

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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6/3: Blessing & Sending (K, 3rd- and 6th-Years) – 1:30

6/3: Blessing & Sending (8th-Years) – 7:00

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

6/4: Family Picnic on the Lawn – Tradition

HAPPY Birthday

Tuesday, June 2 – Leonora Sosa Graizbord (Redbud)

Wednesday, June 3 – Cecilia Yeomans (Redbud)

Friday, June 5 – Max Shortall (Blue Beech)

Monday, June 8 – Blair McClements (Elm)

Monday, June 8 – Shenandoah Luna (elm)

NEW Survey: Help Shape the Strategic Plan

The GSMS Board of Directors is developing the school's next strategic plan and **invites your input**. Sharing your perspective will help shape priorities for Good Shepherd's future. Click the **button below** to access a survey to share your ideas and feedback with the board.

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

Thank you in advance for your time and input to improve Good Shepherd!

Take the Survey

Tomorrow: Blessing & Sending

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

Honoring Kindergartners, 3rd- and 6th-Years

1:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

In the afternoon, 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.


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**. It is always an inspiring evening!

Thursday: Last Day of School

Thursday, June 4, is the last day of school!

Field Day

In the morning, GSMS students will enjoy a field day with outdoor games and activities organized by our guides and assistants. **Some activities will include water, so children may be wet and muddy at dismissal. Tip: Pack a towel for the car!** 

11:30 Dismissal

All students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. at their **usual pick-up spots**. All adults collecting children must make contact with each child's guide or assistant to confirm whom they are picking up.

Family Picnic on the Lawn

Over the years, GSMS families have developed the **tradition** of gathering for an informal picnic on the lawn after dismissal on the last day of school. **All GSMS families are welcome to participate**. NOTE: Parents are responsible for their own children during this event. **GSMS staff will not be responsible for any children after 11:40 a.m.**

Yearbook Distribution & Order to Home

Pre-ordered yearbooks commemorating the 2025–2026 school year will be distributed on the last day of school.

If you would like to order one shipped directly to your home, it's not too late! Go to this [link](#), create an account with Treering, and follow the instructions.

Lost and Found

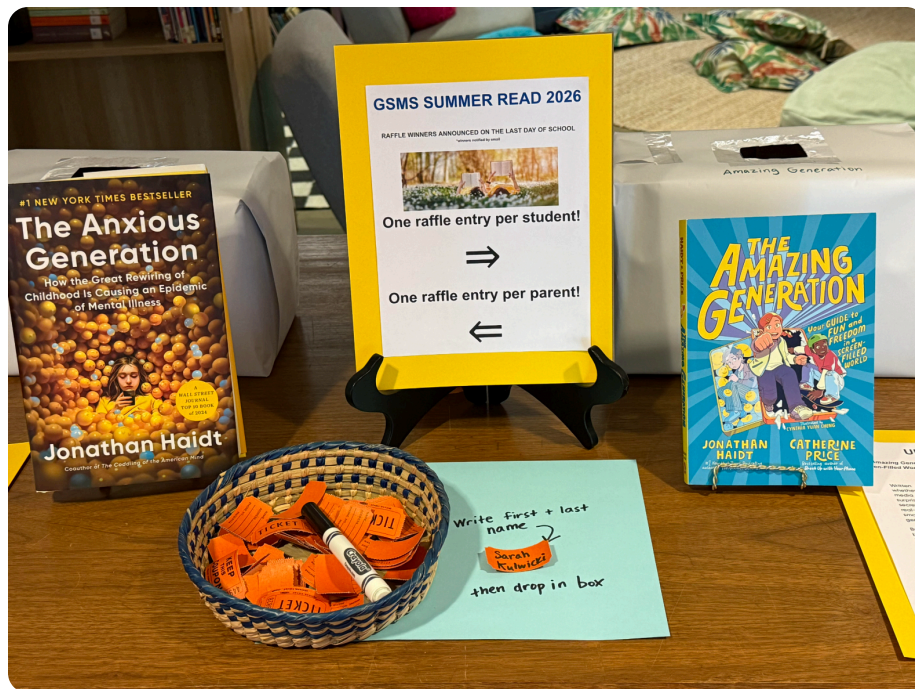
Please check the **lost and found in the lobby** before summer break! Usable items that are unlabeled and unclaimed will be added to the school's backup clothing reserves or donated over the summer. Thank you!

Raffle for Summer Read in Lobby

Stop by the lobby and drop your or your child's name in the box to win a free copy of one or both of the GSMS Summer Read books: [The Anxious Generation](#) and [The Amazing Generation](#). More information about the books below.

