



# GSL eNews

Monday, August 28, 2023

## CALENDAR PREVIEW

*Next 4 Weeks*

### August

**29-Sept. 1**

Middle School Student Council Campaign Week

**29**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

**30**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

**31**

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

### September

**1**

All-School 901 Dress-Down Day to Celebrate Memphis

Celebration: Student Council Campaign Speeches, 8:05 a.m., GSL Church  
(Parents welcome to attend)

**4**

Labor Day Holiday, No School or ACE

**5-22**

P.A.Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

**5**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Middle School Spirit Week Begins  
(Themed dress-down TBA)

**6**

School Picture Day for Grades SK-8

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

## 901 Dress-Down Day, Fri. Sept. 1!



### All-School 901 Dress-Down Day to Celebrate Memphis Friday, Sept. 1

We ♥ Memphis! Wear anything that shows what you love most about the 901!



### Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Sept. 5-22

**WHAT:** GSL's annual fall fundraiser is coming September 5-22! Students sell wrapping paper and gift items from Charleston Wrap, and proceeds

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  
(Themed dress-down TBA)

Middle School Leadership Retreat

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

10  
Central Gardens Home Tour  
1-5 p.m.  
(Sponsored in part by GSL)

12  
Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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 Carol Buchman and 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.

21  
All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Middle School Class Retreats

are used to buy great new items for GSL classrooms.

**WHY:** Each year teachers submit wish lists for items to improve their classrooms, and the Parents' Association, through fundraisers including Charleston Wrap, raises the money to fulfill those wishes. **Last year, the Charleston Wrap fundraiser brought in just over \$21,000 to buy equipment including new smartboards, iPads, STEM learning tools and robotics equipment.**

**HOW:** A sales packet from Charleston Wrap will come home with your child this week. Use the code 11033 to **register your child online here** and receive your child's unique student code. This fundraiser is 100% online, and all items will be shipped directly to the purchaser!

**SHARE:** Don't forget to share your child's online sale site with coworkers, friends, neighbors and family. If you've ordered the wrapping paper before, you know it's the best, highest quality wrapping paper out there. **And it's not just for Christmas. Buy your birthday paper, gift bags, tags and ribbon for the whole year!** You'll find lots of other home and gift items available as well.

**Last year, we surpassed our goal of \$20,000, and anticipate doing so again this year with all of the hard work and support from our GSL community!** If you don't want or need wrapping paper and gifts, but would still like to participate, simply write a check made 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**.



### **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](#)**.

## 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

### 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.**



### *Fall Homecoming 2023*

Get ready to come cheer on the Saints! On Thursday, Sept. 7 we will have a Red & White Dress-Down Day (GSL Spirit Wear in any color is also permitted) and a pep rally at 2:15 pm as we welcome the GSL Class of 2023 back to sign yearbooks. More details to come on Middle School Spirit Week. 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  
4 p.m. - Tennis at Northpoint

### *Support GSL Family-Owned Businesses*

At Grace-St. Luke's, we want to help our community by supporting local businesses, especially those owned by GSL families! A list of GSL family-owned businesses can be viewed [here](#) on our website.

If you would like to add your business to the list, [email Brenda Berry](#) with your business name, website, physical address, phone number, and email address.

Thank you for supporting our community!



### *News from Grace-St. Luke's Church*

### *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



BETH-SARAH WRIGHT

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!



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GSL!**

