This is our weekly newsletter for the 2026–2027 school year. Tune in each week for upcoming events or communications.

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Welcome to Tuesday Newsday! 🗞️

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Important Dates 🗓️

THU, 11/12 – 11:30 am Dismissal for All Students – GPS Conferences
FRI, 11/13 – No School – GPS Conferences
WED–FRI, 11/25–27 – No School – Thanksgiving Break

Less-Than-One-Minute Survey on PEN Topics 👂

Thank you for coming to last week's **Parent Education Night**! We were thrilled that so many of you could join us. Whether or not you could make it, **everyone** is invited to take our **quick, two-question survey** to offer ideas for future "Choose Your Own Adventure" sessions.

Take < 1-Minute Survey

Food Drive for Neighbors 🥫

Non-Perishable Food Collection

November 4–20

Benefiting the Food Pantry at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church

At Morning Prayer, Dr. Kaiser invited the Good Shepherd community to support our annual food drive for the pantry at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church. This food drive has been a Good Shepherd tradition for many years. Each level has been invited to focus on a different type of non-perishable food item to best serve the needs of the clients at the Sunnyside pantry.

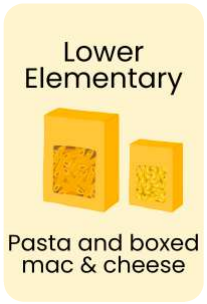
- **Primary** (Blue Beech and Redbud) — Canned beans and soups
- **Lower Elementary** (Dogwood and Silver Maple) — Pasta and boxed mac & cheese
- **Upper Elementary** (Cedar and River Birch) — Tuna and other canned meats
- **Junior High** (Elm) — Peanut butter and jelly

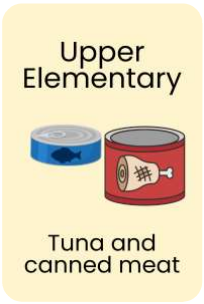
Tips

- **Make it a family activity!** Consider shopping together or talking with your child about the items you're sending in and how they will help others.
- Please **do not purchase jumbo sizes** of items. Regular-sized groceries in their original packaging are easiest to distribute among families.
- Please send items in **plastic containers or metal cans** instead of glass for safety and ease of transport.
- Items can be donated during Primary drop-off or in the lobby.

Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors and showing our children the power of generosity and community!









Bank at NDFCU? Help GSMS Earn $2.5K 💰

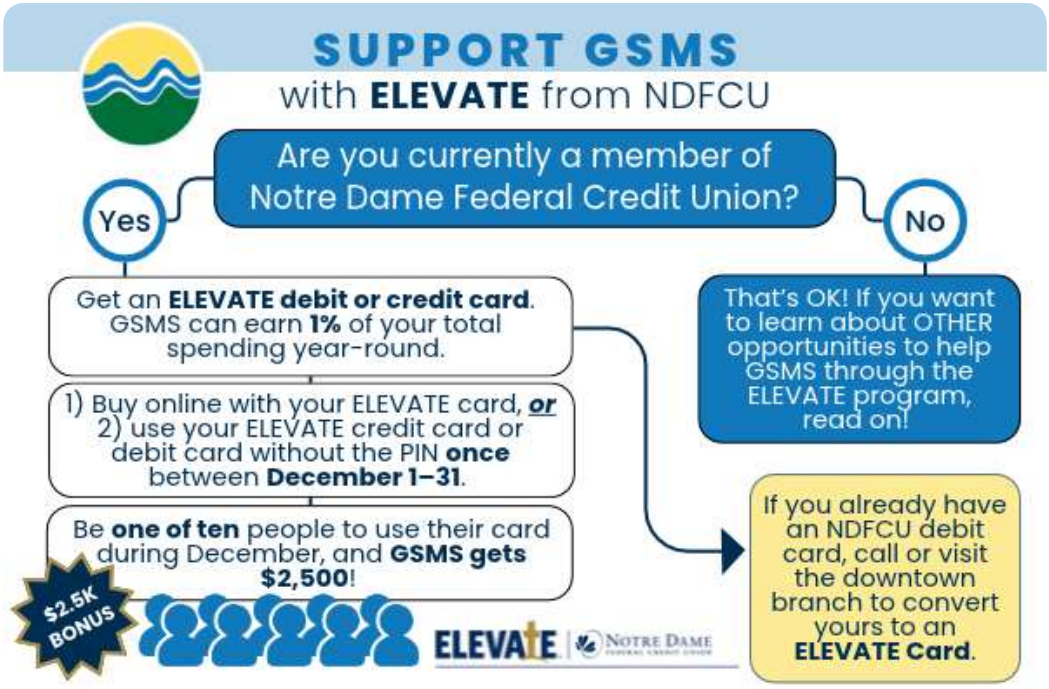
Good Shepherd can earn $2,500+ through a great program at Notre Dame Federal Credit Union called ELEVATE!

