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No School – Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Break starts tomorrow! There is **no school Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29.**

Best wishes for a meaningful holiday with your loved ones. We are grateful for our wonderful Good Shepherd community of students, parents, faculty, staff, and friends. We'll see you on Monday, December 1!



Reminder: Order hot lunch for December if you haven't already!

[Order Today!](#)

Bank at NDFCU? Raise Funds for GSMS!

Good Shepherd has a chance to earn **\$2,500** through a great program at Notre Dame Federal Credit Union called "ELEVATE."

December Challenge

If **ten people** make a single purchase (non-PIN) on their **ELEVATE debit or credit cards** during the month of December, Good Shepherd earns a \$2,500 bonus!

1% to GSMS Year-Round

The rest of the year, users earn 1% back on all their purchases, which goes to Good Shepherd.



SUPPORT GSMS

with **ELEVATE** from NDFCU



Get Your ELEVATE Card

If you already use Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, it is pretty simple to **convert your debit card to an ELEVATE card** and help Good Shepherd earn \$2,500.

1. Call the downtown branch at 574-400-4820. Ask for Hannah Ellito or Jasmin Coria. One of them will be happy to assist you.
2. Call the Shamrock Call Center: 800-522-6611
3. Visit any branch to request an ELEVATE card in person.
4. You can apply for a card online, but if you already have an NDFCU debit card, it's **best** to call or visit a branch to make sure everything is handled correctly.

Qualifying Transactions

Once you have your ELEVATE debit card, use it like a credit card—without the PIN—**once** between December 1 and 31. Making a purchase online is the easiest way to do this! Joint accounts with two ELEVATE debit cards count as “one swipe,” so either account owner can make the qualifying purchase.

Get Yours ASAP

If you want to support GSMS through the ELEVATE program, please act soon: **This week or early next week**. It can take 10 to 14 business days for new users to receive their ELEVATE cards, and NDFCU is closed this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

If you aren't currently a member at NDFCU, that's OK. There will be other opportunities to fundraise for GSMS.

If you'd like to learn more about ELEVATE, visit [this webpage](#) or scan the QR code below.

Thank you for all the ways you support Good Shepherd!



Upper El Museum Day

**Friday, December 12
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

At Museum Day, each Upper Elementary student will display samples of the work they have completed so far this year and will share about their favorite follow-ups. It is a **can't-miss experience for Upper El parents** and a wonderful opportunity for parents from **all levels** to see the scope of work that happens in Upper Elementary. **Drop in anytime between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

FPC Opportunity: Help Decorate GSMS

We welcome anyone who can lend a hand to spend some time at school pulling out and setting up  decorations for Advent and Christmas. 

👉 Note: This is a fairly physical job that has the potential to get a little messy due to the dust that settles on the decorations when not in use. That is, you don't want to pop by on your lunch hour in your nice work clothing and expect to return just as tidy!

We could use help on any of the following days:

🎁 Tuesday, December 2, after 12:00 p.m.

🎁 Wednesday, December 3, all day

🎁 Thursday, December 4, all day

🎁 Friday, December 5, all day

Please email Katie Rutledge at krutledge@gSMS.org if you can help, and she will make sure we are ready to put you to work. Thank you in advance for your gift of time! 🙏

Advent Lessons & Carols at Morning Prayer

On **December 16**, we will celebrate Advent Lessons and Carols at our regular Tuesday Morning Prayer service. Beginning at **8:30 a.m.**, this will be a wonderful time of **prayer, reflection, and song** for the GSMS community.

Children from different levels will share songs they have practiced during this special service. As is always the case with our Tuesday Morning Prayer services, we invite family members of GSMS students to join us and experience the time of prayer along with the school community.

Food Drive Thank You

Thank you for your **generous support** of the November Food Drive for the pantry at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church! We loved seeing the children stop to look at the food, impressed by the growing collection in the lobby, imagining aloud how the food might be enjoyed, and telling themselves and their friends that they needed to remember to bring in their contributions.

Our **6th-year students in Cedar and River Birch** coordinated the delivery of the food to Sunnyside. It was a pretty big undertaking with several borrowed wagons! Thanks to Cedar guide, Mr. Don Elliott, for the photos.



Hot Lunch

Next Week's Menu

Monday 12/1 – Pizza Pie
Tuesday 12/2 – Sloppy Joes
Wednesday 12/3 – Lo Mein
Thursday 12/4 –Qabili Palau
Friday 12/5 – Salad Bar



Order Today!

IN THE COMMUNITY

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 a
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)
Soup of Success

Hope for Nepal
Unity Gardens
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)

Christmas Pageant & Party with ND Students

The Notre Dame students of Cavanaugh Hall, a women's dormitory on campus, invite the community to Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 7, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. They will share their rendition of Jesus' birth story starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Afterward guests are invited for (free!) pizza and drinks and the opportunity to vote on the best decorated dorm hallway. Free parking is available around campus, with the St. Liam's parking lot being closest to Cavanaugh.

Please use [this form](#) or the QR code below to RSVP. Contact hall president, Emma Latchford, with any questions (elatchfo@nd.edu).



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