

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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2/6: GSMS Trivia Night!

2/13: No School – Faculty Work Day

2/15: Family Support Fund Applications Due

2/16: No School – Presidents' Day

2/20: Ice Skating at Howard Park (Grades 1–8)

2/24: Parent Education Night: Technology Use | 6 p.m.

Save the Date: GSMS Arts Night 🎨 🎵 🎻

Thursday Evening, May 21

Planning is underway for a brand-new Arts Night for our school community! Please save the evening of Thursday, May 21, to celebrate our students' creativity and their artistic and musical work. More details to come!

Family Support Fund Application Deadline

Applications for financial assistance from the Family Support Fund (FSF) are due online at <https://www.gsms.org/tuition-assistance/> by February 15, 2026. This is for people who need additional financial support beyond what the Indiana Choice Voucher pays. If you are only applying for the Indiana Choice Voucher Scholarship, no information is required at this time. Please contact business manager Nancy Kirbie at nkirbie@gsms.org if you have any questions.

Body Safety Presentations Start 2/17

This month, representatives from [The CASIE Center](#) will visit Good Shepherd to present **body safety education** to our students. Abuse prevention education for children in grades K–12 is mandated in the state of Indiana by “Erin’s Law.”

Since it is the first time we are offering this program at Good Shepherd, we want to provide parents with as many resources as possible to support their children at home. Please contact us with any questions about this program at GSMS.

The CASIE Center uses the [Monique Burr Foundation for Children](#) (MBF) Prevention Education Programs: **Child Safety Matters®** and **Teen Safety Matters®**. These programs are “comprehensive, evidence-based and evidence-informed.”


“The programs teach students **5 universal Safety Rules** and other age and developmentally appropriate **strategies to prevent**, recognize and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, the four types of child abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, neglect), digital abuse, and other digital dangers.”

Parent Resources from CASIE

- [Schedule](#) (Google Doc) – See when your child will receive their presentation
 - [The Five Safety Rules](#) (PDF) – Children learn age-appropriate versions of these rules that can be reinforced at home
 - [Safe Adults](#) (PDF) – Children learn about the role of “Safe Adults” and are encouraged to identify people who can help
 - [Identifying and Reporting Abuse](#) (PDF) – All adults are mandatory reporters in the state of Indiana
 - [Discussing Sensitive Topics](#) (PDF) – Stats about abuse and tips for talking with your child
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Looking for FPC Help This Friday AM

Friday Morning

We would love a few  **strong volunteers** to help move tables and chairs on **Friday, February 6**. We'll get started around **8:15 a.m.** Please email office@gsms.org if you can help!

Friday Night

If you're planning to attend **Trivia Night**, it is always a huge help to staff if a few parents can spend a *little time* after the event helping clean up (e.g., collapsing tables, taking out trash, etc.). No need to sign up ahead of time—just do what you can to help and log it in [MobileServe](#) as always.

Thank you as always for your support!

Story Time with Mr. Fred on YouTube

Longtime GSMS volunteer and chaplain Fred Longenecker, father of GSMS alumni Jenae and Jace, has launched a **new** educational channel on YouTube where kids can connect with Bible stories, whether they're hearing them for the first time or returning to beloved favorites.

In the spirit of *Godly Play* and *Young Children & Worship*, he tells Bible stories using small figures and deliberately slow pacing to help children experience God. Mr. Fred also drew inspiration from Maria Montessori, who wrote about "God in the child" and children's capacity to connect with the divine.

Visit: youtube.com/@StorytimeWithMrFred



New Date for Parent Education Night

February 24
6:00–7:30 p.m.

Due to last week's wintry weather, we postponed the Parent Education Night about technology use at school and home. **Make sure you've got the new date on your calendar: Tuesday, February 24.** We look forward to talking and learning with you!

NEW Signup Form for Childcare

Everyone will need to sign up again, even if you previously registered. [Click here to register](#) your **GSMS students** for childcare on February 24.

