



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal's Newscast

August 2023

GSCS Mission

With Christ as the ever-present teacher, Good Shepherd Catholic School is committed to provide academic excellence, Catholic values, and a faith-filled community to its students.

Calendar Of Events

- August 6th - Mrs. Rangel's and Mrs. Martinez's Welcome Gathering 12 - 2
- August 8th - Orientation/Meet the Teacher - New families 12 pm in the church, A-L 12:30-2:30, M-Z 3:00-5:00
- August 9th - The First Day of School
- August 13th - Welcome Back to School Mass 10:45 am
- August 15th - The Feast of the Assumption of Mary - School Mass 9 am
- August 25th - Dollar Dress Down Day
- August 26th - Denim and Diamond Dance
- August 31st - HSA Skate Night

Dear Good Shepherd Families and Friends,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year at GSCS!

We are so excited to welcome our students and families back next week! The administration, faculty, and staff invite you to collaborate with us this year to help our students achieve their highest potential. Together, we can achieve greatness!

On Saturday, August 5th from 8am-12pm, Coach Alvarez is hosting a field clean-up day. Come out and help spruce up our fields and get them ready for our upcoming sports seasons. Volunteer opportunities for the day can be found through this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4DA4AC28A2FD0-field1> We hope you will be able to join us.

On Sunday, August 6th, please join us for Mrs. Rangel's and Mrs. Martinez's welcome party after the 10:45am Mass. Reception and Welcome Party will be from 12:00-1:30pm. We look forward to spending time getting to know our families.

Our Faculty and Staff are excited to see everyone at Orientation/Meet the Teacher Day, Tuesday, August 8th. New families will come to the Church at 12:00pm and will then head to the Family Center at 12:30. Returning families with the last name beginning with A-L will report to the Family Center between 12:30-2:30pm and families with the last name beginning with M-Z will be from 3:00-5:00pm. After visiting the Family Center, families will head to their students' classrooms to meet with their teachers.

New Family Parent badges: Please stop by the front office to pick up your badges. Please bring your state issued ID (ie: driver's license) when you come to have your badge made. Anyone who is dropping off or picking up a child must wear a badge when on campus.

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, August 9th. Students are to be dropped off at school between 7:30am and 7:50am, as stated in the Arrival/Dismissal procedures in the 2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbook. Please review our handbook for arrival and dismissal procedures, uniform requirements, as well as pertinent school information in order to adhere to school policies and expectations, Our students will not be attending Mass the first day of school; mass uniforms are not required on the first day of school. All K-8th grade students will attend mass on Tuesday, August 15th for the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother. We will not have Mass on Wednesday, August 16th.

Our Back to School Mass is on Sunday, August 13th at 10:45am. We look forward to seeing everyone there as we begin the year with gratefulness and praise with our school families and parishioners.

Throughout this year, GSCS's administration, faculty, staff, and students are committed to align all of our efforts to our Good Shepherd Mission and R.A.M.S. Belief:

“With Christ as the ever-present teacher, Good Shepherd Catholic School is committed to provide academic excellence, Catholic values, and a faith-filled community to its students.”

R: Ready to Learn, A: Accountable for our Actions, M: Mindful of Others, S: Servants of Christ

Blessings,
Melissa Rangel,
Principal



GS ELC: Infants, One, and Two Year Olds

Good Shepherd Catholic School

ORIENTATION

GSCS: PreK3, PreK4, Kindergarten—8th Grade

Tuesday, August 8
A-L: 12:30-2:30pm
M-Z: 3:00-5:00pm

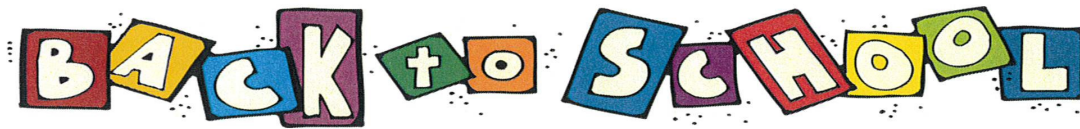


Good Shepherd Catholic School will hold Orientation on Tuesday, August 8th for children entering Infants - 8th grade. Please attend at the above times based on your child's last name. Orientation will start in the Family Center (building next to GS Church) where you will find your child's homeroom assignment at the Student Services table. There will be other informational tables (see list below) along with bookstore items (journals and planners) and used uniforms for purchase using a FACTS Tuition Account authorization forms.

