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## Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

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- 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.
  - 3/5:** 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for all students – GPS Conferences
  - 3/6:** No School – GPS Conferences
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# HAPPY Birthday

Tuesday, February 10 – Ennevere Ritz (Blue Beech)

Wednesday, February 11 – Scarlett Lewallen (Redbud)

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## No School Friday & Monday

There is **no school** on **Friday, February 13**, for a Faculty Work Day, and on **Monday, February 16**, in observance of Presidents Day. We hope you have a great long weekend!

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## Wow—Thank You for a Great Trivia Night

We are still gushing about last Friday's Trivia Night! We appreciate your help, from setting up and cleaning up to buying tickets and bidding on auction items.

Congratulations to our Upper Elementary parents table, *The Swiss Connection* (photo below), for taking first place! We also loved the creative costumes, from superheroes to birding enthusiasts to effortlessly chic Parisian street style.

Thanks to your generosity, our **Teacher YES Fund** raised over \$300 for each guide to bring their ideas to life in the second half of the school year.

Watch for the save-the-date for our next Trivia Night—we can't wait to do it again!



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## 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!

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## Family Support Fund Applications Due 2/15

Applications for financial assistance from the Family Support Fund (FSF) are due online at <https://www.gsms.org/tuition-assistance/> by this **Sunday, 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](mailto:nkirbie@gsms.org) if you have any questions.

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## Body Safety Presentations Start Tuesday

Starting on **Tuesday, February 17**, 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.

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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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## Parent Education Night on Technology

**February 24**  
**6:00–7:30 p.m.**

Make sure you’ve saved the new date for the Parent Education Night on Technology Use at School and Home: **Tuesday, February 24**. We look forward to talking and learning with you!

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## Sign Up for Childcare by 2/20

[Click here to register](#) your GSMS student(s) for childcare during the session. Please sign up by Friday, February 20. Note: This is a new signup form from the one in January. You will need to re-register your child(ren) even if you previously signed them up.

## Snack Signup Sheet

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

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# Girls on the Run for 3rd–5th

Signups are still open for Good Shepherd's Girls on the Run team with Coach Brittany Nichols! Open to girls in grades 3–5, practices will be two days a week: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15–4:45 p.m. This program starts in **March**, so don't wait! Sign up online or read more [here](#).

## HER PATH TO EMPOWERMENT STARTS AT Girls on the Run®



### WHO WE ARE





Girls on the Run is a **girl-empowerment organization** that inspires participants to be **joyful, healthy and confident** using evidence-based lessons that combine relationship building, community strengthening, and goal setting with physical movement.

### FOR EVERY GIRL!

Program fees range from \$20 to \$180 based on your household income. When you register, simply choose what works for your budget. That's it—no separate forms, no extra steps. Need to spread out payments? We offer payment plans to make it even easier.

Bottom line: Every girl who wants to participate can participate. Cost will never keep your daughter from being part of our team.

### WHY IT MATTERS

-  Our programs boost girls' self-worth when they need it most.
-  Girls' self-confidence begins to drop by age 9.
-  Girls' physical activity levels decline starting at age 10.
-  50% of girls ages 10 to 13 experience bullying.



REGISTER TODAY!

### QUESTIONS?

✉ [gotrmichiana@gmail.com](mailto:gotrmichiana@gmail.com)

To learn more and register, visit [girlsontherunmichiana.org/programs](http://girlsontherunmichiana.org/programs)

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# Hot Lunch

## Next Week's Menu

Monday 2/16 – Presidents Day (No School)

Tuesday 2/17 – Jambalaya

Wednesday 2/18 – Red Beans & Rice

Thursday 2/19 – Salad Sandwiches

Friday 2/20 – Tarryn's Dumplings



Order Today!

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### 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](https://youtube.com/@StorytimeWithMrFred)



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