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Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

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Important Dates

THU, 8/20 – All-Parent Meeting

FRI, 8/21 – Primary & Silver Maple Open Houses

MON, 8/24 – First Day for Grades 2–8 & Returning P4 and P5 Primary Students

WED, 8/26 – First Day for Grade 1 & New 4- and 5-Year-Old Primary Students

MON, 8/31 – First Day for All 3-Year-Old Primary Students

This Thursday: All-Parent Meeting

Thursday, August 20

6:00 pm | Sanctuary

✓ *Please check in at the lobby when you arrive.*

The All-Parent Meeting will cover critical topics to ensure a smooth start to the school year. We ask that at least one adult from each family attend.

Important Notes

- Adults and infants in arms only

- Most spaces in our building do NOT have air-conditioning. Please dress comfortably.
- Water bottles welcome.

Attention Upper Elementary Parents (4th–6th)

- Please bring a portable/collapsible lawn chair, if possible. The UE meeting for both Cedar and River Birch parents will be held outside.

DUE: Back-to-School Forms

If you haven't already, please complete your **Back-to-School checklist** by this **Friday, August 21**. If you have any questions, please email us at office@gsms.org. Thank you!

To access the Family Calendar or Student Directory (25–26) in the [Parent Portal](#), use the password *farmfresh*.

Back-to-School Hub

Friday: Hot Lunch Deal Expires

You can order hot lunch anytime during the school year, but **early orders get a special deal**. For all meals ordered by the end of Friday, August 21, you will receive a **10% credit** applied to your spring order.

Note for families with students in grades 2–8 and/or returning Primary children: If your child wants **pizza** on the first day of school (August 24), make sure to order by **3:00 pm on Friday, August 21**.

Order Hot Lunch

Cross Country Parent Meeting *via Zoom*

Tomorrow evening, Head Coach Rick Johnson and the volunteer coaches will host a short Zoom meeting for parents of children participating in cross country (XC).

GSMS Cross Country Parent Meeting

- **Wednesday, August 19, from 5:30–6:00 pm**
- [Join Zoom Meeting Link](#)
- **Meeting ID:** 850 5800 0273
- **Passcode:** 6iu1Ps

Sign Up Here

If you haven't signed your child up for cross country yet, there's still time! Cross country is **open to students in grades 1–8**. Simply [sign up online](#) and join tomorrow's Zoom meeting. A \$65 sports fee (per child) will be added to your next FACTS invoice.

Practice Details

Practice will be held after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Lower Elementary students (grades 1–3) and on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for Upper Elementary (grades 4–6) and Junior High (grades 7 & 8) students. All practices will end at 4:00 pm.

Required Form

All participants must have a recent **medical eligibility form** on file, signed by the child's doctor.

- [Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form](#)

Open Houses 🤝

Friday, August 21

🍁 **Primary: Blue Beech and Redbud**

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Sign-ups required

🍁 **Lower Elementary: Silver Maple**

1:00–12:00 pm

Primary (3 to 6 yrs) – Indoors

Who: New and returning Primary children and their parents and guardians (please make childcare arrangements for other siblings; infants in arms are welcome)

- **Redbud (Ms. Sarah): Sign up for a 20-minute slot [here](#)**
- **Blue Beech (Miss Annie): Sign up for a 20-minute slot [here](#)**
- *Classroom assignments can be found on your "Family Contact Information Sheet" sent to you with the Back-to-School email.*

What: Meet the Primary staff, become comfortable with the classroom environment, and drop off personal items that will stay at school, including indoor shoes, waterproof rain boots, and two full extra sets of clothes.

Where: Primary Classrooms (Park in the upper lot off Colfax and walk down the western driveway to enter through the Primary patio.)

Silver Maple (6 to 9 yrs) – Outdoors

What: Silver Maple Meet-and-Greet for children and their parents

When: Friday, August 21 – Drop by anytime between 1:00 and 2:00 pm

Where: South of the school building on the east side of the driveway. The team will be at the picnic tables near the Lower Elementary playground.

- Ms. Amanda Glithero, Guide
- Ms. Sabrina Thayer, Assistant
- Ms. Sarah Dashley, Floating Assistant

Parents will also have an opportunity to meet the Silver Maple team at the All-Parent Meeting on Thursday, August 20, at 6:00 pm.

Hot Lunch Menu

- MON, 8/24 – Pizza Pie
- TUES, 8/25 – Salad Sandwich Day
- WED, 8/26 – Mediterranean Chickpea Orzo Salad
- THU, 8/27 – Southern Baked Beans & Potato Salad
- FRI, 8/28 – Chilled Blueberry Yogurt Soup

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