



# GSL eNews

Monday, May 8, 2023

## CALENDAR PREVIEW

*Next 4 Weeks*

### **May**

**8**

Preschool Spirit Day: VIP Sports Day

6th Grade Battle of the Books at St. Mary's  
1-2:30 p.m.

**9**

Preschool Spirit Day: Superhero Day

Middle School Chapel  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

GSL Europe Trip Parent Meeting  
5:15 p.m., Juan Roncal's Classroom (Morton Hall  
Kvande Classrooms, Bottom Floor)

7th/8th Grade Athletic Banquet  
6-8 p.m., Anchor Gym

**10-12**

Preschool/Lower School Book Swap

**10**

Preschool Spirit Day: Class T-Shirt Day

Lower School Chapel  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

4th Grade Music Performance  
8:15 a.m., McClure Hall

Preschool Field Day  
9-10:30 a.m., Anchor Hill

**11**

Preschool Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day

All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by



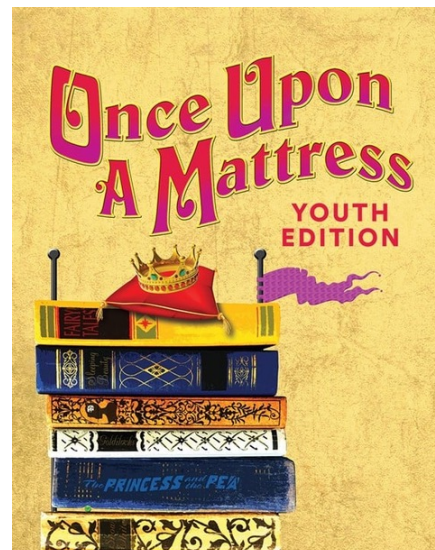
### **Spring Music Performances**

**4th Grade**

**Wed., May 10 at 8:15 a.m., McClure Hall**

**5th/6th Grade Third Trimester Students**

**Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m., McClure Hall**



### **Fine Arts Update: Announcing Fall 2023 Musical at GSL**

This fall our Middle School Fine Arts Department will stage *Once Upon A Mattress*, a comical

Wesley Whitaker and Jackson Halpern  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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

## 12

Preschool Spirit Day: Pajama Day

Final Celebration Hosted by Rick Kohlhof and  
Debbie Callahan, 8th Grade Talent Show  
(Families are welcome to attend Celebration!)

4th Grade Visit to 5th Grade

## 15-19

Third Trimester Middle School Art Show

Lost and Found Items on Display

## 16

Last Middle School Chapel  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

7th/8th Grade Exam: Spanish/Latin

Lower School Game Day, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Opening Reception for Third Trimester Middle  
School Art Show, 5-6:30 p.m., Anchor Center

## 17

Last Lower School Chapel  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

7th/8th Grade Exam: History

## 18

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

7th/8th Grade Exam: Science

Last Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

## 19

Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-3 & 5-8  
(Special Attire for Grade 4)

7th/8th Grade Exam: English

Honors Chapel, 1:45 p.m.-3 p.m.,  
GSL Church; Reception immediately following  
ceremony, Trezevant Hall

## 22-23

All-School Dress-Down Days

## 22

7th/8th Grade Exam: Math

8th Grade Memory Walk & Clap Out  
10:45 a.m.

8th Grade Alumni Luncheon  
11-12:30 p.m., Trezevant Hall

## 23

Last Day of School for LL, PK, JK, and SK

Middle School Art Portfolios Go Home

retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's *The  
Princess and the Pea*.

Middle School students are invited to audition  
when school starts back (see dates below). 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 child wants to participate.

### **Middle School Auditions, Performing Arts Rm.**

Mon., Aug. 21, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Tues., Aug 22, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Please click here to review the **Tentative  
Rehearsal Schedule** for this production.

**Performance Dates:** October 19-21



Middle School Field Day, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**24**

Best Dress Attire for Grades 1-7  
(Special attire for Grade 8)

Last Day of School for Grades 1-8

8th Grade Graduation  
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., GSL Church  
Reception immediately following ceremony,  
Trezevant Hall

Noon Dismissal  
ACE Open from Noon to 5:30 p.m.

End of Third Trimester

**29**

Memorial Day Holiday, Office Closed

**30-June 2**

Bridge Week  
Available for registered students

**30-July 31**

GSL Summer Office Hours: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Not Accepting Used Uniforms and Textbooks



**We thank you for not leaving  
these items on our  
Administrative Office Porch!**

### **Information Regarding Used Uniforms & Textbooks**

Please do not drop off miscellaneous used textbooks or uniforms at the Administrative Office or on the front porch, as we are **no longer accepting these items** for redistribution.

Uniform Swap: You can list used uniforms on the parent-created [GSL Saints Swap](#) private group on Facebook. (You can search the title "GSL Saints Swap" on Facebook and ask to join if you are not already a member.) You can also donate your items to Goodwill; they ship all school-logo items overseas.

Textbooks Needed in Middle School: We will be accepting certain textbooks in Middle School that are out of print; list and drop-off instructions to come in next week's eNews.

### **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.**

## News from ACE: After School Care

***ACE @ Play: Bridge Week***  
**May 30-June 2 (closed May 29 for Memorial Day); 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; \$50/day**

Please join us for a fun-filled day or week with ACE! Parents may drop off between 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the preschool awning for LL-PK-JK and at the Circle Drive for SK-8th grades. ACE closes at 5:30 p.m. Please pack two snacks and a lunch.