Family Center Areas to Visit:

- **Student Services** - Student Homeroom Assignments
- **GS Parish Faith Formation and Youth Ministry** - Informational Table
- **GS Parish Events** - Informational Table
- **Medication Forms** - if your child requires medications dispensed during the school day, you must complete a Medical Consent Form and bring in the medication (required for both prescription and non-prescription medications). If your child requires an EpiPen for allergic reactions it must be received and the form completed prior to the first day of school.
- **Extended Care Registration & FACTS Tuition** - if your child needs before or after care, you must register for the GSCS Extended Care program. You will complete a FACTS Tuition Account Authorization form for the registration fee (\$35). You can also complete a Tuition Account Authorization form for the Annual Dress Down Days (\$10/year/child) and ask questions about your FACTS tuition account.
- **Home & School Association** - learn about various HSA (Parent-School Association) sponsored events along with where and how to volunteer throughout the school year.
- **Bookstore Items** - items available for purchase using FACTS Tuition Account Authorization form, such as journals and planners that are part of your child's the supply list.
- **Used Uniforms** - up to 2 sets of used uniforms per child can be purchased using a FACTS Tuition Account Authorization form.
- **Maschio's Lunch Program** - learn about our hot lunch program for grade levels K-8th and how to create your child's lunch account that can be replenished online.

After completing your round of the Family Center, you and your child can visit their homeroom, meet their teacher and drop off supplies. We ask that you complete the family center and classroom visits within the allotted two hours by your child's last name, so that our teachers and staff can have a short break in-between sessions. We look forward to a great 2023-2024 school year!



GSCS Faculty & staff

PO: Ms. Claudia & Ms. Mary & Ms. Keity

P1: Ms. Magda & Ms. Habib

P2A: Ms. Kirsten & Ms. Migdalia

P2B: Ms. Linda & Ms. Migdalia

K3: Ms. Marquez & Ms. Tavaréz

K4A: Ms. De Jesus & Ms. Helen

K4B: Ms. Wojerski & Ms. Helen

KA: Ms. Summerlin & Ms. Stokes

KB: Ms. Riad & Ms. Briones

1A: Ms. Kimmelman & Ms. Payne

1B: Ms. Sheridan & Ms. Payne

2A: Ms. Zuleeg & Ms. Red Elk

2B: Ms. Simoni & Ms. Di Manno

3A: Ms. Garcia & Ms. Santiago

3B: Ms. Bellows & Ms. Eba

4A: Mr. Valentin & Ms. Navarro

4B: Coming Soon! & Ms. Santiago

5A: Ms. Turley & Ms. Paradoa

5B: Ms. Palmer & Ms. Paradoa

Middle School:

ELA: Ms. Sopr

Math: Mr. Colaricci

Science: Ms. Cooney

Social Studies: Mr. Parker

Religion: Ms. Montalvo

Instructional Assistant: Ms. Wermers

BACK TO SCHOOL

GSCS Faculty & Staff

Specials:

Art: Ms. Cullen

PE: Ms. Alvarez

Music: Ms. Iaccarino

Spanish: Ms. Mendez

Technology: Ms. Haefner

Office Staff:

