



GSL eNews

Sunday, February 18, 2024

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

February

19

Presidents' Day - No School or ACE

20-23

Lost & Found Items Set Out

20

Classes Resume

SummerFest Registration Opens for GSL Families

7th Grade Science Exam

21

8th Grade Internships

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7th Grade History Exam

22

8th Grade Internships

Echoes & Harmonies of History All-School Chapel
Celebrating Black History Month, 8:05 a.m.,
Grace-St. Luke's Church
(Parents welcome to attend)

7th Grade Spanish/Latin Exam

GSL 21+ Alumni Event, Wiseacre Brewing Co.
Downtown, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

23

8th Grade Internships

Celebration Chapel Hosted by Sara Ralston,
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church
(Parents welcome to attend)



SummerFest Camp Registration Opens for GSL Families Feb. 20!

June 3-August 2

(Closed the week of July 4)

For Rising PK-8th (Ages 3-13)

For some 40 years, we have offered a wide variety of weekly summer day camps for boys and girls, and we can't wait for you to see what we have scheduled for this summer! Camps are taught by

7th Grade English Exam

End of 2nd Trimester

4th-8th Grade Father-Daughter Dance,
7-9 p.m., Anchor Center

25

4th-8th Grade Mother-Son Event
6-9 p.m., Anchor Gym

27-March 8

Second Trimester Middle School Art Show

27

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Opening Reception for Middle School Art Show,
5-6:30 p.m., Anchor Center Alumni Lobby

28

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

29

5th Grade Parents' Meeting on Year-End Field
Trip, 7:15-7:45 a.m., McClure Hall

All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Opening Night! Saints' Stories
7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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All-School Wacky-Tacky Dress-Down Day

Celebration for Read Across America Day,
8:15-9 a.m. in classrooms

Saints' Stories

7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

2

Tennessee State Scholastic Team Chess
Tournament, Hosted by the Tennessee Chess
Association at GSL
8 a.m.-2 p.m., Anchor Center

Saints' Stories,
10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

4

8th Grade Internship Fair
7 p.m., Anchor Center

5

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

6

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7

All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

8

Pi Day Celebration Chapel Hosted by
Ellyse Woolard, 8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym
(Parents welcome to attend)

11-15

our own teachers, coaches, after care staff, GSL alumni, and our favorite regular camp vendors. And in case you didn't know, we have a swimming pool on site (accessible from the Preschool Outdoor Classroom) to help our campers keep cool all summer long!

Registration will open to GSL families Tuesday, February 20 – be on the lookout for a separate email from GSL!



Register Now for ACE @ Play! Spring Break Week at GSL

School might be out, but ACE has more fun planned for students who will be joining us. This week will be all about the wilderness! Go on a "hike" across campus, play educational nature-themed games, create nature themed arts and crafts, do science experiments and so, so much more.

Dates: March 11-15

Times: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$50 per day or \$225 for the entire week

Instructors: ACE Staff

Registration Deadline: Thurs., March 7 @ 6 p.m.

[Click here to register today.](#)



Saints' Stories

Thursday, February 29, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

McClure Hall

This year the spring play celebrates stories written by faculty and staff from their childhood and youth, and performed by students in 4th-8th grades.

Ticket sales for Saints' Stories will open to the general public on Sunday, February 25!
Questions? **Email the Performing Arts Booster Club.**

QUICK LINKS

- [Blackbaud Parent Portal](#)
- [Online Spirit Wear Store](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)
- [Lunch Service](#)
- [2023-24 Important Dates Calendar](#)
- [NEW! 2024-25 Important Dates Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Handbook](#)
- [Lower & Middle School Handbook](#)
- [Uniform & Dress Code Policy](#)
- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
- [Refer a Friend to GSL](#)

Weekly eNews Distribution

To add an email address to the eNews distribution list, please email **Director of Communications Marci Woodmansee.**

Contacting ACE After School Hours

To connect with ACE after school hours, **call the Auxiliary Programs line at 901.677.2245.**



Anchor Auction: SummerFest Giveaway! ***Presented by Independent Bank***

Join us for the Parents' Association's largest fundraiser of the year – a night of fun and fellowship with the GSL community – featuring food by Fuel Catering, wine by Joe's Wines and Liquor, beer by Wiseacre, photo booth by Amurica, and live music provided by the Earnestine & Hazel's Band!