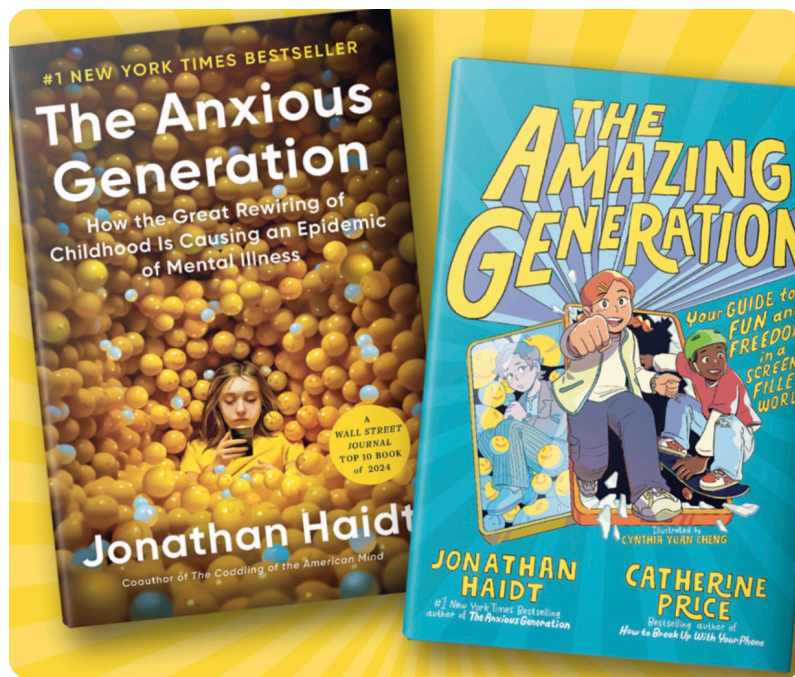
Not able to stop in? Just email Sarah Kulwicki to put you or your child's name in for you! skulwicki@gsms.org

Winner will be chosen the last day of school!



GSMS Summer Read 2026

This summer, we invite parents and our UE and JH students to participate in the **GSMS Summer Read!** In February, we gathered for a Parent Education Night to discuss technology at home and at school. We look forward to continuing the conversation when we return in the fall with these books as a jumping off point. We encourage you to start discussing this topic with your children this summer if you plan on reading together!



Parent Read

***The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness* by Jonathan Haidt**

Jonathan Haidt discusses what he calls the end of the play-based childhood and the beginning of the phone-based childhood, which began around 2010. He also highlights a new phenomenon: children tend to be overprotected in the real world and underprotected in the digital world.

Many of the difficulties with setting limits on technology are due to the ubiquitous nature of devices, social media use, and the reliance on these technologies for building relationships (especially for preteens and teens). There is great power in a collective group decision to put limits on these technologies. He proposes four simple norms to break collective action problems:

Our Four Norms

To Roll Back the Phone-Based Childhood

1

No smartphones before high school

2

No social media before 16

3

Phone-free schools from bell to bell

4

More independence, free play, and responsibility in the real world

If you'd like to take a deep dive into the topics of the book, watch this video:

<https://youtu.be/-L58niidJM0?feature=shared> (start at 3:45)

UE and JH Read

The Amazing Generation: Your Guide to Fun and Freedom in a Screen-Filled World by Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price

While targeting the upper elementary age, this graphic novel is a good introduction read for JH students who may be exploring this topic for the first time.

Written for nine to twelve-year-olds—and relevant whether or not they already have smartphones or social media accounts—this engaging guide is packed with surprising facts, a graphic novel, interactive challenges, secrets that tech leaders don't want kids to know, and real-life anecdotes from young adults who regret getting smartphones at a young age and want to help the next generation avoid making the same mistakes.

But this isn't just a book about what not to do. It's a bold, optimistic, and practical guide to growing into your most authentic, confident, and adventurous self. Readers won't just discover how to avoid becoming the next Anxious Generation. They'll learn how to become amazing.



Happy Reading!

Sarah Kulwicki, GSMS Montessori Consultant

Printmaking for Teens With Ms. Rousseau

Teens ages 13 and up can join the amazing artist and educator, **Laurie Rousseau**, for a weeklong printmaking workshop at the South Bend Museum of Art. Sign up through the museum [here](#). To read more, click on the [flyer](#) image below.

TEEN Linoleum Relief Printmaking

- July 13–17
- 10 a.m. – 12 Noon
- \$125
- Teens ages 13+
- Workshop at South Bend Museum of Art

TEEN Linoleum Relief Printmaking:
One week Workshop Monday-Friday:
July 13-17 10am-Noon
Ages: 13 and up Cost: \$125

Instructor: Laurie S Rousseau, Artist and Art Educator

Beginning relief printmaking class will focus on linoleum cutting and printing.

This hands-on teen relief printmaking project invites students to transform personal narratives into striking, reproducible prints. Through the foundational relief carving process, teens will design matrices, roll ink, and pull multiple prints to experience the intersection of traditional craft and modern visual communication.



SIGN UP @ South Bend Museum of Art
SouthBendArt.org/education

Materials provided: linoleum, printmaking paper and ink, use of cutting tools & brayer.
Optional: Bring your own cutting tools and brayer.



