

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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3/14: St. Patrick's Day Parade 🍀

3/25: Silver Maple returns to Prairie Winds

3/26: Dogwood returns to Prairie Winds

3/26: Montessori Works! Night

4/3: No School – Good Friday

4/6–4/10: No School – Spring Break

HAPPY
Birthday

Tuesday, March 10 – Miss Caroline O’Callaghan (Redbud)

Wednesday, March 11 – Edgar Gonzalez (Elm)

Thursday, March 12 – Anais Ortega-Hsin (River Birch)

Saturday, March 14 – Everly Tuttle (Cedar)

Sunday, March 15 – Hannah Jaros (Silver Maple)

Sunday, March 15 – Xavier O’Sullivan (Dogwood)

Montessori Works! Night 3/26

Thursday, March 26

6:00–7:30 p.m.


Mark your calendars: Our final **Parent Education Night** is coming later this month! This one is a GSMS favorite.

Montessori Works Night is a **family event** where the **children are the presenters**. All students will present materials they have been working on this year, and parents have the opportunity to observe works at all levels. Siblings are welcome, too.

Parents and Primary students should gather in the **Sanctuary** to start, while students in LE, UE, and JH should report directly to their classrooms upon arrival.

We look forward to hosting you for this special evening!

March in St. Patrick's Day Parade

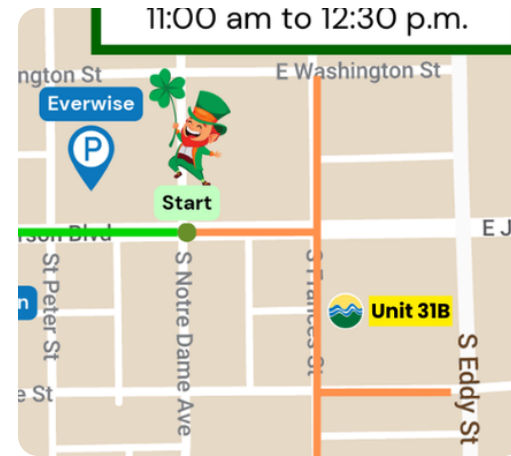
 **Saturday, March 14 at 10:45 a.m.** 

Join the fun this Saturday, and march in **Downtown South Bend's annual St. Patrick's Day parade!!** ([link](#) to DTSB webpage)

✨ We are still looking for a **parent volunteer or two** to help shepherd the **large green banner** from school to the parade route and back **on foot**. If you can help, please contact office@gsms.org. ✨

- This is a **family event** – Parents must supervise their children at all times, as no GSMS staff will be available for supervision.
- **Attire** – **Wear green** or festive St. Paddy's Day-inspired clothing. It will be a **cold morning** (only 40°F by 11:00), but no rain or snow is in the forecast.

- **Meeting Spot – Unit 31 B on S. Francis St., south of Jefferson Blvd. on the east side of the street. Our spot will be about halfway down the block**
- **Arrival Time – By 10:45 a.m.** The parade will start promptly at 11:00 a.m.

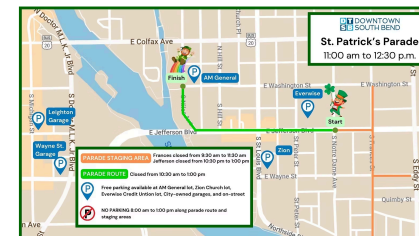


- **Parking –** You are welcome to park at GSMS or in one of the **blue lots** on the DTSB [parade map](#) (map image below opens PDF).
- **Greening of the East Race –** Immediately after the parade!



☘ 2026 Parade Info ☘

Parking and Parade Route




Technology Resources from PEN

Last month's Parent Education Night was a wonderful time of learning and reflection. Faculty and staff compiled a list of **resources with links** on technology use and related topics that they have found useful. GSMS cannot vouch for all of these titles, but invites you to explore what piques your interest. The resource PDF includes **action steps** you can take, such as creating a [family media plan](#).

- [Handout from PEN](#) [PDF]
- [Technology Resources](#) [PDF]

Thank You for GPS Conference Lunch

 A big **THANK YOU** to all those who helped provide the delicious lunch for faculty and staff last Thursday during GPS Conferences! We appreciate all the ways you show you care for our team.

Track Signup Deadline & Parent Meeting



Last call: All Upper EI and Junior High students are invited to run track with Head Coach Rick Johnson. **Sign up by Tuesday, March 17.** Details below.

Sign Up for Track

If applicable, please return your completed [physical form](#) by **Tuesday, March 24**. You only need an updated physical if you do not have one on file with GSMS for your child.

– Or – The last physical on file for your child was before May 15, 2025.

