



## GSL eNews

Monday, August 29, 2022

### CALENDAR PREVIEW

*Next 4 Weeks*

#### August

##### 30- Sept. 2

Student Council Campaign Week

##### 30

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

##### 31

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

#### September

##### 1

All-School 901 Dress-Down Day (Wear your favorite Memphis-themed items!)

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

Spirit Wear Sale, 3:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Anchor Center Cafeteria

P.A. Volunteer Fair, 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Anchor Center Cafeteria

Back-to-School Night, 6:30 p.m., begins in GSL Church with comments from Dr. Surber, followed by parent visits to classrooms

##### 2

Celebration Featuring Student Council Campaign Speeches, Hosted by Ellen Hendry  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

##### 5

Labor Day Holiday - No School

##### 6-23

P.A. Fall Wrapping Paper Fundraiser

##### 6



#### Back-to-School Night

##### Thursday, September 1

Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 1. In addition to meeting your child's teacher, you'll have the opportunity to hear from Head of School Dr. Andy Surber, purchase Spirit Wear, and learn how to get involved with the many wonderful Parents' Association (P.A.) events this year. The evening's schedule is as follows:

##### 3:00-6:15 p.m.

###### Spirit Wear Sale

###### Anchor Center Cafeteria

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

##### 5:30-6:15 p.m.

###### P.A. Volunteer Fair

###### Anchor Center Cafeteria

- Visit the P.A. Welcome Table staffed by volunteers who will answer any questions.
- Stop by the event tables to see the different volunteer opportunities available!
- Learn more about P.A. [events here](#).

##### 6:30-7 p.m.

Welcome from Head of School Andy Surber  
GSL Church

##### 7-8 p.m.

###### Classroom Visits with Your Teachers

Children should not attend Back-to-School

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

**7**

School Picture Day, Grades SK-8

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

**8**

School Picture Day for Preschool (LL-JK)

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

**9**

8th Grade Parents Look-Ahead to High School  
8 a.m., Anchor Library

Celebration, Hosted by Julie Binder  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Middle School Leadership Retreats  
8:30 a.m.

**13**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Preschool Speech & Language Screenings  
9 a.m. to noon, Preschool Tinker Lab & Tutor  
Room

**14**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Preschool Speech & Language Screenings  
9 a.m. to noon, Preschool Tinker Lab & Tutor  
Room

**15**

All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.  
Chapel Talks by Margaret Fore and J.W. Curry

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

**16**

Celebration, Hosted by Lee Schaffler  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

**20**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

All-School Picnic and Spirit Wear Sale  
6 p.m., Snowden Field (2233 Harbert Ave.)

**21-23**

Fall Spirit Week Celebrations for Homecoming

**21**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Middle School Dress-Down Day

**22**

All-School Red & White Dress-Down Day for  
Homecoming

All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.  
Chapel Talks by Martha Mitchell and  
Reed Hoffman

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Pep Rally & Class of 2022 Yearbook Signing  
2:15 p.m., Anchor Gym

Night. 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!



## Spirit Wear Sale at Back-to-School Night

**September 1, 3-6:15 p.m.**

The Spirit Wear Committee is opening the Back-to-School Night Sale EARLY so you'll have lots of time to check out our fantastic GSL items!

Cash registers will start ringing at 3 p.m. in time for pick-up, and will continue until 6:15 p.m., ending just before Back-to-School Night programming begins.

Join us in the Anchor Center Cafeteria to find the perfect GSL gear for your Luker and for yourself! Spirit Wear is sold to help families, students, and staff show their pride in our school, and is also a fundraiser for the Parents' Association. The P.A. helps raise funds for our teachers' "wish lists," which in the past have included iPads, smart boards, wobble chairs, library books, preschool outdoor classroom furnishings and more.

Spirit Wear consists of all GSL-logo items such as t-shirts, hats, accessories, specialty monogrammed items, and tech sports shirts that are NOT part of the official school uniform. It also includes outerwear - sweatshirts and fleeces - which can be worn as part of the school uniform in the classroom.

Spirit Wear items come in a variety of sizes. We have merchandise for toddlers, little kids, big kids, and parents! Some styles and sizes might be limited, so load up on gear before it's gone! Checks and major credit cards accepted.

5/6 Football Homecoming Game  
5:30 p.m., Snowden Field

7/8 Football Homecoming Game  
7 p.m., Snowden Field

23

Fall Wrapping Paper Fundraiser Ends

Middle School Dress-Down Day

Celebration, Hosted by Juan Roncal  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

## 901 DRESS DOWN DAY

Thursday,  
9.01



### QUICK LINKS

- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
- [Refer a Friend to GSL](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)
- [Lunch Service](#)
- [2022-23 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 901.278.2685.

SAY CHEESE!



