim stars to tote bags.

- \$50 fee covers the cost of class, supplies, and a snack. Will be charged to FACTS.
- **Ages 10 & up**, limited to 6 children who will be sharing 3 machines
- 5-week class meets Mondays from 3:00-4:30 p.m.



Meets 5 Mondays: September 15, 22, & 29 and October 6 & 13

Ms. Rousseau provides fabric, and you are also welcome to bring a favorite fabric to use.

- [Click here to enter the lottery for “Machine Sewing.”](#)
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Art Award for Ms. Rousseau

GSMS Art Specialist, Laurie Rousseau, was honored with the **Judge’s Award** for her monotype print, *Asclepias syriaca*, **Common Milkweed**. Her work is on display at Fernwood Botanical Garden Galleries as part of the **Northern Indiana Artists, Inc.** exhibition titled [“Nature’s Gifts”](#) now through November 2. Congratulations, Laurie!

Learn more about Laurie’s art on her [website](#).



From the Farm 🚜

Project Days

Save the **morning of September 27th** to stop by GSMS for our **All-School FPC Farm Project Day**. We would love a great showing of school families! 🙌 Stop by any upcoming work days on the farm:

- September 6, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. | Parking lot work, filling holes and cleaning cracks
- September 13, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. | Tree trimming and removal (trucks welcome)

- September 20, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. | More tree trimming and removal (trucks welcome)
- September 27, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. | All-School FPC Farm Project Day

🕒 If your family would like a job on your own time, you can help us paint a barn. We need to paint them all this year, so there's plenty of work to go around!

🍅 Tomatoes 🍅

Tomatoes are being harvested and will soon be in abundance! Check out [some recipes en español](#) to enjoy tomatoes during this season of freshness! The recipes came from the Farmers Market, which Upper Elementary students visited last week—another wonderful place to discover a wide variety of produce.



Theri Niemier

Farm Manager & Regenerative Agriculture Education Specialist

Hot Lunch

Next Week's Menu

Monday 9/1 — No School (Labor Day)
 Tuesday 9/2 — Italian Wonderpot
 Wednesday 9/3 — Persian Biryani
 Thursday 9/4 — Goi Ga
 Friday 9/5 — Salad Bar



Order Today!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Monthly Parent Philosophy Club

GSMS parents, **Matisse Giddings** and **Rebecca Daublin**, are forming a monthly **philosophy club** for individuals interested in reading books or excerpts from classic and contemporary philosophers. Each participant will have a turn to choose a reading for the group to discuss. Any interested parents or adults are invited to join them! Please reach out to Matisse by text, phone call, or email to express your interest.

Matisse Giddings: matissegiddings@gmail.com or (574) 303-2602

ND Bandlink: Low-Cost Music Lesson Opportunity

Is your student in grades 4–8 and interested in band? The Notre Dame Marching Band runs a program called [Bandlink](#), where students meet for **individual lessons** with a college band member and also attend a **weekly ensemble** practice. Instruments taught include: trumpet, trombone, saxophone, French horn, flute, clarinet, percussion, and baritone horn/euphonium. 🎺

Info Night/Instrument Demo

Bandlink is holding an **informational night/instrument demo** on **Sunday, August 31st**, from **2–4 p.m.** at Ricci Band Rehearsal Hall on Notre Dame's campus. You can fill out the [New Student Form](#) and email bandlink@nd.edu for further questions.

The program is free. The only cost is the rental of the instrument through Quinlan & Fabish in Mishawaka.

Here is more information about the program. <https://sites.nd.edu/bandlink/>

GSMS Carpool

Last year, there were 4–5 GSMS students participating based on the semester. I can help organize a **carpool**; please let me know if your child is interested in the program.

More specific information about the program is below:

- Weekly ensemble practice is at Christ the King School from 3:30–4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, depending on your child's placement. (There are 3 different bands: Beginner, Concert, and Advanced.)
- Individual lessons are held at Holy Cross School on Sundays from 6:30–7:15 p.m. (1st individual lessons will be Sunday, September 14th, from 6:30–7:15 p.m.)
- Registration forms due Thursday, September 4th.

If you have any questions, please contact GSMS parent **Jennifer Ehren** at jennifer.ehren@gmail.com or text 650-799-6645.

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