



# GSL eNews

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

## CALENDAR PREVIEW

*Next 4 Weeks*

### **November**

**7**

Classes Resume

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7th & 8th Grade Exams: Science

**8**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7th & 8th Grade Exams: History

Black/African American Affinity Group Social for  
5th-8th Grade Students, 12:45 p.m.

**9**

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

7th & 8th Grade Exams: English

Lower School Vision Screenings  
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

**10**

Celebration for Veterans Day, Hosted by Marti  
McCloud, 8:05 a.m., GSL Church  
(Parents welcome to attend)

7th & 8th Grade Exams: Math

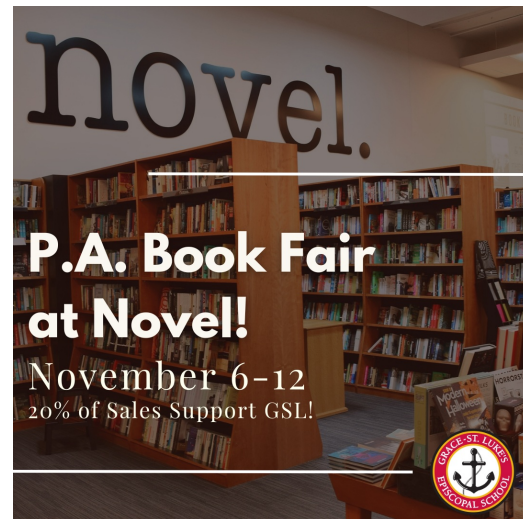
End of First Trimester

**11**

Preschool Preview Day for Prospective Parents  
9 a.m., Anchor Center

**12**

Last Day to Shop for P.A. Novel Fundraiser



### ***P.A. Book Fair at Novel Has Begun!***

**Now through Sunday, Nov. 12**

This week, shop at Novel (**download and bring this flier with you**) or shop online using the code GSL23 at checkout, and 20% of your total purchases will be donated to GSL! Consider stocking up on Novel gift cards, which make wonderful gifts!

And if you come shop in person on Saturday, Nov. 11, Novel will be offering a story time for children at 10:30 a.m. GSL Parent Sarah Hunter Simanson will be reading a fall-themed story!

**13-December 11**

Annual GSL Student Food Drive Led by 5th Grade

**13-17**

Lost & Found Items Set Out

**14-December 2**

First Trimester Middle School Art Show,  
Anchor Center Alumni Lobby

**14**

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

**15**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

**16**

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

**17**

Celebration Hosted by Sarah Ranson,  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church  
(*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

**19**

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

**21**

Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-8

Grandparents' Day (invitations have been mailed)

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, 8:30-10 a.m.



***How Likely Are You to  
Recommend GSL?  
Survey Closes Today at 3 p.m.***

For the eighth year in a row, we are asking current families to participate in a Net Promoter Score (NPS) survey. The NPS is used to measure our families' loyalty by asking how likely it is that you will recommend GSL to your friends or family. The results from this survey are used to help GSL continue to be the school of choice in Memphis now and for years to come.

The four-question survey was sent to families via email last Wednesday, November 1, at 7 a.m. The survey should only take about five minutes to complete and will remain open until 3 p.m. today.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey!

Questions? **Email** Director of  
Advancement Brenda Berry.



***P.A. Trivia Night Registration  
Closes Friday - Only a Few  
Tables Still Available!***

**November 17, 7-9:30 p.m.**

**Anchor Center Cafeteria**

**\$500 for Team of 8 People**

**Agas 21+ Only; No Children Please!**

Registration for the 8th Annual P.A. Trivia Night  
Fundraiser is officially open, and there are ONLY A

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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*)

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Registration closes **this Friday, November 10!** [Click here](#) to register! Below are some additional details for this highly anticipated yearly event:

- Dinner by Randy Jefferson Catering is included in the registration cost.
- You are welcome to bring your own adult beverages.
- Costumes are back! Prizes for best team name, best dressed, and overall trivia team winner!

A reminder that this event has sold out in past years, so be sure to register ASAP!

