

This is our weekly newsletter for the 2025–2026 school year. Tune in each week for upcoming events or communications.

---

**In This Issue:** GPS Conferences | CASIE Parent Info Sheets | Ice Skating Friday | FPC Opportunities | Sign Up for PEN Childcare by 2/20 | GOTR Registration Open | Farm Corner | Free Parenting Teens Conference | Hot Lunch



## Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

Volume 26, 2025–2026 | Edition: February 17–23

---



**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

---

# HAPPY Birthday

Tuesday, February 17 – Claire Bickel (Blue Beech)

Wednesday, February 18 – Ms. Jessica Bayer (Redbud)

Friday, February 20 – Monica Duffy (Silver Maple)


Sunday, February 22 – Ms. Margarita Ruvalcaba Rodriguez (Redbud)

---

## Sign Up for GPS Conferences

### Guide-Parent-Student Conferences

Thursday, March 5 – Friday, March 6

 It is time to sign up for Guide-Parent-Student (GPS) Conferences again! These 20-minute conferences will be held on Thursday, March 5, in the afternoon, and on Friday, March 6, throughout the day. Progress reports will be emailed to families on Wednesday, March 4.

Reminder: There is a half-day (11:30 dismissal) for all students on that Thursday, and no school on Friday.

---

### LE/UE/JH Students

All Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and Junior High students attend conferences with their parents.

### Primary = Parents Only

Conferences for Primary students (Blue Beech and Redbud) are for parents only. GSMS staff will be available to supervise Primary students in the lobby while their parents meet with guides.

Please note that this service is available only to Primary students. Older students should bring a book or a quiet (non-screen) activity and wait outside the classrooms if their siblings have a conference.

### Sign Up Online

For best availability, please book your conference slot(s) soon.

## Sign Up for GPS Conferences

If you have any questions, please contact the GSMS Administrative Team at [office@gsms.org](mailto:office@gsms.org). Thank you!

---

# Parent Info Sheets from CASIE

Today, was our first set of **body safety** presentations from **The CASIE Center** ([program link](#)). They provided **new handouts** for us to share with parents that outline the main points of the presentation your child received and suggest ways you can support your child's learning at home.

### NEW Parent Information Sheets

- [Pre-K Parent Information Sheet](#) (PDF)
- [K-3rd Parent Information Sheet](#) (PDF)
- [4th-6th Parent Information Sheet](#) (PDF)
- [7th-12th Parent Information Sheet](#) (PDF)

[Schedule](#) (Google Doc) – See when your child will receive their presentation

### Last Week's Parent Resources from CASIE

- [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
-

# This Friday: Ice Skating for Grades 1–8

All Lower EI, Upper EI, and Junior High students are currently scheduled to go ice skating at Howard Park on Friday afternoon. It is looking quite likely that the weather will thwart this outing once again. A final decision will be made midday on Thursday. For now, we will proceed with both a Plan A (ice skating) and a Plan B (no ice skating).

## Plan A – Ice Skating

All Lower EI, Upper EI, and Junior High students will walk down to Howard Park as a class, leaving around noon. We will be at the park until about 2:30 p.m., then walk back to GSMS, where pickup will occur at 3 pm as usual. We have students' skate sizes recorded from December, as well as the required waivers from Howard Park. ✨ **Lower EI students should plan to bring in a bike helmet no later than Friday morning.** For safety reasons, we require all Lower EI students to wear a helmet to skate. ✨

Each skater's family will be charged \$7 to their FACTS account after the field trip. Parent chaperones are welcome to help tie skates and/or assist students on the ice. Please email [office@gsms.org](mailto:office@gsms.org) to volunteer. There is no charge for chaperones. 🛠️

## Plan B – No Ice Skating

If we are unable to skate, Friday will be just a regular day of school. No fees will be charged to any family.

All Primary students have school as usual on Friday.

---

## FPC Opportunities

### 🥗 Help Provide Lunch for Faculty & Staff

We are recruiting help for our longstanding tradition of feeding faculty and staff during GPS Conferences. We plan to offer a **salad bar with soup and sides**. Food and drink donations should be dropped off **by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5**, for lunch.

Note: We do have staff members who must eat gluten-free and others who eat vegan, so variety and versatility are welcome.

All contributions count toward FPC hours. Thank you for your generosity and for showing support for our faculty and staff!

### Sign Up to Contribute to Lunch

#### **Set Up/Clean Up Help on 3/5**

We could use parent volunteers to help set up food at 11:00 a.m. and clean up at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. The shifts would be approximately 30 minutes. You can volunteer via [SignUpGenius](#) or email [office@gsms.org](mailto:office@gsms.org).

#### **At Home FPC Job: Wash Tablecloths**

We would love a volunteer to help wash the tablecloths from Trivia Night. There are 16 60" round tablecloths. If you can help, please email [office@gsms.org](mailto:office@gsms.org).

