



# GSL eNews

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

## CALENDAR PREVIEW

*Next 4 Weeks*

### September

**5-22**

P.A.Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

**5**

Middle School Spirit Week Begins: Hawaiian-Themed Dress-Down Day in Middle School

**6**

School Picture Day for Grades SK-8

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m

**7**

School Picture Day for Preschool (LL, PK, JK)

Fall Homecoming & All-School Red & White Dress-Down Day (GSL Spirit Wear of any color also permitted)

See below or [visit our Athletics Calendar](#) for full list of games this week!

All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Pep Rally & GSL Class of 2023 Yearbook Signing  
2:15 p.m., Anchor Gym

**8**

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

Middle School Spirit Week: Favorite Team Jersey Dress-Down Day for Middle School

Middle School Leadership Retreat

4th-8th Grade Lacrosse Clinic  
3:15-4:30 p.m., Lemaster Playground



### Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Is Now Live!!!

**Sept. 5-22**

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

Please make your orders online by September 22, and don't forget to share your link with friends and family! **ALSO, classes that have 100% participation this year will receive 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 buy 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**.

**10**

Central Gardens Home Tour  
1-5 p.m.  
(Sponsored in part by GSL)

**12**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

GSL Europe Trip Grades 7 & 8 Parent Meeting  
7:30-8 a.m., Anchor Center Library  
6-7 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  
\*Sale ends at 6:30 p.m.

**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**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

All-School Picnic Rain Date

**27**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

**28**

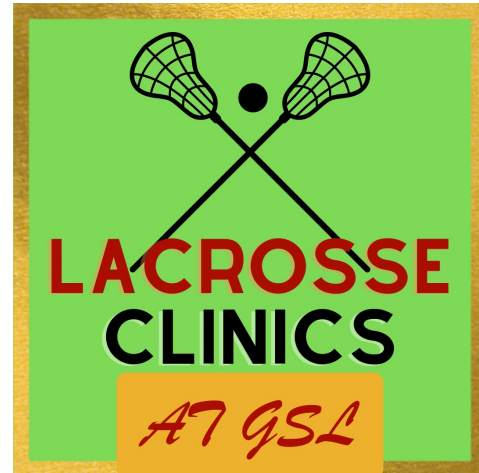
All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by

# ALL-SCHOOL RED & WHITE DRESS-DOWN!

**SAINTS HOMECOMING  
FALL 2023!**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 7**  
(GSL SPIRIT WEAR IN ANY COLOR  
ALSO ALLOWED)

**GO SAINTS!!!**



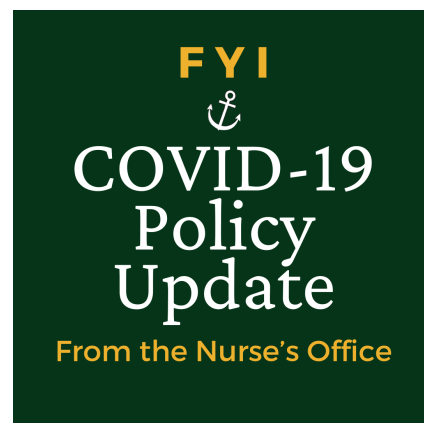
## **Lacrosse Clinic at GSL**

**WHO:** 4th-8th Grade Girls and Boys

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 8 from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lemaster Playground

In response to interest expressed by parents, we are offering one more free lacrosse clinic on campus this fall, run by MUS Head Lacrosse Coach Joe Cummings. Attendees should bring a lacrosse stick if possible. Please [click here to register](#).



## **COVID Policy Update at GSL**

As stated in our Preschool and Lower School/Middle School Parent-Student Handbooks, any student or faculty/staff member with a positive

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*)

Covid test needs to quarantine at home for 5 days before returning to school and extracurricular activities. Day 0 is the day that symptoms started, or the day of a positive test – whichever happened first.

Each person may return to school and extracurricular activities on Day 6, and in an update to the previously published policy, per advice from our Physician Advisory Members, **no retesting or masking is required upon returning**. The handbooks have been updated and reposted online [here](#) and in the Quick Links section below.

## 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.



### School Day Pictures!

at  
**Grace-St. Luke's**

Photos will be taken.....

