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Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

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

9/19: XC Meet – GSMS-Only at Pinhook Park

9/26: XC Meet – GSMS Hosts at Prairie Winds

9/27: FPC Project Day on the Farm 🚜

10/1: Parent Education Night – CASIE Center

10/3: XC Meet – Stanley Clark

10/10: Grandparents and Special Friends Day



Thursday, September 18 — Benjamin Czarnecki (Redbud)

Sunday, September 21 — Lacko Szakmany (Silver Maple)

Monday, September 22 — Ms. Kathy Oyer

Tomorrow: Picture Day, Part II & Ordering Deadline

Tomorrow, **Wednesday, September 17**, all Upper Elementary and Junior High students will have their individual and class photographs taken by Scott Leonard, owner of Valentino's.

The **deadline to preorder photographs** is also tomorrow, **Wednesday, September 17**. Additional charges will apply to any orders after the 17th.

Use the button below to find the ordering website. Call Valentino's with any questions: 574-273-4422.

Order Photos

October 1: Special Parent Education Night

Wednesday, October 1

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Save the date for an important Parent Education Night (PEN) on Wednesday, October 1. Guest speakers from the [CASIE Center](#) will share information about their **body**

safety and child abuse prevention program for students in Kindergarten through twelfth grade. The CASIE Center delivers this program in schools throughout St. Joseph County, in compliance with the state of Indiana's 2017 mandate, known as Erin's Law. Designed by the Monique Burr Foundation for Children, the curriculum used by the CASIE Center is research-based and age-appropriate. It teaches students of all ages to recognize signs of abuse and identify a "safe adult" that they can talk to. More details will be shared on October 1st.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Friday, October 10
8:15–10:00 a.m.

We are excited about our annual celebration, Grandparents and Special Friends Day, on Friday, October 10! Please encourage your children to invite their grandparents or a special friend to join us for Morning Prayer, a classroom visit, and a photo opportunity. Our guests will be finished by 10:00 a.m.

How to Invite Guests

We encourage students to personally invite their guests. Below is a script children can use when extending the invitation in person or by phone:

"Hello ____!"

I would like to invite you to visit my school on Friday, October 10th, for Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. for Morning Prayer. After Morning Prayer, I will show you my classroom, and we can take a picture together. I would love to show you my school! I hope you can make it!

RSVPs Required

Once the invitation has been accepted, please submit an RSVP for any grandparent or special friend who will be attending. **All RSVPs are due by Friday, October 3.**

[RSVP Now](#)

Help for Grandparents & Special Friends Day

We need a variety of parent volunteers to facilitate this special event, from photographers to bakers. Please sign up on the [volunteer spreadsheet](#) to help.

Contact office@gsms.org with any questions. Thank you!

FPC Opportunity: Temporary UE Atrium Assistant

We are seeking a **temporary Atrium assistant** for River Birch on **Tuesday mornings** from **8:45 to 10:15 a.m.**, from October through mid-December (ten Tuesdays), while our lovely volunteer from the Sisters of Holy Cross will be away. This is a great way to get Family Parent Cooperative hours before winter break!

You do not need any experience with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The ideal assistant will work alongside the children, offering assistance as required and supervising the environment while the catechist is presenting in small groups. Many volunteers have found it a relaxing way to begin their day.

This might be a great opportunity for a Primary or Lower El parent who wants a window into what Atrium looks like as our children grow.

Please contact Katie Ball-Boruff (kballboruff@gsms.org) with any questions.

Tuesday/Thursday Help in the Kitchen

Hang out with the kitchen crew on **Tuesdays or Thursdays**! We are looking for volunteers to help with **prep (morning)** or **clean-up (afternoon)** on both days of the week.

- Mornings: 9:00–11:30 a.m.
- Afternoons: 1:00–2:30 p.m.


If you can only help for **part of a shift**, e.g., 9:00–10:00 a.m., that's OK!

Whether you can lend a hand **once** or help **once in a while**, please check out the [sign-up](#)

[sheet](#) and add your name to claim a shift. Email Heather Tuttle (htuttle@gsms.org) or Michele Woody (mwoody@gsms.org) with questions.

From the Farm

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **The morning of September 20** will be dedicated to continuing tree trimming and removing scrub trees. We especially need chainsaw-experienced cutters for tree trimming and trucks that can haul the wood out. 
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Fall FPC Project Day on the Farm

We are looking forward to our annual FPC Project Day on the farm on **Saturday, September 27**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- **All GSMS families** are encouraged to attend for some of the four-hour window—many hands make light work!
- Upon arrival, please check in under the portico.
- Please bring water bottles, work gloves, and a sturdy shovel, if possible.
- A variety of work will be available.

Thank you for your support of our urban farm!  

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Farm Manager & Regenerative Agriculture Education Specialist

**NURSE'S
CORNER**

✨ Don't forget to send your children's immunization records as soon as possible. ✨ If you have questions or are waiting for an upcoming doctor's appointment to request yours, please email nurse@gsms.org.

Thank you very much!

Angelica Anderson

GSMS School Nurse

Hot Lunch

Next Week's Menu

Monday 9/22 – Pizza Pie

Tuesday 9/23 – Sufferin' Succotach

Wednesday 9/24 – Spaghetti Taco

Thursday 9/25 – Tikka Masala

Friday 9/26 – Greek Fasolada



Order Today!

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To submit an item for this e-newsletter, email tuesdaynewsday@gsms.org by Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m.



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