

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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11/13: 11:30 Dismissal for All Students – GPS Conferences

11/14: No School – GPS Conferences

11/25: Thanksgiving Prayer Service

11/25: Junior High Holiday Sale

11/26–28: No School – Thanksgiving Break



Wednesday, November 12 — Eleanor Yeomans (Silver Maple)

Wednesday, November 12 — Anna Flowers (Blue Beech)

Sunday, November 16 — Zoeh Gonzalez (Cedar)

11:30 Dismissal Thursday

Due to GPS conferences, **Thursday, November 13**, is a **half-day** with dismissal for all students at **11:30 a.m.**

There is **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, November 14**.

Weather-Related Closings

Text Alerts

GSMS uses **cell phone text alerts** to notify parents of school closures and emergencies. If you didn't receive texts today or yesterday, follow the steps in the document "[GSMS Text Alert Sign Up Instructions](#)" to add your cell phone number to our distribution lists.

Weather-Related Closing Decisions

The administrative team weighs many factors when deciding whether or not to close. These include the DHS travel advisory recommendations, the general conditions of the roads, as well as our own parking lot. Because we do not have children out at bus stops and we only have one campus to clear (and/or salt), we are often making a different decision than the local public school systems.

That said, we encourage everyone in the Good Shepherd community to use their wisdom and best judgment when the weather conditions are less than ideal. Please

continue to complete the [absence reporting form](#) if your student(s) will not be coming to school for any reason.

When Good Shepherd Closes

1. We will send a text alert to families.
2. We will also submit our closing information to WNDU and WSBT for online and on-air broadcast.
 - a. www.wndu.com/weather/closings/
 - b. <https://wsbt.com/weather/closings>
3. We also try to post in the [private GSMS parent Facebook group](#) once the initial push to disseminate information is complete.

When Other Schools Close but GSMS Does Not

We do not usually send text messages when the school is open as usual. However, with the surprise November snowstorm, we felt it was important to let everyone know we were open.  **In the future, when other schools close and Good Shepherd does not, we will not send text alerts.**  We want to reserve the text alert system for abnormal or urgent messages.

Please get in touch with office@gsms.org with any questions about weather-related closings.

Drop Off for Faculty/Staff Lunch

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to contribute food to our lunch for faculty and staff on Thursday!

Please drop off all food and drinks **before 11:00 a.m.**, so that they can be enjoyed for lunch.

 If you are looking for a way to contribute, we are still looking for a second Crockpot of beef, ground beef, or ground turkey (approximately 2.5 to 3 pounds).

 Remember to record your contribution in [MobileServe](#) for **FPC hours**.

Thank you again for your generosity and for showing support for the faculty and staff!

Sign Up to Bring Meat!

Food Drive for Sunnyside

November 4–21

Benefitting Sunnyside Presbyterian Church

A BIG THANKS to our students and families for a great start to our food drive! Your student can still bring in donations through the end of next week. Drop off donations in the lobby or, for Primary, during morning drop-off.

- **Primary** (Blue Beech and Redbud) — Canned beans and soups
- **Lower Elementary** (Dogwood and Silver Maple) — Pasta and boxed mac & cheese
- **Upper Elementary** (Cedar and River Birch) — Tuna and other canned meats
- **Junior High** (Elm) — Peanut butter and jelly

Remember, if possible:

- Buy regular-sized groceries (not jumbo or multipacks).
- Choose plastic containers over glass.

Primary



Canned beans and soups

Lower Elementary



Pasta and boxed mac & cheese

Upper Elementary



Tuna and canned meat

Junior High



Peanut Butter & Jelly

Looking for Kitchen Help

The kitchen is still recruiting volunteers to help with our fabulous hot lunch program. They especially need support on **Thursdays anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

>Email Heather Tuttle (htuttle@gsms.org) or Michele Woody (mwoody@gsms.org) to volunteer or ask questions, or choose a shift on the [sign-up sheet](#) and add your name to claim it.

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

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

A special thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have helped out so far!!

From the Farm



Join the Junior High farm classes for their annual holiday sale featuring their semester-long hard work. This is a day we look forward to each year.

✨Annual Holiday Sale – Tuesday, November 25✨

The Junior High Holiday Sale will feature farm-to-table goods, including delicious baked and preserved products. The sale will start at 9:00 a.m. and run until 11:00 a.m. or while supplies last. Both cash and cards will be accepted.

Pre-Ordering Open

Ensure you get your goodies —cookies, pie fillings, evergreen wreaths, and hand-dipped Advent candles —by pre-ordering online. **Pick-up will be at the sale on Tuesday, November 25.**

Fresh Turkey Raffle

Junior High representatives are selling **raffle tickets** for a chance to win a fresh turkey during drop-off and pick-up! The 25-pound turkey is free-range and locally raised by

Hiatts Farm. The drawing will be held on **Thursday morning, November 18**, with pick-up on Tuesday, November 25.

Pre-Order Holiday Sale Now

Hot Lunch

Next Week's Menu

Monday 11/17 — Pizza Pie
Tuesday 11/18 — Mrs. Tuttle's Chicken Noodle Soup
Wednesday 11/19 — Pakistani Aloo Gobi
Thursday 11/20 — Tater Tot Casserole
Friday 11/21 — Baked Oatmeal Bananas & Berries



Order Today!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Free: Intro to 3D Printing for Kids & Teens

Join Notre Dame faculty member, Dr. Joseph Lyon, for an introduction to 3D printing at the [Children's Museum of South Bend](#)! The event on Friday, November 14, from 4:00–5:00 p.m. is for students in grades 5 through 12. Free, but [registration](#) is required.



Intro to 3D printing!



Friday, November 14 • 4-5 PM • Free • Registration Required



Are you in 5th through 12th grade and interested in engineering, design, or 3D printing?

Come learn about all of these things from Dr. Joseph Lyon, faculty member in the College of Engineering at Notre Dame!



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