



GSL eNews

Monday, October 23, 2023

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

October

24

Flu Shots for Parents/Guardians & Children
7:30-9:30 a.m., Lower School Multipurpose Room

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

6th & 8th Grade Hearing Screenings,
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

25

All-School Dress-Down Day: Wear Your Favorite College Gear!

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

P.A. Speaker Series: College Night
5:45-7 p.m., Trezevant Hall

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Lower School Wacky Socks Day

Middle School Mad Scientist Dress-Down Day

Preschool Parent Mindfulness Workshop
8 a.m., Anchor Center After School Care Room

All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by
Lucy Unglesby and Austin Smith,
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

27

Celebration: Faculty Halloween Costume Contest
Hosted by Kimberley Morrison and Carmen
Navarro, 8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym
(Parents welcome to attend)

28

It's Halloween Storytime at GSL!
(For Prospective Preschool Parents)
9-10 a.m., Anchor Center



Save the Date!

Anchor Auction 2024
Friday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.
Old Dominick Distillery

More information to come!
Interested in sponsoring or donating an item to the auction this year? Contact Auction Chairs **Mary Maxwell** or **Katie McDermott** today.
GO, SAINTS!!!



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All-School Black & Orange Dress-Down Day

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Preschool Halloween Costume Parade
9-9:30 a.m., From Preschool to Anchor Center

November

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

2

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

5th & 6th Grade First Trimester Musical
Performance, 6-7 p.m., McClure Hall

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

7th & 8th Grade Exams

6-12

P.A. Novel Fundraiser

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Faculty & Staff Professional Development Day,
No School
ACE @ Play Available with registration

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Classes Resume

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7th & 8th Grade Exams

SK, 2nd & 4th Grade Hearing Screenings,
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7th & 8th Grade Exams

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

7th & 8th Grade Exams

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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

7th & 8th Grade Exams

End of First Trimester

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Preschool Preview Day for Prospective Parents

Flu Shots at GSL

Tuesday, October 24, 7:30-9 a.m.

Lower School Multipurpose Room (Big
room across from GSL's Admin Office)

The Shot Nurse will be here to administer flu shots
to students age 4 and above and their
parents/guardians.

What to bring:

- Copy of your driver's license and Insurance card.
- **Attached consent form** filled out and signed, with each member of the family listed.

A parent or guardian **must** be present for a student
to receive a vaccination.

No need to make an appointment. Just show up
and get in line. They are pretty fast!

They will **not** be bringing Covid vaccinations due
to storage requirements. If you want to get a flu
vaccination and covid vaccination at the same
time, you can visit their clinic in person, go to your
doctor's office, or visit any pharmacy/clinic that
administers both.



**You're Invited to College Night,
presented by the P.A. Speaker
Series!**

**Wednesday, October 25
5:45-7 p.m.
Trezevant Hall**

Creating confident lifelong learners is essential to
our mission at GSL. For many, that includes a
wonderful high school experience followed by
college. Even though college may be a little ways
away, demystifying and learning more about the

9 a.m., Anchor Center

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Last Day to Shop for P.A. Novel Fundraiser

13-December 11

Annual GSL Student Food Drive Led by 5th Grade

13-17

Lost & Found Items Set Out

14

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Middle School Vision Screenings, 8:30 a.m.

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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

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

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

process early on can be helpful.

Parents/Guardians are invited to College Night this Wednesday, October 25! A panel of high school college counselors from Christian Brothers, Crosstown, ECS, Harding, Hutchison, Lausanne, MUS, St. Mary's, and Westminster will share tips on how to best support your children as they transition from middle school at GSL to high school, and then to college! The panel will also answer your questions and share insight into the college admission process.

This event is for adults only. Please [click here](#) to register today. Questions? [Email](#) Brenda Berry.

Note for students: To celebrate this event, **Wednesday, October 25 is an all-school dress-down day**, so that students can wear their favorite college gear!



8th Annual P.A. Trivia Night Registration Now Open!

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

Anchor Center Cafeteria

\$500 for Team of 8 People

Ages 21+ Only; No Children Please!

Registration for the 8th Annual P.A. Trivia Night Fundraiser is officially open! [Click here](#) to register! Below are some additional details for this highly anticipated yearly event:

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

There are only 15 tables available and 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](#)

Weekly eNews Distribution

To add an email address to the eNews distribution list, please email [Director of Communications Marci Woodmansee](#).

