



GSL eNews

Monday, August 15, 2022

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

August

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First Day of School

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Dress Uniform Day, Grades 1-8

All-School Chapel, LL-8

8:05 a.m., GSL Church

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Red & White Dress-Down Day for 75th Anniversary!

Celebration Hosted by Dr. Surber

8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Middle School Class Retreats, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pep Rally, Grades SK-8, 2:15 p.m.

20

75th Anniversary Event (adults only)

6-9 p.m., Lemaster Ave. & Anchor Center

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Q&A with Dr. Andy Surber at GSL Church

Formation Hour, 9:15-9:45 a.m., Trezevant Hall

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Fall Enrichment Begins

Fall Musical Auditions, 3:10 p.m.,

Performing Arts Room

Welcome, Saints!
**HAPPY 2022-2023
SCHOOL YEAR!**



Dear Families,

Welcome to the new school year at GSL! We are so glad you are here! I am looking forward to meeting all of you this year, and ask you to please make a habit of reading through this weekly eNews carefully, as this is a great way to stay apprised of important upcoming events. Thank you for choosing GSL for your children's education. This is a fantastic place, and we're looking forward to a great year together!

Andy Surber, Ed.D.

Head of School

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Fall Musical Auditions, 3:10 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
Commissioning of Teachers, 10 a.m., Church

30- Sept. 2

Student Council Campaign Week

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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.

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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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

School Picture Day, Grades SK-8

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

School Picture Day for Preschool (LL-JK)

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

GSL's 75th Anniversary Celebration



August 20, 2022
6-9 pm
Anchor Center



Featuring: Music by Shufflegrit

Saints Beer Garden sponsored by Dillard Door
Gladys Griffin Memorial Photobooth - The Bullet
Produced by Leo Events

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75th Anniversary Celebration!

**Saturday, August 20, 6-9 p.m.,
Lemaster Ave., Adults Only**

We celebrate our 75th anniversary this Saturday!
Current parents are invited (along with former
parents, current/former faculty and staff, and
alumni age 21+). We're expecting a huge turnout
of Saints! If you are planning to join us, please
[click here to RSVP](#) today. Details to note:

ATTIRE: Casual! (Think street party: Lemaster will
be blocked off between Peabody and Linden,
weather permitting.)

PARKING: **Carpooling, walking, or using a
service like Uber or Lyft is highly
recommended!** Parking will be extremely
challenging in this neighborhood given the large
number of attendees (currently at 500+)!

CHECK-IN: Registration table at the corner of
Linden & Lemaster; stop by to get your name tag!

MUSIC: The 75th event band is Shufflegrit
(featuring GSL Technology Director/alumni parent
Jeff White and alumni parent John Busby).

CHURCH TOURS: Available from 6-7 p.m. via the
side entrance on Lemaster Street near the stage.

PROGRAM: Welcoming comments from the stage
at 7:15 p.m from Rector Ollie Rencher, Head of
School Dr. Andy Surber, and Honorary Event
Chair Nick Scully.

PHOTOBOOTH: The GSL Bullet Bus, parked on
Lemaster! Photobooth sponsored in memory of
Señora Gladys Griffin, GSL Spanish, Bible, & Art
Instructor from 1975-1981, by Clay Smythe, Class
of 1982.

BEER GARDEN: Yard games and keg beer on the
Lemaster Playground, sponsored by Dillard Door
(courtesy of GSL alumni parents Chris & Helen
Bird).

REFRESHMENTS: Hors d'oeuvres provided by
Randy Jefferson Catering; beer, wine, lemonade,
and water available at additional Anchor Center
event stations.

MEMORABILIA: Yearbooks and other

8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Middle School Leadership Retreats
8:30 a.m.

memorabilia on display in the Anchor Center Library.

ALUMNI COMPOSITES: In the Anchor Center Second Floor Alumni Lobby.

QUESTIONS at the event? Find a volunteer with an "Ask Me" button!

We can't wait to celebrate with our wonderful GSL community! GO, SAINTS!



AFTER SCHOOL CARE
& ENRICHMENT @ GSL

Sign up for ACE Today

Fees for After School Care are the same as last year: \$975/semester for full-time care (available in five monthly installments of \$195) or \$20/day for drop-in care. Enrichment activities start next Monday, and fees vary per class. We have lots of fun offerings so please join us!

[Click here for the new Fall Brochure](#)
and **[click here to register](#)** today!

QUICK LINKS

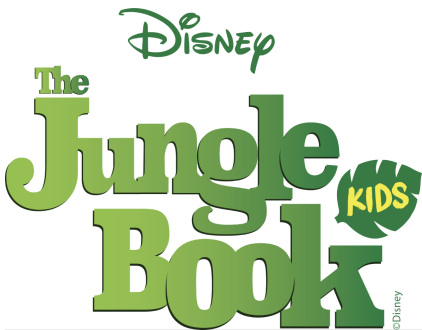
- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
- [Refer a Friend to GSL](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)
- [Lunch Service](#)
- [2022-23 Important Dates Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Handbook](#)
- [Lower & Middle School Handbook](#)

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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:

**Monday, August 22 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.

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

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 on 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!](#)



Carpool Arrival & Dismissal

Preschool

Click here for Preschool Carpool Procedures.

Students may arrive as early as 7 a.m. for early care (there is no charge) in the Preschool Makerspace. At 7:30 a.m. students can go to their classrooms. School begins at 8 a.m. Dismissal: 2:50 p.m. on M/T/Th/F; 2:15 p.m. on Wed.

Lower School & Middle School

Click here for Lower School Carpool Procedures.

Click here for Middle School Carpool Procedures.

Students may arrive as early as 7 a.m. for early care (there is no charge) in the Anchor Center Cafeteria. At 7:45 a.m., Lower

School students will be dismissed to their classrooms and Middle School students to their advisories. School begins at 8 a.m. Dismissal: 3 p.m. on M/T/Th/F; 2:15 p.m. on Wed.

Back-to-School Night

Thursday, September 1

Parents and 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 Dr. Andy Surber, Head of School, 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 to help answer any questions.
- Stop by the event tables to learn about the different volunteer opportunities available!



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



- Learn more about P.A. [events here](#).

6:30-6:45 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

6:45-8 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!

Parking Reminders from GSL Church

Friendly reminder: Parking is not allowed in the Circle Drive in front of Lower School. School parking is limited to the Peabody-Belvedere corner lot, Anchor Center lot, and surrounding streets. The Circle Drive parking lot is reserved for church staff and church-related activities, with normal parish office hours being Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Thank you!



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.

Auditions start today!

For more information, [click here](#) or contact Artistic Director [Dr. Patrick Scott](#) (901-252-6323).

Church Sports Uniform Dropoff Box

Circle Drive, August 15-21

To keep costs to a minimum, the GSL Church Athletic Committee asks that you recycle your cleaned church sports uniforms. This week is a great time to turn in uniforms for all past seasons in the drop box in the Circle Drive. Thank you!

Conversation with Dr. Surber at GSL Church Formation Hour

Sunday, Aug. 21 at 9:15 a.m.

Father Ollie will interview Dr. Surber about life at GSL and what's ahead this year.

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!

