



## GSL eNews

Monday, November 22, 2021

### CALENDAR PREVIEW

*Next 4 Weeks*

#### November

##### Now to December 13

Annual GSL Food Drive led by 5th Grade

##### 22

7th/8th Grade First Trimester Art Show

Lower School Vision Screenings,  
8 a.m., Lower School Multipurpose Room

Voluntary COVID testing, LL-8,  
9-11 a.m., Trezevant Hall

##### 23

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

Noon Dismissal for Thanksgiving Break

ACE: After School Care Open,  
Noon to 5:30 p.m.

##### 24-26

Thanksgiving Break, No School

##### 29

Middle School Vision Screenings,  
8 a.m., ACE: After School Care Room

3rd-4th Grade ERB Testing

Voluntary COVID testing, LL-8,  
9-11 a.m., Trezevant Hall

##### 30

Preschool Vision Screenings,  
8 a.m., ACE: After School Care Room

3rd-4th Grade & Middle School ERB Testing

#### December



#### Giving Thanks for You

As we approach Thanksgiving, we want to say *THANK YOU* to everyone who has supported this year's Better Together Annual Fund. The annual fund supports all aspects of Grace-St. Luke's, from the academic program and extracurriculars, to facility maintenance and faculty/staff compensation and benefits.

You can help GSL reach our fundraising goal of \$350,000 by **making or pledging a gift online**. If you are interested in learning more, or to discuss other areas related to giving such as employer matching gift funds, **email Director of Advancement Brenda Berry** today or call 901-278-0200. You may also contact one of this year's annual fund co-chairs: Kathleen & Schorr Behnke or Jenn & Ryan Gibbs.

GSL's community continues to be one of the greatest assets of our school, and that is 100% thanks to you and your family. *THANK YOU* for supporting your Saints!



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3rd-4th Grade & Middle School ERB Testing

Required COVID testing for unvaccinated 5/6 athletes, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Trezevant Hall

**2**

All School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

3rd-4th Grade & Middle School ERB Testing

**3**

Celebration, 8:05 a.m., hosted by Piper Martin

3rd-4th Grade & Middle School ERB Testing

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**6**

Voluntary COVID testing, LL-8, 9-11 a.m., Trezevant Hall

Auditions for *Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.*, 3-4:30 p.m., Performing Arts Room

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Auditions for *Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.*, 3-4:30 p.m., Performing Arts Room

**9**

All School Hanukkah Chapel, 8:05 a.m., Church

**10**

Celebration, 8:05 a.m., hosted by Marti McCloud

**13-17**

Lost & Found Items on Display, Anchor Center

**13**

Voluntary COVID testing, LL-8, 9-11 a.m., Trezevant Hall

**15**

Required COVID testing for unvaccinated 5/6 athletes, 9-11 a.m., Trezevant Hall

**16**

Dress Uniform for Grades 1-8

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

**17**

Red & Green Dress Down Day

Celebration, 8:05 a.m., hosted by Thor Kvande

Required COVID testing for unvaccinated 7/8 athletes, 9-11 a.m., Trezevant Hall

Little Luker Polar Express Pajama Day

Faculty/Student Basketball Game, 1:30 p.m., Anchor Gym

Last Day of School Before Christmas Break!

## ***P.A. Novel Shopping Event***

Thank you for supporting the P.A. Novel Shopping event last week! It was a big success, earning \$2,791 towards P.A. proceeds that will help fill Teacher Wish Lists at the end of this school year! This was a great way to support our GSL community and our local bookstore Novel!

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## ***Annual Student Food Drive*** **Nov. 15 - Dec. 13**

The fifth grade has begun their service-learning project involving the annual GSL Student Food Drive. The food drive begins today and runs through December 13. Donated items will be given to the Mid-South Food Bank and the GSL Church Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is looking for these specific items: 15-oz. cans of red beans or white beans, 15-oz. cans of low-salt diced tomatoes, and small bags of brown rice. Other desirable items are canned meats like tuna and chicken, peanut butter, dry milk, soups with meat, mac-n-cheese, pasta, rice, dried beans, and cereal ([click here for flyer with details](#)).

Our schoolwide goal is to bring in five cans per person! Drop boxes are in every classroom. This year the need continues to be greater than ever, so thank you in advance for helping to make this another successful food drive!

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## ***COVID-19 Vaccines for Ages 5-11***

The COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for 5- to 11-year-olds and is now being administered by

the Shelby County Health Department, Le Bonheur, and other local entities. This is good news for our community, and families are encouraged to take advantage of this great advance in the fight against COVID-19 and **consider vaccinating your child!** You can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to access a list of local providers.

