



GSL eNews

Monday, January 30, 2023

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

January

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Classes Resume

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

February

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Re-enrollment Agreements Due

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

2

All-School Chapel, with Chapel Talks by Wren McCloud and Bear Danosky
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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Celebration Hosted by Shannon Benitone
8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym
(Families are welcome to attend Celebration!)

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GSL Basketball Night at Memphis Hustle
7 p.m., Landers Center

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

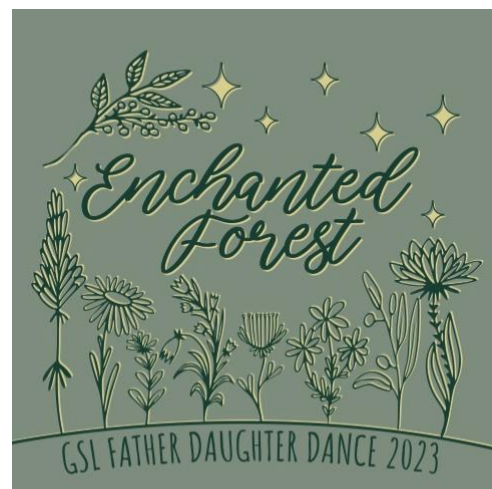
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All-School Chapel, with Chapel Talks by Bella McAdams, Sam Wilkinson, and Shane Barron

REMINDER!
Re-Enrollment Agreements Are Due February 1 (This Wednesday!)
Go Saints!

Complete Re-Enrollment Agreements by Feb. 1

We are excited about the coming school year as we build our GSL community! Please complete your re-enrollment agreement this week - the deadline is this Wednesday to **avoid the \$250 late fee!** [Click here to access SchoolAdmin](#) and complete your agreement today.



Register Now for the Father-Daughter Dance

8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Sponsored by the P.A.
11 a.m., Trezevant Hall

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Celebration Hosted by Harmony Swenson
8:05 a.m., GSL Church
(Families are welcome to attend Celebration!)

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All-School Red, White & Pink Dress-Down for
Valentine's Day

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., GSL Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

5th/6th Second Trimester Music Performance
6 p.m., McClure Hall

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Celebration Hosted by Jane Williams
8:05 a.m., GSL Church
(Families are welcome to attend Celebration!)

7th Grade Exam: History

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Trivia Event Sponsored by the P.A.
2-4 p.m., Old Dominick Distillery

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Presidents' Day Holiday - No School

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Classes Resume

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7th Grade Exam: Science

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Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-8

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

8th Grade Internship Program Begins

7th Grade Exam: Math

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8th Graders on Internships

5th Grade Class Trip Meeting, 7:15 a.m.

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

7th Grade Exam: Spanish & Latin

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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February 24, 7-9 p.m.

Anchor Center Cafeteria

(For 4th-8th grade girls and their favorite
father-figures)

**Click here to register. The deadline
is February 6!**

Please join us for an enchanting evening in a
forest full of magic and wonder at this year's GSL
Father-Daughter Dance!

Inviting all 4th-8th grade GSL girls and their
favorite father-figure. Costumes of enchanting
forest creatures are encouraged!

Cost is \$40 per person and includes a t-shirt for
each student, commemorative framed photo, and
refreshments.

Students may dress down wearing their Father-
Daughter Dance t-shirt on Monday, February 27.

Please be on the lookout for a sign up for parents
to volunteer to help make this a magical night for
our girls and their favorite father-figures!

Questions? Please contact your event co-chairs
Alysa Johnston, **Hayley Hudson**, **Jenny Rixon**,
Molly Smith, or **Gina Roberts**.



**Calling for Class Coverage
Volunteers for Annual
Appreciation Luncheon
Thursday, Feb. 9**

The traditional Faculty/Staff Appreciation
Luncheon is BACK, hosted by the Parents'
Association! We are so excited to be able to offer
our teachers and staff a sit-down luncheon
experience – for the first time since 2020! – to
celebrate all they give to GSL. We've invited retired
GSL faculty and staff to join as special guests this
year, and our attendees will even have the
opportunity to enjoy a neck/shoulder massage
from team members from the Massage Institute!

