



GSL eNews

Monday, August 21, 2023

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

August

21-22

Middle School Fall Musical Auditions
3-4:30 p.m., Performing Arts Room

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Fall Enrichment Classes Begin

Athletic Booster Club Kickoff Party
6-7:30 p.m., Anchor Center Library

23

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

24

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

P.A. Spirit Wear Sale, 3-6 p.m., Anchor Cafeteria

P.A. Volunteer Fair, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Anchor Cafeteria

Back-to-School Night for Parents
6:30-8 p.m.: Begins in GSL Church; followed by visits to classroom

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

29-Sept. 1

Middle School Student Council Campaign Week

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.



Athletic Booster Club News: Kickoff Party, Joining, and Field Banner Sponsorships

All 4th-8th grade parents are invited to the annual Booster Club Kickoff Party this Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Anchor Library! (Adults only; no students, please!)

You'll be able to meet our Middle School coaches, learn what Middle School sports are all about, and hear all the reasons you should join the Athletic Booster Club, which was created to support and enhance the Middle School Athletics program.

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!**

In other news, 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.

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All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m

September

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All-School 901 Dress-Down Day

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

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Labor Day Holiday, No School or ACE

5-22

P.A.Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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School Picture Day for Grades SK-8

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m

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

All-School Red & White Dress-Down Day for GSL
Fall Homecoming (See below or [visit 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

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

Middle School Leadership Retreat

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Central Gardens Home Tour
(Sponsored in part by GSL)

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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, 8:05 a.m

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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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 always welcome to attend)



Parents' Back-to-School Night Thursday, August 24 Anchor Center, Church, & Classrooms

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend our annual Back-to-School Night! In addition to meeting your child's teacher, you will have an opportunity to hear from Dr. Andy Surber, Head of School, buy Spirit Wear items, and learn how to get involved with the many wonderful Parents' Association (P.A.) events this year.

Below is an outline of the evening's events:

3:00-6 p.m. | Spirit Wear Sale | Anchor Center Cafeteria

Check out this year's awesome Spirit Wear items, which include uniform-approved fleece outerwear and sweatshirts!

5:30-6:30 p.m. | P.A. Volunteer Fair | Anchor Center Cafeteria

Visit the P.A. Welcome Table staffed by P.A. volunteers to help answer any questions. Stop by the event tables to learn about the different volunteer opportunities available! Learn more about P.A. events [HERE](#).

6:30-7:00 p.m. | Welcome from Head of School Dr. Andy Surber | GSL Church

Head of School Dr. Andy Surber will officially welcome families to the 2023-24 school year.

7:00-8:00 p.m. | Classroom Visits

Meet your child's teacher!

Back-to-School Night is an ADULTS ONLY event. If you have a conflict that evening, or if you have multiple children at GSL, not to worry. All teachers will share a summary of their presentations with families after Back-to-School Night!

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.

News from Fine Arts:

Once Upon a Mattress on Stage at GSL

Middle School Auditions

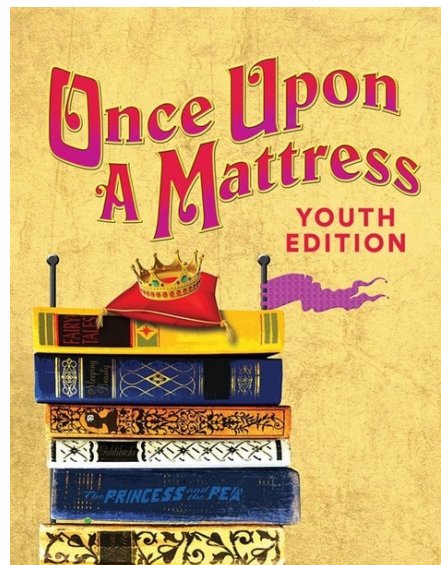
Aug. 21-22, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Performing Arts Room

This October, our Middle School Fine Arts Department will stage *Once Upon A Mattress*, a comical retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Princess and the Pea*.

Middle School students are invited to audition today and tomorrow! Fourth graders are also invited to participate but will not need to audition. Parents may contact Middle School Performing Arts Teacher [Leslie Reddick](#) if their children want to participate.

Please click here to review the [Tentative Rehearsal Schedule](#) for this production.

Performance Dates: October 19-21



Charleston Wrap Fundraiser '23

WHAT: GSL's annual fall fundraiser is coming September 5-22! Students sell wrapping paper and gift items from Charleston Wrap, and proceeds 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 a little 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 next 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 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](#).

Handbooks & More Posted on Website

Currently, there are two ways to reach helpful Parent Resources

on our website.

1- [Click here](#) to visit the Parent Resources page for links to information you may need throughout the school year, including the Preschool Handbook, the Lower School/Middle School Handbook, ACE: After Care & Enrichment, Piccadilly lunch information, and more!

2- Our new [Blackbaud Parent Portal](#) is up and running. We are beginning to move forms over there as well, both for your convenience as you use Blackbaud more often, and to keep parent-only information behind the login, going forward. You can currently find our Handbooks there. More info to come!

2023-24

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS



Sign Up Now for ACE: After School Care & Fall Enrichment Classes

After School Care

We are ready for another super school year! Fees for After School Care are \$975/semester for full-time care (available in five monthly installments of \$195) or \$20/day for drop-in care. [Click here to register today.](#)

Enrichment

We have an incredible lineup of enrichment offerings for students this fall, and our first classes begin Tuesday. We've added a few new enrichments since the brochure was first posted, and many of our classes still have spaces available, so please take a look!

[Click here to view the new Fall 2023 brochure and access the registration link](#)

Medication Authorization & Required Health Forms

Please [click here to access GSL's Authorization to Administer Medication Form](#). This form must be filled out annually for any child who will be taking medication while at school. This includes any scheduled medications as well as any medication such as Advil or Tylenol that you may want the nurse to administer as needed during school hours. Please fill out, sign, and return the completed form to [Nurse Janelle Calzia](#) as soon as possible.

If your child has any of the following chronic health conditions or any food allergies, these health forms are also required to be kept on file at the school. Click below to download anything applicable to your child, have your doctor complete, and please return to Nurse Calzia by Friday, Sept. 1 at the latest.

- [**Asthma**](#)
- [**Diabetes**](#)
- [**Seizures**](#)
- [**Food Allergies**](#)

Finally, a big thanks to all who updated their medical information in our [Blackbaud](#) Parent Portal over the summer, and to all the SK and 7th grade families who submitted their required immunization forms to Angela Merideth. If you have not yet filled in your child's medical information on Blackbaud, please do so now. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe and healthy at school!



Lacrosse Clinics at GSL

In response to interest expressed by parents, we are offering two free lacrosse clinics on campus this fall. They will be run by MUS Head Lacrosse Coach Joe Cummings. Attendees should bring a lacrosse stick if possible. Please [click here to register](#) so that we know how many to expect.

WHO: 4th-8th Grade Girls and Boys



WHEN: Friday, Aug. 25 and Friday, Sept. 8 from 3:15-4:30 p.m.
WHERE: Lemaster Turf Playground

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!



Friday, 9/8

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

Fall Homecoming 2023

Get ready to come cheer on the Saints! On Thursday, Sept. 7 we will have a pep rally at 2:15 pm and welcome the GSL Class of 2023 back to sign yearbooks. More details to come on Middle School Spirit Week. Games during the week are as follows 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

News from Grace-St. Luke's Church



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!

