



GSL eNews

Sunday, January 28, 2024

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

January

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Classes Resume

2024 Italian Dinner T-Shirt Dress-Down Day

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Black/African American Students Affinity Group
Gathering, 12:45 p.m.

February

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Signed Re-Enrollment Agreements Due!

Black History Month Begins

All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by
Elizabeth Thompson and Porter Martin,
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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

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

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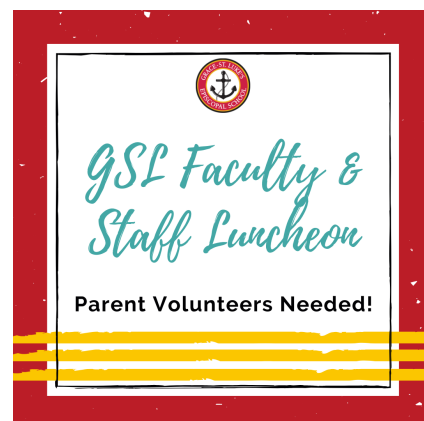
Celebration of Giving to GSL Weeklong Campaign



Re-Enrollment Agreements Due February 1

We are planning now for an exciting 2024-25 school year, so please remember that your signed digital re-enrollment agreements are due back this Thursday, February 1! Please note that any agreements received after Thursday, February 1 will incur a \$250 late fee.

If you did not receive your emailed re-enrollment agreement, please email Director of Enrollment **Shelly McGuire** and Director of Finance & Operations **Daniel Fundo**.



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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, 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, 8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church
(Parents welcome to attend)

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

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

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-8

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

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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

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

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Random Acts of Kindness Day

Celebration Chapel Hosted by Abigail Wright, 8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church
(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.

Volunteer for the Annual Appreciation Luncheon

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

The traditional Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon, hosted by the Parents' Association, is February 8! We are so excited to be able to offer our teachers and staff a sit-down luncheon experience to celebrate all they give to GSL.

Interested in helping with this event? The P.A. is calling for parent volunteers to watch classrooms so teachers can enjoy this midday break with their grown-up peers. These are one-hour time slots that mostly fall during students' lunch and recess or rest times. To sign up to volunteer, [click here](#).

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

Questions? Email our Event Chairs **Allison Musick** or **Jodi Criner-East**.

Thank you in advance for helping us so teachers can enjoy this treat!



Thank You for Supporting the 8th Grade Italian Dinner!

Last week's Italian Dinner fundraiser was a HUGE success! It was a wonderful community event and great memories were made and shared together. A BIG thank you to the 8th Grade class, 8th Grade parents, and other additional volunteers who helped to make this event special and memorable!

Thank you also to everyone who participated and helped support the GSL Class of 2024 and this fundraiser for their 8th grade class trip to Nantahala.

REMINDER: Students who purchased an Italian Dinner t-shirt have a dress-down day tomorrow, Monday, January 29, to wear their shirt.

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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

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



Special All-School Chapel Celebrating Black History Month

**Thursday, Feb. 22, 8:05 a.m.
Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

Next month we will hold a special all-school chapel that promises to be a unique and inspiring experience as we honor Black History Month. Leaders of this upcoming chapel include GSL teachers Ms. Jeanette, Ms. Ariel, and Mr. Robert, who have been working diligently to create a memorable and spiritually enriching program for our students.

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 will begin on Thursday, February 1, during lunch in the After School Care Classroom in the Anchor Center. If you have a child in 4th-8th grade who would like to play a part in the service, please email Ms. Jeanette by Tuesday, January 30.

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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Marci Woodmansee.

Contacting ACE After School Hours

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

Save the Date for the 4th-8th Grade Mother-Son Movie Night!

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 movie on the big screen!



Cost is \$40 per person and includes dinner (hotdogs, popcorn, candy and drinks), movie, and a hat for each student.

[Click here to register.](#) Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 9.

When you register, please submit two photos of mother and son together: one recent photo, and another when the son is a baby or toddler. These 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.**

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 February 9.

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



News from the Church



Spring Soccer for JK-4th Students

Grace-St. Luke's Church offers Spring Soccer for JK–4th grade boys and girls. **The registration deadline is this Wednesday, January 31; [click here to access the link and get more details.](#)**

The 2024 season runs April 6- May 18. This is shorter than the fall season and is designed for continued skill development during the spring.

**GIVE TO GSL
ONLINE!**

