



GSL eNews

Monday, November 20, 2023

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

November

20-December 11

Annual GSL Student Food Drive Led by 5th Grade

20-December 2

1st Trimester Middle School Art Show on Display,
Anchor Center Alumni Lobby

20

SK-8th Grade Report Cards Available at 3 p.m.
(Email notification will be sent)

21

Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-8

Grandparents' Day (see event details below)

Noon Dismissal, ACE After School Care Open
from 12-5:30 p.m.

22-24

Thanksgiving Break, No School

27

Classes Resume

27-December 1

ERB Testing for Grade 3, 8:30 a.m.
ERB Testing for Grade 4, 9 a.m.

28-December 1

ERB Testing for Middle School, 8:30 a.m.

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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.



Congratulations, Christmas Card Art Contest Winners!

At Celebration last week, the winners of the 2023 GSL Christmas Card Art Contest were announced! Congratulations to the following students:

Second runner-up: Emelia Willig, 5th grade
First runner-up: Charlie Johns, 6th grade
Inside Art: Mila Douglas, 6th grade
Cover Art: Zoe Pretzer, 7th grade

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

JK Parents Look-Ahead to SK, 6 p.m.

December

1

Celebration Hosted by Jessica Muller, 8:05 a.m.,
GSL Church (*Parents welcome to attend*)

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

7

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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No School for Students:
Faculty/Staff Professional Development Day

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

11

3rd Grade Holidays Around the World Project
Presentations, 10:45 a.m., 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*)

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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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.

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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,

In a few weeks, we will share a special video with
our community featuring all of the artwork
submitted by students.



Giving & Thanks

Last week, a group of wonderful parent volunteers contacted GSL families during the textathon. Thank you to everyone who responded to these volunteers by making a gift or pledge to GSL's Anchor Fund!

This week of Thanksgiving is a perfect time to support the Anchor Fund. Gifts can be made in honor of a favorite teacher, coach, or even a fellow GSL family or student! To make a gift or pledge online, [click here](#). Gifts of all sizes truly make a difference. Thank you for supporting our incredible GSL school and community!



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 our amazing faculty and staff. 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.

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

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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.



*Grandparents & Special Friends
are invited to*

Grandparents' Day

*at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School
Tuesday, November 21, 2023*

Lower & Middle School
(Senior Kindergarten - 8th Grade)**8:15 a.m.**

Join us at Grace-St. Luke's Church for Chapel with your grandchildren

9 a.m.

Visit your grandchildren's classrooms

Preschool

(Little Lukers, Pre-Kindergarten, and Junior Kindergarten)

9:30 a.m.

Join us at Grace-St. Luke's Church for Chapel with your grandchildren

10:15 a.m.

Visit your grandchildren's classrooms

Coffee and breakfast treats will be served in Trezevant Hall from 7:45-10:30 a.m.



not leave with their guests will stay at school until dismissal at 12 p.m. (As a reminder, ACE: After School Care is open from 12-5:30 p.m. Students who attend after care should bring a lunch and snack.)

Students who are not staying for after care are encouraged to leave all backpacks and other school supplies at home on Grandparents' Day.

Preschool Students (Little Lukers, Pre-Kindergarten, & Junior Kindergarten)

Grandparents' Day will begin with Chapel at Grace-St. Luke's Church at 9:30 a.m. for students in Preschool. Students can arrive at school at their normal time (between 7-8 a.m.), or they can arrive between 8-9:30 a.m. in time for Chapel.

If Preschool students come to school with their grandparents/special friends later in the morning for Chapel at 9:30 a.m., they should go directly to the church. If they are dropped off at school, they should go to their classrooms. They will walk to the church with their class in time for Chapel. Students will locate and sit with their grandparents/special friends in the church.

After Chapel, students will escort their grandparents/special friends to their classrooms. After the classroom visit, students are free to leave for the day with their grandparents/special friends. Students who do not leave with their guests will stay at school until

**Grandparents' Day
Tuesday, November 21**

We are excited for Grandparents' Day tomorrow! Here are some important reminders:

Tomorrow is a Dress Uniform Day for all 1st-8th grade students!

Lower & Middle School Students (Grades SK-8)

Grandparents' Day will begin with Chapel at Grace-St. Luke's Church at 8:15 a.m. for students in Lower & Middle School. Students can arrive at school at their normal time (between 7-8 a.m.), or they can arrive between 8-8:15 a.m. in time for Chapel.

If students come to school with their grandparents/special friends, they should go directly to the church. If they are dropped off at school, they should go to their classrooms. They will walk to the church with their class in time for Chapel. Students will locate and sit with their grandparents/special friends in the church.

After Chapel, students will escort their grandparents/special friends to their classrooms. After the classroom visit, students are free to leave for the day with their grandparents/special friends. Students who do

dismissal at 12 p.m. (As a reminder, ACE: After School Care is open from 12-5:30 p.m. Students who attend after care should bring a lunch and snack.)

Preschool students who are not staying for after care are encouraged to leave all backpacks and other school supplies at home on Grandparents' Day.

If you have any questions about Grandparents' Day, please **email** Brenda Berry. We look forward to celebrating with our wonderful grandparents and special friends next week!

Things to Know about Grandparents' Day

Chapel will take place at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1720 Peabody Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104.

Parking is available in the lot across from the church (southeast corner of Belvedere and Peabody), behind the Anchor Center, and on Belvedere, Peabody, and Lemaster.

Grandparents/Special Friends who are bringing their grandchildren to school should go directly to the church with your grandchildren. There is no assigned seating.

Grandparents/Special Friends who are meeting their grandchildren at GSL should go directly to the church. The children will join you in the church prior to the start of Chapel.

After the classroom visits, children may leave campus for the day with their grandparents/special friends. Students who stay at school will be dismissed to carpool at 12 p.m., unless they are staying in ACE: After School Care, which is open until 5:30 p.m.

Questions? Call (901) 278-0200.

We look forward to seeing you on November 21!



PRESCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION

Learn more about our new 18-23-month-old program!
Wednesday, December 6

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.**

GSL's Annual Food Drive Led by 5th Grade

Nov. 13-Dec. 11

Help us feed the hungry in Memphis! This drive benefits the Mid-South Food Bank and Grace-St. Luke's Church Food Pantry. Our goal: 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



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.

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 Sighting, 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.

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GSL!**

