



GSL eNews

Monday, August 22, 2022

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

August

22

Fall Enrichment Begins

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

23

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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

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Celebration Hosted by Carrie Galphin
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

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Episcopal School Sunday, 10 a.m., GSL Church
(Commissioning of teachers followed by a
reception in Trezevant Hall)

30- Sept. 2

Student Council Campaign Week

30

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

September

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Please review your
information in the
2022-23 Buzz Book



by Tuesday, August 23 at 2 p.m.

Review Family Directory Information by Tuesday, 2 p.m.

As a reminder, please review the contact information listed for your family in the **Buzz Book**, **GSL's printed school directory**. If everything looks good, no action is needed. If you see any changes needed to your family's contact information, please **email Brenda Berry by Tuesday, August 23 at 2 p.m.** outlining exactly what content needs to be updated.

Back-to-School Night

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



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

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

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Labor Day Holiday - No School

6-23

P.A. Fall Wrapping Paper Fundraiser

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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School Picture Day, Grades SK-8

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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School Picture Day for Preschool (LL-JK)

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

ACE Staff School Photos, 1 p.m.

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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.

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

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 will have an opportunity to hear from Head of School Dr. Andy Surber, 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.

3:00-6:15 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!

5:30-6:15 p.m.

P.A. Volunteer Fair

Anchor Center Cafeteria

- Visit the P.A. Welcome Table staffed by P.A. 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**

- Head of School Andy Surber will officially welcome families to the 2022-23 school year

7-8 p.m.

Classroom Visits

- Meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s)

Children should not attend Back-to-School 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!

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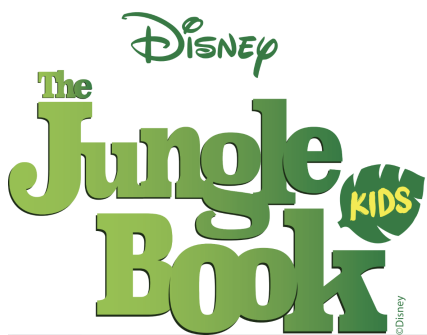
- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
- [Refer a Friend to GSL](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)
- [Lunch Service](#)
- [2022-23 Important Dates Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Handbook](#)
- [Lower & Middle School Handbook](#)

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Contacting ACE After School Hours

To connect with ACE after school hours, **call the Auxiliary Programs line at 901.278.2685.**



Fall Middle School Musical: Disney's The Jungle Book KIDS

**Auditions: Today from 3-4:30 p.m. OR
Tuesday, August 23 from 3-4:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Room**

Auditions open to all Middle School students; no preparation required. Pick up is on Belvedere Blvd.

First rehearsal: Saturday, August 27 from 9 a.m. - noon in the Performing Arts Room.

Fourth grade families: **Email Performing Arts Teacher Leslie Reddick** if your child is interested in being in the ensemble chorus for this production.

Adapted from Disney's beloved animated film and the works of Rudyard Kipling, the "man cub" Mowgli bounds through the jungle and learns what it means to be human.

Save the date for our performances 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

Performing Arts Booster Club (PABC) News

Join the 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!

The booster club fees help pay for tiered seating in McClure Hall for performances and improvements to sound and lighting. Members receive 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 with the GSL theater program logo on it (designed by parent Natalie Davis).

PABC Coffee

The PABC invites parents of 4th grade and Middle School students interested in participating in *The Jungle Book KIDS* to an informational coffee today, Monday, August 22, from 7:30-8:00 a.m. in the Performing Arts Room.

PABC officers/parents will be present to answer questions and to share how important the GSL theater program has been in the educational and social development of their children. All are welcome, especially parents of students new to GSL theater.

Questions? **Click here!**

Spirit Wear Sale at Back-to-School Night

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

The Spirit Wear Committee will be opening the Back-to-School Night Sale EARLY so you can have more time to check out the fantastic GSL items available this year!

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 be sure to load up on gear before it's gone! Checks, Amex, MasterCard, and Visa accepted.



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!

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, instruments for the music room, microscopes, and even light tables for Preschool.**

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!**

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 to the GSL Parents' Association. Those gifts will also go to fulfill classroom wish lists.

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



News from Grace-St. Luke's Church

Join the Memphis Boy & Girl Choir

The Memphis Boy and Girl Choir, located at Grace-St. Luke's Church since September 2021, provides third grade and older boys and girls with a distinctive multi-faceted experience for which the Episcopal/Anglican choral tradition has been known: first-rate musical



formation from professional staff within a healthy, supportive, and spiritual after-school environment. For more information, [click here](#) or contact Artistic Director [Dr. Patrick Scott](#) (901-252-6323).

Episcopal School Sunday

Sunday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m.

Commissioning prayers for GSL faculty & staff; reception to follow in Trezevant Hall.

Seeking Soccer Officials

GSL Church is recruiting soccer officials for their JK- 4th grade games. For more information, [email Christi Authement](#).

CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO GSL TODAY!

