

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



Wednesday, October 8 — Gio Rodriguez (Cedar)

Thursday, October 9 — Yara Turner (Blue Beech)

Saturday, October 11 — Ingrid Bortz (River Birch)

Sunday, October 12 — Mr. John DiTillo (Elm)

Volunteers Needed for Grandparents Day

HELP WANTED: We still need a few **parent volunteers** to help us host a wonderful Grandparents and Special Friends Day on Friday!

📷 We especially need **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.

🍊 Guests are offered refreshments at the end of their visit. We could use a few more donations of snacks to share, especially **fruit** and **protein-rich** options.

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

Last Chance: RSVP for Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Friday, October 10

8:15–10:00 a.m.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day is this Friday! Please make sure your child's special guests know the event details.

Arrival

- Grandparents and special friends may arrive between **8:00 and 8:15 a.m.**
- They should enter campus from Colfax Avenue (similar to morning drop-off).
- Guests may park in the north lot off of Colfax. Once full, they may proceed down the hill and park in either of the lower lots.
- ✨ **Guests with mobility issues may be dropped off under the portico.** ✨

Check-In

- Guests should check in upon arrival and pick up their name tags.
- Name tags will also have information about the classrooms each guest should visit.

Schedule

- After Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary, guests will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms between **8:45 and 10:00 a.m.**
- If they have more than one child to visit, guests should plan their time accordingly.
- At 10:00 a.m., we will ask all guests to exit the classrooms so that the children may continue their school day.
- Coffee and refreshments will be available in the lobby area.

Last Chance to RSVP

✨ Parents, if you haven't already, please submit an RSVP for any grandparent or special friend who will be attending. **The form will close tomorrow, Wednesday, October 8, at 12:00 p.m.** Guests who aren't registered won't have a name tag ready when they check in. ✨

RSVP Now

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

This Friday: Fun Run at GSMS

Friday, October 10
Gathering at 4:30 p.m.

Join the cross country team for a fun run at GSMS! All are welcome—siblings, friends, classmates, grandparents, etc.

Fun Run Details

Everyone is welcome to join in the run with no registration necessary! You can run the coaches' practice 1K course as many laps as you like. Participants should gather in the lower lot area at 4:30 p.m., and the run will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Celebration Dinner

There will be a celebration dinner after the run. Families are invited to bring a dish or picnic supplies to share—please volunteer on **SignUpGenius** [here](#). Note: Food is needed by 5:00 p.m., and contributions count as **Family Parent Cooperative (FPC) hours!**

Congratulations to the runners and coaches on a great season!

CGS Mini-Retreat at Good Shepherd

Wednesday, October 8
7:00–8:30 p.m.

We invite you to join us for a small, area-wide Catechesis of the Good Shepherd retreat **hosted by and at Good Shepherd**. We will tour the Level I/Level II Atrium, discuss, and have prayer time together.

We are inviting area catechists from local schools and parishes, as well as anyone interested in learning more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. There will also

be future events like this at other schools and parish atriums each month this academic year.

RSVP to Sarah Kulwicki at skulwicki@gsms.org if you are able to attend!

Peace,

Sarah Kulwicki, Inge Deneen, and Caroline O'Callaghan

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 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.](#)

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!

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.

Family Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Front Desk

- Fill in for Brittany Nichols from time to time. Dates and hours are highly flexible.
- Contact: Meredith Anatolios, manatolios@gsms.org

Kitchen Help

- 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!*
- Sign up for an upcoming shift on the [sign-up sheet](#). **Partial shifts are OK, too.**
- Contacts: Heather Tuttle, htuttle@gsms.org, and Michele Woody, mwoody@gsms.org

Tuesday Atrium Assistant

- Temporary Atrium assistant for Upper Elementary (River Birch community) on **Tuesday mornings from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m.**, from October through mid-December.
- Sign up for an upcoming shift on the [sign-up sheet](#). **Partial shifts are OK, too.**
- Contact: Katie Ball-Boruff, kballboruff@gsms.org

Wednesday Atrium Assistant

- Assist outside the Primary/Level I Atrium (Blue Beech) on **Wednesday mornings from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m.** Walk the children to the restroom and help with making materials.
- Sometimes it is possible to bring your own quiet work to get done!
- Sign up for an upcoming shift on the [sign-up sheet](#). **Partial shifts are OK, too.**

- Contact: Annie DeMott, ademott@gsms.org

Hot Lunch

Next Week's Menu

Monday 10/13 — Pizza Pie

Tuesday 10/14 — Burmese Khao Suey

Wednesday 10/15 — Spaghetti Taco

Thursday 10/16 — No School (Fall Break)

Friday 10/17 — No School (Fall Break)



Order Today!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Parent Enrichment from Family Psychology

Conversations about Everyday Life with Children

The GSMS community is invited to participate in a **free, three-part online parenting series**, presented by our partner, [Family Psychology of South Bend](#) and SMC ECDC. Facilitated by GSMS alum parent, **Sharon Bain, LCSW**, these sessions will address topics of child guidance and child development (ages 2–12 years) within the context of a positive discipline philosophy. Session topics and dates below. **Descriptions available on [this flyer](#).**

No fee is required, but registration is necessary. Email Liz Betson at ebetson@saintmarys.edu to RSVP.

Adjusting to School and Reclaiming Peaceful Mornings

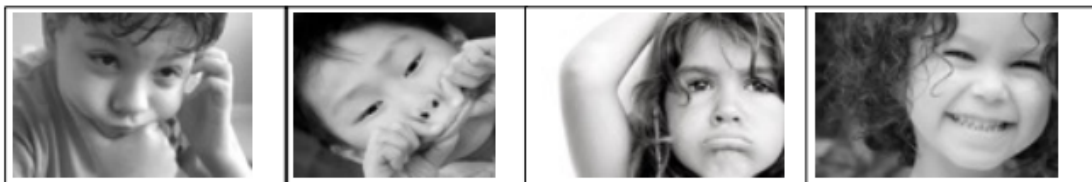
Wednesday, October 8 at Noon

The Science of Sleep

Wednesday, November 5 at Noon

Navigating Through Mealtime Struggles

Wednesday, December 3 at Noon



Parents are invited to join ECDC & Family Psychology of South Bend in...

Conversations about Everyday Life with Children

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](#).

MISHAWAKA RIVERWALK - CENTRAL PARK
SUNDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 2025
295 E Mishawaka Ave, Mishawaka, IN 46545 : 10 AM - 12 PM



**HALLOWEEN
RUN & WALK**

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER
WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME, BRING YOUR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND RUN FOR A CAUSE!

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UNDER 10 - \$5
UNDER 18 - \$10
OVER 18 - \$25



TICKETS

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