Snack Signup Sheet

If you can help provide food/drinks (for kids and/or parents), please [sign up on this spreadsheet](#). As always, contributions count toward FPC hours. Thank you!

Hot Lunch

Next Week's Menu



Monday 2/9 – Pizza Pie
Tuesday 2/10 – Beef Barley Soup
Wednesday 2/11 – 4 Cheese Baked
Pasta
Thursday 2/12 – Picadello
Friday 2/13 – No School

Order Today!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Conversations about Everyday Life with Children

Free Lunchtime Live Webinars with Sharon Bain, LCSW

Starting Tomorrow, Wednesday, February 4

Join Sharon Bain, LCSW of Family Psychology of South Bend for “**Conversations about Everyday Life with Children.**” The annual series through ECDC focuses on parenting **children ages 2–12** and addresses child guidance and child development, presenting information and resources within the context of a positive discipline philosophy. Additional details can be found in the flyer linked below.

There is no fee to register. Sessions through Google Meet. Please RSVP to ebetson@saintmarys.edu in the ECDC office.

2/4/26 | Noon – Winning Your Child's Cooperation with Screen Time Limits

3/5/26 | Noon – Understanding Your Spirited Child and Their Invitations into Power Struggles



Parents are invited to join ECDC in...

Conversations about Everyday Life with Children

Join us on Google Meet for conversations about parenting ages 2-12 facilitated by Sharon Bain, LCSW. Our annual series addresses topics related to child guidance and child development, presenting information and resources within the context of a positive discipline philosophy. There is no fee to register. Please RSVP to ebatson@stmarys.edu in the ECDC office.

Winning Your Child's Cooperation with Screen Time Limits Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at noon on Google Meet

Are you wondering how to preserve a play-based childhood for your child while also allowing them opportunities to practice making healthy screen-time choices? Join us in discussing child development experts' latest advice about navigating our screen-filled world. Learn how you can live healthier lives together by putting technology on your Family Meeting agenda.

Understanding Your Spirited Child and Their Invitations into Power Struggles Thursday, March 5, 2026 at noon on Google Meet

Some children do their learning by living large and pushing the boundaries. Bring your concerns about your spirited child and learn how to not fight, not give in, and prepare coping strategies for your child's next intensely emotional moment. Hear examples of how a child's intense emotional outburst can be turned into a valuable opportunity to practice autonomy and mastery. Begin your practice of using Encouragement as a child guidance tool for stepping out of Power Struggles. Learn how to trust that your child's emotion can be a creative force for positive connection with you and others.

Please RSVP to Liz Betson at ebatson@stmarys.edu.
If you have questions, you may call the ECDC office at 284-4893.
More family enrichment resources at familypsychology.com

Marriage Series with GSMS Partner, Family Psychology

Starting Tomorrow, Wednesday, February 4

Family Psychology of South Bend is offering “Conversations That Connect,” a three-part marriage enrichment series, with proceeds benefiting [Our Lady of the Road](#). The April session will be held at GSMS. Good Shepherd has partnered with Family Psychology to offer support to families through different stages of life. Counselors Sharon Bain, LCSW, and Dr. John Petersen, PsyD, are GSMS alumni parents. Read more about the series [here](#). Pre-registration online is encouraged—[Sign up here](#).



Scan the QR Code to RSVP! Or visit the events tab on our website. For each event, a \$20 donation is requested per couple with all proceeds being made to Our Lady of The Road.

Wed. Feb 4, 2026
6:30-8:00pm

Five Questions to Enhance Your Sexual Relationship
Hosted at First United Methodist Church in South Bend

Wed. April 29, 2026
6:30-8:00pm

Making Listening an Act of Love
Hosted at Good Shepherd Montessori School

Tues. June 23, 2026
6:30-8:00pm

Connecting in the Midst of Busy Lives
Hosted at Michiana Community Church

Missed an issue? Visit the [Tuesday Newsday Archive](#).

To submit an item for this e-newsletter, email tuesdaynewsday@gsms.org by Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m.



Tuesday Newsday Archive



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