Principal: Ms. Rangel

Assistant Principal: Ms. Martinez

ELC Director: Ms. Ahearn

Bookkeeper: Ms. Eveland

Receptionist: Ms. Mildred

Registrar: Ms. Holly

Clinic Assistants: Ms. Sandy & Ms. Maggie

Advancement Assistant: Ms. Pazar

Extended Care Staff:

Director: Ms. Sandy

Assistants: Ms. Maggie & Ms. Raquel

Custodial Staff:

Mr. Eddie Ms. Emma

Mr. Lucas Ms. Lazara

Mr. Luis

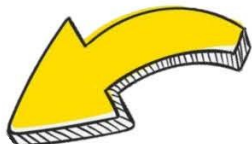


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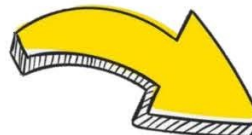
Corner August 2023 News



Fall Sports are right around the corner, please consider growing with our RAMS Athletic Program for our first season of sports teams. Please check Deadline dates! Below is some basic information on what's to come.



COMING UP NEXT!



Fall Soccer K-5th Athletics



Click or scan to register



- Registration Opens 8/7 - 8/25
- Season Dates: 8/28 - 10/22
- Primary Game Days: Sundays
- Practices: TBD
- \$115 Fee * 



Middle School Athletics



GIRLS BASKETBALL
TRYOUTS



Lady Rams Basketball

Middle School Girls 6th-8th Grade
Open Gym – Friday, 8/11 3:30-4:45
Tryouts – Mon, 8/14 & Tues, 8/15,
3:30-5:30

Note: Girls Selected to be on the **VARSITY** team will participate in the BMHS Basketball Tournament August 25-26.



Boys Soccer
TRYOUTS



Rams Soccer

Middle School Boys 6th-8th
Tryouts – Wed, 8/16 2:30-4
& Thurs, 8/17 3:30-5

Click or scan to register



- After Tryout selections are made then athletes can Register on CYS site.
- Registration Opens 8/10 - 8/25
- Season Dates: 8/14 - 10/19
- Primary Game Days: Tues & Thur
- Backup: Sat Games
- Practices: TBD
- \$120 Fee * 



*We want everyone to have the chance to participate in GSCS Athletics. Financial Assistance may be available. Please contact your AD for additional information. Scholarship Funds are limited. Malvarez@goodshepherd.org

2023-2024 Sports Schedule*

	Program	Season Dates	Registration Due	Grades	Primary Game Day
K-5th Grade Sports	Fall Coed Soccer	August 28 - October 22	August 25	K-5	Sun
	Winter Coed Basketball	October 16 - December 17	October 13	K-5	(K-3) Sat or Sun (4-5) Fri or Sun
	Track & Field	December 18 - February 3	January 5	K-5	Sat - 1/13, 1/20, 2/3
	Spring Coed Flag Football	February 12 - May 5	February 9	K-5	Sun
	Spring Coed Volleyball	February 12 - May 5	February 9	4, 5	Sun
6th-8th Grade Sports	Fall Girls Basketball	August 14 - October 19	August 25	6-8	T, Th, (Backup - Sat)
	Fall Boys Soccer	August 14 - October 19	August 25	6-8	T, Th, (Backup - Sat)
	Track & Field	October 16 - December 2	October 20	5-8	Sat - 11/4, 11/18, 12/2
	Winter Flag Football	October 9 - December 14	October 20	6-8	T, Th, Sun
	Cheerleading	November 13 - May 9	November 27	5-8	T, Th (Starting Mar-May)
	Winter Volleyball	December 4 - February 21	December 15	6-8	T, Th, (Backup - Sat)
	Spring Girls Soccer	February 26 - May 9	March 8	6-8	T, Th, (Backup - Sat)
	Spring Boys Basketball	February 26 - May 9	March 8	6-8	T, Th, (Backup - Sat)

*Dates above are just to give you an idea to plan ahead. Most seasons have about a week break in between. These date ranges include registrations, make up weeks, MS tryouts and playoffs, etc



