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Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

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Important Dates

WED, 9/9 – Picture Day – UE & JH

FRI, 9/11 – Picture Day – All-School, Primary, & LE

FRI, 9/11 – XC Meet at Pinhook Park

SUN, 9/20 – Fall Family Picnic

FRI, 9/25 – GSMS XC Meet at Prairie Winds

TUE, 9/29 – Parent Education Night *DATE CHANGE*

Alternative Routes 9/8 & 9/9

Thank you all for a successful drop-off and pick-up today! We have **one more day** of alternative routes. We expect procedures to return to normal on Thursday, September 9. Please remember to follow the instructions in [last week's email](#) for drop-off and pick-up tomorrow as well.

Tomorrow: Picture Day Part 1 😊

Tomorrow is the first of two picture days this week:

Wednesday, September 9: JH and UE Individual & Class Photos

Friday, September 11: All-School Photo, Primary and LE Individual & Class Photos

Junior High and Upper Elementary students will participate in BOTH picture days.

Note: The **All-School picture** will be taken at **8:15 a.m.** on **Friday morning**, so please ensure your child arrives on time.

📷 **CHANGE: New Ordering Process for 26–27** ✨

Parents/guardians will receive an **email from Valentino's after both picture days** with instructions to order portrait packages. You'll be able to choose **one of two shots of your child**. Valentino's goal is to send these emails out by Monday, September 14, so families may pre-order packages by Sunday, September 20.

No Shipping Charges Before 9/20

If you pre-order by Sunday, September 20, your order will be delivered to school and sent home with your child(ren).

Ship-to-Home After 9/20

If you order after September 20, your order will be shipped directly to your home, and shipping charges will apply.

It's time for School Portraits!



All school portraits will be taken outside!

Good Shepherd Portrait Dates 2026 September 9 & 11

Watch for an email that will contain easy online ordering instructions.
2 ways to order, packages start at \$22.

- 1) - **Bulk School Order** - Pre pay before the scheduled portrait date and save shipping cost.
All bulk prepay orders will be delivered to the school for easy pick up for your student.
- 2) **Direct Ship Order** - If you order after the scheduled portrait date, for an additional \$10,
your portraits will be mailed directly to you home. USA Shipping only

At Valentino's we strive to maintain a higher standard in all of what we do. Our school portraits are no different. First of all, we photograph all of our schools outside in a garden environment using natural light. We also will take the time to make sure your child has combed hair, good posture and most importantly a great expression. We look forward to serving you in all of your photographic needs.

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GSMS Fall Family Picnic

Sunday, September 20

12:-00–2:00 pm

 **Let us know if you are coming by next Tuesday, September 15, so we can finalize the food count. **

[Sign Up to Attend](#)

All Good Shepherd families are invited
to an **all-school picnic** on Sunday,
September 20! GSMS will provide

grilled burgers, vegan burgers, and hot dogs, plus ice cream (dairy and non-dairy) and jugs for water refills.

What Should I Bring?

Families are asked to bring their own **picnic blankets**, **water bottles**, and a **dish to share** potluck-style. Please see the recommended dish types below.



Potluck Dishes to Share – By child(ren)'s last name(s)



A–G: Salad or Veggies



H–M: Sides



N–Z: Fruit

!! Please register to attend so we know how many people to expect. Click the [blue](#) button above for the sign-up form. !!

How Can I Help?

Great question! **We could use volunteers to help grill, run food to the buffet, take tickets, and pass out ice cream.**

We could also use supplies for fun and games, especially **cornhole sets to borrow**.

Click the [green](#) button below to see what opportunities are available!

Volunteer or Provide Supplies



The rain date in case of inclement weather is Sunday, September 27.

Parent Education Night: September 29

Our first Parent Education Night (PEN) is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 29**, from **6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** Dr. Kaiser will speak on **Montessori philosophy**. At least one parent from each GSMS family is expected to attend. Whether this is your first year at Good

Shepherd or your 10th, there is always something new to learn! Attending Parent Education Nights counts for **one hour** toward your family's FPC commitment.

Sign Up for Childcare

Childcare will be provided for any current GSMS students who are **registered by Friday, September 25**. [Click here to register](#).

If you can help provide **nutritious snacks** for the children, please sign up on [this spreadsheet](#). Contributions count toward FPC hours.

FPC Opportunity: Bring Snacks & Drinks

There will be a social time after the PEN program. Traditionally, parents volunteer to bring snacks and drinks to share. Contributions count toward FPC hours. If you can help, please sign up on [the spreadsheet](#). Thank you!

