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## Welcome to Tuesday Newsday! 📅

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### Important Dates 📅

**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

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### Tonight: Parent Education Night | 6 pm 👍

Our first Parent Education Night (PEN) will begin at **6:00 pm** tonight, Tuesday, September 29. Dr. Kaiser will speak on Montessori philosophy. At least one parent from each GSMS family is expected to attend. Attending Parent Education Nights counts for **one hour** toward your family's FPC commitment. The talk will be followed by social time and refreshments under the portico.

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### Normal Traffic Patterns Resume 🚌

Construction has ended, and the parking lot is slowly returning to regular use. **The westernmost portion of the north parking lot is now open.**

### **Parents of Primary Students Only**

Cars with only Primary students should take an **immediate right** when entering off of Colfax. Cars should line up in the westernmost portion of the parking lot (closest to the garage) and proceed down the west driveway (parallel with Eddy Street). Please follow the same procedure for drop-off and pick-up. Note: During drop-off, cars will also be merging from the center lane if they have elementary students in addition to Primary children.

### **Parents of Primary Students AND Elementary Students**

Cars with **both** Primary and elementary students should proceed **down the center lane** of the parking lot off of Colfax. They should take a **slight right and stop** along the curb in front of the short, diagonal brick wall (where there was once a white banner). Elementary children should exit the vehicle onto the curb from the left side and walk to the main entrance under the portico. The vehicle should then **merge** into the Primary drop-off line along the west driveway.

⚠️ **Please use extra caution as we return to our normal traffic patterns.** ⚠️ Always watch for bikers and walkers! For more details about drop-off and pick-up, please visit the Parent Handbook in the online [Parent Portal](#).

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## **Deadline 10/7: RSVP for Grandparents Day** 🍁

Our annual **Grandparents and Special Friends Day** is 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. **The deadline to submit your child(ren)'s guests' names is next Wednesday, October 7.**

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### **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!"*

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## 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](mailto:office@gsms.org) with any questions. Thank you for supporting this memorable event!

RSVP for Your Guests Now

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## This Saturday: Farm Project Day ☒

This **Saturday, October 3**, from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** is our annual FPC Project Day on the Farm!

**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!

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## In Search of Girls on the Run Coaches

For the last 4 years, **Girls on the Run** has been an excellent addition to the programming for girls in **grades 3–5** here at Good Shepherd Montessori School. This spring, we are looking for amazing parents to join us as **Head and Assistant Coaches**.



I, **Ms. Brittany**, need to step away from Head Coach responsibilities, but I will continue to be part of the GOTR team here at GSMS.

My girls have aged out of the program, and I want to ensure we keep a strong team here by bringing in more parents.

The Girls on the Run curriculum beautifully complements the Montessori method and teachings the girls receive daily. I also think it is an excellent part of the spring to help with the bridging between Lower EI and Upper EI.

Girls on the Run is so much more than running. It is an opportunity for girls to build confidence, friendships, kindness, courage, and a strong belief in themselves while having fun and being active.

As a coach, you don't have to be a runner or an expert!! You simply need a heart for kids, a willingness to encourage them, and a desire to make a difference.

We are looking for:

**Head Coaches** – Lead team practices and help guide the girls through the Girls on the Run curriculum.

**Assistant Coaches** – Support the Head Coach, encourage the girls, help with activities, and be an important part of the team.

Whether you can commit to being a Head Coach or lend a helping hand as an Assistant Coach, your time and encouragement can make a lasting impact on a girl. Please email me at [bnichols@gsms.org](mailto:bnichols@gsms.org) if you are interested in supporting our GOTR team as a coach.

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## Art Club Lottery Open

### NEW: Afterschool Art Club

#### Sew Your Own Mini Cute Things

#### *For Students Ages 6 and up*

In this class, you will learn basic hand sewing: running, back, whip, and blanket stitches.

- The \$60 dollar fee covers the cost of class, supplies and a snack.
- Ages 6 and up, limited to 10 children
- This six-week class meets Tuesdays from 3:00–4:30 pm.
- SIX Tuesdays: October 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10 & 17

Due to the high demand for art club, spaces will be assigned by lottery. All families who complete this form by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, will be entered in the lottery for the available spots (limit: 10 students, ages 6 and up).

You will receive an email from [office@gsms.org](mailto:office@gsms.org) informing you if your child gets a spot or is on the waitlist.

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NB: Those chosen from the lottery **must pay their invoice within 24 hours of receipt**, or their spots will be automatically forfeited.

Sign Up for Art Club Lottery

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## Farm Corner 🌱

**Welcome Fall!** 🍁

With fall comes cooler weather that makes outdoor work much more doable and enjoyable. Please join us **this Saturday** on our urban farm from **8:00 a.m. to 12 noon** for an FPC workday. It is a time of work and community building.



All our students benefit from the work and learning opportunities our farm provides.

This month:

**Primary** works with Junior High students on Wednesdays to meet the animals, harvest flowers, learn about composting, and taste some fall production.

**Lower Elementary** students begin a "Harvest of the Month" taste-testing practice in their classrooms and on the land.

**Upper Elementary** students are learning the practices to maintain a "kitchen garden" where fruits and vegetables are grown. Their harvests go to the kitchen for student lunches.

Our **Junior High** students continue to work and learn about regenerative agriculture as a deeper dive into all the sciences while adding the fun of marketing and sales. Our hot crops are now finished, but the cooler-loving produce continues. Be sure to visit a local farm for apple picking and stop by our harvest table at the farmers market on Thursdays in October. Our JH students are busy learning about production and the business side of farming. See them at the market **between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon on Thursdays in October**, while supplies last.

Fresh, local produce is abundant in October and full of exciting colors and flavors. Get out there and enjoy our local abundance.

We hope to see you in October.  
Farmer Theri

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## 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!

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## Hot Lunch Menu

- MON, 10/5 – Pizza Pie
- TUES, 10/6 – Frau Deneen's Kraut Spätzle
- WED, 10/7 – Taco Belle Michele
- THU, 10/8 – No School | Fall Break
- FRI, 10/9 – No School | Fall Break

Order Hot Lunch

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Boys Basketball Grades 4th–6th Opportunity

Is your 4th–6th grade boy interested in playing basketball? In the past, GSMS students have played on The Montessori Academy's (TMA) team. My son and daughter both played on their teams last year.

If your child is interested, please email me at [jennifer.ehren@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.ehren@gmail.com), and I'll put you in touch with the coach. If there's enough interest, we can coordinate a carpool.

There are usually 2 practices a week for about an hour starting at 3:30 pm when TMA's school day ends. And then there are games on weeknights. I don't have any details on practice days or the game schedule yet. The season would likely start in

about 2 weeks (mid-October).

Shared by GSMS parent Jennifer Ehren ([jennifer.ehren@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.ehren@gmail.com))

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