



# GSL eNews

Monday, September 11, 2023

## CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

### September

**11-22**

P.A.Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

**12**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Europe Trip Grades 7 & 8 Parent Meeting  
7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Anchor Center Library  
(You may attend either option.)

**13**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m

**14**

All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by  
Courtland Morris and Edward Scrugham  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

**15**

All-School Dot Dress-Down Day to Celebrate  
International Dot Day

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

**18-22**

Lost & Found Items on Display

**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



### Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Sept. 5-22

Use the code 11033 and [click here](#) to register your child online and receive your child's unique student code.

Please place your online orders by September 22, and don't forget to share your link with friends and family! **ALSO, classes that have 100% participation this year will earn a DOUGHNUT PARTY in their classrooms!**

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!

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**.

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**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

All-School Picnic Rain Date

**27**

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](#).*

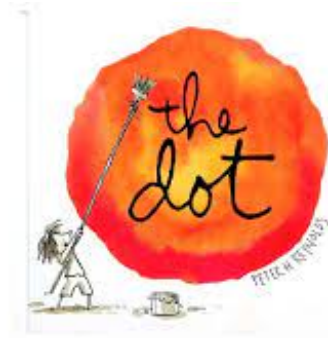
**29**

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



### ***All-School Dot Dress-Down Day Friday, Sept. 15***

*The Dot* by Peter Reynolds is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark.” Our Anchor Library is leading an all-school literacy-based event this day (our first of four such events this year) to inspire students to celebrate the courage, creativity, and confidence highlighted in this book. We will have an All-School Dot Dress-Down Day, suggested readings in classrooms, and the library will provide sidewalk chalk for students to create their own dot art on Lemaster outside the Anchor Center.



### ***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 take a moment 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.

## QUICK LINKS

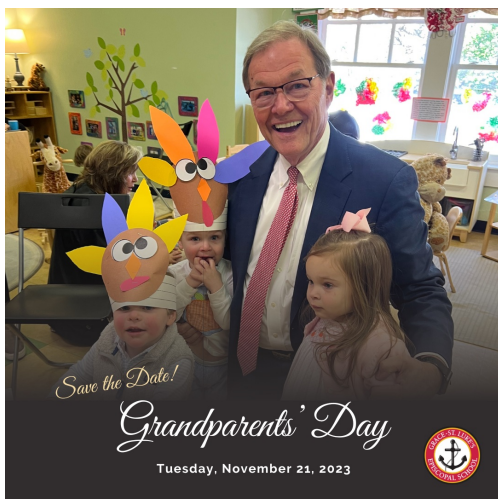
- [New! Blackbaud Parent Portal](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)
- [Lunch Service](#)
- [2023-24 Important Dates Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Handbook](#)
- [Lower & Middle School Handbook](#)
- [Uniform & Dress Code Policy](#)
- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
- [Refer a Friend to GSL](#)

## ***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.**



## **Grandparents' Day: Tuesday, November 21**

November will be here before you know it, which means one of our favorite events is right around the corner! Please ask your children's grandparents and special "grandfriends" to mark their calendars for Grandparents' Day at GSL, which will take place the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, November 21.

Invitations for Grandparents' Day will be sent 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.

More details will be shared in the coming weeks!

## **ACE Conference Care 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.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
& ENRICHMENT @ GSL

## **Featured ACE Enrichments:**

### **Tutoring Sessions for ISEE**

Do you have an 8th grader applying for high school? This one-week intensive course will prepare your child for the Independent Schools Entrance Exam (ISEE), an admissions test for private and independent schools. Ms. Forsyth has helped students prepare for ISEE tests for more than 15 years. She will help students be ready for test day and provide tips to improve scores. In addition to offering a group ISEE Prep Course, Ms. Forsyth offers 1-hour one-on-one sessions to help 8th graders prepare for the ISEE on Saturday, Sept. 23.

