



July 12, 2022

Dear GSL Families,

I hope this packet of Back to School information finds you and your family well, enjoying all that Summer Break has to offer! I've been in Memphis for just over a week now, and it feels so good to be back at GSL! There is such a great team in place, and I am appreciative of all the kind words of welcome received. This week I'm excited to be attending the NAIS Institute for New Heads in Atlanta, and I'm really looking forward to next month when we will all be on campus together as a community. We're preparing for the start of school now, and I encourage you to take a few moments to read through all the important information below so you and your children are ready to go on August 15, our first day of school.

SUMMER TO-DOs (Including Textbook/Uniform Info & More!)

Immunizations and Medical Authorizations

Immunization Forms for Rising SK & 7th

Parents of rising SK and 7th grade students must have up-to-date immunization forms on file for their children to attend school; you should have received an email from Angela Merideth June 14 if your file needs to be updated. Updated forms are due back to the school office by Monday, August 8.

Authorization to Administer Medication Policy & Form

If your child requires medication to be administered during school hours, a completed **Authorization to Administer Medication** form must be on file with GSL's front office. As a reminder, students are not permitted to carry medication on our campus. Authorized members of GSL's staff must administer all medication to students. Please provide the completed form to Front Office Administrator Angela Merideth, as we are not able to administer any medication to students without a form on file. Families are encouraged to complete the Authorization to Administer Medication form for every student, regardless of how often a child may need medication during school hours.

Note: If you already have an executed medical authorization form on file for your child with the school's front office, and provided there are no changes in the authorization or medications GSL is permitted to administer, your current authorization will remain in effect (i.e., it is not necessary to complete a new form each school year unless changes are needed).

Important Dates

Our first day of school is August 15. Please **click here** to access 2022-23 Important Dates for the coming school year. An important update has been made to the 2022-23 school year calendar. School will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 for a Faculty In-Service Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Middle School Snack Pass Registration

Save yourself some trouble and let GSL provide the snack for your Middle School student's daily break in Lassandrello Hall! The cost is \$297 for a full year (\$1.75/day) or \$164/Fall and \$176/Spring if you prefer

to purchase by half year (\$2 per day). Middle School families may [click here to purchase](#).

Orientation Invitations for New Families

- **New Preschool Families:** Be on the lookout for an invitation from your new teacher with a specific time to come visit the Preschool campus on Friday, August 12. Email Head of Preschool [Cynthia Hill](#) with questions.
- **New Lower School Families:** You are invited to come join us in McClure Hall on Friday, August 12 at 9 a.m. for orientation followed by a visit to your new classroom. Email Head of Lower School [Marti McCloud](#) with questions.
- **New Middle School Families:** You will receive an email from Head of Middle School [Ellen Hendry](#) inviting you to come visit before the start of school.

Piccadilly Lunch Service Signup

Piccadilly Food Service returns as our lunch provider for students in SK-8th grade. [Click here](#) to visit the lunch page on our website for order details.

School Supplies

GSL provides school supplies to students.

Summer Work

Summer work assignments for all three divisions were emailed to families on June 3. This work should be completed by the start of school. You may access these communications, along with all past weekly eNews emails, by [clicking here](#).

Textbook Purchase Lists

MBS Direct is our online school textbook vendor. Students entering SK-8th grade are required to purchase textbooks. For step-by-step directions on how to order your textbooks through the MBS Virtual Bookstore, please [watch this video](#). To view and purchase the textbooks needed for your child's grade, [click here to visit the MBS online textbook store](#), where you can begin the order process now!

Note: July 11-24 is GSL's two-week free shipping period for orders of \$99 or more!

Textbook Buyback Lists

As part of their services, MBS also offers a textbook buyback program. For instructions just [watch this video](#), and [click here](#) to access the buyback section of the site.

We are also accepting three used textbooks donations at GSL this year:

- 6th Grade Mathematics: Applications and Concepts - Course 2 book
- 8th Grade Algebra: Structure and Method - Book 1
- 7th/8th U.S. History textbook

These may be dropped off at the Administrative Office. We are not accepting any other used textbook donations.

Uniforms and Dress Code Policy

Uniforms are required for students in 1st-8th grade. You can [click here](#) to see basic requirements on our website. As a reminder, the exclusive uniform provider for GSL is **Lands' End**. Questions? Contact Head of Lower School [Marti McCloud](#) for grades 1-4 and Head of Middle School [Ellen Hendry](#) for grades 5-8.

Note: P.E. Uniforms will NOT be required this year.

AND DON'T FORGET – IT'S GSL'S 75TH!

GSL celebrates its 75th anniversary this school year! The school will honor this historic milestone with students on Friday, August 19. Our Anniversary Celebration for the adults, which includes past and present members of our community and all alumni age 21 and over, is Saturday, August 20 at 6 p.m. here on Lemaster Street and in the Anchor Center. Please plan to join us. It's going to be a fabulous time of connection and celebration of everything GSL!

As a final reminder, the Administrative Office's summer hours are 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Monday-Friday through the end of July. Regular office hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. begin August 1. We will continue to share

updates as well as class lists over the next few weeks, and we look forward to seeing you on August 15.
Go, Saints!

Sincerely,

Andy Surber, Ed.D.
Head of School
