



# GSL eNews

Monday, December 4, 2023

## CALENDAR PREVIEW

*Next 4 Weeks*

### **December**

#### **4-11**

Annual GSL Student Food Drive Led by 5th Grade

#### **4-5**

Auditions for Middle School Spring Play,  
3:10-4:30 p.m., Performing Arts Room

#### **5**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

#### **6**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Preschool Information Session & Tour for  
Prospective Parents, 8:30 a.m., Anchor Library

5th-8th Grade Students' Black/African American  
Affinity Group Social, 12:45 p.m.,  
After School Care Room

#### **7**

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

#### **8**

No School or ACE for Students:  
Faculty/Staff Professional Development Day  
(ACE closed so ACE Staff can attend)

#### **9**

Preschool Holiday Storytime at GSL,  
9 a.m., Anchor Center

Kindergarten Holiday Storytime at GSL,  
10:30 a.m., Anchor Center

#### **11-15**

Lost & Found Items Set Out



### **Audition for the Spring Play: Saints' Stories**

**December 4-5**

**3:10-4:30 p.m., Performing Arts Room**

Our spring production, *Saints' Stories*, will celebrate stories from our amazing faculty and staff. Contributors include: Ellyse Woolard, Robert Ward, Anthony Calzia, Carmen Navarro, Brenda Berry, Cynthia Hill, Mary Margaret Snow, and Angela Meredith. Middle School students are invited to audition either Monday, Dec. 4 or Tuesday, Dec. 5 after school. Pickup is on Belvedere Blvd.

Production Dates: Feb. 29 - March 2, 2024.

[Click here](#) for tentative rehearsal schedule.



**Support our Annual Food Drive**

**11**

3rd Grade Holidays Around the World Project Presentations, 12 p.m. in McClure Hall; lunch following in Trezevant Hall

**12**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Lower School Advent/Christmas Evening Chapel, 6 p.m., GSL Church (*All families invited*)

**13**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

5th-8th Grade Students' Black/African American Affinity Group Social, 12:45 p.m., After School Care Room

**14**

Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-8

All-School Chapel: A Service of Lessons & Carols, 8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

**15**

All-School Red & Green Dress-Down Day!

Celebration: Christmas Holiday Sing-Along with Dr. Surber, 8:05 a.m., GSL Church (*Parents welcome to attend*)

Little Lukers Night Before Christmas Pajama Day, 11 a.m., After School Care Room

Last Day of School Before Holiday Break

**18-29**

Holiday Break, No School

**27-29**

Christmas Soccer Camp, 3-5 p.m., Lemaster Playground

## **January**

**1**

New Year's Day, No School

**2**

Faculty & Staff In-Service, No School

**3**

Classes Resume

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

**4**

All-School Chapel, 8:30 a.m.

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

**5**

Celebration Hosted by Lee Schaffler, 8:05 a.m., GSL Church

**Now through Dec. 11**

This is the last full week to donate to our Food Drive, an annual service project led by GSL's fifth graders! This drive benefits the Mid-South Food Bank and Grace-St. Luke's Church Food Pantry. Our goal is 5 items per person! Drop-off boxes are located around the school and in the Admin Office. **[Click here for flyer listing most-needed items](#)**

## **FIRST GRADE'S ART TO HEART**



### **New First Grade Service Drive Dec 4-12**

First grade is excited to launch their new service learning project, Art to Heart, an art materials drive for Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. From Dec. 4-12 our first graders will be collecting art materials including markers, crayons, colored pencils, water colors, coloring books, sketch pads and sticker sheets. Donations can be dropped off at the bins in the first grade hallway. Thank you so much for your support!