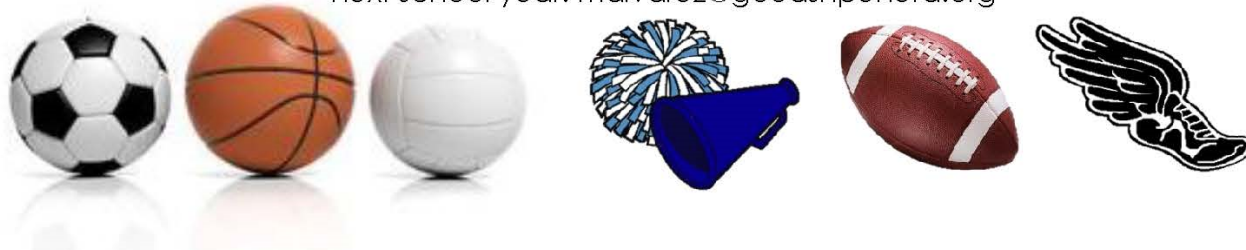
BECOME A SPONSOR AND GET YOUR BUSINESS NOTICED

Support the Athletic Program by becoming a sponsor. Purchase a Sponsorship level and advertise your business or celebrate your 2024 Graduate with a banner displayed along the carline Fence for all to see.
Check out the Flyer on the next page.



Up to 3 Coaches can be on each team roster to help with practices and on game days.

Contact Coach Alvarez if you are interested in helping with any Athletics next school year. malvarez@goodshpeherd.org





GSCS Rams Athletics Sponsorship Banners



ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS OR CELEBRATE YOUR 2024 GRADUATE

\$500

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

PLATINUM LEVEL

4' x 6' Banner to display along carline fence for the 2023-2024 school year, 2 Spirit Shirts, Rams Tote Bag, Fan Pom Poms, Rams Car Magnet, \$50 Retail/Restaurant Gift Card, Sponsor Logo/Link on GSCS website

\$350

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

GOLD LEVEL

2.5' x 4' Banner to display along carline fence for the 2023-2024 school year, 2 Spirit Shirts, Fan Pom Poms, Rams Car Magnet, \$20 Restaurant Gift Card, Sponsor Logo/Link on GSCS website

\$250

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SILVER LEVEL

2.5' x 4' Banner to display along carline fence for the 2023-2024 school year, 1 Spirit Shirt, Fan Pom Poms, \$15 Restaurant Gift Card, Sponsor Logo/Link on GSCS website

\$150

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

BRONZE LEVEL

2' x 3' Banner to display along carline fence for the 2023-2024 school year, Fan Pom Poms, Sponsor Logo/Link on GSCS website

Contact Name _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

Company Name or Graduate _____

Select Design Option: _____ I will email my own ready made design OR _____ I will provide logo and info to you

Sponsorship Level Commitment: ___\$500 PLATINUM ___\$350 GOLD ___\$250 SILVER ___\$150 BRONZE

Payment Method ___Check ___Cash ___FACTS Acct Date of Payment: _____ FACTS Authorization Signature: _____

*If Paying By Check Please Make Payable to Good Shepherd Catholic School (Note: Athletic Dept Banner) and staple to this form.

* If Paying By Cash Please staple in an enclosed envelope to this form and hand in at school front office to obtain a receipt

Thank You So Much For Your Contribution and support to GSCS Athletics!



welcome to
RISSE BROTHERS ORLANDO

Your Risse Brothers Orlando store is your one stop shop for all of your child's school uniform needs! Stop in anytime for the best customer service, ordering assistance, and the Risse Brother's level of quality you deserve.