### School Day Pictures!

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

Photos will be taken.....  
**K - 8th**  
**Wed. September 7th**  
**2yr - JK**  
**Thurs. September 8**

\*\* 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!!**



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### Lower School Staff Update

We are pleased to announce that **Elizabeth Bayzie** will be returning to GSL to fill the position of Lower School Innovation Lab, Science and Technology Teacher upon **Amie Plumley's** upcoming departure. Elizabeth is a familiar face here as she served in this position at GSL from 2016-2019, when she paused her teaching career to take care of her newborn. We are so happy to welcome her back to GSL along with her two sons! Elizabeth has a bachelor's degree in integrative studies from the University of Memphis and a master's in elementary education from the University of Phoenix.

Between Amie's last day next Friday, Sept. 2, and Elizabeth's first day on Monday, Sept. 26, we are fortunate to have former Preschool/Lower School teacher **Kelsey Beagle** substituting in this position to ensure a seamless transition for our students.

### Reminder: Submit Your Sibling Applications Now!

Just a reminder that admissions season has started for the 2023-24 school year. Click [here](#) to submit a sibling application. (Siblings are offered a place in January before new family admission notifications



go out in February.)

Questions? Contact Director of Enrollment **Shelly McGuire**.

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### ***Parking & Driving Reminders***

Just a friendly reminder to families: Let's be mindful of our neighbors who live on Peabody, Linden, Lemaster, and Belvedere by driving and parking carefully! Please remember:

- **On Belvedere, please pull up into the driveway next to the office** when dropping off. Do not drop off from the street or stop in front of neighbors' driveways.
- **Drive slowly on the streets around campus**, especially when entering/exiting carpool lanes and passing parked cars.
- **Do not block our neighbors' driveways**, and leave ample space when parking near their driveways.
- **Do not block our neighbors' garbage cans when parking** as this can prevent trash pickup.



THANK YOU for helping us be a good neighbor and great centerpiece of Central Gardens!

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### ***Join GSL's Athletic Booster Club!***

Open to all parents, grandparents, and friends of GSL, the Athletic Booster Club 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. (This is a great way to save on basketball home game admission fees!) Grandparent memberships are also available. **Click here to sign up!**

In other news, we are bringing the booster sponsorship banners back at Snowden Field! 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 visit the **Booster Club webpage** for more info.

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### ***Join our Performing Arts Booster Club!***

**Click here today** to purchase a family membership to the Performing Arts Booster Club (PABC), at the discounted rate of \$75 if you join by September 30. After that date, regular memberships are \$100. Grandparent memberships are always \$50. Anyone can join, so feel free to forward the link to grandparents and friends!

Booster Club fees help pay for tiered seating in McClure Hall for performances and improvements to sound and lighting. Members get access to the exclusive PABC ticket pre-sale and priority seating to the theater on show nights.



While supplies last, new and renewing members will also receive a complimentary stainless steel thermal mug featuring the GSL theater program logo (designed by parent Natalie Davis).

And remember to save the date for performances of Disney's *The Jungle Book Kids* this fall!

Thursday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

Friday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., McClure Hall





## Charleston Wrap Fundraiser '22

**WHAT:** GSL's annual fall fundraiser is coming September 6-23! Students sell wrapping paper and gift items from Charleston Wrap, and proceeds are used to buy great new things 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 nearly \$20,000 to buy equipment including new smartboards, light tables for Preschool,**

**instruments for the music room, microscopes, and even**

**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!**

**NOW 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.

**Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000!** If you don't want or need wrapping paper and gifts, but would still like to participate, you are always welcome to make a donation by writing a check payable to the GSL Parents' Association. Those gifts will also go to fulfill classroom wish lists.

Have questions? Email [Hannah Phillips](#) or [Christina Gordon](#).

## Support GSL Family-Owned Businesses

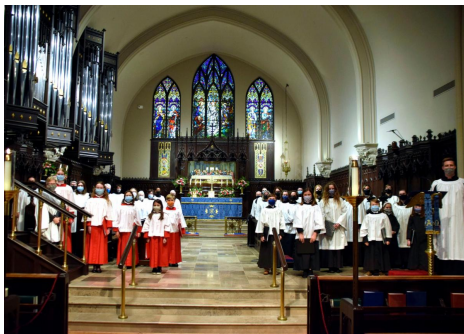
At Grace-St. Luke's, we want to help our community by supporting local businesses owned by GSL families. A list of GSL family-owned businesses can be viewed [here](#) on our website.

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



## Join the Memphis Boy and Girl Choir

**For boys and girls in 3rd grade and above**

Audition today for the Memphis Boy and Girl Choir, located at Grace-St. Luke's Church since September 2021, and become part of the Episcopal/Anglican choral tradition! You'll get first-rate musical formation from professional staff within a healthy, supportive, and spiritual after-school environment. Rehearsals are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15 p.m. at Grace-St.

Luke's Church. For more information or to schedule an audition, [click here](#) or contact Artistic Director [Dr. Patrick Scott](#) (901-252-6323).

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO GSL TODAY!](#)

