



GSL eNews

Monday, October 3, 2022

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

October

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church's
Annual Blessing of the Animals
6-7 p.m., Anchor Hill

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Fall Break - No School

ACE @ Play available for registered participants

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Lower School Division Coffee & Conversation with
Head of School Andy Surber and
Head of Lower School Marti McCloud
7:30-8:30 a.m., Anchor Center Library

Lower School Hearing Screenings
(for remaining SK, 2nd, and 4th grade students)
8:30-11 a.m.

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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School Picture Make-Up Day for LL-8th Grade and
Faculty/Staff
8 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Lower School Multipurpose
Room and Preschool

All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.
Chapel Talks by Lucy Cothorn and Bo Nanney

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

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Celebration, Hosted by Russ Thompson



It's a "Wrap!" Thanks for Supporting Our Fall Fundraiser!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Charleston Wrap fundraiser! Through sales and donations we raised almost \$22,000 in profits to put toward teachers' wish lists for their classrooms. And congratulations to Fourth Grade for being the top selling grade! We are also excited to announce our TOP 10 individual sellers:

Top Sellers

1. Grayson Logan
2. Franklin Barton
3. Addison Brewer
4. Mays Meeks
5. Emersyn Annable
6. Parker Taylor
7. Leah Butler
8. Kaci Harris
9. Sammy Merrell
10. Ryan Sanders

The Parents' Association is grateful for all of your support!

8:05 a.m., GSL Church

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Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day Sponsored by the P.A.

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-8 for St. Luke's Feast Day

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Fall Middle School Musical:
Disney's *The Jungle Book KIDS*
7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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Celebration, Hosted by Lily Thompson
8:05 a.m., GSL Church

Fall Middle School Musical:
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7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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Fall Middle School Musical:
Disney's *The Jungle Book KIDS*
10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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Flu Shots & Mist for Students and Families
7:30-9:30 a.m., Lower School Multipurpose Room
(details to come)

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Middle School Division Coffee & Conversation with
Head of School Andy Surber and
Head of Middle School Ellen Hendry
7:30-8:30 a.m., Anchor Center Library

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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Lower School Wacky Socks Day
Middle School and 4th Grade Mad Scientist Dress-
Down Day

All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.
Chapel Talks by Caroline Byrnes and Christian Villanueva

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Preschool Halloween Parade
9:30-10 a.m.

4th Grade Visits 5th Grade
11:25 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

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Celebration: Faculty Costume Contest Hosted by
Carmen Navarro and Kimberley Morrison
8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym



Lower School Coffee & Conversation with Dr. Surber & Mrs. McCloud
Tuesday, October 11

Lower School parents/guardians are invited to enjoy coffee and conversation with Head of School Andy Surber and Head of Lower School Marti McCloud on Tuesday, October 11 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the Anchor Center Library.

The morning will include a brief presentation and time for connection.

Please RSVP by this Wednesday, October 5.

Middle School Families: Dr. Surber and Mrs. Hendry will be hosting a Coffee & Conversation for you on October 26! Details coming soon.

Questions? **Email** Brenda Berry.



Call for Addresses for Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is Tuesday, November 22. In the coming weeks, invitations for Grandparents'

Middle School Hearing Screenings
8 a.m.-noon, Anchor Center Music Room

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Kindergarten Storytime with Author Amy Sharp
8:30 and 9:30 a.m. sessions, Anchor Library

Day will be mailed directly to grandparents using the information provided by families on the school's enrollment agreement. If you did not provide this information during enrollment, or if you are aware of any address changes, please **email Brenda Berry** the name(s) and mailing address of your children's grandparents today! More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

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**.



Admissions Season Is Underway How can you help? Please read below!

Did you miss your chance to get a GSL 75th anniversary yard sign? We still have signs available – and if you are willing to display one at your home or business, this is a great way you can help us promote GSL during the busy admissions season. You can get yours at the Administrative Office (Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.), or **email Marci Woodmansee** if you'd like a sign brought out to you at carpool pickup or dismissal.

Admissions season also means we have a big lineup of preview days and storytime events for prospective families! Please visit our **Admissions Page** for more details and help spread the word!

You Shop, GSL Gets Cash Back!

It's true – when you shop at Kroger, AmazonSmile, and Lands' End, they give back to GSL!

