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Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

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Important Dates

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

MON, 9/7 – No School – Labor Day

WED, 9/9 – Picture Day – UE & JH

FRI, 9/11 – Picture Day – Primary & LE

FRI, 9/11 – XC Meet at Pinhook Park

Date Change: Parent Education Night

NEW Tuesday, September 29
6:00 pm | Sanctuary

The date for our first Parent Education Night of the year has changed. We will now gather on **Tuesday, September 29**, at 6:00 pm, for Dr. Kaiser's talk on **Montessori philosophy**.

We will share additional event details and the childcare sign-up form in September.

Don't forget to update your calendar for September 29!

Intro to Student Support Specialist

Dear Parents,

I am Barbara Danko Garland, Good Shepherd's Student Support Specialist. I have a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. Before coming to GSMS in 2005 as a Lower Elementary guide, I taught third grade for four years at a Catholic school, then worked for two years with adults with disabilities. I have personal experience as a mom of a child who has co-occurring health issues and disorders. I feel a deep call to live the mission of GSMS by serving in the following ways:

- liaison between South Bend Community School Corporation (SBCSC) and Good Shepherd
- assisting guides with implementing the support needed for a child
- organizing and scheduling services
- collaborating with reading specialist Sarah Dozier
- advocating for every child with observed needs
- working with children individually or in small groups
- providing resources and support to parents/guardians
- and more!

When communicating with your child's guide about their existing support needs at school, please include me in these exchanges.

Also, if a particular need for your child arises during the year—be it in any of these areas: academics, mental/emotional/physical health, social interactions, or changes in family circumstances—please reach out to your child's guide, who will communicate with me if there are ways I can help. In a cooperative working relationship with guides, parents/guardians, and children, we will strive to give the love, support, and safety needed for all the children to thrive and delight in learning!

Peace and all good,

Barbara

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Make Music at Morning Prayer 🎵

Looking for volunteers to make a joyful noise with the choir!

Parent musicians for Tuesday Morning Prayer

Do you play an instrument or sing?

We are always on the lookout for willing grown-ups
to help support the choir during TMP.

No experience necessary.

Come play, strum, or yodel along with us on Tuesday mornings from 8–8:45 am. Email Heidi (Ms. Ferris) at hferris@gsms.org for more information.

Email Heidi Ferris at hferris@gsms.org to volunteer to **sing or play an instrument** with the choir during **Tuesday Morning Prayer**. Instruments or voices are welcome. A great opportunity for Family Parent Cooperative hours!

Kitchen Help Wanted

FPC Opportunities

It takes many hands to make our wonderful, scratch-made **hot lunch program** happen! The kitchen team is looking for volunteers to help in the following ways:

- **Tuesday afternoons** – Work with Heather Tuttle in the kitchen, helping with dishes and cleanup. Start time between 12:30–1:00 pm. Cleanup is usually complete between 2:00–2:30 pm. Volunteer for an hour or more.
- **Weekend laundry duty** – Take home the kitchen laundry on Friday afternoons and return it washed and folded on Monday morning.

Reach out to the kitchen team at kitchen@gsms.org to volunteer. Even if you can't commit weekly, you can let Heather and Michele Woody know the dates you are available to help out. Thank you in advance for your support!

Still Time to Sign Up for Cross Country

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](#). A \$65 sports fee (per child) will be added to your next FACTS invoice. Get all the details from a recording of last week's parent meeting, linked below.

GSMS Cross Country Parent Meeting – [Video Link](#)

Practice Details

Practice will be held immediately after dismissal 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](#)

Contact Coach Rick Johnson at rick@lasthill.org for more information.

Hot Lunch Menu

- MON, 8/31 – Pizza Pie
- TUES, 9/1 – Cold Tuna Twist Pasta Salad
- WED, 8/26 – *Maharage Ya Nazi* (Kidney Beans in Coconut Milk)
- THU, 8/27 – Sufferin' Succotash
- FRI, 8/28 – Yogurt Bar

Order Hot Lunch

IN THE COMMUNITY

Bandlink

Does your 4th–8th grader want to **learn a band instrument**? Notre Dame's Bandlink is a **free program** (you only **pay for instrument rental**) where students learn an instrument with a mentor for 45 minutes on Sunday evenings, then participate in a one-hour ensemble rehearsal on a weekday after school.

In the past, families have arranged carpools from GSMS. More details are below, or click the image to access the PDF flyer.

Instrument Demo Night: Sunday, August 30, at 6:00 pm at the Notre Dame Band Building

Instruments Offered: flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, and percussion (with percussion including both mallet and snare drum).

Individual Lessons: Sundays at Holy Cross School, 6:30–7:15 pm

Beginner Band Rehearsals: Wednesdays at Corpus Christi School, 3:30–4:30 pm



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