YOUR ORLANDO STORE HOURS:

Monday, closed*

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

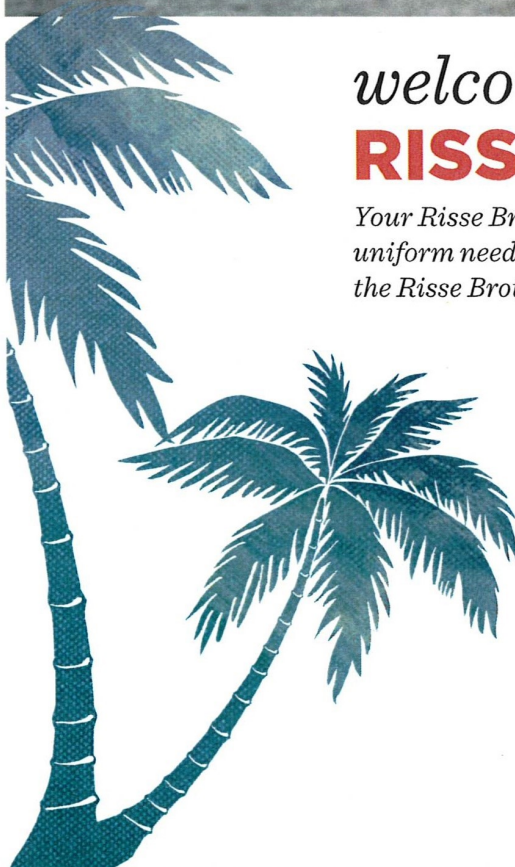
Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, closed

**Note: Open Mondays 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during July and August.*



Risse Brothers
SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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100 Candace Drive, Suite 120
Maitland, FL 32751-3303
Telephone: 407.339.1486



How to access the GSCS School Calendar

To access the school calendar, you will need to login to your Family Portal. You can reach the Family Portal by clicking on the link found at the school website: <https://www.goodshepherd.org/> as shown in the cropped screenshot below:



