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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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11/25: Thanksgiving Prayer Service  
11/25: Junior High Holiday Sale  
11/26–28: No School – Thanksgiving Break  
12/18: Last Day Before Christmas Break  
12/19–1/2/2026: No School – Christmas Break

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Tuesday, November 18 — Ollie Durr (Cedar)

Wednesday, November 19 — Mrs. Meredith Anatolios

Thursday, November 20 — Ms. Theri Niemier

Saturday, November 22 — Amos Walczewski (Silver Maple)

Saturday, November 22 — Layla Daniel (Cedar)

Monday, November 24 — Peter Graff (Blue Beech)

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## School Photos Sent Home Monday

School photos were sent home yesterday, Monday, November 17. If you ordered a package and haven't seen it yet, please check your child's backpack.

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## Reprint: 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/](http://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](mailto:office@gsms.org) with any questions about weather-related closings.

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## Thank You for Lunch!

Thank you to our wonderful parent community for your generosity in providing lunch for faculty and staff last Thursday! 🎉🥗 Everyone felt so well cared for, having a wholesome midday meal. Please stop by the front desk, and we will reunite you with your cookware!

Supporting guides during GPS Conferences is one way Good Shepherd embodies its mission of being a cooperative community. 🙌 Please remember to record your contribution in [MobileServe](#) for **FPC hours**.

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## Last Week: Food Drive for Sunnyside

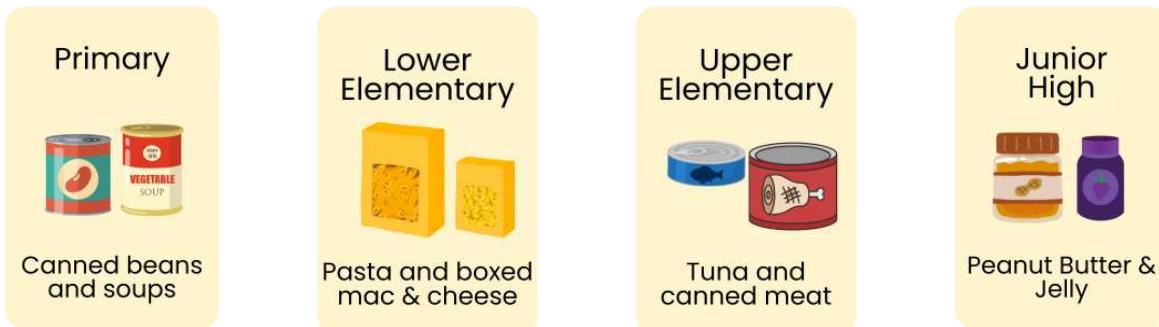
**November 4—21**

*Benefitting Sunnyside Presbyterian Church*

WOW! 🎉 The food donations have been flooding in since GPS conferences! Thank you so much for helping care for our neighbors. **Your student can still bring in non-perishables through the end of the week.** 🎉

- **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) and choose plastic containers over glass.



## From the Farm



### Annual Holiday Sale — Tuesday, November 25

Join our Junior High students for their annual holiday sale featuring 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.

#### Get Your Pre-Order in ASAP

Guarantee you get the holiday goodies you can't live without—by pre-ordering online! There are still chocolate chip cookies, pie fillings, and evergreen wreaths available.

- Pre-ordering will close on Friday, November 21, or while supplies last.
- Pick-up of pre-ordered items will be at the sale on Tuesday, November 25.

### Fresh Turkey Raffle—It's not too late!

The date for the turkey raffle drawing was misprinted in last week's Tuesday Newsday. **The correct date for the drawing is this Thursday, November 20.** That means you can still buy tickets to support the Junior High's microeconomy project and get the chance to win a fresh, free-range turkey ( 25 pounds! 

[Pre-Order Holiday Sale Now](#)

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# Hot Lunch

## Next Week's Menu

Monday 11/24 — Pizza Pie

Tuesday 11/25 — Baked Potato Bar

Wednesday 11/26 — No School

Thursday 11/27 —*Happy Thanksgiving!*

Friday 11/28 — No School



Order Today!

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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## Alternative Gift Fair

Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren ([map link](#)) invites the broader community to their annual Alternative Gift Fair on Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event provides the opportunity for holiday shopping that helps those in need, locally and around the world! Vendors include Unity Gardens Inc., St. Margaret's House, One Village Fair Trade with Friends of Ten Thousand Villages Mishawaka, and many more. Everyone is welcome!

Join us for the annual Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren

# Alternative Gift Fair



Turn your  
holiday shopping  
into gifts  
that help  
those in need,  
in our local  
community and  
around the world!

**Saturday, December 6th, 9 am - 2 pm**

Books, toys, handmade jewelry, handbags,  
scarves, tie-dyed apparel, ceramics,  
baked goods, soup mixes, and more



## Participants include:

One Village Fair Trade (formerly Ten Thousand Villages)  
Hope for Nepal  
Unity Gardens  
Soup of Success Cheri's Crafts  
Women's Fellowship Bake Sale  
Malawi Matters  
St. Margaret's House ...and more!

53105 Ironwood Road., South Bend, IN  
(at the corner of Ironwood and Cleveland, across from Castle Point Apartments)

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