



# GSL eNews

Monday, April 3, 2023

## CALENDAR PREVIEW

*Next 4 Weeks*

### April

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7th Grade Parents Class Trip Meeting  
7:15 a.m., McClure Hall

4

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

5

Air & Space Rain Date for 6th/7th Grades  
and for SK-8th Memphis Zoo Field Trip

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

2nd Grade Music Performance  
8:15 a.m., McClure Hall

6

Maundy Thursday Dress Uniform Day for Grades  
1-2 and 4-8

Stations of the Cross Presented by 3rd Grade,  
GSL Church, 8:05-9 a.m.

7

Good Friday Holiday, No School

10

Easter Monday Holiday, No School

11

Classes Resume

13

Preschool Gardening Day

All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by  
Jake Turner Smith and Tyhler Dowden  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church



### Anchor Auction

Friday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
Grind City Brewing Co.

The Anchor Auction is in three weeks! The Auction is the Parents' Association's largest annual fundraiser, and this year, like last year, you can bid virtually on silent auction items prior to the event, as well as at the event until the silent auction closes at 8:30 p.m. Details on how to bid online will be shared this week.

Tickets are \$85 per person; [click here to purchase yours](#) today! **Deadline is April 12.**

This event is Friday, April 21 at Grind City Brewing Co.! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. You'll enjoy:

- Silent auction items (available for mobile bidding ahead and in-person)
- Sell-a-seat parties **only available for bidding in-person at the event!**
- Music by JamJam1 featuring Scott Sudbury, Keith Tomes, and our very own Eric Martin '84 and Brad Trotter
- Heavy appetizers by Fuel Catering
- Drinks available for purchase (credit cards ONLY) featuring Grind City's craft brews, seltzers, and a signature brew cocktail

Bid on these fun parties donated by our beloved  
GSL faculty & staff members:

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

**14**

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

**18**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

**19**

4th Grade Citizenship Breakfast,  
8-9:30 a.m., Trezevant Hall

**20**

Preschool Gardening Day Rain Date

All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by  
Rishon Miller and Will Kenworthy  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

**21**

Celebration: Thespian Society Inductions Hosted  
by Leslie Reddick, 8:05 a.m., GSL Church  
(Families are welcome to attend Celebration!)

Thespian Society Reception  
8:30 a.m., Trezevant Hall

### **GSL Annual Anchor Auction!**

6:30 p.m., Grind City Brewing Co.

**22**

7th/8th Grade Dance  
6:30-9 p.m., Anchor Center Cafeteria

**25**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

**26**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

1st Grade Music Performance  
8:15 a.m., McClure Hall

**27**

4th Grade Class Trip to Discovery Park of America

All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by  
Ruby Brunson and Gates Whitt  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

**28**

Celebration Hosted by Lyn Forsyth  
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Free Marcella Simien Concert, Hosted by GSL  
Church, 6 p.m. on Anchor Hill

**29-May 3**

7th/8th Grade Class Trips

- **Rule the School!** Head of School for the Day with Dr. Andy Surber: Does your student want to tell the joke of the day and greet classmates in the morning? This priceless opportunity is available to follow in the footsteps of our Head of School Dr. Andy Surber! You will receive a bow tie selected by Dr. Surber, greet students as they arrive, tell jokes at lunch, declare a Dress-Down Day, and make important announcements. Valid for students 1st-8th grades; Enjoy by March, 1, 2024
- **Special Library visit this summer with Mr. Willis:** Spend one hour in the GSL Library discussing books and lunch! Date and time must be mutually agreed upon by the donor and buyer.
- **An Afternoon at Overton Square:** Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Horton, & Mrs. Wright will host 6 GSL students (current SK - 4th grade) for an afternoon at Overton Square! The fun begins with lunch at Memphis Pizza Café, followed by corn hole in the square. The group will then walk over to the movie theatre and enjoy a fun matinee! This can be done after school, on a weekend or during the summer! We can't wait to hang for a fun afternoon! Date to be mutually agreed upon by donor and buyer.
- **Zoo-rific day with Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Vinton!** Two GSL students (current SK-4th grade) will have a fun-filled day starting with lunch at Memphis Pizza Cafe and then finish the day at the Memphis Zoo! Valid June 1 - July 31 date mutually agreed upon by donors and buyers.
- **Front Row Reserved Seating for 4 to the Lower School Christmas Evening Chapel** (December 2023)
- **Organized Charm Playrooms by Kirsten Horton:** \$500 Gift Card towards available services. You will work with Kirsten to determine which service is best for you whether it is onsite or E-design services.
- **Memphis-themed Dinner Party:** For 12 couples or 24 individuals with ribs & appropriate fixings, beer and wine, and Memphis tunes! Hosted by Courtney & Charlie Ciaramitaro and Ellen & Ian Hendry at the Ciaramitaros' home.

