



GSL eNews

Monday, October 9, 2023

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

October

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Classes Resume

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Annual 8th Grade Boys vs. Girls Volleyball Game,
1:30-2:15 p.m., Anchor Gym

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All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by
Shaniah Tucker, Lucian Hanson, and Finley
Carter, 8:05 a.m., GSL Church

School Picture Make-up Day for LL-8th,
8:30-11 a.m.

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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

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National Chess Day Tournament Hosted by
Shelby County Chess at GSL,
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Anchor Center

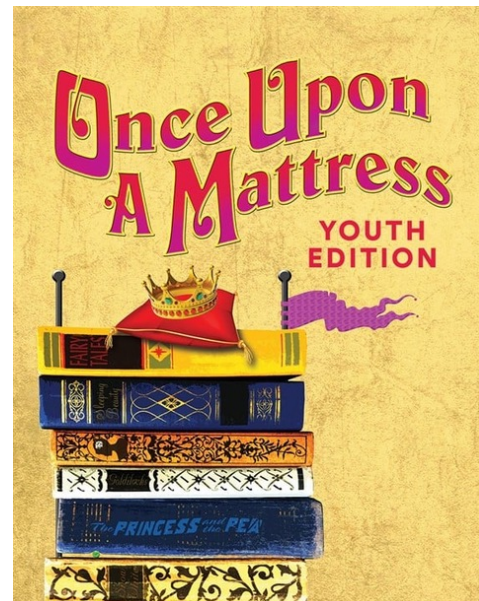
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Tickets on Sale for Fall Musical

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

P.A.-Sponsored Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event



Fine Arts Update: Fall Musical Opens October 19!

Performance Dates:

Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.

Once Upon A Mattress: Youth Edition is an
adaptation of the beloved musical, which is a spin
on the classic tale *The Princess and the Pea*.

Ticket sales begin next Monday, October 16!

Support our Middle School (and 4th Grade)
thespians and save the date for these
performances next week in McClure Hall.

Questions? [Click here to email us!](#)

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-8 for St. Luke's Feast Day

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Opening Night of Fall Musical—*Once Upon a Mattress: Youth Edition* (an adaptation of *The Princess and the Pea*), 7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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

Fall Musical, 7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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Fall Musical, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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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.

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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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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

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It's Halloween Storytime at GSL! 9-10 a.m., Anchor Center: [Click here to RSVP](#)

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All-School Black & Orange Dress-Down Day

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Preschool Halloween Costume Parade



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.



New Spirit Wear Items Soon!

We have exciting news: New Spirit Wear items will be dropping on the online store next week! All of these new items will be available for PRE-ORDER starting Monday, October 16 through Friday, November 3. Note: It will take about 2-4 weeks for

November

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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.

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 Begin

you to receive your pre-order items. These items
will be available for a limited time, so be sure to
[visit our online store](#) for new items starting next
Monday, October 16!

We are excited for everyone to represent GSL in
this new Spirit Wear - Go Saints!



Addresses Needed for Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is Tuesday, November 21. In
the coming weeks, invitations will be mailed
directly to grandparents using the information
provided by families on the school's enrollment
agreement. If you did not provide this information
during enrollment, or if you are aware of any
address changes, please **email Brenda Berry** the
name(s), mailing address(es), and email
address(es) of your children's grandparents today.
Thank you for your help as we prepare for this
special day!

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.

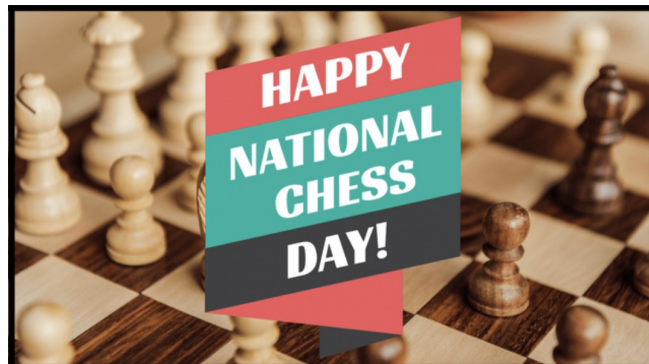
National Chess Day Tournament @ GSL

Saturday, October 14,
Anchor Center

NOTE NEW TIMES!

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
First Round begins at 9 a.m.
Est. finish: 2 p.m.

Shelby County Chess invites all to join the
annual National Chess Day Celebration
and Scholastic Chess Tournament, hosted at GSL.



Cost: \$20. [Click here to register online by October 13](#) \$25 thereafter and on site.

Format:

- 4 Rounds Swiss G25; d5 (NO ELIMINATION!) Each player gets 25 minutes to complete their game.
- Sections: 5 Scholastic Sections as follows -
 - USCF Rated (Requires USCF Membership) Rated Over 900, Rated Under 900, Rated Under 500
 - Unrated Sections (No Membership required): Unrated Grades K-4, Unrated Grades 5-12
- Prizes: All participants regardless of standing will receive a prize. Top 3 players in each section will receive a trophy.

Questions: Contact Arlene at 901-276-4663. There will be a cake to celebrate National Chess Day!



Join us for 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 process early on can be helpful.

Parents/Guardians are invited to College Night on 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 by Friday, October 20. Questions? [Email](#) Brenda Berry.

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 a morning 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 and bring a little peacefulness to your life!



All GSL Students are Invited to Participate in GSL's 2023 Christmas Card Art Contest!

If your child is interested in participating in this art contest, please request an art contest packet by [emailing Brenda Berry](#) today! For details on this year's art contest, [click here](#). All art contest submissions must be received by 3 p.m. on Friday, October 27. Good luck to all of our student artists!

ACE @ Play: November 6

7:30-5:30 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 6:00 pm. [Click here to register.](#)

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

Puddin' Pie SK-3rd: [Click here to register.](#)

Crazy 8's Math Club SK-2nd: [Click here to register.](#)

LEGO Club 3.0: Extreme Builders Edition: SK - 4th: [Click here to register.](#)

World Wanderers PK-JK: [Click here to register.](#)

Around the World in Style: [Click here to register.](#)

Magazine Strip Art 2nd -3rd: [Click here to register.](#)

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



Trivia Night Coming Soon

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

Anchor Center Cafeteria

Themes and costumes are back, and encouraged!

Ages 21+ Only

The 8th Annual Parents' Association Trivia Night is coming up next month! More details to come, and registration for this event will open soon. This event has sold out in past years, so be sure to be on the lookout for our registration info.

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GSL!**

