



GSL eNews

Sunday, February 4, 2024

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

February

3-8

Shelby 7/8 Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament,
Hosted by Grace-St. Luke's School, Anchor Center

5-9

Celebration of Giving to GSL Weeklong Campaign

6

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, Featuring Chapel Talks by
Sarah Jordan Houseal, Karter Ambrose, and Milo
Jacobs, 8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

P.A.-Sponsored Faculty/Staff Appreciation
Luncheon, 11 a.m., Trezevant Hall

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Celebration Chapel Hosted by Harmony Swenson
with Alison Nenon, author of *Alfie Sees Love*
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church
(Parents welcome to attend; [click here](#) for more
info about this author and her children's book!)

Lower School Spelling Bee, 9 a.m., McClure Hall

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



Volunteer for the Annual Appreciation Luncheon

**Thursday, February 8
11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.**

The P.A.-sponsored Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon is this Thursday! We are so excited to be able to offer our teachers and staff a sit-down luncheon to celebrate all they give to GSL.

The P.A. is calling for parent volunteers to watch classrooms for one-hour time slots during students' lunch and recess or rest times. **About 10 spots remain to be filled!** Please [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer!

**Please note that Lower School recess locations are subject to change.*

Questions? Email our Event Chairs [Allison Musick](#) or [Jodi Criner-East](#).

Thank you for helping support our teachers!

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

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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

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Presidents' Day - No School or ACE

20-23

Lost & Found Items Set Out

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Classes Resume

7th Grade Science Exam

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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8th Grade Internships

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7th Grade History Exam

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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.

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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

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

27-March 8

Second Trimester Middle School Art Show



***Saints' Stories Spring Play
Coming Soon!***

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 middle school 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 February 13.

[Click here](#) to order yours today!

And please save the date for our performances; tickets go on sale Feb. 25!



***Registration for the 4th-8th
Grade Mother-Son Movie Night
Closes Friday!***

Sunday, Feb. 25 | 6-9 p.m. | Saints Gym

Inviting all 4th-8th grade GSL boys and their favorite maternal figure to come hang in the gym for a screening of Disney's classic animated film, *Robin Hood*, on the big screen!

Cost is \$40 per person and includes:

- Hamburger and hotdog buffet dinner provided by Tops BBQ
- Malco popcorn

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Opening Night! Saints' Stories Spring Play,
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

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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

- Cotton candy
- GSL-branded hat for each student

Registration deadline is this Friday, Feb.

9! This is sure to be a wonderful event -[click here to register](#).

Please submit two mom & son photos with your registration: one of mom & baby/toddler and one recent photo of both. Photos will be used in a slideshow shown at the event, so make sure they are kid-approved!

Wear tennis shoes and bring a mat or beanbag if you want to get cozy (*but no chairs to avoid scratching the floor*). Please be prompt – we will start the movie at 6 p.m.

Questions? Email Event Chair [Liz Keough](#).



All-School Chapel Celebrating Black History Month

Thursday, Feb. 22, 8:05 a.m.

Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church

This special all-school chapel promises to be a unique and inspiring experience as we honor Black History Month. Titled "Echoes and Harmonies of History," the program will include student actors, and all 4th-8th graders are invited to participate. Select members of the faculty and staff, in addition to Father Ollie, will also participate in this chapel, which will bring together elements of music, reflection, celebration, and community to create an uplifting program for all participants.

Practices for the chapel have begun; if you have a child in 4th-8th grade who would like to play a part in the service, please email [Ms. Jeanette](#) ASAP.

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](#)

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Anchor Auction 2024 Tickets Now Available!

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, and live music provided by the Earnestine & Hazel's Band!

This year's silent auction will feature exciting new experiences to bid on – from a 4th of July vacation in 30A, to a weekend getaway in Cotter, AR, to original art and new and returning sell-a-seat events!

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 and include beer, wine, welcome cocktail, and food. 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



First Grade Hip-Hop Celebration

Friday, February 16, 8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym

First Graders will be the stars of Celebration Chapel Friday, February 16. This is a popular annual tradition at GSL, taught by our very own Mr. Robert Ward and his dance troupe, M-Town Image. Parents are invited to attend this Celebration Chapel, as they are every week!





Summer Europe Trip for 7th & 8th Graders

May 30-June 8, 2024

It's not too late to sign up for the GSL Europe trip. The 2024 adventure to Spain will be led by Juan Roncal and Sarah Ranson. [Click here for the GSL trip website](#) and then click "Sign Up Now." The registration deadline is Friday, February 9.

We hope you'll join us! Please email [Mr. Roncal](#) with any questions.

News from the Church

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

It's time again for Church League Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball for JK-4th graders! Registration is Feb 1-29 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!**