1% to GSMS Year-Round

Using an ELEVATE credit or debit card for qualifying purchases without entering a PIN means Good Shepherd receives 1% of those purchases year-round. In the first half of 2026, we earned $250 thanks to our community members using their ELEVATE cards!

December Challenge

If 10 people make qualifying purchases with their ELEVATE credit or debit cards without entering a PIN during December, Good Shepherd earns a $2,500 bonus! *(For debit cards, select "credit" rather than "debit" when prompted.)* We currently have 9 ELEVATE card users, so **just one more person** gets us to $2,500. **Eleven more** would bring our total to $5,000!



Next Steps: Get Started with ELEVATE!

Contact Notre Dame Federal Credit Union's downtown branch to get started or ask questions. You can:

- Call: (574) 400-4820
- Visit: 210 S. Michigan St., Suite 100, South Bend, IN 46601

- Schedule a meeting: Use the QR code below to schedule an in-person meeting or phone call.
- Email: Jasmin Coria or Vanessa Fritz

Jasmin and Vanessa can help you:

- Get an ELEVATE card if you're already an NDFCU member.
- Make sure your existing ELEVATE card purchases qualify.
- Explore joining NDFCU to get an ELEVATE card.

Learn more: Read about the ELEVATE fundraising program.

Thank you for helping Good Shepherd benefit from this wonderful program and for supporting our school through your everyday purchases!



Lunch for Faculty and Staff

Thank you to everyone who signed up to contribute to the soup and salad lunch for faculty and staff during GPS Conferences. Only a few slots remain, including miscellaneous slots for whatever you're inspired to bring.

Drop-Off

Please drop off food and drink donations **by 11:00 am on Thursday, November 12,** to allow enough time for set-up.

Note: Some staff members must eat gluten-free, and others eat vegan, so variety and versatility are welcome.

Sign Up to Contribute to Lunch

All contributions count toward your FPC commitment. Thank you for your generosity and for showing support for the faculty and staff!

10% Spiritwear Discount 🛍️

All Good Shepherd apparel and gifts from our spiritwear vendor, Elevation Sports, are now **10% off!** This special offer runs through Thanksgiving (November 26), with guaranteed delivery before the holidays.

Visit the GSMS online store and enter promo code **HOLIDAY10** at checkout.



Farm Corner 🌱

Junior High Holiday Sale 11/24 🎀

Our 7th- and 8th-year students will display and sell handmade farm products at the annual Junior High Holiday Sale on Tuesday, November 24, from 9:00–11:00 am.



Pre-Orders Open Now 🍎

Pumpkin and apple pie kits, evergreen wreaths, and Advent candle sets are available for pre-order online at the GSMS Square Store—**while supplies last**. You may also send your order and payment with your student, attention: Junior High Holiday Sale. **Pick-up will be at the in-person sale on 11/24.**

🧅 Note: Pre-ordering is **a must** for these items, as we may not have extras available at the sale.

