



June 15, 2022

Dear GSL Families,

We hope your summer is off to a good start! Please take a few moments to read the important information below to help you start preparing for the 2022-23 school year.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

### **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

### **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.

Note: We are accepting three used textbooks donations at GSL this year: the 6th Grade Mathematics: Applications and Concepts - Course 2 book, the 8th Grade Algebra: Structure and Method - Book 1, and the 7th/8th U.S. History textbook, which can be dropped off at the Administrative Office. We are not accepting any other used textbook donations.

## **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

### **More Staffing Updates**

**Antonio Hinton** will be GSL's new Director of Auxiliary Programs, succeeding current Director Amy Lee upon her departure this summer. Antonio completed his bachelor's degree in music education at LeMoyne-Owen College and received his master's degree in education from Freed-Hardeman University. He is a student-centered leader with 13 years of classroom and leadership experience in K-8 auxiliary programming. Antonio comes to GSL from Holy Family Catholic School in Holly Springs, Miss., where he has worked most recently as an academic coach, a librarian media specialist, and a second grade teacher. He also worked in after care administration at Specialized Learning Center and Brownsville Road Elementary in Memphis.

**Victoria Blackwell** joins the Preschool as a Pre-Kindergarten Lead Teacher. Victoria received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Memphis. She comes to us from Immaculate Conception, where she has worked as a pre-kindergarten teacher and assistant director of after care and summer camp.

**Kelsey Burnette** joins the Preschool as a Pre-Kindergarten Assistant Teacher. She received her bachelor's degree in music education from Bethel University and comes to us from Libertas School of Memphis where she has been working as a teacher's assistant.

**Amanda Coile** joins the Preschool as a Little Lukers Assistant Teacher. She received her bachelor's

degree in communications sciences and disorders from the University of Mississippi and comes to us from Memphis Oral School for the Deaf, where she has been working as a teacher's assistant.

**Athalie Hutson** joins the Preschool as a Pre-Kindergarten Assistant Teacher. She is finishing a degree in music education at Northwest Mississippi Community College and has experience both as a private nanny and as an assistant daycare teacher at Farmington Presbyterian Day School.

**Mary Margaret Snow** and **Courtney Ciaramitaro's** titles change to better reflect their roles at GSL: Mary Margaret Snow's title is now Instructional Support Specialist/School Counselor, and she'll be working with Lower School students. Courtney Ciaramitaro's title is now School Counselor/Academic Support, and she'll be working with Middle School students.

In Middle School: History Teacher **Lily Thompson** will also teach Bible and World Religions. English Teacher **Juan Roncal** will also teach 7th Grade History.

### **Holland Photo Links**

[Click here](#) to order photos from the Athletic Banquet.

[Click here](#) to order photos from Honors Chapel.

### **Important Dates**

An important change 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. Please [click here](#) to access the updated 2022-23 Important Dates for the coming school year.

### **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; check your email for a message from Angela Merideth June 14 to see 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**

Students are not permitted to carry medication on our campus. Authorized members of GSL's staff must administer all medication to students. 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. Please provide the completed form to Front Office Administrator Angela Merideth.

If a student does not have this form on file, GSL will not administer any medication to that child. 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.

*IMPORTANT NOTE* for parents of students who currently have an executed medical authorization form on file with the school's front office: Provided there are no changes in the authorization or medications GSL is permitted to administer, each student's written authorization will continue from the years printed on the original document into subsequent school years (i.e., it is not necessary to complete a new form each school year, unless changes are needed.)

### **School Supplies**

GSL provides school supplies to students. No action is needed by parents.

### **Summer Work**

Summer work for all three divisions was emailed to families on June 3. Please check your email and let us know if you did not receive that communication. You may also access these communications, along with all past weekly eNews emails, by [clicking here](#).

As a final reminder, the Administrative Office's summer hours are 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Monday-Friday. The office will be closed the week of July 4th.

We will continue to share updates throughout the summer, with information on P.E. Uniforms, Piccadilly lunch registration, and next year's class lists. So please be sure and check your email regularly in the weeks to come, and happy summer!

Sincerely,

GSL Administration

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