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### QUICK LINKS

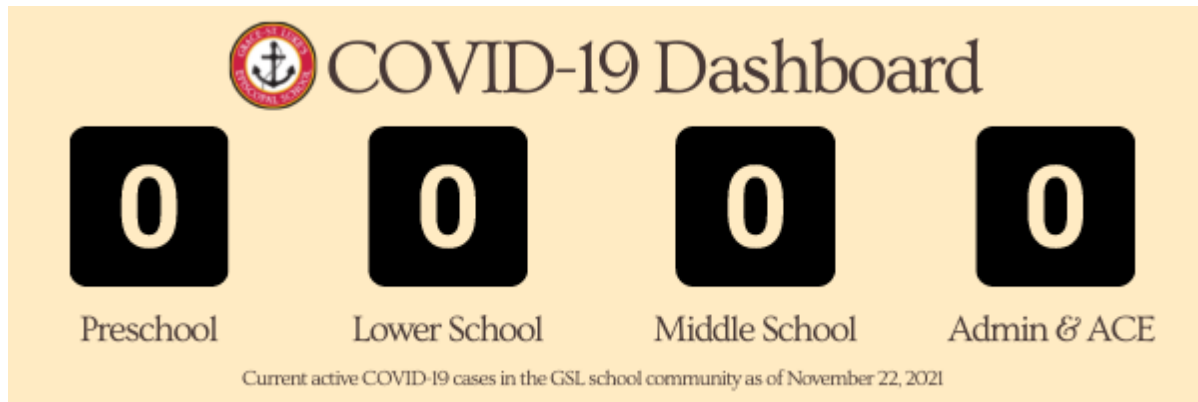
- [Report Student Vaccination Status](#)
- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
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### Weekly eNews Distribution

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.**



### 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. (Basketball is starting soon, so this is a great way to save on all those home game admission fees!) Grandparent memberships are also available. [Click here to sign up!](#)

In other news, we are bringing the booster sponsorship banners back at Snowden Field starting this spring! Order a new banner or renew a banner and have it up this spring until Summer 2023. That's 1 and a 1/2 years for the price of one school year! A new banner is \$250 and renewing a banner is \$150. [Click here to access the form](#) at the bottom of the Booster Club webpage.

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### Upcoming COVID Testing

**Monday, Nov. 22:** FREE voluntary testing Grades LL-8  
**Monday, Nov. 29:** FREE voluntary testing Grades LL-8

[Click here to register](#) if this is your child's first time to receive the antigen test.



See Athletics email sent Wed., Nov. 3, for details on which athletes are required to test.

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### ACE: After School Care on Half Days

November 23 is a half day, and school is dismissed at noon. ACE:



AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
& ENRICHMENT @ GSL

After School Care will be open from 12:00-5:30 p.m. Students enrolled in after school care full-time may attend the entire afternoon for no additional fee. All other students may drop-in for \$35. Students should pack a lunch, as the cafeteria will not be open.

## ***Grizzlies Holiday Basketball Camp Returns!***

**Monday, December 27 - Wednesday, December 29  
9 a.m. to Noon, Anchor Gym**

Spend your winter break with the Memphis Grizzlies as they host a three-day camp here at GSL! This Grizzlies program will feature skills training provided by the Grizzlies Youth Basketball staff as well as giveaways and lots of NBA fun. The camp is open to boys & girls ages 7-16, and all skill levels are welcome. Space is limited. Learn more and register at [MemGrizzYouth.com/camps](http://MemGrizzYouth.com/camps).



## ***ACE: Enrichment – Featured Classes!***

### ***Pottery & Painting: Deck the Tiles***

Get hands-on in this two-part special holiday pottery class hosted Seize the Clay. On the first day, learn to work clay onto a tile. Your design will be professionally baked in a kiln and returned to you so that you can paint your design on the second day.

Grades: SK - 1st  
Days of the Week: Tuesday & Thursday  
Dates: December 9 & 16  
Number of Classes: 2  
Time: 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Instructor: Seize the Clay  
Cost: \$60

[Click here to register today!](#)

### ***Second Trimester: Luker Learning Labs***

Give your student a structured time and place to focus on homework assignments three days a week. Each learning lab is proctored by a GSL faculty member and consists of up to 10 students. Because of the small-group setting, students receive ample guidance from teachers who have expert knowledge of the curriculum.

Grades: 1st - 4th  
Days of the Week: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Dates: November 15 - February 25  
\*No class on November 23, December 16, or January 27  
Number of Classes: 33  
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Instructors: GSL Faculty Members  
Cost: \$350

[Click here to register today!](#)

**CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO GSL TODAY!**

