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Welcome to Tuesday Newsday!

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Important Dates

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

SUN, 9/27 – Fall Family Picnic

TUE, 9/29 – Parent Education Night | 6pm

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

Rescheduled: Fall Family Picnic on 9/27 

Sunday, September 27

12:-00–2:00 pm

✓ Registration has reopened until **Wednesday, September 23, at 12:00 p.m.**

✗ If you registered and can no longer attend, please email office@gsms.org.

Sign Up to Attend

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

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!

Several Volunteer Slots Left 🙋

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

Sign Up to Volunteer

9/29 Parent Education Night & Childcare 👍

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.

✅ **LAST CALL: Sign Up for Childcare by Friday**

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**

We'll have 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!

10/3 Farm Project Day ☒

We are looking forward to our annual Family Parent Cooperative (FPC) Project Day on the Farm on **Saturday, October 3**, from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

All GSMS families are encouraged to attend for some of the four-hour window—many hands make light work!
Upon arrival, please check in under the portico.



Please bring water bottles, work gloves, and a sturdy shovel, if possible. A variety of work will be available. Thank you for supporting our urban farm!

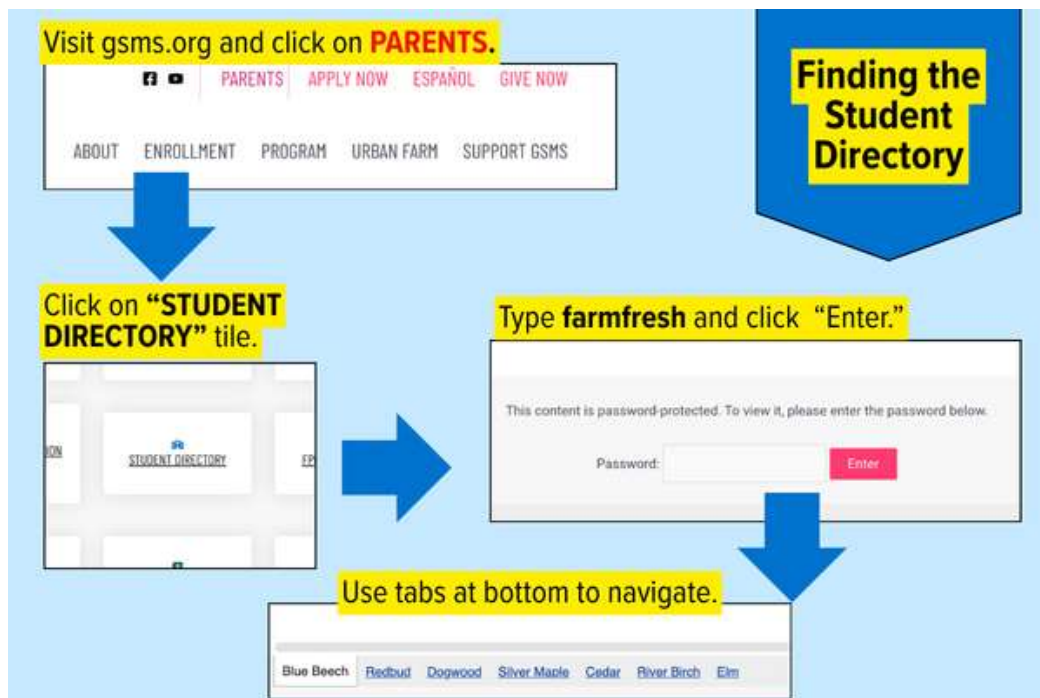
Student Directory Now Available

The online Student Directory for the 2026–2027 school year is now available. The directory is password-protected. Enter the following when prompted: *farmfresh*

You will only be asked to sign in once. In the future, it may appear that no login is required. However, new visitors will still need the password to access this information. **Note: Please do not share this information with any outside people or organizations.**

The same password will give you access to the “Family Calendar” in the [Parent Portal](#). You can get to the portal from the GSMS homepage. Click the red “PARENTS” link. The portal houses links to order hot lunch, spiritwear, and more.

Email us at office@gsms.org if you see an error or want to change how your family's information is displayed.



Farm Corner

The farm is busy with harvest and husbandry.  

Our friendly crew of chickens and goats has returned. They are busy eating down the overgrowth of the summer months while they were away.

Salsa work has begun in earnest with the abundant harvests of tomatoes, peppers, and onions. The Jr. High students work in anticipation of our November Holiday Sale.

Please stop by our **harvest table under the portico** for a taste of our farm-fresh produce and eggs. The Junior High's micro-economy sales help fund their end-of-year trip while giving students exciting opportunities to learn about business. Thank you in advance for your support.

Also look for our booth at the **South Bend Farmers Market** on Thursdays in October. This week's feature is **bagged basil** for your winter supply of pesto. Follow the recipe below, then freeze in ice cube trays. Pop the cubes out once frozen and store in a freezer container to use all winter.

Pesto

Ingredients

2 cups tightly packed fresh basil leaves

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 cup pine nuts (or a nut of your choice; I like walnuts)

2 cloves garlic, chopped

Kosher salt

1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan

Puree all ingredients together. Keep in the refrigerator to use fresh, or freeze in ice cube trays for use all winter long.

Save Empty Paper Towel Rolls

Ms. Rousseau would welcome donations of any empty paper towel rolls for a building project in a few weeks. Your student can deliver them to the art room, or you can drop them off at the front desk. Thank you!

Next Wednesday: Workshop for Couples

[Registration](#) is still open—Join GSMS partner, Family Psychology of South Bend, for the next installment of the "**Conversations That Connect**" series: **Discover What You're Fighting For.**

On **Wednesday, September 30**, from **6:30–8:00 pm**, licensed mental health counselor Trey Duckett will guide couples through private reflection and conversation to explore the dreams beneath their disagreements and practice listening for deeper meaning in conflict.

Open to **couples at all stages**, from dating to married.
Cost: Goodwill donation; proceeds will be donated to [Our Lady of the Road](#).

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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Hot Lunch Menu

- MON, 9/28 – Pizza Pie
- TUES, 9/29 – Bangers & Mash
- WED, 9/30 – Ashley's Plantain & Black Bean Tacos
- THU, 10/1 – Best Beefy Buttered Noodles with Vegetables
- FRI, 10/2 – Salad Sandwich Day

Order Hot Lunch

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