[Click here to register for the group course.](#)

[Click here to register for individual sessions.](#)

Please [email Ms. Forsyth](#) for individual session times and availability.

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

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

**Kids Run GSL for 2nd-4th:** [Click here to register.](#)

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

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

## **Middle School Basketball & Swimming Registration**

**For 5th-8th Grades**

**Deadline September 22**

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



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### ***All-School Picnic 2023***

**Sept. 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Rain date, Sept. 26)  
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 GSL Lukers!

#### **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**

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

#### **Spirit Wear Sale**

There will be a GSL Spirit Wear Sale at the picnic. More details to come.

#### **Alumni Families Photo**

It is a longtime tradition to take a group photo of all current alumni families (GSL alumni parents and their children attending GSL) at this event. Time TBA.

#### **Parking & Safety**

Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling.

More information coming soon; we look forward to seeing you all at this fun GSL community event!

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### ***Join the Performing Arts Booster Club***

[Click here today](#) to purchase a family membership to the Performing Arts Booster Club (PABC) at the discounted rate of \$80 if you join by September 30. After that date, regular memberships are \$100. Grandparent memberships are always \$55. Anyone can join, so feel free to forward the link to grandparents and friends!

Booster club fees help pay for a videographer and graphic designer to make the shows as memorable as possible, tiered seating in McClure Hall for performances, playbills, and improvements to sound and lighting. Members have their names listed in all show playbills and receive access to the exclusive PABC ticket pre-sale and priority seating to the theater on show nights.

New and renewing members will also receive a complimentary t-shirt featuring the beautiful PABC logo (designed by GSL alum parent Reuben Brunson). You can also buy additional t-shirts for family members.

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### ***Athletic Booster Club News: Memberships and Field Banner Sponsorships***

By purchasing an annual Booster Club membership, you can help provide quality enhancements and benefits to our Middle School Athletic program, such as uniforms, concession stand/locker room



renovations, and other improvements. Membership also means your immediate family gets **FREE ADMISSION** to all the regular season 5th-8th grade home games at GSL. Grandparent memberships are also available. [Click here to sign up for a membership now!](#)

We are once again selling booster sponsorship banners at GSL's Snowden Field (where the Saints play football, soccer, softball, and baseball). A new banner is \$250 and renewing a banner is \$150. It's a great way to advertise your business to fans for all our home games! [Click here for the form](#) or [see our page](#) for more info.



### ***Summer Europe Trip for 7th & 8th Graders***

**May 30-June 8, 2024**

It is a longtime GSL tradition to offer a summer travel-abroad option for our oldest students. After a pandemic pause, we relaunched this tradition with a trip to Italy in July. We are pleased to share that we will lead interested 7th & 8th grade students to Europe again next summer, with a 10-day tour of Spain, including Madrid, Seville,

Costa del Sol, and an exciting day excursion to Morocco. This trip will be led by Middle School teachers Juan Roncal and Sarah Ranson.

We will host **two** informational meetings on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., in the Anchor Center Library. If you are interested in this opportunity for your 7th or 8th graders, please plan to attend either one of the meetings to learn more about the trip details, including the itinerary, activities, academic opportunities, and the cost. There are limited spots on this trip, so we would love to have you attend this meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

We are looking forward to a wonderful trip in 2024 and continuing the special GSL tradition of traveling in Europe. The trip to Spain promises to be an exciting and memorable one. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [Mrs. Hendry](#) or [Mr. Roncal](#).

### ***Help Spread the Word About GSL!***

Please tell your friends with children about these 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 PS-aged children)**

Saturday, October 28, 9 a.m.

**Preschool Preview Day:** Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m.

#### **Holiday Storytime (for PS-aged children)**

Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m.

#### **SK Storytime (for JK-aged children)**

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



## ***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

## GSL Church Sports

JK-4th Grade Boys & Girls



Register Now for Basketball!

first-come, first-served basis. Sign up today and join the fun!

**CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO  
GSL!**