### **☐ Five Years of Fan 5 ☐ Starting Up Again This Week!**

**#1 - Thursday, 12/7:**

**7/8 Girls vs. Harding at 5 pm**

**7/8 Boys vs. Harding at 6 pm**

**#2 - Saturday, 12/9:**

**7/8 Girls vs. St. Mary's at 12 pm**

**7/8 Boys vs. MUS at 1 pm**

GSL's Fan 5 is back - let's fill the Dogpound Student Section for the 23-24 season! While fans are welcome at all games during the year, we want to especially draw your attention to our designated Fan 5 7/8 Varsity games. Our first Fan 5 game day is this Thursday vs. Harding, and the second is Saturday (yes, Saturday!) vs. St. Mary's and MUS. Come cheer on the Saints!

The Fan 5 Club is now hard at work designing new T-shirts and Howl Towels. T-shirts will be on sale soon. The remaining Fan 5 games will be

announced soon, and we look forward to seeing you. **[Click here to access the Athletics Calendar](#)** on our website for games dates/times for basketball and other sports. Go, Saints!

## QUICK LINKS

- **[Blackbaud Parent Portal](#)**
- **[Online Spirit Wear Store](#)**
- **[ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)**
- **[Lunch Service](#)**
- **[2023-24 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.**



## Installation of Exterior Security Cameras Starts Today

A number of exterior security cameras will be installed across campus starting today. The installation will take approximately two weeks to complete. This security enhancement is made possible thanks to a number of generous donors.

To financially support GSL's ongoing security enhancement efforts, you may **[give online here](#)**. Under "Gift Designation," select "Security Enhancements." You may also mail your gift to GSL School, Attn: Advancement Dept., 246 S. Belvedere Blvd., Memphis, TN 38104.

Please include a note to indicate that your gift is designated for security enhancements.

To discuss other giving options, including the sale of stock, setting up recurring gifts, or to schedule a meeting to discuss how your gift will make a difference at GSL, please contact Brenda Berry **[via email](#)** or phone at 901-278-0200.

Thank you for helping to keep our Saints safe!

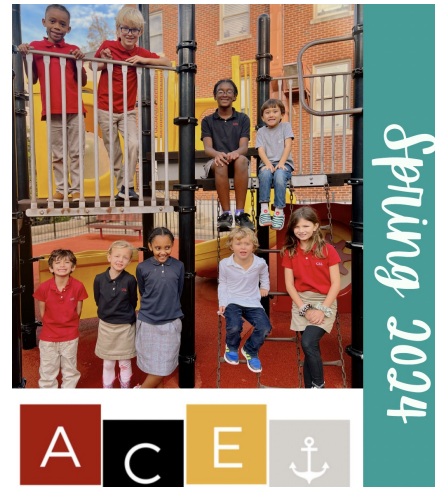
## Upcoming ACE Enrichment Offerings

The following enrichment classes still have openings and are sure to put your children in the holiday spirit, so please check them out!

Santa's Sewists PK - JK: **[Click here to register.](#)**

American Girl Doll Christmas Party SK - 4th: **[Click here to register.](#)**

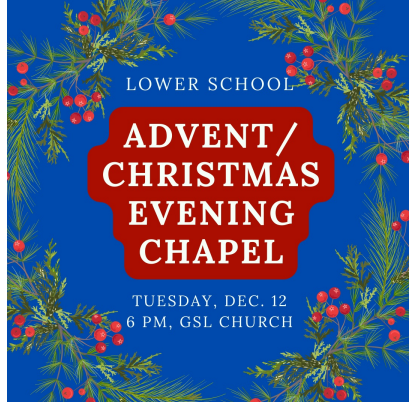
And **STAY TUNED** for our **Spring 2024 ACE Brochure** which will be posted online this week! You will receive a separate email notification when the registration links go live, so please be on the lookout.



## Advent/Christmas Evening Chapel

**Tuesday, Dec. 12  
6 p.m., GSL Church**

This second annual event will feature readings, singing, and acolyte duties by Lower School students for all school families to enjoy, as a way to experience GSL's weekly morning chapel custom in the evening. This special chapel will feature organ music by Grace-St. Luke's Church Music Director Patrick Scott, trumpet by GSL SK-6th Grade Music Teacher Braden Jensen, and favorite Episcopal hymns and carols. Please join us!

