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Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

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Important Dates

SUN, 9/20 – Fall Family Picnic
FRI, 9/25 – GSMS XC Meet at Prairie Winds
TUE, 9/29 – Parent Education Night
SAT, 10/3 – FPC Project Day on the Farm | 8am–12pm
THU–FRI, 10/8–9 – No School | Fall Break

Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Friday, October 16
8:00–10:00 a.m.

It's time to invite guests for our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day on Friday, October 16! Please encourage your children to invite their grandparents or a special friend to join us for Morning Prayer at 8:15 am, a classroom visit, and a photo opportunity. Our guests will be finished by 10:00 am.

Please note that Good Shepherd does not send invitations for this event.

Instructions for submitting RSVPs are below.

How to Invite Guests – Students’ Job

We encourage students to invite their guests personally. Below is a script children can use when extending the invitation in person or by phone:

“Hello ____!

I would like to invite you to visit my school on Friday, October 16th, for Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. for Morning Prayer. After Morning Prayer, I will show you my classroom, and we can take a picture together. I would love to show you my school! I hope you can make it!”

Next Steps for Parents

1. Submit RSVPs for Grandparents or Special Friends

Once the invitation has been accepted, please submit an RSVP for any grandparent or special friend who will be attending. **All RSVPs are due by Wednesday, October 7.**



Note: We love having parents in the building, but due to space limitations, we kindly request that parents refrain from visiting on Grandparents and Special Friends Day, unless they are their child’s special friend for the event.

2. Volunteer: Help at Grandparents & Special Friends Day

We need a variety of parent volunteers to facilitate this special event, from photographers to bakers. Please sign up on the [volunteer spreadsheet](#).

Contact office@gsms.org with any questions. Thank you for supporting this memorable event!

RSVP for Your Guests Now

Last Call: Register for the GSMS Fall Family Picnic 

Sunday, September 20

12:-00–2:00 pm

✓ Let us know if you are coming by the end of the day, so we can finalize the food count. 👍

Sign Up to Attend

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

What to Bring

Families should bring picnic blankets and/or camping chairs, water bottles, and a dish to share.

Potluck

Families are invited to bring a dish to share! Please follow the suggested categories below based on your child's last name.

🥗 **A–G:** Salad or Veggies

🍌 **H–M:** Sides

🍎 **N–Z:** Fruit

Please bring your own serving utensils and label all non-disposable items!

We Need Your Help! 💪

We need volunteers to grill, run food to the buffet, take tickets, and serve ice cream! Shifts are just 30 minutes—an easy way to earn Family Parent Cooperative time while enjoying the picnic with your family. Click the green button below to see available opportunities!

Sign Up to Volunteer

In Case of Rain 💧

We're watching the forecast! Please assume the picnic is **ON** unless you hear otherwise. We'll still gather if the ground is wet, so camp chairs might be a good idea!

We'll decide by **12:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19**, whether to postpone. If needed, we'll **email** and post in the parent Facebook group.

Rain date: Sunday, September 27

Pre-Order Deadline for School Portraits

!! Order your school portrait packages by Wednesday, September 16, to avoid an additional shipping charge.!!

Didn't See Your Child's Photos?

All families should have received an email from **Valentino's Photographics** over the weekend with a link to view and order their child's photos. If you didn't see it, please check your spam folder first. If you still can't find it, email scott@scottleonardstudios.com for help.



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!

Spot Available: Machine Sewing Club

*After-School Art Club
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

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After-school in the Art Room
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Ms. Rousseau provides flannel pajama fabric. If you would like to choose your own, you are welcome to shop for one piece of 2 yards of flannel fabric at Michaels Arts & Crafts.

Sign up on the link in Tuesday Newsday!

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There is one spot left! Please email office@gsms.org to register.

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.

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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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 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, 9/21 – Pizza Pie
- TUES, 9/22 – Ethiopian *Doro Wat*
- WED, 9/23 – Spaghetti Tacos
- THU, 9/24 – Mrs. Tuttle's Burger N' Fries Bowl
- FRI, 9/25 – Baked Oatmeal, Berries, & Bananas

[Order Hot Lunch](#)

IN THE COMMUNITY

Ritz Family Welcomes Baby Brother 🎉

Congratulations to the Ritz Family, who welcomed baby brother John in August! The Ritz sisters are already loving their sweet new addition. 💙

*Pictured from top to bottom (or left to right): Elizabeth (Redbud), Ennevere (Silver Maple), and Evelyn (Dogwood). Not pictured: sister Elaine, who has been promoted to **big** sister!*



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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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