Machine Sewing Club Lottery

*After-School Art Club Lottery Now Open
For Students in Grades 4–8*

Learn the basics of using a pattern and a sewing machine to sew a pair of pajama pants.

- The \$60 fee covers the cost of class, supplies, and a snack.
- **Grades 4 & up**, limited to 6 children who will be sharing 3 machines
- Class meets **5 Mondays**, from 3–4:30 pm
- September 21, 28, and October 5, 12 & 19

Ms. Rousseau will provide flannel pajama fabric. If you would like to choose your own, you are welcome to shop for one 2-yard piece of flannel fabric at Michaels Arts & Crafts.

Because of high demand for art club, spaces will be assigned by lottery. All families who complete this form by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, will be entered in the lottery for the available spots (limit 6 students in grades 4 through 8).

You will receive an email from office@gsms.org letting you know whether your child gets a spot or is on the waitlist. Those who received spots will be emailed a link to the GSMS Square Store and will have 24 hours to pay the fee or automatically forfeit their spots.

Enter Lottery

Machine Sewing Class

After-school in the Art Room

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Sign up on the link in Tuesday Newsday!

Save the Date: FPC on the Farm ☐

Saturday, October 3

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Save the date for the annual **Family Parent Cooperative (FPC) Project Day on the Farm**: Saturday morning, October 3!

All GSMS families are encouraged to attend for some of the four-hour window—many hands make light work! A variety of work will be available. Volunteers should bring **work gloves** and a **water bottle**.

 Thank you for supporting our urban farm! 

Family Parent Cooperative Opportunities

Sign up when your schedule allows or make a weekly commitment.

Library – At-home job

Repair GSMS library books at home (we'll provide the supplies) and transport them back to school.

Contact Meredith Anatolios at manatoilios@gsms.org to volunteer.

Music

Sing or play an instrument with the choir at Tuesday Morning Prayer.

- **Tuesdays 8:00–8:45 am**

Email Heidi Ferris at hferris@gsms.org to volunteer.

Kitchen

Work with Heather Tuttle in the kitchen. Mornings are for prep. Afternoons are for dishes.

- **Mondays 12:30–2:00 pm**
- **Wednesdays 9:00–11:00 am**
- **Fridays 12:30–2:00 pm**

Email kitchen@gsms.org for more details or to sign up.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Conversations That Connect Workshop for Couples



Sign up for a special workshop offered by GSMS partner, Family Psychology of South Bend, on **Wednesday, September 30, from 6:30–8:00 pm.**

Workshop Description

Many couples find themselves having the same argument again and again. The topic may be money, household responsibilities, parenting, or how time is spent. Often, though, the disagreement is about something deeper than the surface topic.

When couples focus only on solving the surface problem, these deeper longings can remain unseen. Partners may become defensive, repeat the same arguments, or begin treating one another as opponents. But when couples become curious about what each person is truly fighting for, conflict can become an opportunity for deeper

Conversations That Connect
A Marriage Enrichment Series

Discover What You're
Fighting For

Wednesday, September 30
6:30-8:00pm

Good Shepherd Montessori School

Most recurring arguments aren't about what they seem! Discover the deeper hopes, values and dreams beneath what you are fighting about and learn how to turn these conflicts into an opportunity for connection.



Reserve Your Spot!
Scan the QR Code to Sign Up

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understanding and connection.

Join Family Psychology for the next installment of the **"Conversations That Connect" series: Discover What You're Fighting For**. Through practical teaching, private reflection, and guided (private) conversation, couples will explore the dreams beneath their disagreements and practice listening for the deeper meaning within conflict.

This session will be facilitated by licensed mental health counselor Trey Duckett.

Open to **couples at all stages**, from dating to married.

Cost: Goodwill donation; proceeds will be donated to [Our Lady of the Road](#).

[Learn More](#)

Good Shepherd has partnered with [Family Psychology of South Bend](#) to offer support to families through different stages of life. Counselors Sharon Bain, LCSW, and Dr. John Petersen, PsyD, are GSMS alumni parents.

Hot Lunch Menu

- MON, 9/14 – Pizza Pie
- TUES, 9/15 – Chicken Massaman Curry
- WED, 9/16 – Dip Day with Crudit 
- THU, 9/17 – Mrs. Rizk's Egyptian Macaroni Bechamel
- FRI, 9/18 – Rumbledethumps

[Order Hot Lunch](#)

Missed an issue? Visit the [Tuesday Newsday Archive](#).

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





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