Position Opening at Good Shepherd

As we prepare for the coming school year, we are seeking a **Lower Elementary Classroom Assistant** to join our school community. We welcome applications from interested parents and encourage you to share this opportunity with friends, family members, or colleagues who may be a good fit for our mission and culture. For more details, you can access a [PDF of the job posting](#) or visit the [“Join Our Team” page](#) on the website. Thank you!

Summer Camp at Prairie Winds Nature Farm

Your child can join **Farmer Charlotte** and her team at [Prairie Winds Nature Farm](#) for summer fun unplugged!

Prairie Winds offers a fantastic day camp! Your camper can run around in the woods, ride a pony, take prairie hikes, lie on their back and watch the clouds, and just be a kid!



Summer Camp Sessions

Hours

- June 8-11 (+12)
 - June 15-18 (+19)
 - June 22-25 (+26)
 - July 13-16 (+17)
 - July 20-23 (+24)
 - July 27-30 (+31)
 - August 3-6 (+7)
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for **Ages 4-7**
 - 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for **Ages 8+**
 - Add-On Horseback Riding: Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 - Before and/or aftercare are available (\$5/hour).

Scholarships are available. See the [website](#) for more details and to register your child. Contact Farmer Charlotte Wolfe with any questions: pwindsfarm@gmail.com

Guest Chef or Submit a Recipe for 26-27

From Ms. Michele Woody

🍂 Another school year is coming to a close, and as I begin to look towards the autumnal (I just love that word) menu, I invite you to become a part of the hot lunch program by "**guest cheffing**," or if that seems too daunting, you may simply **submit a favorite recipe** for consideration.

🌍 2026–2027 finds us in **Europe and Africa**. So if you happen to have a delish dish (or idea for one) that could scale up well to feed a crowd, please do not hesitate to reach out. Of course, your menu idea does not need to fall within those particular geographic boundaries.

📅 I aim to have the menu posted by mid-July, so please contact me with your ideas by **June 30th**. Thank you!

If you can help, **please contact Michele directly** about your interest: Text 574-341-1126 or email mwoody@gsms.org.

Thank you for considering this unique way to share your cooking skills and family traditions with the Good Shepherd community!

Volunteer Needed: Summer Service Project

Help earn picnic tables for the Primary outdoor environment from Green Tree Plastics - ABC Partnerships!

🌍 Are you interested in guiding children in a real-life practice that can encourage them to become better stewards of the Earth and its resources? **We are seeking a lead parent to take on the role of guiding a group of students or their own children in this project to sort, clean, and weigh caps.** Michele Woody and Farmer Charlotte have already collected multiple bags of caps! Once the caps are sorted, cleaned, and weighed, they can be traded to receive small picnic tables for the Primary outdoor environment at a reduced price, using all recycled materials. 🌍

In 2022, GSMS students collected and sorted enough caps for a beautiful new outdoor bench for the Lower Elementary recess area.



Good Shepherd Montessori School Parent Group



Claire Sandler · Sep 2, 2022 ·



After 2 years of LE collecting and sorting caps, our bench is now gracing our recess area! More than 250lbs of plastic caps are out of the landfill and are now a beautiful, restful spot for our community!
[Green Tree Plastics- ABC Partnership](#)

You can read about the program and specific guidelines on the Green Tree website:

<https://www.greentreeplastics.com/abc-program/>

Please email Sarah Kulwicki if you are interested in taking on this project. Thank you!

skulwicki@gsms.org

Log Your FPC Hours in MobileServe

Please take a few moments to log your 2025–2026 Family Parent Cooperative hours in [MobileServe](#). Thank you for the many hours you spent volunteering in the kitchen,


laundering rags, chaperoning field trips, reading aloud to students, working the land, caring for animals, and much more!


Reminder: Student Directory Access


In case you want to plan summer get-togethers with school families, there is a password-protected **Student Directory** in the Parent Portal on the GSMS website. The password is **farmfresh**.


Please note that you will only be asked to provide the password **once** (until you clear your cookies). When you visit the directory in the future, the page will appear as if no login is required. However, please be assured that new visitors will still need the password to access this information.

Summer Farewell and See You Soon

We wish all of our students and families a peaceful, joyful, and restorative summer break! May this season offer opportunities to slow down, notice the world around you, pursue new interests, and enjoy unhurried time together. We hope your summer is filled with meaningful moments shared with family, friends, and neighbors. 

A special congratulations to our 8th-year graduates! We are incredibly proud of all you have accomplished and excited to see where your next steps lead. 

We look forward to welcoming our returning students and families in August and hearing stories of your summer adventures, discoveries, and memories. 

For those whose journeys are taking them to new schools, communities, or cities, we send you with our gratitude and blessings. Thank you for the gifts you have shared with our community. You will always be welcome at Good Shepherd. 

With peace and gratitude,

The Faculty and Staff at Good Shepherd Montessori School 

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