NEW FOR 2024: SUMMERFEST GIVEAWAY

Enter our drawing for a chance to win a package that includes 50% off all 8 weeks of SummerFest for ONE (1) currently enrolled GSL student! One entry for \$30; three entries for \$75. Tickets for the drawing are only available for purchase at the Auction. Anyone who enters will receive a GSL branded item!

Faculty/Staff are not eligible to enter this drawing.

TICKETS

Tickets are \$115 per person. **This year, the ticket price includes your food, beer, and wine, as well as a welcome cocktail!** *Mixed drinks will also be available for purchase.*

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!](#)

Questions: Contact Auction event chairs **Mary Maxwell** or **Katie McDermott** today.



Return School Sports Uniforms

It's hard to believe, but this year's Saints basketball season is a wrap. It was so much fun! Middle School basketball players and all cheerleaders are reminded to please return their **clean uniforms** to the Athletic Office by Friday, February 23.



Tuition and ACE Statements Available

With tax season upon us, we remind you that tuition and ACE statements are available online through FACTS and UltraCamp. **[Click here for our Business Office FAQs](#)** document with the instructions for accessing these forms. (The FAQs are also posted under the Admissions/Tuition tab on our website.)

Annual PopTab Palooza

It's time again to collect pop tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House. This competition is for SK - 8th grade, and the **winning grade** will win a pizza party!

Homerooms/advisories will be collecting from March 18 - 22. Thank you for your support of this cause!



Parking & Driving Reminders

Just a friendly reminder to families: Let's be mindful of our neighbors who live on Peabody, Linden, Lemaster, and Belvedere by driving and parking carefully! Please remember:



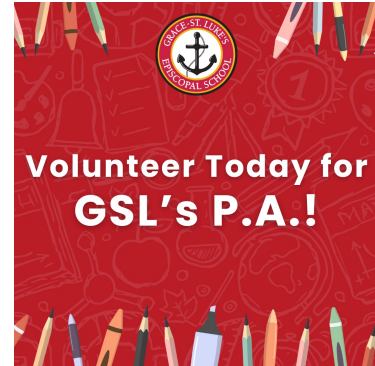
- On Belvedere, please pull all the way into the driveway of the Admin Office when checking in children after 8 a.m. Do not drop off from the street or stop in front of neighbors' driveways.
- Drive slowly on the streets around campus, especially when entering/exiting carpool lanes and passing parked cars.
- Do not block our neighbors' driveways, and leave ample space when parking near their driveways.
- Do not block our neighbors' garbage cans and leaf bags when parking, as this can prevent trash pickup.

THANK YOU for helping us be a good neighbor and great centerpiece of Central Gardens!

Calling for P.A. Volunteers for 2024-2025 School Year

The Parents' Association is having a great year supporting the GSL community! As we begin to look ahead to next year, we wanted to remind you that there are many ways you can support the P.A. in 2024-25.

[Click here](#) to complete our P.A. Volunteer Form and let us know your interest. Your information will be forwarded to the P.A. Nominations Committee as they prepare to fill positions for next year, later this spring. Thank you for all you do to support GSL!



News from the Church



Let's Play Ball! JK-4th Grade Students

It's time again for Church League Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball for JK-4th graders! Registration ends February 29 and does fill up quickly, so please register sooner rather than later. [Click here to register](#) and review current baseball season information.

If you are interested in coaching, please email [Christi Authement](#) or fill out the coaching box on the registration form.

GIVE TO GSL
ONLINE!