---

## Parent Education Night on Technology

Tuesday, February 24

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Next Tuesday will be our rescheduled Parent Education Night on Technology Use at School and Home. We look forward to talking and learning with you!

---

#### **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, please [sign up on this spreadsheet](#). We are looking for contributions for the kids in childcare and the parent social time after the program. As always, contributions count toward FPC hours. Thank you very much!

---

## Girls on the Run for 3rd–5th

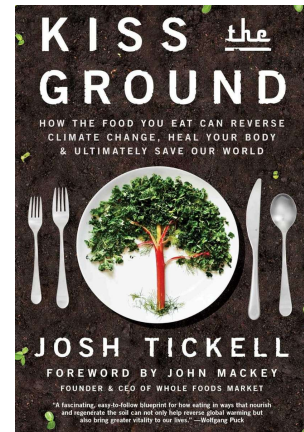
Signups are still open for Good Shepherd's Girls on the Run team with Coach Brittany Nichols! Open to girls in grades 3–5, practices will be two days a week: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15–4:45 p.m. This program starts in **March**, so don't wait! Sign up online or read more [here](#).

---

## Farm Corner

Our days are growing longer, and spring is on the horizon on the farm. The Junior High begins the work of the regenerative farm in earnest this week by reviewing the key points of regenerative agriculture and our supporting role as consumers, earth stewards, and educators. We begin our deeper dive into the practices of regenerative agriculture that we will highlight in our end-of-year presentations.

We invite each of you to become more familiar with the regenerative movement by reading [The Omnivore's Dilemma: Young Readers Edition](#) by Michael Pollan, 2006 (an oldie but goodie—you can borrow a copy from Farmer Theri), followed by watching [Kiss the Ground](#), a documentary streaming on Prime Video. We promise you an eye-opening experience and a deeper understanding of the role we play in reversing global warming simply by the food choices we make.



### **Date TBD for JH Presentations & Seedling Sale**

Watch for a date in **May** for the Junior High end-of-year academic presentations and seedling sale. Our theme this year is “Regenerative Agriculture: Reversing Climate Change.” All are welcome.

### **Save Recyclables for the Farm**

We would love to have your clean **gallon-size plastic jugs** and cardboard **toilet paper** or **paper towel rolls**. Drop off with Farmer Theri or at the front desk.

Theri Niemier, [tniemer@gsms.org](mailto:tniemer@gsms.org)

Farm Manager & Regenerative Agriculture Education Specialist

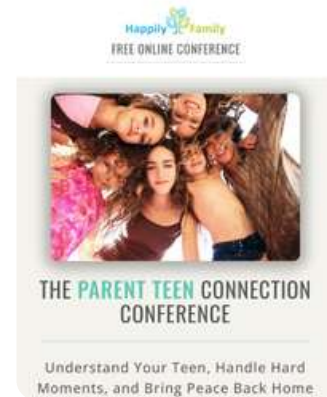
---

## Free Parenting Teen Conference

*From Sarah Kulwicki, Montessori Consultant*

I just signed up for this free 5-day conference starting today, Tuesday, February 17, and you can too!

**The Parent Teen Connection Conference:  
Understand Your Teen, Handle Hard Moments,  
and Bring Peace Back Home**



Facebook Link: <https://m.facebook.com/100063773460588/posts/25906915775628306/?>

Each day features speakers on a different relevant topic. Even if you just listen to one talk each day or simply browse the list of speakers and topics, you will leave with a new book you want to read or podcast to listen to that will help you feel better informed with up-to-date information on navigating the teen world. **Let me know if you sign up and listen to any; I'd love to chat about it!** Day 3 is especially relevant to our upcoming Parent Education Night about Technology!

**Day 1:** Motivation and the Teen Brain

**Day 2:** Teen Mental Health

**Day 3:** Digital Teens: Social Media, Games, & Phones 👉👉👉

**Day 4:** Sex & Safety for Straight/LGBTQ Teens

**Day 5:** Setting Limits, Staying Connected

To sign up, click the Facebook link above, sign up with your name and email, and instructions for accessing the conference will be sent to your email.

Warmly,

Sarah

[skulwicki@gsms.org](mailto:skulwicki@gsms.org)

---

## Hot Lunch

### Next Week's Menu

Monday 2/23 — Pizza Pie

Tuesday 2/24 – Sloppy Joes  
Wednesday 2/25 – Spaghetti Tacos  
Thursday 2/26 – Angelica's Filipino  
Chicken Adobo  
Friday 2/27 – Mrs. Tuttle's Apple  
Cinnamon Baked Oatmeal



Order Today!

---

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

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

---



[Tuesday Newsday Archive](#)

---



**Good Shepherd**  
MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Copyright (C) 2024 Good Shepherd Montessori School. All rights reserved.

[View this email in your browser.](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#)