If you are interested in volunteering to help set up or have other questions, email Event Chairs **Kelly Martin** and **Christina Ross**.

Many thanks to our Auction Sponsors, who are listed below. (Check out our Sponsor Banner on Peabody in front of Anchor Hill!) We can't wait to see you April 21!

### **Special Thank You to Our Current Anchor Auction Sponsors**

**75th Anniversary Sponsor (\$5,000)**  
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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](#)
- [2023-24 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 901.677.2245.**



***Spring Musical Performances***

**Second Grade Music Performance  
Wed., April 5 at 8:15 a.m., McClure Hall**

Coming Soon!

1st Grade: April 26 at 8:15 a.m. in McClure Hall  
SK: May 3 at 8:15 a.m. in McClure Hall  
4th Grade: May 10 at 8:15 a.m. in McClure Hall  
5th/6th Third Trimester Students: May 11 at 6 p.m. in McClure Hall

Please save the date for your child's performance!

***News from ACE:***

***Please Note Correct Phone Number***

Earlier this year we notified you of the correct phone number to reach ACE: After School Care and Director of Auxiliary Programs Antonio Hinton this year: **It is 901-677-2245**. The number you used last year is now the number for Nurse Janelle Calzia. Please make sure you have the number above entered for all calls regarding ACE: After School Care!



And remember: We still have great enrichment options for your child from now until year-end; two upcoming classes are featured below!

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### ***American Girl Easter Party***

Join Mrs. Wright and Ms. Canon for an Easter party with your dolls! We will have a sweet treat, learn new hairstyles for our dolls, and celebrate Easter with an egg hunt! Bring your dolls and wear your best pastel outfit for this exciting event. All bunny ears and additional Easter-themed attire is also welcome :)

Grades: SK-2nd  
Date: Thursday, April 6  
Number of Classes: 1  
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$25  
Registration deadline: 4/6/23  
[Click here to register](#) today!

### ***Grizzlies Game Time***

Enjoy a 'real' game experience with Ms. O! Try your luck at scoring points, take a photo with the stadium backdrop, visit the concession stand, design your own Grizzlies poster, and watch winning Grizzlies highlights! Participants receive a headband, basketball sticker, and a wristband to take home.

Grades: SK-3rd  
Date: Thursday, April 27  
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40  
Registration will end on 4/25/23  
[Click here to register](#) today!

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### ***New SummerFest Offering: Swim Lessons with Mrs. Bayzie!***

Group swim lessons taught by certified swim instructor Elizabeth Bayzie will be offered for 1st-8th grade campers June 5-9, June 12-16 and July 10-14 at our on-site swimming pool (accessed through the Preschool Outdoor Classroom).

Class Times:  
12-12:30 p.m. for beginners (level 1-2)  
12:30-1 p.m. for intermediate (level 3-4)

Cost: \$165/week for five 30-minute classes

Want to register for swim lessons or any other camps this summer? [Click here to register today!](#)

SummerFest is open to any rising JK-8th grade students (ages 4-13, regardless of school affiliation) and to GSL-enrolled rising PK families, from June 5 - August 4. (Closed the week of July 4.)



[Click here to review the brochure](#) Questions? [Email SummerFest Director Emily Merrell](#).

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### ***Donate Recyclables to Lower School iLab***

Our Lower School iLab can use your recyclables! Please donate cereal boxes (or any cardboard boxes) and paper towel/toilet paper tubes to the Lower School iLab!





**DONATE RECYCLABLES  
TO LOWER SCHOOL ILAB!**

### ***Exciting Class Trips for 4th-8th Grade Coming Soon***

We are getting excited about our upcoming year-end class trips for the 4th-8th grade students at GSL! So much experiential learning and team-building takes place on these annual adventures, whether we are exploring iconic American cities, touring museums, or enjoying the outdoors. Even more important, lifelong memories are made and lasting friendships forged. Something to look forward to as your children continue to advance through each grade level at GSL! Here's where everyone is going this year:



4th Grade: Day trip to Discovery Park of America in Union City, Tenn., April 27  
5th Grade: Nature's Classroom in Mentone, Ala., May 3-5  
6th Grade: New Orleans, May 2-5  
7th Grade: Chicago, April 29-May 3  
8th Grade: Nantahala Outdoor Center in North Carolina, April 29-May 3

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

### ***Free Marcella Simien Concert on Anchor Hill Friday, April 28 at 6 p.m.***

Grace-St. Luke's Church invites school families to a free Marcella Simien concert on Anchor Hill on Friday, April 28! Come join us with your lawn chair and picnic as we celebrate spring with swamp soul queen and renowned Memphis musician Marcella Simien and her amazing band! Bring your friends and neighbors and join us! (Rain location: Trezevant Hall). [Click here](#) for more info.



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