

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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4/3: No School – Good Friday
4/6–4/10: No School – Spring Break
4/25: FPC “Earth Day” Project Day

HAPPY
Birthday

Wednesday, April 1 – Mr. Mark McDonald
Sunday, April 5 – Joseph Bugyis (Dogwood)
Monday, April 6 – Danu Pedraza-Stapleton (Dogwood)
Tuesday, April 7 – Thea Veldman (Blue Beech)
Friday, April 10 – Kleo González (Blue Beech)

Important Reminders





- **Wednesday, April 1:** Tomorrow is the first of the month—Please [order hot lunch](#) if you order monthly.
- **Friday, April 3: No school** in observance of Good Friday

🌸 We wish you a Happy Easter and a fun and restful spring break! 🌸

Festival of the Arts | May 21

We are deep into planning our new school event: **Festival of the Arts!** If you haven't saved the date on your calendar yet, hold the **evening of Thursday, May 21**, for a school-wide celebration of the arts!

There will be a full program of activities running concurrently throughout the school, including:

-  Musical Performances by Level
-  Classroom Galleries
-  Individual Performances
-  And more...

Much more information will be shared as we continue planning this event, so please stay tuned to learn about more opportunities for your child(ren) to be involved.

ACTION ITEM FOR FAMILIES 🗣️

For now, we ask all families to let us know whether you and your child(ren) can come by responding to our **super-fast 3-question survey**. If you already responded at Montessori Works Night, no action is needed at this time. **Click the button below to**

access the survey. Ms. Heidi Ferris and Ms. Kathy Oyer are working with the children on various musical pieces and need to know who will be at the event to create groups.

Thank you in advance for your help, and keep an eye out for updates in *Tuesday Newsday* about our Festival of the Arts!

Tell Us if You're Coming



26–27 Contracts Due & Deposit Info

Reminder: Tuition Contracts are due **Thursday, April 2**. Once you have signed your Tuition Contract, you will receive an invitation to set up your payment plan with FACTS Management, which should also be done by Thursday.

A Word about Tuition Deposits: In the past, we have applied your 400.00 Tuition Deposit toward your first tuition payment. However, FACTS Tuition Management has a different default setting. Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, we will apply that 400.00 credit evenly over the ten or twelve payments for those on a payment plan. If you would prefer that the deposit be applied to your first payment due in June or

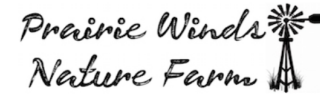
July, please email Nancy Kirbie at nkirbie@gsms.org, and she will be happy to make the change for you.

Spring Break at Prairie Winds

Farmer Charlotte has just a few spots left in next week's **Spring Break Day Camp at Prairie Winds Nature Farm.**

The program is open to children ages 6 to 12 years and runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Click the button below to learn more and register.



Summer day camp options are available, too!

[Learn more](#)

Order Your GSMS Yearbook

Order your 2025–2026 Good Shepherd yearbook and receive **two free pages to customize** with your own photos! You can upload photos from your phone, computer, Facebook, Google, or Dropbox and have them printed in your unique copy of the yearbook. Pre-tax prices are listed below.

✨ Custom pages are due April 14, 2026, so act soon! ✨

- Softcover yearbook: \$27.75

- Hardcover yearbook: \$34.66

You need an account with our vendor, Treering, to order a yearbook. If you've created an account in the past, those credentials should still be valid. Click the blue button below or use the QR code to log in or create an account to purchase your GSMS yearbook.



[Order a Yearbook](#)

Listening Workshop for Couples

Making Listening an Act of Love

Part of the “Conversations that Connect” Series by
Family Psychology of South Bend

Save the date for a special workshop offered by GSMS partner, Family Psychology of South Bend. On **Wednesday, April 29**, from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**, licensed mental health counselor, **Trey Duckett**, will guide participants through “Making Listening an Act of Love.” The session will include **practical teaching** and **guided conversation**, helping couples experience what good listening is and learn why it is transformative. Couples will learn intentional practices to turn everyday conversations into meaningful moments of love through simply listening.

Who Should Join:




- Partners looking for ways to reconnect with their spouse and improve communication
- Couples who want to nurture and enhance a good marriage
- Everyone from newlyweds to seniors
- Pre-engaged and premarital couples

[Learn More](#)





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.



Farm Corner

Save the Date: April 25

Mark your calendars for a GSMS “Earth Day” tradition: on **Saturday, April 25**, we will host an **FPC Project Day** for the farm.    Join us between 8:00 a.m. and noon for a spring cleanup! We encourage as many people as possible to stop by that morning to lend a hand.

CSA Memberships Available

We still have some spots available for Community Supported Agriculture memberships, which guarantee your family lots of fresh, nutritious produce for your family all summer long.    

Memberships include a 3/4 bushel of fresh organic produce each week, plus flowers, farm-fresh eggs, or another value-added item.  

- 🍓 Working Membership: \$475
- 🍓 Pick-Up Only Membership: \$600

Both membership types have **Wednesday** or **Saturday** options. More details on our website: <https://www.gsms.org/farming-the-city/>.

Come grow with us in 2026!

Theri Niemier, tniemer@gsms.org

Farm Manager & Regenerative Agriculture Education Specialist

NURSE'S CORNER

After Spring Break, I will be conducting **vision screenings** on all 1st-, 3rd-, 5th-, and 8th-year students and **hearing screenings** on all 1st-, 4th-, and 7th-year students. You will receive an email if your student does not pass the screen. Please reach out to nurse@gsms.org if you have any questions!

Hope everyone has a great break! If you're traveling, let's all agree to try not to bring back any new germs or diseases, ok? Have fun! Wash your hands! 🌸 🌸

Angelica Anderson, nurse@gsms.org
GSMS School Nurse

Hot Lunch

Post-Spring Break Menu

Monday 4/13 – Pizza Pie
Tuesday 4/14 – Moo Goo Gai Pan
Wednesday 4/15 – Taco Belle Michele
Thursday 4/16 – Deconstructed Won
Ton Soup
Friday 4/17 – Roasted Sweet Potatoes



Order Today!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Spring Break Camp | Irish Arts SB

This spring break, immerse your child in Irish tradition and culture right here in South Bend. Open to children ages 6 through 13, the program will explore Irish language, music, and dance with Irish Arts South Bend (IASB). Upper Elementary assistant, Kelly Hehn, is one of the IASB instructors! Click the flyer for the PDF, and read more and register on [IASB's page](#) on The Music Village website.

C ad Mile F ilte!
SPRING BREAK CAMP
APRIL 6-10 THE MUSIC VILLAGE

LEARN
With teachers from Irish Arts South Bend

CREATE
Your own performances with new friends

EXPLORE
Irish Tradition through language, music, & dance

With Special Guest **AUTUMN RHODES**
Multi-instrumentalist and educator, offering daily mini-concerts

DAILY SCHEDULE
8:30-10:00 Singing & Language
10:00-10:45 Sean N as Dancing or Learning Tunes
10:45-11:30 Social Dancing or Learning Tunes
11:30-12:30 Mini Concert & Creating Performances

PRICING & DETAILS
\$125 first child, \$120 for each additional sibling (max \$400/family)
Maximum 30 students
Daily drop in available, inquire for details.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT THEMUSICVILLAGE.ORG

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



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