Family Portal

District Code
gscs-fl

Username

Password

Forgot password? **LOG IN**

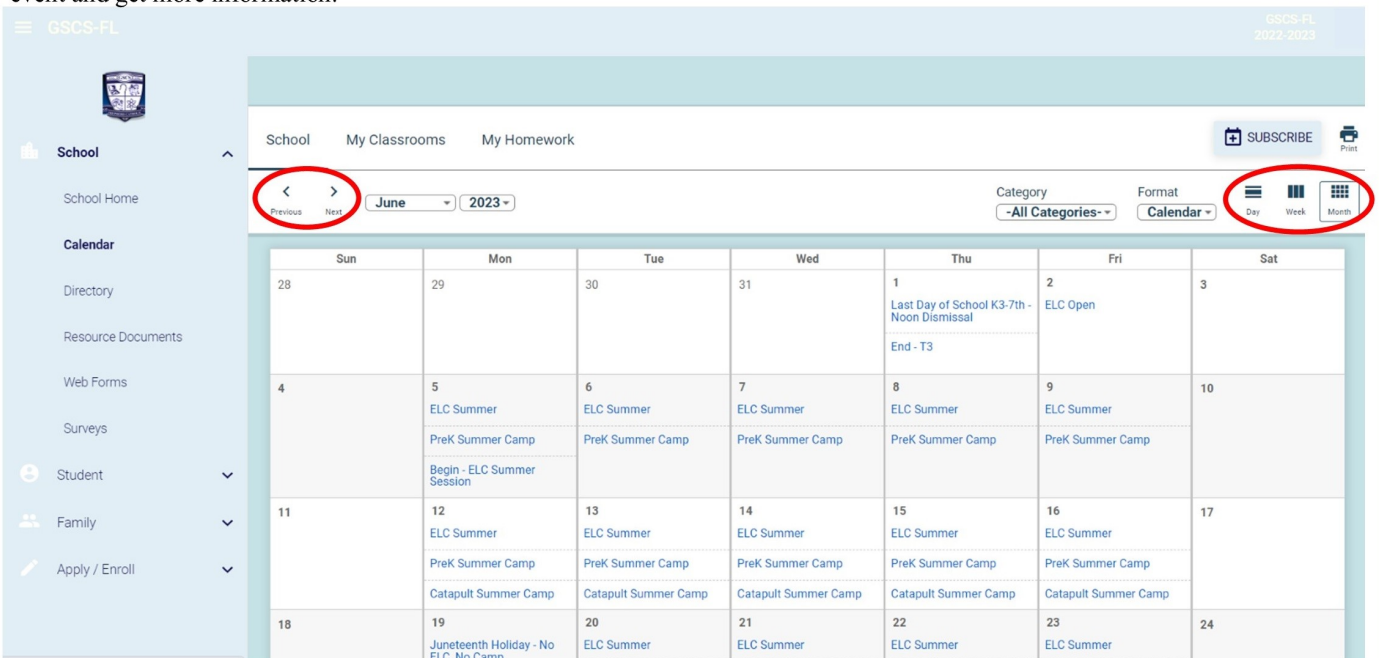
Create new account

The Family Portal login screen will appear, as shown in the screenshot to the left. The district code is GSCS-FL, then enter your username and password.

Once you login, the screen below will appear. Then click on the CALENDAR option under SCHOOL. You will also see key dates for the current school year under *School Calendar: Dates to Note*. 2023-2024 dates will appear later in June.



You can scroll through the months, by clicking on the arrows in the upper left and change your view with options on the upper right. You can also click on an event and get more information.



Exciting News From Step Up for Students

Exciting news! Families with students utilizing an FTC/FES-EO or FES-UA scholarship in the current school year may NOW renew their student's scholarship for the 2023-24 school year.

Step Up For Students has begun notifying renewal families that it is time to complete their renewal application. To prevent systems from becoming overloaded, notifications will continue to renewal families over the next week.

The emails will include a link to EMA (Education Market Assistant), our new scholarship management platform. **For families who have not yet been notified, please ask them to continue to monitor their email.**

Reminders:

- Students utilizing a scholarship in the current school year may be automatically awarded a scholarship for the 2023-24 school year and will have funding priority, after the renewal application process is completed.
- A school should not create a student's EMA account, complete a student's scholarship application, submit documentation, or otherwise act on behalf of the parent/guardian. Doing so may result in the loss of the school's participation and/or scholarship eligibility and funding for the student.

IMPORTANT FOR RENEWAL FAMILIES:

- The "FIND STUDENTS" tool must be used to connect renewal students to their EMA account. If a renewal family cannot find their renewal student using the "FIND STUDENTS" tool, the family should **STOP** the application process and contact [Step Up](#) for support. **Renewal students should NOT be added as a new student. Adding currently funded students as new students will delay 2023-24 funding.**
 - When renewing a student's scholarship, the family may also apply for any additional students they'd like to have considered for an FES-UA or FTC/FES-EO Scholarship. To add **NEW** students (a student who is not using a scholarship for the 2022-23 school year), families should use the "**ADD A STUDENT**" button.



- Please strongly encourage your families to use the resources included in their email which will guide them through the process.
- Supporting documents will be requested when submitting their application. Please [click here](#) for more information on required documents.
- To manage their 2022-23 scholarship, renewal families will continue to use the same portal they have been using all year.

If a family is experiencing trouble linking their renewal student or adding their new student, please provide them [this link](#) for support.

New families will be able to apply in the very near future. Please encourage families to visit www.StepUpForStudents.org to sign up for the appropriate interest list and be notified when it's time to apply.

Have you been awarded a state-funded scholarship (either FTC, FES-EO, or FES-UA)?

This year, SUFS and AAA are not providing Award Letters. Please provide a screenshot from your EMA portal account that includes student name, DOB, award id, and award amount for each child receiving a state-funded scholarship. See sample screenshot below. Then forward the image or pdf file to Giselle Martinez, at gmartinez@goodshepherd.org. Mrs. Martinez will confirm receipt of this information.



