



GSL eNews

Sunday, February 11, 2024

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

February

13

All-School Purple, Green & Gold
Mardi Gras **Dress-Down Day**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

14

Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-8

All-School Ash Wednesday Chapel,
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church

15

Annual Faculty-Student Basketball Game,
2:15 p.m., Anchor Gym

5th/6th Grade Second Trimester Music
Performance, 6 p.m., McClure Hall

16

Random Acts of Kindness Day

First Grade's Hip Hop Celebration Chapel Hosted
by Abigail Wright, 8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym
(Parents welcome to attend)

7th Grade Math Exam

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



The Strength & Support of an Anchor

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2nd Annual Celebration of Giving to GSL last week!

In case you missed it, please take a moment to enjoy [our giving video](#), featuring students, alumni, faculty, staff, and parents sharing how GSL is their anchor. The responses are heartwarming, filled with wisdom, and will likely ring true for you, too.

Today, the need for our community's support continues. Please consider making an [online gift](#) of any size to GSL's 2023-24 Anchor Fund. Together, we can be anchors for our school community so that all GSL students reach their fullest potential. Our collective support ensures that all GSL students continue to receive an exceptional academic experience — and the strength and support of an anchor — each and every day.

To discuss giving options, please email Director of Advancement [Brenda Berry](#).

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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)

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

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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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.

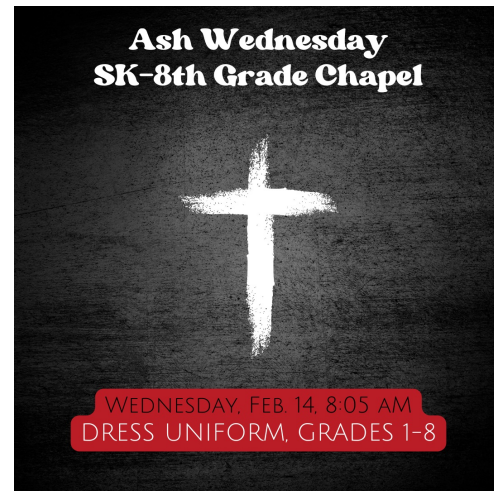
Opening Night! Saints' Stories
7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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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



American Girl Doll Valentine's Day Party

Join Mrs. Wright and Miss Canon for a Valentine's Day party with your dolls! We will have a sweet treat, learn new hairstyles for our dolls, and play dress up! Bring your dolls and wear a Valentine's Day-themed outfit!

Grades: SK - 4th
Day of the Week: Wednesday
Date: February 14
Number of Classes: 1
Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

[Click here to register.](#)

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

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

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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



Saints' Stories

Feb. 29 - March 2, 2024

McClure Hall

Thursday-Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.

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. These are Saints' Stories!

To celebrate and support our Fine Arts program and the spring play, you can buy a Saints' Stories t-shirt to wear to the performances. Students purchasing t-shirts may also wear them for a dress-down day on Monday, March 4. Youth and adult sizes are available for \$22 (plus processing fee). The deadline for ordering is this Tuesday, February 13. [Click here](#) to order yours today.

Please save the date for our performances!
Tickets go on sale Feb. 25!

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, tickets include food, beer, and wine, as well as a welcome cocktail!** Cash bar also available for spirit drinks. **BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

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

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



SummerFest Camp Brochure Goes Online Monday!

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 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!

Be on the lookout for a separate email Monday, Feb. 12, once the brochure is posted. Then you can start perusing the list. Registration will open to GSL families Tuesday, February 20!

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.)

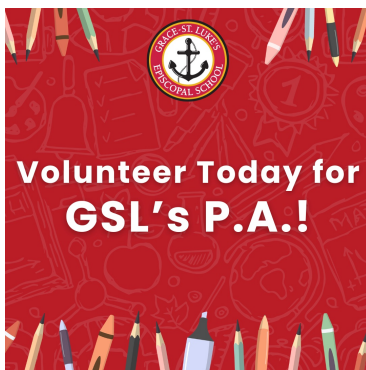
Parking & Driving Reminders

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!

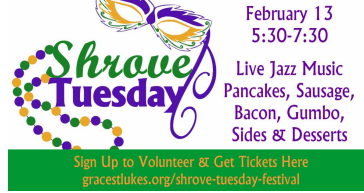
News from the Church



Lent at GSL

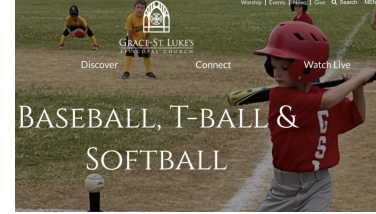
The season of Epiphany is ending, and this week includes Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday to start Lent 2024. Grace-St. Luke's Church has an abundance of congregational life offerings for individuals and households to revive spirits, connect, and deepen community. [Click here](#) to read Father Ollie's message about Lent to the church community.

GSL School will hold an SK-8th Grade Ash Wednesday Chapel service at 8:05 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14. SK-8th Grade families: See separate email sent Wednesday, February 7 for details about this service.



Shrove Tuesday February 13

On the eve of Ash Wednesday, come join Grace-St. Luke's in celebrating Shrove Tuesday, February 13, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. with food, music, and all-ages fellowship! The menu will include pancakes, sausage, bacon, gumbo, sides, and desserts. Live jazz music will be provided by Stephen Lee of the Memphis Jazz Workshop. During the evening, we will also bury the Alleluias until Easter comes! [Purchase in advance here](#). Tickets also available at the event: \$12 adults, \$8 youth, \$5 children, \$30 maximum per household.



Let's Play Ball! JK-4th 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.



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ONLINE!