- [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](#)

Contacting ACE After School Hours

To connect with ACE after school hours, **call the Auxiliary Programs line at 901.677.2245.**

Preschool Parent Mindfulness Workshop

Thursday, October 26

8 a.m., Anchor Center After School Care Room

Come and join us after morning drop-off for coffee and a dose of mindfulness. Our Preschool mindfulness teacher Linda Huggins will be here to share her techniques with you. Now you can learn the wonderful calm-down techniques our teachers use with the children, and use them at home. We hope you can join us to bring a little peacefulness to your life!



Christmas Card Art Contest Ends This Friday; Request Packet Today!

GSL's 2023 Christmas Card Art Contest ends this Friday! If your child is interested in participating in this art contest, please **email Brenda Berry** and include the name and grade of the student. An art contest packet will be sent home with your child.

Art packets must be requested by this Wednesday, October 25. All art submissions must be turned in by this Friday, October 27, at 3 p.m. We can't wait to see all of the beautiful artwork!

[Click here](#) to learn more about the art contest.

New Front Desk Volunteer

Please join us in welcoming a new friendly face on campus!

GSL grandparent Sherri Calzia has become a regular front desk volunteer in the Administrative Office. She is the mother-in-law of School Nurse Janelle Calzia. You will often find her filling in during lunch for Front Office Administrator Angela Merideth.



New Spirit Wear Merchandise Online!

New Spirit Wear items are available on the online store for PRE-ORDER through Friday, November 3! *Note:* It will take about 2-4 weeks for you to receive your pre-order items. These items will be available for a limited time, so be sure to **[visit our online store](#)**!

Calling Future Little Lukers!

Just a reminder that if you have a child at home who will be 2 by June 1, 2024, now is the time to submit your **application** for admission next August. (We are also accepting applications for siblings entering other grades at GSL!) **Email Director of**

REMINDER

About Siblings!



If your younger child is eligible to start
Preschool next August,
it's time to apply!

**DON'T DELAY.
APPLY TODAY!**



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books & gifts

P.A. Book Fair at Novel **Monday, Nov. 6 - Sunday, Nov. 12**

Mark your calendars and start making your shopping list for the 3rd annual P.A. Fundraiser that supports GSL and our wonderful local bookstore, Novel! Shop the entire store ([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! Also consider stocking up on Novel gift cards, which make wonderful gifts!

And if you happen to come shop in person on Saturday, Nov. 11, you may even see GSL Parent Sarah Hunter Simanson reading a fall-themed story during Novel's Story Time for kids at 10:30 a.m. Remember to bring your flier and present it at checkout!

GSL Church Strategic Planning Call for School Input

GSL Church is developing a five-year strategic plan and needs our help by completing a brief survey. Reflecting on past and present ministry since 1940, the Church is preparing for an incredible future that definitely includes our shared campus partnership. Please [click here](#) to complete this 5-minute, 4-question survey designed to give vital feedback to Father Ollie Rencher, the wardens, and vestry and encourage others to do the same. The deadline has been extended to Wednesday, November 1!



ACE @ Play: November 6 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Join us for ACE @ Play on Monday, Nov. 6 when school is closed for a GSL Faculty/Staff Professional Development day. The theme is Popcorn, Puzzles and PJs. Deadline for registration is Thursday, November 2 at 6 p.m. [Click here to register.](#)

And in **ACE: Enrichment** news, the following classes have spaces available. Check them out!

- Around the World in Style SK-1st: [Click here to register.](#)
- Unicorn Dream Catcher 1st-4th: [Click here to register.](#)
- Party in the PJ's SK-3rd: [Click here to register.](#)
- Sugar & Spice: Thanksgiving Edition 1st-6th: [Click here to register.](#)
- Squishmallow-Palooza 2! SK-4th: [Click here to register.](#)
- Picasso's Protege': Food Coloring Wall Art SK-3rd: [Click here to register.](#)

Performance Lab 2023 -24: Directing 101
November 14 - January 18
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m.
Performing Arts Room

Calling all actors! Come and participate in the directorial debut of our student directors! Experienced theater students will be allowed to direct a short scene supervised by Ms. Reddick. Directing is not an easy job, but it is good training to help you learn how to communicate well with others. There will be a performance at 5:30 p.m. on January 18.

Contact Ms. Reddick if you have any questions.



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