

This is our weekly newsletter for the 2025–2026 school year. Tune in each week for upcoming events or communications.

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Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

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10/10: Grandparents and Special Friends Day

10/10: XC Family Fun Run at GSMS

10/16–17: No School – Fall Break

10/21: Parent Education Night – Language Curriculum

10/31: No School – Faculty Work Day



Tuesday, October 14 — Francisco Navarro (Blue Beech)

Wednesday, October 15 — Ellie LeVeque (Cedar)

Saturday, October 18 — Jack Weber-Hess (Elm)

Sunday, October 19 — Juniper Bayer (River Birch)

No School: Thursday & Friday

There is no school on **Thursday and Friday, October 16–17**. We wish you all a fun-filled, festive Fall Break!

Parent Education Night | Oct. 21

Tuesday, October 21

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Language Curriculum

The third Parent Education Night of the school year is coming up after Fall Break on Tuesday, October 21. The evening will begin with a brief **overview** of the language curriculum, then we will **break into groups** by level to explore the language curriculum more deeply. At least one parent from each GSMS family is expected to attend, and you will receive one FPC hour for attending.

Sign Up for Childcare

Childcare will be provided for any **current GSMS students** who are registered by **Monday, October 20, at 9:00 a.m.** [Click here to register.](https://mailchi.mp/2bb9fc02b7b1/gsms-tuesday-newsday-vol-13877588?e=102d2f514e)

If you can help provide nutritious snacks for the children, please sign up on this [spreadsheet](#). Contributions count toward FPC hours.

FPC Opportunity: Bring Snacks

There will be a social time after the PEN program. Traditionally, parents volunteer to bring snacks and drinks to share. Contributions count toward FPC hours. If you can help, please sign up on the [spreadsheet](#). Thank you!

GSMS Student-Led Drama Club

A group of 6th-year students will be coordinating an after-school drama club with the aim of putting on a simple production of *The Wizard of Oz*. The club will meet after school on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3–4:10 p.m. from Wednesday, October 21, through Friday, December 12. The club is open to all GSMS students in grades 1–8. A \$50 club fee will apply, but please contact Meredith (manatolios@gsms.org) if financial assistance is needed. More information and registration are available [here](#).



Before School Care Update

In August, we initiated a trial period of offering Before School Care from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. for families who needed to drop off their 1st–to 6th–grade students a little earlier. We will now be continuing this program for the rest of the school year. There is no cost, and no sign-up is needed, but it is reserved for students in Lower and Upper Elementary. Please contact office@gsms.org with any questions.

Hot Lunch

Next Week's Menu

Monday 10/20 — Pizza Pie
Tuesday 10/21 — Salad Sandwich Day
Wednesday 10/22 — Baked Oatmeal
Thursday 10/23 — Deconstructed
Wonton Soup
Friday 10/24 — Chicken Mei Fun



Order Today!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Free Performance: Songs in Flight

Saturday, October 18

2:00 p.m.

MLK Dream Center

Free to the Public

The [South Bend Lyric Opera](#) is presenting a free performance of *Songs in Flight* this Saturday. This work is a 12-movement song cycle by Shawn E Okpebholo that combines print ads from slave owners with poetry and songs inspired by runaway slaves. This performance is recommended for guests in fifth grade and older.



Trunk or Treat at GSMS



Join us for Halloween fun at the **6th Annual GSMS Families Trunk or Treat!** This is a **parent-sponsored** event open to all GSMS families. Treats will be handed out at stations along the driveway and in the lower parking lot. Costumes welcomed!

We could use more volunteers to host treat stations at tables or in vehicles. However, giving out treats is not necessary to participate. If you would like to distribute treats but do not have a family member to staff a station, contact Erin, who will find someone to help pass them out.

Parking for trunk-or-treaters is in the upper or northernmost lot. Vehicles serving as treat stations should be parked in the lower lot closest to the school (adjacent to the hoop house).

WHO: GSMS families, including students, teachers, staff, siblings young and old, and GSMS alumni

WHEN: Sunday, October 26, 3:00–4:30 p.m.*

WHERE: GSMS campus

*In the event of inclement weather we may reschedule

Questions? Please contact Erin McDonnell at erin.mcdonnell@nd.edu.

Run/Walk for the Family Justice Center

The [Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County](#) is the beneficiary of a family-friendly 5k run and walk on **Sunday, October 19**, in Mishawaka. A partner of the CASIE Center, the FJC is a nonprofit that helps victims and families escape domestic violence and move toward healing. This event is being organized by Harbor of Hope, a student club at Penn High School dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic violence through advocacy, action, and awareness. Costumes encouraged! Tickets are [available online](#).



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