



GSL eNews

Monday, September 25, 2023

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

September

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Lower School Parents Coffee & Conversation with Marti McCloud, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Trezevant Hall

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, Featuring Chapel Talks by Emerson Callahan and Aiden Walker, 8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Preschool Information Session & Tour

9 a.m., Anchor Center Library

Parents: Please tell your friends and [share this link to RSVP.](#)

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

October

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Blessing of the Animals at GSL Church

2-6

Fall Break! No School

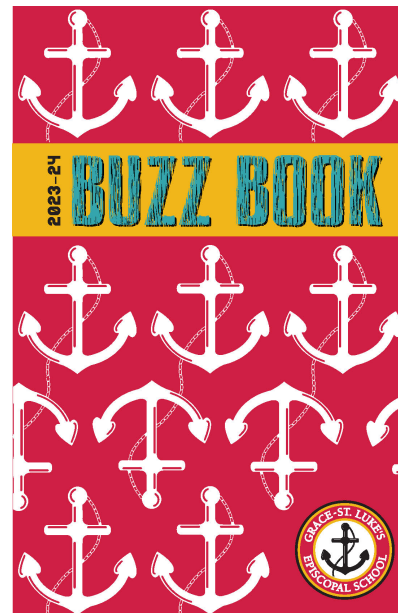
ACE @ Play available, charges apply

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Classes Resume

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.



2023-24 Buzz Book Distribution

The 2023-24 Buzz Books will be distributed to classrooms this week. Keep an eye out for your copy, which will be coming home with your child by the end of this week! A few things to note:

- For families with more than one child at GSL: Your household Buzz Book will be sent home with your youngest child.
- Two-household families will receive two copies; again, these copies will go home with the youngest child at GSL.
- Families of twins: One of your twins will have your household's Buzz Book!

Each family's last name will be on a printed label on the outside back cover of the Buzz Book. Please remember, this directory is for use by our community only and should not be shared. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the listings. However, if you see an error or have updated information to share, please email that information to buzzbook@gslschool.org.

Thank you for choosing GSL!

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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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Chess Tournament Hosted by Shelby County
Chess at GSL

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

P.A.-Sponsored Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event

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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



Lower School Coffee Connection

Tuesday, Sept. 26

7:30-8:30 a.m., Trezevant Hall

Attention Lower School Parents! Please plan to join us for coffee and good conversation with fellow parents and the Head of Lower School, Marti McCloud. We look forward to seeing you!



Register Now for ACE@Play: Fall Break October 2-6

Get ready to enjoy Fall books, songs, and science activities, plus lots of pumpkin arts and crafts activities, during this fun-filled week.
Cost: \$50 a day or \$225 for the week.

[Click here to register.](#)

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.**

BREAKING NEWS!

Parents' Association Event Date Changes



The Parents' Association has two date changes to share with you:

Trivia Night | Friday, November 17, 2023

8th Grade Italian Dinner Fundraiser | Thursday, January 25, 2024

We are incredibly excited to announce that this year's Italian Dinner will also be held in person this year at GSL!

More details to come on both of these events in the coming weeks! We wanted to share so that you could MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

We look forward to seeing you at these wonderful events! ~ The Parents' Association

Featured ACE Enrichments

The following upcoming enrichments still have spaces available. Check them out!

Clay Hand Building for PK-JK: [Click here to register.](#)

Clay Hand Building for SK-1st: [Click here to register.](#)

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.](#)



Help Spread the Word About GSL!

Please tell your friends with children about these admissions events. Our first Preschool Information Session is this Thursday. Your positive word-of-mouth is a great endorsement for GSL! Interested prospective parents can find the [RSVP link here](#).

Preschool Information Session & Tour

Thursday, September 28, 9 a.m.

Halloween Storytime (for Preschool-aged children)

Saturday, October 28, 9 a.m.

Preschool Preview Day & Tour

Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m.

Holiday Storytime (for Preschool-aged children)

Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m.

SK Storytime (for Kindergarten-aged children)

Saturday, December 9, 10:30 a.m.

National Chess Day Tournament @ GSL

Saturday, October 14

Registration begins at noon.

**First Round begins at 1 p.m.; est.
finish: 5:30 p.m.)**

Anchor Center

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

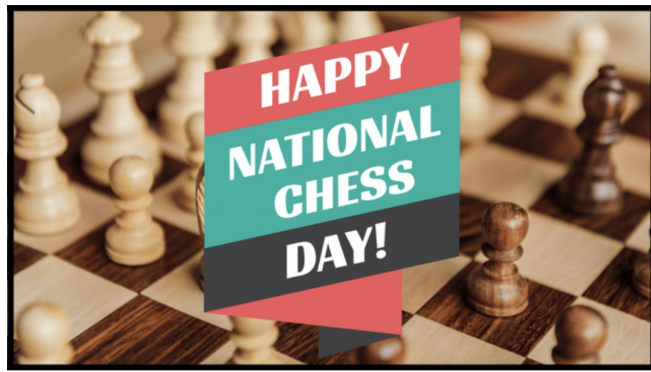
hosted at GSL.

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!



News from Grace-St. Luke's Church



Strategic Planning Call for School Input

Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church is developing a five-year strategic plan for the church, and invites all GSL school parents to help by completing a brief survey. Please [click here](#) to complete this 5-minute, 4-question survey designed to give vital feedback to Father Ollie Rencher, the wardens, and vestry. **Survey closes on Sept. 29!** The church is preparing for an incredible future that includes our shared campus partnership.

Church Basketball Registration Open

September 1-30

For JK-4th Grade Boys and Girls

Online Basketball Registration is open from September 1-30. Please [visit this page](#) and click on the registration link to register your child. Remember registration fills up quickly and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up today and join the fun!

GSL Church Sports

JK-4th Grade Boys & Girls



Register Now for Basketball!

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, Oct. 1 at GSL Church

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Sunday, October 1

5 p.m., GSL Church

Celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi at GSL. All people and pets ("creatures great and small") are invited to a service in the church nave. We will commemorate commitments of love, simplicity, care for the poor, and animals, commonly attributed to Francis, who prayed that all might become instruments of the peace of God for the world. Please ensure pets are leashed or otherwise secured.

Don't have a pet friend that can come to the nave to be blessed? You can participate anyway! Bring a picture or special item connecting you to your pet or an animal you care about to be blessed. Children are welcome to bring a favorite stuffed animal to receive a blessing. Join us in celebrating all of God's creatures!

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