



GSL eNews

Monday, September 18, 2023

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

September

18-22

P.A.Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

Lost & Found Items Set Out in Anchor Center

19

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

All-School Picnic & Spirit Wear Sale,
5:30-7:30 p.m., Snowden Field

20

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Middle School Fall Sports Photos,
12:45-1:35 p.m., Lemaster Playground

21

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

Middle School Class Retreats

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

22

Parent-Teacher Conference Day, No School
(Conference Care available at no charge;
ACE @ Play available, charges apply)

23

Closed ISEE for GSL 8th Graders,
8 a.m.-1 p.m., Anchor Center

26

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

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

27

ALL-SCHOOL PICNIC 2023

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
SNOWDEN FIELD (2233 HARBERT AVE.)
5:30-7:30PM



All-School Picnic 2023

Sept. 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Snowden Field (2233 Harbert Ave.)

All GSL families are invited to the All-School Family Picnic at Snowden Field. Bring a blanket or lawn chair if you'd like and enjoy time with your fellow Saints. See separate email sent Sept. 12 or read below for details.

Food & Beverages

Dinner is on GSL! Memphis Dawgs will provide hot dogs, drinks, and chips. Our awesome P.A. is providing a delicious dessert. *Reminder: This is family-friendly event, so please leave adult beverages at home.*

Music

Mr. Robert Ward will serve as DJ again this year!

Spirit Wear Sale

The Parents' Association is excited to share that **we are launching online sales Tuesday at the All-School Picnic!** There will still be a few items that you can purchase in-person at the picnic, but the majority will be offered online. Bring your cell phone as we will have the QR code posted there for easy ordering and payment.

In-stock online Spirit Wear orders can be picked up within 1-2 business days at Bluff City Sports (3 minutes from GSL at 769 Cooper) or can be shipped to your home for an additional fee.

Additional details about the new online Spirit Store

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m

28

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.**](#)*

29

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

October

2-6

Fall Break! No School
ACE @ Play available, charges apply

9

Classes Resume

10

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

11

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m

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

12

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.

13

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

will be sent out in a separate email Wednesday. We are delighted to finally offer full online accessibility to our families!

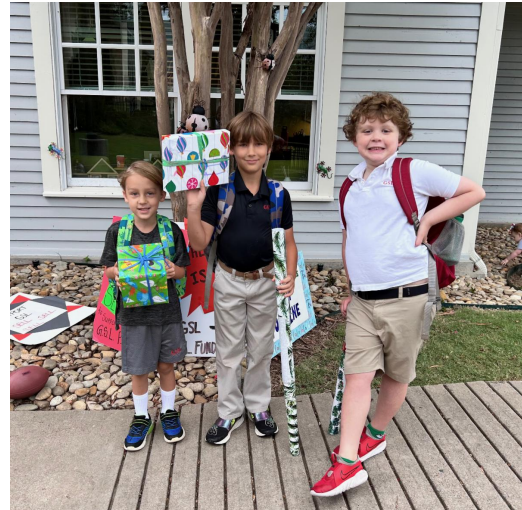
Alumni Families Photo

Around 6:30 p.m., we'll take a group photo of all current alumni families (GSL alumni parents and their children attending GSL) at this event.

Parking

Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling.

We look forward to seeing you all!



Have You Placed Your Charleston Wrap Order?

The deadline for Charleston Wrap orders is **THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22!** This is the LAST WEEK to sell - let's get those orders in!

Use the code 11033 and [click here](#) to register your child online to set up your child's unique student account. Share your child's link with friends and family and place all orders online by this Friday!

Remember, the more we sell, the more money comes back to our school! All proceeds go toward Teacher Wish Lists, which will purchase new classroom equipment and materials. Please help us surpass our \$20,000 goal!

And don't forget, we have PRIZES!!!

Top individual seller: **\$50 Novel gift card!**
Next 9 highest sellers: **\$10 Novel gift card**
Grade with the highest sales: **Dress-down day & a popsicle party!**
Classes that have 100% participation:
DOUGHNUT PARTY in their classroom!

If you don't want or need wrapping paper and gifts, but would still like to participate, simply write a check and make it payable to the GSL Parents' Association. You can send it directly to the Administrative Office at 246 S. Belvedere. Those gifts will also go to fulfill classroom wish lists.

Have questions? Email **Christina Gordon** or **Keating Lowery**.

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.

Conference Day ACE @ Play Registration

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is coming up, and it's time to register for ACE @ Play! We'll have games, games, games! Enjoy puzzles, board games, and other engaging activities during this fun-filled day.

Friday, September 22

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

\$50

[Click here to register today!](#) Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 21.

Please remember to bring a snack and lunch if your child will stay all day.

NOTE: One-hour conference care is offered for free during your conference time.



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.

Featured ACE Enrichments

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

Squishmallow Palooza for PK-JK: [Click here to register.](#)

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.](#)

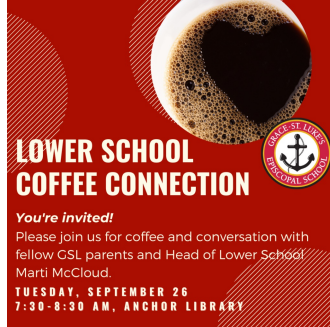


Lower School Coffee Connection

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!

HVAC Repairs Alert: Cranes on Campus!

September 20-22

Some upcoming HVAC repairs will necessitate that we have two cranes on campus this week - one on the Belvedere side and the other on Lemaster. Right now, we expect them September 20, but according to the current schedule of arrival, morning carpools should be unaffected.

Afternoon carpools could possibly be affected on the Lemaster side and on Belvedere, but we will send a separate email to let you know if particular changes are needed to either carpool schedule.



Middle School Basketball & Swimming Registration

**For 5th-8th Grades
Deadline September 22**

[Click here](#) to register by Friday for our winter sports offerings – basketball and swimming. Students who register after September 22 will be placed on a waiting list and may not play.

Help Spread the Word About GSL!

Please tell your friends with children about these admissions events. Your positive word-of-mouth is a great endorsement for GSL! [Click here for RSVP/registration link.](#)

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: 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.



Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually in the United States from Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

We invite all our school families with Hispanic backgrounds to help us celebrate your heritage for a presentation we are making for our students. If you'd like to participate, please [click here](#) for more information.

News from Grace-St. Luke's Church

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!

**CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO
GSL!**