**SK-8**  
**Wed. September 6**

**LL-JK**  
**Thurs. September 7**

**\*\* No money will be required on the day pictures are taken. You will receive an email notification with your child's photo for ordering within 1-2 weeks. Should you not receive a link, please contact our studio!**

**See you on picture day!!!**  
**Welcome Back!!**




**HOLLAND STUDIO OF PHOTOGRAPHY**  
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**THURSDAY, SEPT. 7**

# SAINTS HOMECOMING

**YEARBOOK SIGNING @ 2:15**



**CHEER ON THE SAINTS  
AT SNOWDEN FIELD!**

4PM - 7/8 GIRLS' SOCCER VS WOODLAND  
5:30PM - 5/6 FOOTBALL VS LAUSANNE  
7PM - 7/8 FOOTBALL VS LAUSANNE

## Fall Homecoming & Class of 2023 Yearbook Signing

Get ready to come cheer on the Saints! We have a Red & White Dress-Down Day (GSL Spirit Wear in any color is also permitted), winners of the poster contest will be announced, and we'll enjoy a pep rally at 2:15 p.m. as we welcome the GSL Class of 2023 back to sign yearbooks. Additional Middle School dress-down days are listed in the calendar above. Additional games during the week are listed below.  
**GO, SAINTS!**

### Tuesday, 9/5

5 p.m. - 7/8 Varsity Volleyball vs Harding  
6 p.m. - 7/8 JV Volleyball vs St. Agnes

### Thursday, 9/7

4 p.m. - 7/8 Girls Soccer vs Woodland  
5:30 p.m. - 5/6 Football vs Lausanne  
7 p.m. - 7/8 Football vs Lausanne

### Friday, 9/8

4 p.m. - 7/8 Boys Golf vs Woodland at Overton

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## ***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!](#)**

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



## ***Featured Enrichment Offering: Squishmallow-Palooza!***

Join Ms. Canon and Ms. Hensley as we party away with our favorite squishmallow! Do you love Squishmallows? Do you like to party? If yes, Squishmallow-Palooza is the place for you! Bring your favorite squishy friend and dress in PJs to enjoy an afternoon of fun, including a craft and special drink!

Grades: SK - 4th  
Date: Friday, September 8  
Number of Classes: 1  
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Instructors: Caroline Canon and Abby Hensley  
Cost \$25

**[Click here to register today!](#)**



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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.



# ALL-SCHOOL PICNIC 2023

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



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 your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy time with your fellow GSL Lukers!

## Food & Beverages

Dinner is on GSL! Memphis Dawgs will provide hot dogs, drinks, and chips.

## 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!

## Hispanic Heritage Month Project

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.



## Central Gardens Annual Home & Garden Tour Sunday, Sept. 10, 1-5 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for the annual Central Gardens Home & Garden Tour, which features houses throughout our beautiful school neighborhood. GSL

School is one of the sponsors; support

the Central Gardens neighborhood association and check it out! [Click here](#) today to purchase tickets and see which homes will be featured on this year's tour.

## 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](#) 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!



BETH-SARAH WRIGHT

## ***Day of Dignity with Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright***

### **September 10**

All are invited to a host of events on Sunday, September 10, featuring Atlanta-based author, speaker, and co-founder of Thrive With Dignity, Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright. Through preaching at the 8 and 10:30 a.m. liturgies, a conversation at the 9:30 a.m. rector's forum, and a noon lunch and learn story time for parents accompanied by children and youth (ages 4-18), Wright will bring insight to our baptismal covenant's last vow: to respect the dignity of every human being. Wright will also host a GSL School faculty and administration session on September 11. Learn more at [bethsarahwright.com](https://bethsarahwright.com). **Sign up for the noon lunch and learn story time here.**

## ***Memphis Boy & Girl Choir***

Auditions are continuing for the **Memphis Boy & Girl Choir** (girls 3rd grade and above and boys through voice change) and for the **Training Choir** (1st & 2nd grade without audition). **Visit the website** and contact Artistic Director Dr. Patrick Scott **via email** or at 901-252-6323 for more info.

Students will participate in weekly rehearsals, learn performance singing skills and musical theory, and sing in occasional concerts and worship services.

**Click here to watch a video** about how your child can participate!



**CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO  
GSL!**

