



GSL eNews

Sunday, January 21, 2024

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

January

22-26

Lost and Found Items Set Out

23

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Performance Lab Directing Scene Presentations,
5:30 p.m., Performing Arts Room

Fan 5 Game Night (see box below for info)

24

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Middle School Winter Sports Pictures, 12:45 p.m.

Fan 5 Game Night (see box below for info)

25

All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by
Grant Barger and George Leslie,
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Italian Dinner Presented by the GSL Class of 2024
(see info in box)
5:30-7:30 p.m., Anchor Center

26

Parent-Teacher Conference Day - No School
Conference Care (care during your conference
time only) available for free;
ACE @ Play available with registration

29

Classes Resume

2024 Italian Dinner T-Shirt Dress-Down Day



Back to School After Winter Snow Week!

Thank you to everyone for your patience as we adjusted to some unexpected days off in our calendar this past week. We will hit the ground running tomorrow and look forward to seeing everyone back at school! A few reminders:

- **Please send your children with filled water bottles.**
- Early Morning Care will be in the Lower School Multipurpose Room.
- Pizza will be on the Piccadilly lunch menu for those who buy lunch at school.

Drive safely and we will see you in the morning!



30
Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

31
Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

February

1
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.

2
Celebration Chapel Hosted by Felicity Letsou,
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church
(Parents welcome to attend)

5-9
Celebration of Giving to GSL Weeklong Campaign

6
Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7
Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

8
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

9
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

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
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

Italian Dinner Hosted by the Class of 2024!

Thursday, January 25
5:30-7:30 p.m., Anchor Center

Please join us for the Italian Dinner presented by
the GSL Class of 2024! The proceeds from this all-
school event go to support the 8th grade class trip
to Nantahala.

**The deadline to pre-register for dinner is this
Wednesday, January 24, by 5 p.m.** Walk-ins the
night of the dinner are welcome, but pre-
registering is highly encouraged! [Click here](#) for
more information and to pre-register for the dinner.

Reminder: Bring CASH OR CHECK for the
following:

Tipping Your Dinner Servers

Feel free to tip your wait staff! All proceeds help
defray the cost of the 8th graders' class trip.

Kid Carnivals

There will be two Kid Carnivals this year:
PK-1st Grade | Anchor Center ACE Room on the
second floor

2nd-7th Grade | Anchor Center Gym

- Tickets are available for purchase via the
registration form above, or at the door (\$7
each).
- Carnivals will be held during dinner hours.
- *No charge for Miss Lee's LL students with
parental supervision.*

Questions? Email Event Chairs [Eleanor Jacobs](#)
or [Emilie Unglesby](#). Thank you in advance for
honoring this tradition and supporting the GSL
Class of 2024 and the special 8th grade class trip
to Nantahala. GO, SAINTS!



Register for ACE @ Play & Spring Enrichment!

ACE @ Play: Friday, January 26
Parent/Teacher Conference Day
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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 Exams Begin

Come join us in ACE as we celebrate winter, play educational winter-themed games, create winter arts and crafts, do science experiments, and enjoy other engaging activities. Cost: \$50

[Click here to register.](#) Deadline is this Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 6 pm.

Spring Enrichment!

Enrichments are starting and spots are still available! Visit our **[ACE webpage](#)** to access the brochure for more details! For starters, here's one you might want to try that will be taught by a special guest teacher, our own Caroline Canon:

Featured Enrichment: LEGO Club 3.0

Extreme builders edition takes LEGO Club to the next level! Complete fun, hands-on ultimate challenges and builds each week while strengthening critical thinking skills, sharpening creativity, and developing a love for all things STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math).

Winter Session:

SK - 5th
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 24 - Mar. 6

Spring Session:

SK - 5th
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 20 - May 1

Instructor: Creative Education Services, taught by SK Teacher Caroline Canon
Cost: \$250 per session

[Click here to register!](#)

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

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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 Father-Daughter Dance!

Friday, Feb. 23

7-9 p.m.

Anchor Center Cafeteria

Please join us for an ELECTRIFYING evening at the annual GSL Father-Daughter Dance! Costumes from the movie Grease or the 1950s are encouraged!

Cost is \$40 per person and includes a t-shirt for each student, a commemorative framed photo, and refreshments.

[Click here to register.](#) Registration deadline is THIS FRIDAY, January 26, at midnight so that t-shirts can be ordered. Students can dress down wearing their Father-Daughter Dance t-shirt on Monday, February 26.

Please be on the lookout for a sign-up for parents to volunteer to help make this a magical night for our girls and their favorite father-figures!

Questions? **Email Event Chair Courtney Woodmansee.**

Five Years of Fan 5 - Go, Saints!

Tuesday, January 23
GSL vs FACS starting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24
GSL vs Woodland starting at 4 p.m.

Let's fill the Dogpound Student Section for our last two designated Fan 5 games this season! Fan 5 T-shirts are on sale now in the Athletic Office. [Click here to access the Athletics Calendar](#) on our website for game dates/times for basketball and other sports.



Need Volunteers for Annual Faculty 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!

Re-Enrollment Agreements Are Due February 1

We appreciate your prompt response, which is extremely helpful as we begin planning for the 2024-25 school year at GSL. Signed enrollment agreements are due back on Thursday, February 1. Please note that any agreements received after Thursday, February 1 will incur a \$250 late fee.

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



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 February 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

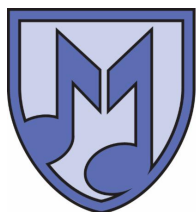
May 30-June 8, 2024

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



memphis BOY & GIRL CHOIR

Memphis Boy & Girl Choir News

The Memphis Boy & Girl Choir is hosting auditions to add singers for the spring semester. No prior training required. We work through proper vocal technique, musical theory, and prepare music for spring programs. Come join us!

Training Choir: for 1st & 2nd grade (rehearse on Mondays, 3:30-4pm)

Boy & Girl Choir: for 3rd grade and above girls and boys through voice change (rehearse Monday or Wednesday, 4:15-5:15pm)

Contract [Dr. Patrick Scott](#) for more information.



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 January 31; [click here to access 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.

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ONLINE!