- **Door Wreath**, **$25.00**. *Fresh mixed greens wreath, 24–26" with bow and three pine cones.*
- **Fresh-Made Pumpkin Pie Kit**, **$16.00**. *Kit includes one frozen, roll-out-ready pie crust ball and premade frozen filling for one 8" pie. Thaw for Thanksgiving or keep frozen for another day; roll, fill, and bake.*
- **Apple Pie Kit**, **$16.00**. *Kit includes one frozen, roll-out-ready pie crust ball and fresh-made apple pie filling (canned), ready to fill an 8" pie crust; roll, fill, and bake.*
- **Advent Wreath Candles**, **$14.00**. *Set of four, just in time for the Advent season.*

Pre-Order Now

Turkey Raffle 🦃

Junior High students are also selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a **fresh (not frozen) turkey**. Tickets are $2.00 each or 6 for $10.00. The drawing will be held Thursday, November 19, with pick-up on Tuesday, November 24. The turkey will be approximately 20–24 pounds. Watch for salespeople during drop-off and pick-up!

Speech/Language Therapy Services 👄 👂🏽

For families interested in exploring additional support for their children, we're sharing the following resources for speech and language services in the area. Please note that some initial screenings may be offered free of charge, while further evaluations or services may involve a cost.

IUSB Elkhart Speech-Language Clinic

- Donation-based teaching clinic located within the IUSB Elkhart Center
- All clients undergo evaluation and/or treatment by graduate clinicians in the MS-SLP program; licensed and certified Speech-Language Pathologists supervise care.

Judd Leighton Speech and Language Clinic at Saint Mary's College

- Free speech-language pathology clinic
- Services are provided by student clinicians under the supervision of a certified speech-language pathologist (SLP) licensed in the state of Indiana.

Sunnyside Pediatric Therapy

- Owned and operated by local independent speech pathologist, Sarah Payne, MS, CCC-SLP, offering free screenings for GSMS students while at school.
- Screenings take 10 minutes and briefly review areas such as speech sound development and language skills. Screenings can help identify whether a child may benefit from further evaluation or support.
- Please note that any additional assessments or services would involve a cost. Sunnyside Pediatric Therapy does not take insurance but can refer interested parties who complete the screening to other therapists who do.
- Sign up your child for a free screening via Sunnyside Pediatric Therapy's Google Form.

If you have questions about these resources, please email the student support specialist, Barbara Garland, at bgarland@gsms.org.

NURSE'S CORNER

Not sure whether your child is well enough to come to school? The handy guide below can help you decide when to keep your child home, when to check in with your healthcare provider, and when it's safe to return to school.

A quick reminder of our school policy:

- Vomiting or diarrhea: Stay home for 24 hours after symptoms stop.
- Fever (100.4°F or higher): Stay home until fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Check out this helpful article from Children's Health about supplies parents might want to keep on hand for cold and flu season.

Don't forget to submit the absence form by 8:00 am if your child will be absent due to illness. Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy!

IS YOUR CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?		SHOULD YOUR CHILD SEE A DOCTOR?		HOW LONG TO STAY HOME?
Mild Cough/Runny Nose	NO if no fever			
Mild Sore Throat	NO			
Bad Cough/ Cold Symptoms	YES	YES	if cough does not improve or gets worse	Stay home until cough is mild and child is feeling better, then back to school.
Diarrhea or Vomiting	YES			Stay home for 24 hours after the last episode.
Fever	YES if fever is over 100°	YES	if fever is higher than 103° with medication	Stay home when the fever is 100° or higher in the AM. Drink liquids. Return to school when fever has been below 100° for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
Severe Sore Throat	YES	YES	if severe or with upset stomach or headache, may need test for Strep	Stay home if severe. If Strep, may return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.
Earache	YES	YES		
Pink Eye	YES	YES		Stay home until the doctor says that it's okay to return to school or for 24 hours after the start of treatment.
Rash	YES	YES	for boils, hives, animal or insect bites, open wounds	Stay home until the doctor says that it's okay to return to school.

Hot Lunch Menu

- MON, 11/9 – Pizza Pie
- TUES, 11/10 – Tater Tot Casserole
- WED, 11/11 – Spaghetti Tacos
- THU, 11/12 – No Lunch | 11:30 Dismissal
- FRI, 11/13 – No School | GPS Conferences

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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