

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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5/20: JH Presentations & Seedling Sale

5/21: Festival of the Arts

5/25: No School – Memorial Day

6/3: Blessing & Sending Ceremonies

6/4: Last Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal

HAPPY Birthday

Wednesday, May 20 — Juna Silva (Cedar)

Thursday, May 21 — Madrona DeMarais (Blue Beech)

Thursday, May 21 — Max Arroyo (Redbud)

Saturday, May 23 — Rosalie Koppensteiner (River Birch)

Sunday, May 24 — Bellyn Nichols (Elm)

Help Shape the Next GSMS Strategic Plan

The GSMS Board of Directors is developing the school's next strategic plan and invites your input. This is an opportunity to share your perspective and help shape priorities for Good Shepherd's future.

Board President Amy Langenkamp and Heather Rakoczy Russell will host listening sessions open to current GSMS parents and caregivers, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders. Feedback gathered during these sessions will help inform the strategic plan to be published later this year.

Please sign up online to attend a listening session. You may register individually or as a couple.

For questions or concerns, please contact boardpresident@gsms.org.

Scheduled Listening Sessions

- Monday, June 1 — 3:30–5:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 1 — 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 2 — 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 3 — 8:30–10:30 a.m.

Thank you for your commitment to Good Shepherd!

Sign Up for a Session

Tomorrow: JH Presentations & Plant Sale

Wednesday, May 20

9:30–11:30 a.m.

The Junior High would love to teach you about Good Shepherd's **regenerative farming systems!** All are welcome to stop by the **open-house-style event** for small group presentations. The students will present on their legacy projects, which represent the culmination of their farm and science learning this year.

The students will also be selling fruit and vegetable plants for your summer garden. 🍅



All are welcome!

This Thursday: Festival of the Arts 🎭

Thursday, May 21

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Festival Snapshot 📷

- [What Can I Do at Festival of the Arts?](#) (PDF of yesterday's email to all current families)

Quick Notes

📅 [Performance Schedule](#) (subject to change)

- Children will be invited up onto the Main Stage at the time listed on the schedule for their level performances and do not need to arrive early.
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Dinner at the Festival?

- Food for purchase will be available from Rico Suave Mexican Cuisine.
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Raffle Tickets for Classroom Art Projects

- Gorgeous collaborative art projects made by your kids are being raffled off! Tickets are now available at the front desk: 1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20.
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[Online Silent Auction](#)

- We have several wonderful items and experiences up for bid! Bidding is open now and will close at **9:00 p.m. this Thursday, May 21**, after the festivities have wrapped up.
- All bidding will take place **online**, so even if you can't attend the festival, you can still support GSMS. Items are still being added, so check back later for more!
- To keep bidding fair, any bid placed near closing will automatically extend the item's end time briefly—i.e., popcorn bidding 🍿!

Our Sponsors

We are so grateful to our Bronze and Blue sponsors, as well as our generous food truck sponsor, for supporting the inaugural Festival of the Arts!

Bronze Art Advocate – \$1,000

[Healy Financial](#)

Blue Creative Contributor – \$500

[DeLange CFO and Accounting Services LLC](#)

[Scooter's Coffee](#) & The Oliver Berg Family

Rico Suave Food Truck

The Gonzáles Calero Family is generously donating a percentage of food truck sales to Good Shepherd. Check out their joyful social media posts [here](#)!

6/3 Blessing & Sending Ceremonies

On **Wednesday, June 3**, the GSMS community will celebrate our "Blessing and Sending" tradition in two phases:

Afternoon: Honoring K, 3rd-, and 6th-Years

1:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

At the afternoon ceremony, we will acknowledge all of the students who will be transitioning to a new level next school year—our kindergarteners, 3rd-years, and 6th-years. There is **limited seating** for guests at this event; however, parents of children rising to new levels are welcome to attend if desired.

Evening: Honoring 8th-Years

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

At the evening ceremony, we will recognize our graduating 8th-years. Everyone in the GSMS community is welcome and encouraged to join us for this event. Each student prepares a reflection about what GSMS has meant for them to share with those in attendance. It is always an inspiring evening and an opportunity for parents of younger GSMS students to gain insight into the extraordinary educational experience their children are receiving.

New “Going Outs” Program for Elementary Students

We are excited to share the 6-minute video linked below as a **sneak peek** of something special that will be starting in Lower and Upper Elementary in the upcoming school year. “**Going Outs**” is one of the foundational tenets of an elementary Montessori program, offering children the skills and tools they will need to become global citizens and peacemakers. It is like a field trip, but it is a **smaller outing planned and initiated by the student** following their own interest and curiosity. We will start slow and build opportunities for “Going Outs” over the next few years. Stay tuned for more information!

Going Outs Video from Greenspring Montessori School in Maryland:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apdzaoCOUQw> (6 min)

Hot Lunch

Next Week's Menu

Monday 5/25 — No School/Memorial Day

Tuesday 5/26 — Cold Tuna Twist

Wednesday 5/27 — Taco Belle Michele

Thursday 5/28 — Southern Baked Beans
& Potato Salad

Friday 5/29 — Salad Sandwiches



Order Today!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Dance Camp with Bonnie & Friends

The **Children's Dance Workshop** is offering three sessions of its **creative arts summer camp** for children **ages 3 through 11**. Led by Bonnie Boilini Baxter — past recipient of Good Shepherd's Chiaravalle Award — the Children's Dance Workshop invites dancers to discover the joy and freedom of movement!

Dancers will love the thoughtfully planned activities at Potawatomi Park in the Wilson Pavilion. Your child will move, groove, and experience the joy of rhythmic expression! Click the [flyer image](#) below to access a PDF copy of the registration form.

Summer Dance Camp Sessions

3s, 4s, and 5s

- June 15–18, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

5–11 years

- June 15–19, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- July 27–31, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Dancer Summer Excitement
Eunice Bellini Rater, Director
427 N. Hickory Rd., South Bend, IN 46615
www.childrendanceworkshop.org
574.850.0042

Summer Dance Camps In Potawatomi Park

3, 4 and 5 years old
Dance and Art Workshop
Dancers explore dance, visual arts and crafts. The schedule includes two Movement/Dance classes and two Art/Craft projects. Snacks included. The classes are filled with energy, creativity and excitement!
Fee \$150 for the four day workshop
June 15 to 18, 9:00 to 11:15

5 to 11 years old
Dance and More
The camp will include Modern Dance, Ballet Character, Technique/Composition, Improvisation and Seminars on Costuming. Set construction and Make-up. Camp presentation on the last day.
Fee \$225 for the one week camp
June 15 to 19, 11:30 to 3:30 —
July 27 to July 31, 9:30 to 1:30

CLASSES IN THE STUDIO Fee \$130
Dance and Art for 3-5 years old
Wednesdays, 5:00
June 24, July 1, 8, 15

REGISTRATION DANCER SUMMER 2024

Name(s) _____
Age _____ Grade _____ Birthday _____
Camp/Date: Camp _____ Dance and Art _____ Dance and More _____ Session: June 16, July 28
Telephone/cell: _____ Email: _____
Venmo payment @dwbosnie
Or mail this form and check to Dancer, 427 N. Hickory Rd., South Bend, IN 46615

Visit our website for classes for older students
and a full class and schedule
www.childrendanceworkshop.org
Call 574.850.0042 for more information

South Bend Code School – AI & Tech Camp

This June, [South Bend Code School](#) will host an [AI & Tech Summer Camp](#) for students in grades 2–8. The program is designed for students who are curious about technology and ready to explore how tools such as 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, 2024

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



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