



GSL eNews

Monday, August 23, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

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Fall Enrichment Begins

Head Search Virtual Parent Forum #1, 5 p.m.

23-24

Middle School Auditions for *Twelfth Night*, 3:10 p.m. in the Performing Arts Room

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Head Search Virtual Parent Forum #2, 2 p.m.

Preschool & Middle School Back-to-School Night
Volunteer Fair & Spirit Wear Sale in McClure Hall,
5:30 p.m.
Classroom Visits, 6:30 p.m.

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5th-6th Grade Class Retreats

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

Lower School Back-to-School Night
Volunteer Fair & Spirit Wear Sale in McClure Hall,
5:30 p.m.
Classroom Visits, 6:30 p.m.

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Celebration, 8:05 a.m., hosted by Carrie Galphin

31 - September 3

Student Council Campaign Week

September

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**RED & WHITE
DRESS DOWN
DAY @ GSL!**

MONDAY, AUGUST 23!!!



HEAD OF SCHOOL SEARCH UPDATE

Head of School Search Virtual Parent Forums

The Board of Trustees is working with consultants from The Education Group to help identify our next head of school. The consultants have carefully read all the survey comments and incorporated this input into their search process. The purpose of the two forums offered this week is to

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

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Celebration, 8:05 a.m., hosted by Ellen Hendry, featuring Student Council campaign speeches

7th-8th Grade Class Retreats

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Labor Day Holiday - No School

7-22

P.A. Fall Wrapping Paper Fundraiser

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School Picture Day for SK-8

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

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Celebration, 8:05 a.m., hosted by Morgan Slatery

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Fall Spirit Week Begins

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Fall Homecoming Red & White Dress Down Day

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

Pep Rally & Class of 2021 Yearbook Signing, 2:15 p.m.

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Celebration, 8:05 a.m., hosted by Collin Buckner

give parents an opportunity to provide any additional input to the consultants regarding priorities and desired characteristics of a new leader of GSL. Parents will be allowed to ask questions using the Chat feature.

Zoom Parent Forum Details

Parent Forum #1

Monday, August 23 at 5 p.m.

[Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 851 4174 7173

Passcode: GSL2021

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Parent Forum #2

Tuesday, August 24 at 2 p.m.

[Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 895 2681 2145

Passcode: GSL2021

One tap mobile

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If you have any questions, please [email Board of Trustees President Paul Morris](#) or call him at 901-219-2336.

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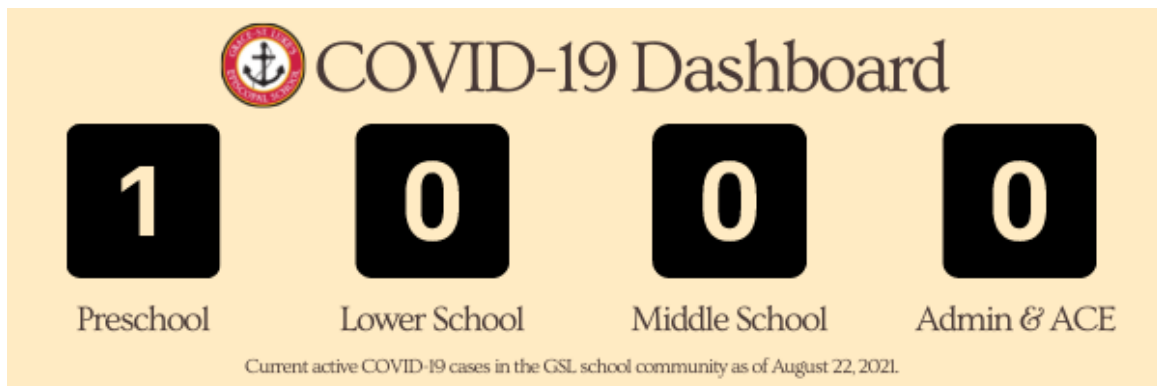
- [Refer a Friend to GSL](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)
- [Lunch Service](#)
- [2021-22 Important Dates Calendar](#)

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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.



Back-to-School Night

Preschool & Middle School - August 24

5:30 p.m. Volunteer Fair & Spirit Wear Sale, McClure Hall

6:30 p.m. Classroom Visits

Lower School - August 26

5:30 p.m. Volunteer Fair & Spirit Wear Sale, McClure Hall

6:30 p.m. Classroom Visits



This evening, adults-only event is held annually at the beginning of the year to acquaint families with GSL, the faculty, and student classrooms. It begins with a Spirit Wear Sale and Volunteer Fair sign-up event, hosted by the Parents' Association, that provides an overview of various P.A. activities happening throughout the year. The Spirit Wear Sale and Volunteer Fair will be in McClure Hall, and parents will enter via the ramp entrance on the west side of Lemaster (between GSL Church and the Middle School entrance). A parent volunteer will be on hand to greet you and provide directions.