Scholarship Portal



Dashboard



My Students

Recent Transactions

Help

Student ID: 20054322

First Name* Middle Name Last Name* Suffix
[Redacted] Enter Middle Name [Redacted] Select

OPTIONAL: Student FLEID number① Date of Birth* Gender* Ethnicity*
FL... [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

Student's Relationship to You
[Redacted]

Scholarship Status

PROGRAM	SCHOOL YEAR	TRANSPORTATION	AWARD ID	AWARD AMOUNT	STATUS
FES-EO	2023-2024	No	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Awarded

Program box may show FTC, FES-EO, or FES-UA



Don't forget to order your plaque to be placed on the Memory Garden for \$25.00 per plaque!

It is a meaningful way to honor someone who has passed, or a teacher who's inspired and influenced you; you can also honor a graduate, a family milestone—baptism, first communion, etc. There is no limit to your choice of remembrance!





Stop by the School Office for a form to be part of the Memory Garden



August 2023

Good Shepherd Catholic School - Orlando

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef and Cheese Empanadas Mini Cake Donuts Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Chicken Nuggets Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Lasagna Roll-Up with Marinara Sauce Italian Green Beans Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs All Natural Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	 Pizza Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flipper's Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Maschio's House Salad Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs
14	15	16	17	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Tenders Seasoned Potato Wedges Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Breadstick Pizza Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaghetti and Meatballs Broccoli Italiano Garlic Bread Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Cheeseburger Chicken Caesar Salad Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking Taco Cinnamon Churro Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Chicken Nuggets Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buttermilk Pancakes Breakfast Sausage Patty Hash Browns Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs All Natural Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	 Pizza Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flipper's Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Maschio's House Salad Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs
21	22	23	24	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creamy Mac and Cheese Dinner Roll Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Breadstick Pizza Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	 Taco Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triple Chicken Tacos with Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato Salsa Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Cheeseburger Chicken Caesar Salad Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meatball Parm Sub Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Chicken Nuggets Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Wings with Assorted Dipping Sauces Spiral Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs All Natural Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	 Pizza Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flipper's Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Maschio's House Salad Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs
28	29	30	31	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Alfredo Pasta Broccoli Italiano Garlic Bread Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Breadstick Pizza Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl with Corn, Gravy & Cheese Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Cheeseburger Chicken Caesar Salad Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Toast Sandwich (French Toast, Sausage, Egg and Cheese) Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Chicken Nuggets Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flipper's Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Maschio's House Salad Maschio's Swap Outs Swap Outs Chicken Caesar Salad Bagel Bag with Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich 	

*Menu is Subject to Change

Lunch Served with Choice of: Fresh Fruit , Assorted Chilled Fruit , 100% Fruit Juice , Variety of Vegetables from our Harvest Market , 1% White Milk , Fat Free Chocolate Milk



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
Please call us at (573) 598-0005 to speak to one of Maschio's Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.

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Healthy meals grow
healthy kids!

SWPER **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

GSCS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

INDOOR SKATE PARTY

Come to show off, skate, dance and party with your GSCS classmates!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 | 6:00PM-8:00PM

ASTRO SKATING CENTER

866 S. GOLDENROD RD.

ORLANDO, FL 32822

TICKET PRICE: \$10 PER SKATER INCLUDING SKATE RENTAL
PAYABLE AT THE DOOR

NO DROP OFFS-children MUST be accompanied by an adult

EVERYONE must sign waiver at the door



Saturday - August 26th

5:30pm - 9:00pm

Tickets can be purchased at
the Parish Office by 8/22

\$10.00 pp

Food & Dancing
Community Round Up


**DENIM &
Diamonds
DANCE**



Join us in Celebrating

**FR. SUNNY
POOVATHUMKUDY**

Farewell

On Sunday, August 27, 2023

12:00pm - 1:30pm

In the Family Center