AmazonSmile: If you shop on Amazon, simply switch over to AmazonSmile, where you can select Grace-St. Luke's School as your designated charitable gift recipient. Once logged in, click on "AmazonSmile" in your account. Next, search for Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School to designate GSL as the recipient of a percentage of your purchases. (You must select a recipient before you can browse or shop.) AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .05% of the price on eligible purchases. **Click here to sign up with AmazonSmile and designate GSL!**

Kroger Community Rewards: Designate GSL to receive a percentage of proceeds from all your Kroger purchases. This can add up to thousands of dollars annually! Just go to your Kroger account online and click on Community Rewards. Next, search for GSL using our organization number: AJ099. It's as easy as that! **Click here to visit Kroger and designate GSL!**

Lands' End School Rewards Program: GSL can receive a cash-back reward from total uniform purchases at Lands' End. Our school number is 900096512. **Shop now to give back to GSL!**

For more information on how you can support GSL, **email Director of Advancement Brenda Berry**.



All GSL Students are Invited to Participate in GSL's 2022 Christmas Card Art Contest!

If your child is interested in participating in this art contest, please request an art contest packet by **emailing Brenda Berry**. The art contest submission deadline is Friday, October 28.

2022 Christmas Card Art Contest

Currently enrolled Little Luker - 8th grade students are invited to participate in GSL's 2022 Christmas Card Art Contest! Artwork provided by students will be judged by a committee of GSL staff. The first place winner's artwork will appear on GSL's 2022 Christmas Card, which will be mailed to families and friends of the school.

How to Participate

- If a student is interested in participating in this art contest, please email Brenda Berry (bberry@gslschool.org) and include the name and grade of the student. An art contest packet will be sent home with the student.

Rules

- All artwork must be submitted on the white, 8.5" x 11" paper provided to the student in the art contest packet.
- Original artwork must be accompanied by a completed art contest entry form. The entry form will be provided in the art contest packet.
- Each entry will have a preassigned number on the back of the paper to ensure an anonymous judging process. Please do not include the student's name or other identifying information anywhere on the artwork.
- All artwork must be authentic and completed only by the student. Art that is traced or taken from other sources will be disqualified.
- Artwork containing pop-up or 3D elements will not be accepted.
- The art contest is open to all GSL enrolled Little Luker - 8th grade students.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted.

To Submit Artwork

- Place the original artwork, along with a signed entry form, in the provided envelope and turn it in to the student's teacher/advisor or to the front office at 246 S. Belvedere Blvd.
- All artwork entries must be received by 3 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2022. Entries received after 3 p.m. on October 28, 2022 will not be eligible for the contest.

Winners

1st Place:

- The student's artwork will be used on the front of GSL's official 2022 Christmas Card sent to GSL families and friends. The student's name and grade will be noted on the back of the card.
- The winning student will receive 30 copies of the card (and envelopes) for a keepsake and for mailing to family and friends.
- A certificate
- \$25 Novel gift card

The students who get 2nd and 3rd place will each receive a \$10 Novel gift card.

All art entries will be featured in a special holiday video that will be sent to GSL families and shared via the school's social media pages in December 2022.

Spotlight on Safety & Security at GSL

The following information is being shared to ensure families that safety and security continue to be a top priority at GSL.

On-site Security Guards

During regular school hours, GSL typically has three Phelps unarmed security guards on-site: two crossing guards, and one roving officer. The crossing guards have a specific post, while the roving officer makes regular rounds on campus ensuring that doors are securely shut, no one is loitering, etc. In addition to the on-site guards, the school participates in the Central Gardens neighborhood patrol. The patrol truck makes regular trips by campus and is available on short notice if the need arises. All faculty and staff have phone numbers for the guards.

Access Control

All campus buildings and playgrounds have an access control system (ACS), limiting access to only those with a code or a keycard. This system is centrally controlled (with exceptions), and the code is changed annually. Codes and access cards can be changed or deactivated if needed. There are separate access control measures between the interior of the church building and the school that limit access to both spaces.

Cameras

There are several exterior and interior cameras installed at the Anchor Center. The footage is stored and is searchable as needed. GSL is currently working to enhance campus security (e.g. additional cameras).

Community Support

The greatest security asset we have is our highly-engaged community—students, parents, faculty and staff, and neighbors. Thank you for keeping a watchful eye on things when on campus, or simply passing by. We appreciate you!

Safety & Security Questions? [Email](#) Director of Finance & Operations Daniel Fundo.

News from Grace-St. Luke's Church



Blessing of the Animals and Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 6 p.m., Anchor Hill

Celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi at GSL. All people and pets ("creatures great and small") are invited to a service on Anchor Hill (Peabody at Lemaster). We will commemorate commitments of love, simplicity, care for the poor, and animals, commonly attributed to Francis, who prayed that all might become instruments of the peace of God for the world. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and ensure pets are leashed or otherwise secured.

CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO GSL TODAY!