Interested in helping with this event? The P.A. is
calling for parent volunteers to watch classrooms
so teachers can enjoy this midday break with their

8th Graders on Internships

Celebration Hosted by Sara Ralston
8:05 a.m., GSL Church
(Families are welcome to attend Celebration!)

7th Grade Exam: English

4th-8th Grade Father/Daughter Dance
7-9 p.m., Anchor Center

grown-up peers. The one-hour time slots when we need class coverage are during students' lunch/recess time (Lower and Middle School) or nap time (Preschool). Please help us fill these slots so teachers can enjoy this treat!

[Click here to access the SignUpGenius to volunteer today!](#)



QUICK LINKS

- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
- [Refer a Friend to GSL](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)
- [Lunch Service](#)
- [2022-23 Important Dates Calendar](#)
- [2023-24 Important Dates Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Handbook](#)
- [Lower & Middle School Handbook](#)

Weekly eNews Distribution

To add an email address to the eNews distribution list, please email **[Associate 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**.



The Annual Fund Textathon is Coming Soon!

If you have already pledged or donated to the 2022-23 Celebrating 75 Years Annual Fund, THANK YOU! Your donations help GSL provide classroom enhancements such as laptops and smart boards, and help with facilities and maintenance needs. Your gifts also support the teachers, ensuring they have access to professional development along with incredible benefits.

If not, you're in luck! Parent volunteers will be calling and texting you soon and look forward to explaining what a difference every donation to the Annual Fund can make!

If it is not convenient for you to receive a call or text, you may make a pledge or donation at any time **[here](#)**.

Questions? **[Email Director of Advancement Brenda Berry](#)**

Europe Trip is Back!

Tentative Dates: July 12-22, 2023

Attention 7th and 8th Grade Families: Don't miss out – GSL's Europe trip is back, and we're traveling to Italy this July! This trip will be led by 7th Grade English & History Teacher Juan Roncal.

Registrations are due by Feb. 2; [click here to register today](#).

If you missed the Informational Meeting January 19 and have questions, please [email Mr. Roncal](#).



8th Grade Internship Program Update

In just a few short weeks, our 8th Grade Class of 2023 will embark on 3-day internships - a program now in its 16th year at GSL! We share below a recent message from Middle School Dean of Students & Internship Advisor Kimberly White reminding us all about the long-term impact of this important initiative.

This is one of our capstone programs here at GSL, and as such, it's a large one to manage. It's with the support and effort of many people behind the scenes that we launch our 8th graders into the working world each year. Many teachers, faculty, and staff (both past and present!) have offered contacts or actually offered to mentor our students. They all deserve a pat on the back.

*One more stat that I consistently find interesting: Each year - when I think we have pretty much exhausted the Memphis-area business world - our students come up with new businesses to contact. You'd think that after 16 years or so, we'd run out of new places. Not true! This year **nine** new businesses have offered to mentor our students! Notable new supporters include the President and CEO of MLGW - Doug McGowen, Bruce McMullen - a managing shareholder at Baker Donelson, and professional soccer player Caleb Patterson-Sewell, who is now a coach for 901FC.*

The connections that GSL students have made with some movers and shakers in this city is undeniable... and as far as we know, there isn't another school in the city that gives 8th graders this opportunity.

I'm so proud of our students and our school. Go, Saints! - Kimberly White

Save the Date for Spring Play: Grandmother Tales
March 2-3, 7:30 p.m.
March 4, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
McClure Hall

News from the Fine Arts Program at GSL:
Rehearsals are underway for our spring play!
Please put these performance dates on your calendar today. Ticket info coming soon!