**Click here to register by May 26** to avoid a \$10 late registration fee. *Registration closes on May 28 at midnight. Unfortunately, no registrations are possible within three days prior to the start of an ACE @ Play session.*

***Featured Enrichment:  
Bubble Beach Party***

Party on the turf with Ms. O! All the fun of the beach right here at GSL. Beach balls, bubbles, swimsuits, swim shorts, towels, music, games and fun in the sun! Bring your swim gear, towels, and flip flops and join us. See you at the beach!

Grades: SK-4th  
Date: Friday, May 12  
Number of Classes: 1  
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40

**Click here to register** today!





## 2022-2023 Parents' Association Profits

Thank you to everyone who has supported our GSL Parents' Association events throughout this year!

We also want to say a final heartfelt THANK YOU to our 2023 Anchor Auction team – Kelly Martin, Christina Ross, Emily Merrell, and Katie McDermott – for leading this incredible P.A. event this year! The online silent auction and in-person event was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, teams of volunteers, and the support from our outstanding community. Profits from that event totaled over \$68,000!

Combining the Anchor Auction profits with proceeds from all our other P.A. events this year, the Parents' Association is excited to give back over \$100,000 to fund Teacher Wish List items at GSL that will enrich your child's education!

None of this would be possible without the leadership of P.A. Board members, Event Chairs, and hundreds of volunteers each year. For each and every one of you, we say Thank You!

## Please Return Your Library Books!

It's time again to round up any GSL Library books at home. Thanks for helping your students/children return all library books this week.

For families with books checked out on your Family Library Account, thanks for returning those this week as well. - Mr. Willis, Director of Library Services



## SummerFest 2023

June 5-August 4

For ages 4-13 (regardless of school affiliation) and GSL-enrolled rising PK students

This year's SummerFest offers something for everyone, and we hope your child will join us! (And please, tell your friends!)

[Click here to register today.](https://gsschool.org/summerfest)

## Support Safety & Security Upgrades @ GSL

While some property upgrades are budgeted each school year, we are prioritizing an upgrade of our school-wide security systems and measures this year. To do this, we will need the support of our community. Your donation to GSL will help fund security upgrades, including:

- Installing exterior cameras throughout campus
- Continuing to have a third security guard on campus during school hours, an addition that we made earlier this school year despite the position not being covered in our operating budget
- Installing improved door access keypads at all access points on campus
- Ensuring all exterior doors are secured at all times

We are seeking to raise at least \$150,000 to ensure that all enhancements can be implemented. To



financially support the security enhancements at GSL, you may [give online here](#). Under “Gift Designation,” be sure to select “Security Enhancements.” You can also mail your gift to GSL School, Attn: Advancement Dept., 246 S. Belvedere Blvd., Memphis, TN 38104. Please include a note to indicate that your gift is designated for security enhancements.

To discuss other giving options, including the sale of stock, setting up recurring gifts, or to schedule a meeting to discuss how your gift will make a difference at GSL, please contact Brenda Berry [via email](#) or phone at 901-278-0200.

Thank you for supporting your Saints!



## ***Honor Your Saint with an Alumni Corner Plaque!***

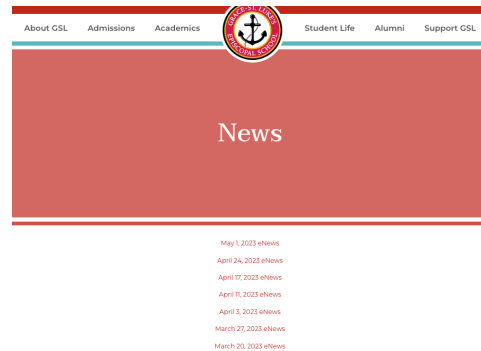
If you are interested in purchasing a plaque for the GSL Alumni Corner, please place an order by Wednesday, May 31. The Alumni Corner is located in front of the Anchor Center at the corner of Linden and Lemaster. The plaques, which are designed to honor or memorialize alumni, students, entire classes, and others with a personal connection to GSL, are \$150.

[Click here](#) to order today!

Questions? [Email Advancement Associate Kate Shelton](#).

## ***eNews Archived on Website***

Miss a weekly eNews, or want to refer back to something you saw earlier in the year? Don't fret ... you can always go back and [access past eNews mailings here](#) on our website, where they are filed under the News tab after being sent.



## ***News from the Church***



## ***GSL Church Fall Soccer & Flag Football***

**For JK-4th Grades**

Registration is open until June 1 and can be accessed [online here](#). Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and teams will fill up quickly, so remember to register promptly to reserve your child's spot. Questions? Email [Christi Authement](#).

## ***Church Personnel Update***

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Amzie Williams will leave GSL on May 31 for a new ministry opportunity. Amzie taught 6th Grade Bible for GSL during the prior school year, and he has led many of our Middle Schoolers in early morning Biscuits & Bible sessions and other youth activities. He also leads many of our weekly chapel services at GSL, and we are grateful for his ministry this year and his work with students at GSL! He will become Minister to Youth at Church of the Holy Communion in Memphis beginning July 1.



**CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO GSL!**

