

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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9/30: Rescheduled XC Meet – Charles Black Center
10/1: Parent Education Night – CASIE Center
10/3: XC Meet – Stanley Clark
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



Thursday, October 2 — Joe DiTillo (Cedar)

Monday, October 6 — Dr. Joshua Kaiser

Tomorrow: CASIE Parent Education Night

Wednesday, October 1

6:00–7:30 p.m.

We are pleased to welcome speakers from the [CASIE Center](#) for an important Parent Education Night (PEN) tomorrow, Wednesday, October 1. They will share information about their **body safety and child abuse prevention program, which will be implemented at Good Shepherd this school year.**

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.

At least one parent from each GSMS family is expected to attend, which counts for one hour toward your family's Family Parent Cooperative (FPC) commitment.

Volunteers Needed for Grandparents Day

HELP WANTED: We need a variety of **parent volunteers** to facilitate Grandparents and Special Friends Day on Friday, October 10.

📷 We are most in need of **photographers** to capture posed pictures of students with their guests. We assign one photographer to each classroom. The classroom staff will set up a special spot for posing the pictures in advance and help track whose photos are taken to make sure no one is missed.

🍎 We also like to offer **refreshments** to guests at the end of their visit. We could use donations of baked goods, fruit, and protein-rich snacks.

Please sign up on the [volunteer spreadsheet](#) to help. Thank you for helping make this a memorable event for our community!

Order October Hot Lunch

Ms. Woody says Don't forget to order hot lunch for October!

Tip: If you want to order for the rest of the month, you can select "Every Day Hot Lunch for the Month" on **any** upcoming date, then use the dropdown arrow to find "Add all similar visible items to cart." (See image below.) Selecting this option will add every hot lunch entrée for the month to your cart. Bon Appétit!

Description

1 Regular \$ 4.50

this Menu item will allow all menu items for the month to be added to the cart for ease of children who eat every day. Click this item and drop down to say add all similar items to cart.

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Order Today!

Please RSVP for Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Friday, October 10

8:15–10:00 a.m.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day is **ten days away!** ✨ **RSVPs are due THIS FRIDAY, October 3.** ✨ Please note that Good Shepherd does not send invitations for this event. We encourage children to invite their grandparents or special friends themselves!

Event Schedule

Grandparents and special friends are invited for Morning Prayer, a classroom visit, and refreshments. They will be done by 10:00 a.m.

How to Invite 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 Due Friday

✨ **Parents**, please submit an RSVP for any grandparent or special friend who will be attending. Again, all **RSVPs are due this Friday, October 3.**

RSVP Now

Please contact office@gsms.org with any questions. Thank you!

New Wednesday Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers to support our Primary children (3–6 years old) during Atrium on Wednesdays from approximately **8:15 to 10:30 a.m.** The volunteer would sit outside of the Atrium and walk children to the main level bathroom when needed. The volunteer might also help with material making (usually cutting paper). Sometimes it is possible to bring your own quiet work to get done! We would also take volunteers for part of the window. This opportunity will start in mid-October.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Blue Beech guide Annie DeMott at ademott@gsms.org. Thank you for considering!

Family Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Front Desk

We are looking for a handful of volunteers who would be willing to be trained on front desk duties to fill in for Brittany Nichols from time to time. Dates and hours are extremely flexible. Please contact Meredith Anatolios (manatolios@gsms.org) if interested.

Kitchen Help—New Friday Shift Added

We are looking for volunteers to help with **prep (morning)** or **clean-up (afternoon)** on:

- T/TH Mornings: 9:00–11:30 a.m.
- T/TH Afternoons: 1:00–2:30 p.m.
- FRI Mornings: 9:00–11:30 a.m. ***Bonus: with Junior High students!***

If you can only help for **part of a shift**, e.g., 9:00–10:00 a.m., that's OK! Please choose a shift on the [sign-up sheet](#) and add your name to claim it. Email Heather Tuttle (htuttle@gsms.org) or Michele Woody (mwoody@gsms.org) with questions.

River Birch 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. No experience necessary. The assistant will work alongside the children, offering assistance as needed and supervising the environment while the catechist presents in small groups.

You can sign up to **help for one day** or **volunteer for all ten**. Contact Katie Ball-Boruff (kballboruff@gsms.org), or sign up on [this spreadsheet](#).

Substitute Teach at GSMS

We are currently looking to increase the size of our substitute list at Good Shepherd.

Training is available, and substitutes will never be left alone with a classroom of children. While often we know the need in advance, subbing could involve getting a call or text early in the morning (or late at night) to see if you are available for a full or half-day assignment.

If this is something that interests you, or if you know of somebody who has excellent skills with children and a flexible schedule, please contact Meredith Anatolios (manatolios@gmail.com) to let her know of your interest.

This is a paid position. Current parents may also opt to use substitute hours toward their FPC hours instead.

Hot Lunch

Next Week's Menu

Monday 10/6 — Pizza Pie
Tuesday 10/7 — Sloppy Joes
Wednesday 10/8 — Bean & Cheese
Burritos
Thursday 10/9 — Chicken Chow Mein
Friday 10/10 — Baked Falafel



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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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