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. Checks, Amex, MasterCard, and Visa accepted.

Join Us in ACE This School Year!

Registrations: If your child will be attending after school care regularly 3 or more days a week, please consider registering for full-time care. Otherwise, you may email ace@gslschool.org to let us know when your child will be dropping in. Your UltraCamp account will be charged automatically for drop-ins at the end of each week.




AFTER SCHOOL CARE
& ENRICHMENT @ GSL

Carpool: You may pick up at 4:30, 5:15, or 5:45 (plus 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays) - whichever time is most convenient for you. Carpool takes place at the same location as drop-off.

Enrichment: Classes are filling fast, and many begin next week! [See our brochure](#) to view our offerings, then register on UltraCamp.

Contact Us: If you need to reach ACE in the afternoons, please call 901-278-2685.



You Are Invited !

Come to the GSL Library to open a new **FAMILY ACCOUNT !**

- * Special book bag as a gift
- * Exclusive check outs for families, M-F, 7:30-9am
- * Other hours available

Director of Library - Mr. Jan Willis
Early Childhood Librarian - Mrs. Laura Lemly Willis

Enjoy our new Early Childhood Section !

Open a Family Account at the Library

Did you know all enrolled families are welcome to open accounts at our awesome GSL Library? While supplies last, all Preschool families, SK families, and new Lower School families who open an account will also get a free book bag! Email [Jan Willis](#) or [Laura Lemly Willis](#) for more information.

Middle School Auditions for Twelfth Night

Monday, August 23 and Tuesday, August 24
3:10 - 4:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts room
Pick up on Belvedere side

Unrequited love, mistaken identities, and a little trickery to boot! *Twelfth Night* is one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies. It promises to make you laugh out loud. Open to all Middle School students. No need to prepare anything, just come ready to play. Performance Dates: Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. Questions? [Email Leslie Reddick](#), Middle School Performing Arts Teacher.



Join GSL's Athletic Booster Club!

Open to all parents, grandparents, and friends of GSL, the Athletic Booster Club was created to support and enhance the Middle School Athletics program. By purchasing an annual Booster Club membership,



you can help provide quality enhancements and benefits to our Middle School Athletic program, such as uniforms, concession stand/locker room renovations, and other improvements. Membership also means your immediate family gets **FREE ADMISSION** to all the regular season 5th-8th grade home games at GSL. Grandparent memberships are also available. [Click here to sign up!](#)

ACE: Enrichment Featured Classes

Foundations of Ballet

This class continues the BrainDance approach, introducing more complex movements and rhythms. Students are introduced to basic ballet positions and follow the structure of a ballet class. This class requires special attire. Girls should wear a pink leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet slippers. Boys should wear a white t-shirt, black shorts, and black ballet slippers.

Grades: SK - 1st
Day of the Week: Thursdays
Dates: August 26 - December 9
*No class on November 18
Number of Classes: 13
Time: 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Instructor: New Ballet Ensemble
Cost: \$280
[Click here to register!](#)

Growing Gardeners

Give your child the opportunity to develop a green thumb! Students will learn about the elements necessary for growth and experience the life cycle of a plant by nurturing a plant from seed to sprout. Once the sprout gets strong enough, children will plant it in an outdoor pot so everyone can see the fruits of their hard work. Students will get their hands dirty in this interactive class.

Grades: SK - 1st
Day of the Week: Thursdays
Dates: August 26 - October 21
Number of Classes: 8
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Piper Martin
Cost: \$120
[Click here to register!](#)

Lower School Yoga

In Yoga Club, we will practice poses, breathing and mindfulness. Classes encompass full body movements and blend components of body, mind, brain, and breath that strengthen focus, patience, and self-regulation over time. Classes utilize stories, singing and games, and are led by Stephanie Congo, a yoga instructor with over 25 years of experience working with children and youth.

Please bring to each class: yoga mat, water bottle, beach towel or small blanket, and washcloth.

Grades: 2nd - 4th
Day of the Week: Thursdays
Dates: August 26 - October 14
Number of Classes: 7
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Stephanie Congo
Cost: \$150
[Click here to register!](#)

Let's Go Wild!

Prepare to meet some new four-legged (or no-legged) friends. Each week, a keeper from the Lichterman Nature Center will bring a live creature to GSL's campus – so run, hop, crawl, or slither on over to this exciting animal talk!

Grades: SK - 4th
Day of the Week: Fridays
Dates: August 27 - September 17
Number of Classes: 4
Time: 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Instructors: Lichterman Nature Center
Animal Keepers
Cost: \$80
[Click here to register!](#)

CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO GSL TODAY!