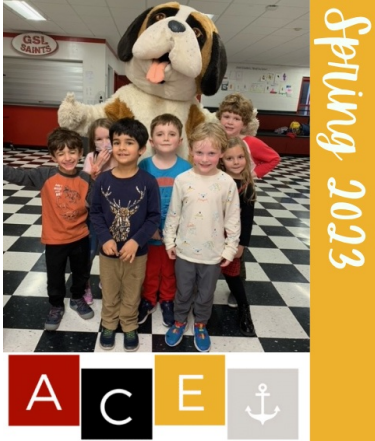


ACE Brochure Is Now Posted!

Our new booklet of enrichment offerings is posted online on our ACE web page - [check it out here](#) and [click here to register today on Ultra Camp](#) for some of our great spring offerings!

NOTE: Time changes in the **Kidokinetics** sessions: LL is now 3:30-4:15; PK-JK is now 4:30-5:15.

Second Squishmallow Added Due to



Popular Demand

For SK-4th Grade

Wednesday, April 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$35; registration deadline 3/30. [Click here to register.](#)

Register Now for American Girl Doll Holiday Parties

For SK - 2nd Grade

February 14 and April 6, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Join Mrs. Wright and Ms. Canon for a holiday party with your dolls! We will have a sweet treat, learn new hairstyles for our dolls, and play dress up! Bring your dolls and wear a holiday themed shirt for this exciting event. The first class will be Valentine's Day-themed,

while the other will be themed for Easter. Cost: \$50. [Click here to register.](#)

Get Tuition and ACE Statements

With tax season upon us, we remind you that tuition and ACE statements are available online through FACTS and UltraCamp. [Click here for our Business Office FAQs](#) document with the instructions for accessing these forms. (The FAQs are also posted under the Admissions/Tuition tab on our website.)



75th Anniversary

YARD SIGNS!

Want to show your love for GSL?

COMPLIMENTARY YARD SIGNS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Request your free sign while supplies last!

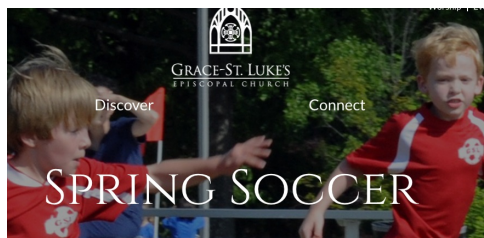
GO, SAINTS!!!

Get Your Yard Sign Before They're Gone!

Did you miss out on getting a commemorative 75th Anniversary GSL yard sign this fall? Our supply is rapidly disappearing, but you still have time to grab one! We would love to see new signs up in front yards (and/or businesses) all over town as we move into admissions season. So show your love for the Saints and request yours today!

Just email mwoodmansee@gslschool.org and we'll bring one out to the carpool line at drop-off or pick-up. (These signs are also great 75th keepsakes that can be recycled later as wall art for your Saint's inside or outdoor play space!)

News from the Church



Church Soccer Registration Deadline Jan. 31!

For JK-4th Grade Boys & Girls

The 2023 season is April 1- May 13. Registration is open until January 31 and can be accessed [here](#). Please refer to this link for ALL information regarding spring soccer. Once registration is closed, individual placement will be permitted if space is available. Questions? **Email Christi Authement.**



Join the Memphis Boy & Girl Choir This Spring

For 3rd grade and older girls and boys to voice change

Want to learn to sing? Come be a part of a longtime Memphis tradition. This fantastic group learns basic and advanced musical and singing skills and puts on performances. Contact [Dr. Patrick Scott](#) (901.252.6323) at GSL Church to schedule a simple audition. Rehearsals are



***Messages from The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector,
and Bishop Phoebe Roaf, Episcopal Diocese of West
Tennessee***

Please [click here](#) to read a message from Father Ollie regarding the death of Tyre Nichols, and remember that GSL Church clergy are always available for prayer and counseling, so feel free to reach out via [phone or email](#).

From Bishop Phoebe:

I am praying for the repose of the soul of Tyre Nichols and for all who mourn his death, for the MPD officers involved, for those leading the investigation, and for the city of Memphis. May God's justice and compassion be with us in the days and weeks to come.

Collect for Times of Conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life.
Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth,
to confront one another without hatred and bitterness,
and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO GSL TODAY!

