



GSL eNews

Monday, November 13, 2023

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

November

13-December 11

Annual GSL Student Food Drive Led by 5th Grade

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Lost & Found Items Set Out

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Pre-Kindergarten Parents Coffee Talk & Tour,
8 a.m., Lower School Flex Space

14-December 2

First Trimester Middle School Art Show,
Anchor Center Alumni Lobby

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

JK, 6th, & 8th Grade Vision Screenings, 8:30 a.m.

Opening Reception for First Trimester Middle
School Art Show, 5-6:30 p.m., Anchor Center
Alumni Lobby

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Pre-Kindergarten Parents Coffee Talk & Tour,
8 a.m., Lower School Flex Space

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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

4th Grade Visits 5th Grade, 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

4th Grade Parents Look-Ahead to 5th Grade,
6:30-7:30 p.m., Anchor Library

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FIFTH GRADE'S ANNUAL GSL

FOOD DRIVE

LET'S FEED THE HUNGRY

GSL's Annual Food Drive Led by 5th Grade

Nov. 13-Dec. 11

Won't you 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!

[Click here for flyer that lists most-needed
items.](#)



First Trimester Middle School Art Show

**Opening Reception Tuesday, Nov. 14,
5-6:30 p.m., Alumni Lobby**

Join us for our opening night reception in the
Alumni Lobby (on the second floor of the Anchor
Center) and see some excellent artwork by our
first trimester arts block students in grades 5-8!

Celebration Hosted by Sarah Ranson,
8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym
(Parents welcome to attend)

Middle School Spelling Bee,
8:30 a.m., McClure Hall

6th & 8th Grade Hearing Screenings,
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

8th Annual Parents' Association Trivia Event,
7-9:30 p.m., Anchor Center

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Central Gardens Association Inaugural Wreath
Run, 3-6 p.m. (GSL is a sponsor; see event
information below)

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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

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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.

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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

December

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

4-6

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

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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.

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.



**New Little Saints Program
Launch: August 2024**

On Wednesday we emailed you all about our big school news: We are launching a new program for 18- to 23-month-old children, starting in August 2024! Please share this news with friends, and direct anyone interested to [this page](#) to learn more and apply today!



**ACE: Enrichment Class
Openings**

Have your children tried our enrichment classes yet this year? The following still have openings - check them out!

Party in the PJ's SK-3rd: [Click here to register.](#)
Squishmallow-Palooza 2! SK-4th: [Click here to register.](#)

Sugar & Spice: Thanksgiving Edition 1st-6th: [Click here to register.](#)

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No School for Students:
Faculty/Staff Professional Development Day

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

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



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.**

QUICK LINKS

- [**New! Blackbaud Parent Portal**](#)
- [**New! 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.**



*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.



Grandparents' Day **Tuesday, November 21**

Last month, invitations to GSL's Grandparents' Day were mailed to all grandparents and special friends. If your child's grandparent or special friend did not receive an invitation in the mail, please email [**Director of Advancement Brenda Berry**](#) so one can be mailed out right away.

Here is some important information to help you and your children prepare for this special day.

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 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 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!



Central Gardens 5K Wreath Run November 19, 3-6 p.m.

The Central Gardens Association is kicking off the holiday season with a run through our wreath-lined streets with its first-ever 5K Wreath Run, 1/4-mile dash Youth Fun Run, and neighborhood after-party on Sunday, November 19. Festivities are open to everyone, including non-runners, and the fun is from 3-6 p.m. For more information and to sign up to participate, [click here](#). GSL School is a sponsor of this event, which will start at the corner of Peabody and Belvedere! Come join the fun in our beautiful neighborhood and support the CGA!

Reminder: The Anchor Fund Textathon is Coming Soon!

Get ready! Parent volunteers will be calling and texting you soon to explain what a difference every donation to the Anchor Fund can make!

If you have already pledged or donated to the 2023-24 Anchor Fund, THANK YOU! Your donations support curriculum, maintenance of our well-aged campus, and ensure that faculty and staff receive professional development opportunities and excellent compensation packages.

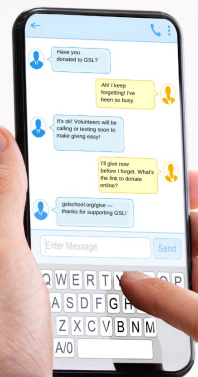
If you haven't yet given or pledged and it's not convenient for you to receive a call or text, you may make a pledge

REMINDER!

**GSL's Anchor Fund
Phonathon/Textathon
is coming soon...**

Parent volunteers will be
texting or calling soon to
discuss the importance of
donating to the Anchor Fund.

Ready to give?
Save our volunteers time
by making your gift or pledge to
GSL's Anchor Fund today at
gslschool.org/give.



or donation at any time [here](#).

Questions? [Email Director of Advancement Brenda Berry](#).

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