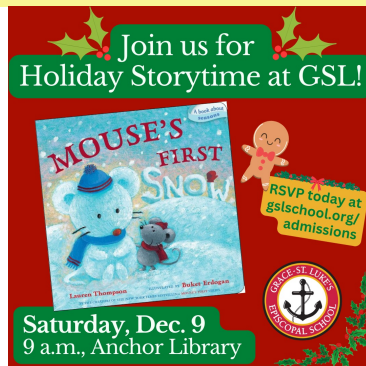


## Upcoming Admissions Events!



### **Preschool Information Session** December 6 at 8:30 a.m., Anchor Library

**PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS!** This admissions event is for parents of children who will be ages 16 months-4 years by June 1, 2024. It's a great opportunity for prospective parents to tour the Preschool and learn more about our play-based program (and the new Little Saints program!) at GSL. [Click here to RSVP.](#)



### **Holiday Storytime** Saturday, December 9 at 9 a.m., Anchor Library

**PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS!** For children who will be ages 16 months to 4 years by June 1, 2024. Join us for a read-aloud and enjoy a make-and-take craft! [Click here to RSVP.](#)



### **Kindergarten Storytime** Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m., Anchor Library

**PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS!** For children who will be age 5 by June 1, 2024. Join us for a read-aloud of *The Impossible Sleepover* with GSL Alumna & Author/Illustrator Amy Sharp '85, and enjoy a make-and-take craft! (Books will be available for purchase and signing.) [Click here to RSVP.](#)



### **Parents' Association 2024 Event Dates!**

We've got some great events to look forward to in the new year, so be sure to mark these dates on your calendar. More information coming soon!

**Italian Dinner (In-Person Again!):** Anchor Center Cafeteria & Gym | Thursday, January 25  
**Father-Daughter Dance:** Anchor Center | Friday, February 23  
**Mother-Son Event:** Movie on the Big Screen! | Anchor Center Gym | Sunday, February 25  
**Anchor Auction:** Old Dominick Distillery | Friday, April 12  
**Book Swap:** Anchor Center Alumni Lobby | Wednesday-Friday, May 1-3

**Save on Basketball Game Admission  
Fees ... Join the 23-24 Booster Club!**



Open to all parents, grandparents, and friends of GSL, the Athletic Booster Club supports and enhances the Middle School Athletics program. [Click here to sign up!](#)

By purchasing an annual Booster Club membership, your immediate family gets FREE ADMISSION to all the regular season 5th-8th grade home games at GSL. Grandparent memberships are also available.

To see the Athletics Calendar for upcoming games this season, [click here](#). Go, Saints!



### ***Christmas Break Soccer Camp at GSL*** **Dec 27-29, 3-5 p.m.** **Lemaster Playground**

This camp is for 5th-8th grade boys and girls and will be taught by our Middle School Soccer Coaches Tony Posner, Andrew Sichting, and Katie Longoria. [Download this flyer](#) for more information and make plans to join us! [Click here](#) to register today. The deadline is Dec. 22.

### ***Summer Europe Trip for 7th & 8th Graders*** **May 30-June 8, 2024**

We relaunched the traditional GSL trip to Europe last summer (see photo here of our group in Italy)! It's not too late to sign up for our adventure to Spain in Summer 2024, which will be led by Juan Roncal and Sarah Ranson.

Here's how to join us:

1. [Click here for the GSL trip website](#) and then click "Sign Up Now."
2. Fill out the application info and Emergency Contact info on the CONTACT page. Click Next.
3. Select your choice for the optional Travel Protection Plan on the INSURANCE page. Click Next.
4. Review the optional excursions, rooming & travel plans on the CUSTOMIZATION page. Simply select any of the options you wish to have. Click Next.
5. Choose a payment plan and method that is most convenient for you on the PAYMENT page. Click Next.
6. Review all of your info and tick the boxes to confirm all of the legal info on the CONFIRMATION page. Click "submit application" to complete enrollment.



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

**GIVE TO GSL  
ONLINE!**