Track Parent Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82383387646?pwd=1F69aFweN2gS3joIws7uZebkXkzEIF.1>

Meeting ID: 823 8338 7646

Passcode: u9xyER

Track Schedule

Dates: March 24–May 22*

Weekly Schedule: Practice 3 days/week

- Tuesday: 5:45–6:45 Holy Cross College Track (same as last year)
- Thursday: 5:45–6:45 at Holy Cross College Track
- Friday: Immediately after dismissal, 3:00–4 at GSMS

*No practice during Spring Break, April 6–10, or on Good Friday, April 3.

Meet Schedule

- 3 to 4 meets will be scheduled on Wednesdays between April 22 and May 13.

Sport Fee

- A **\$65 sport fee for each child** will be added to the next invoice on your Blackbaud billing account. Please contact Meredith at manatolios@gsms.org if financial assistance is needed.

We actively consult with the school nurse on health and safety protocols to have in place.

Go Rams! 🐏

Coach Rick Johnson

“There is no failure in running or in life as long as you keep moving.” - Amby Burfoot

Farm Corner 🚗

🌻 Mother's Day Flower Sale 🌻

Pre-Order Flats by March 20

Support the microeconomy work of our Junior High students and pre-order **50-count bulk flower flats** for your garden, landscaping, or as a gift formom!

🌻 Get your orders in—**Pre-ordering ends Friday, March 20.**

🌻 Pickup will be on **Friday, May 8**, at Good Shepherd, just in time for Mother's Day.

🌻 **\$20 each**

Varieties Available:

- Giant Zinnia (mixed colors)
- Bicolor Marigolds Dwarf (10")
- Bicolor Marigolds Tall (18-24")
- Dahlias (mixed colors)
- Snapdragons (mixed colors)

Pre-Order Your Flower Flats

JH Mother's Day Flower Sale 🌸 \$20/flat 🌸 Pick up 5/8 🌸



Zinnias Mixed Color	Bicolor Marigolds Dwarf 10"	Bicolor Marigolds Tall 18-24"	Dahlias Mixed Color	Snapdragons Mixed Color
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A limited number of flats will also be available at the Junior High permaculture project presentations on the **morning of Wednesday, May 20.**

CSA Memberships Available

Our community garden program registration is open (CSA). We will have limited memberships that include lots of fresh, nutritious produce for your family. Check it out:

<https://www.gsms.org/farming-the-city/>.

Come grow with us in 2026!

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Farm Manager & Regenerative Agriculture Education Specialist

Hot Lunch

Next Week's Menu

Monday 3/16 – Pizza Pie
Tuesday 3/17 – Irish Stew
Wednesday 3/18 – Colcannon
Thursday 3/19 – Boppa's Holubtsi
Friday 3/20 – Baked Berries & Bananas
Oatmeal



Order Today!

IN THE COMMUNITY

South Bend Code School – AI & Tech Camp

This June, [South Bend Code School](#) will host an intentionally designed [AI & Tech Summer Camp](#) for students in grades 2–8. The program is built for students who are curious about technology and ready to explore how tools like coding and artificial intelligence are shaping the future.

Rather than a typical tech camp, the experience is designed to allow students to experiment, collaborate, and build real projects while learning the principles of

responsible AI use and digital leadership.

During the week, students will:

- Explore AI safety and responsible technology use
- Build foundational coding and AI skills
- Design and create their own games and tech projects
- Work through collaborative design challenges
- Receive small-group mentorship and individualized guidance

Enrollment is intentionally limited to keep groups small and interactive.

Camp Details

- Grades: 2–8 (students grouped by grade level)
- Dates: June 15–18, 2026
- Time: Monday–Thursday | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Location: South Bend Tech Resource Center: 1165 Franklin St., Suite 100
South Bend, IN 46601



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CODE SCHOOL


Build games. Explore AI.
Learn how technology really works.

GRADES 2-3 | GRADES 4-5 | GRADES 6-8

12 Hours of Tech Immersion

 **June 15th-18th**

 **Monday-Thursday,
9 AM-12 PM**

 **Tech Resource Center**
1165 Franklin St
Suite 100
South Bend, IN 46601

Tuition: \$450 per student
Early Enrollment: \$400 (Limited Spots)
Full and partial scholarships are available!

This isn't just a camp.
It's a hands-on, deep dive into the
coolest parts of technology.



Learn AI safety & responsible use



Build real-world coding & AI skills for a lasting advantage



Create games & tech projects



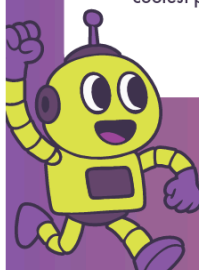
Hands-on, collaborative challenges (not just screen time)



Light snacks provided daily



Small-group instruction with close mentor support



Register Today!

sbcs.typeform.com/SummerAI



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