Questions? Contact this year's Trivia Hosts:  
[Thaler Beasley](#) or [Mimmie Fisher](#).

### QUICK LINKS

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

## 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!

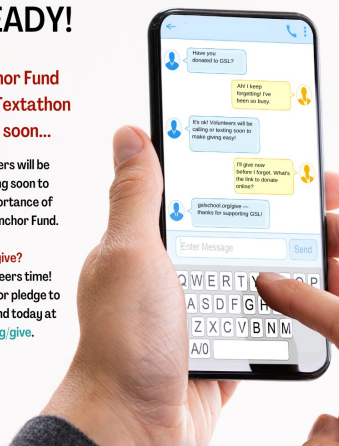


### GET READY!

**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!  
Submit your gift or pledge to  
GSL's Anchor Fund today at  
[gslschool.org/give](https://gslschool.org/give).



## The Anchor Fund Textathon is Coming Soon!

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 not, you're in luck! Volunteers will be calling and texting you soon and look forward to explaining the impact of every donation to the Anchor Fund!

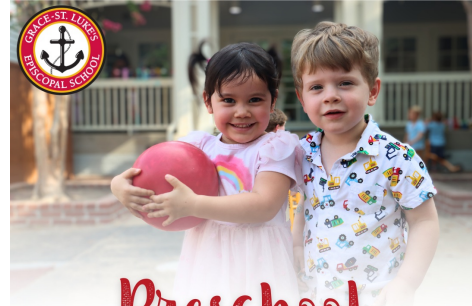
If it is not convenient for you to receive a call or text, you may make a pledge or donation at any time [here](#).

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

## Preschool Preview Day

**November 11 at 9 a.m., Anchor Library**

**PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS!** This admissions event is for parents of children who will be ages 2-4 by June 1, 2024. It's a great opportunity for prospective parents to meet teachers and learn more about our play-based Preschool program at GSL! **Click here to RSVP.**



## Preschool Preview Day

Saturday, November 11 | 9am | Anchor Center



### **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!

### **Follow the Saints on Social Media**

We ♥ it when you like our posts! Every week we post fun and meaningful moments from life at GSL on social media, and your engagement, comments, and reviews help us reach a wider community. This is an important way to promote our school year-round, and especially during the fall admissions season! In the red bar at the bottom of this email, you can click on our social media icons to find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

**If you haven't already, please like and follow our feeds, and engage with our posts when you have the time!** Our pages are open to all visitors, so even if you don't have your own social media profile, you can still enjoy our photos and updates. Many thanks for helping us share what's great about GSL!



### **News from Grace-St. Luke's Church**



### **Church Basketball:** **"What to Expect" Checklist**

For those JK-4th grade families who've registered

## ***Return Church Sports Uniforms*** **Drop-off Box in Circle Drive until Nov. 11**

To keep costs to a minimum, GSL Church requests that you recycle your church sports uniforms. A drop-off box will be in front of the GSL School Circle Drive until November 11.

Wondering what to recycle? Please return the following:

Soccer - jerseys & shorts  
Baseball, Softball, & T-Ball - jerseys, pants, shorts & belts (hats and socks optional)  
Basketball - jerseys & shorts  
Flag Football - jerseys & shorts

for church basketball, your season is now underway! [Click here to download a list](#) of what to expect this season.



## ***Messy Church (An Intergenerational Worship Liturgy)***

**Sunday, November 12**  
**11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.**

The Episcopal tradition cherishes ancient, modern, and innovative ways to celebrate the faith that binds all sorts and conditions of people. **Messy Church** is a global, all-ages, fresh expression of church that gathers individuals

and households to fellowship, to make, to eat, and to rejoice in the love of Jesus that transforms lives. It is a creative, counter-cultural way of “being church” by sharing fun, formative, and Christ-centered activities, song, and Holy Communion in a casual environment. Grace-St. Luke's Church will offer a first-of-its-kind “Messy Advent: Preparing for Christmas” on this day between Trezevant and McClure Halls, and all are invited! Snacks and lunch are provided, so [please register here](#). Questions? [Email](#) Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Anthony Calzia.

**CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO  
GSL!**

