



GSL eNews

Sunday, February 25, 2024

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

February

25

4th-8th Grade Mother-Son Event
6-9 p.m., Anchor Gym

27-March 8

Second Trimester Middle School Art Show

27

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Opening Reception for Middle School Art Show,
5-6:30 p.m., Anchor Center Alumni Lobby

28

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

29

5th Grade Parent Meeting on Year-End Field Trip,
7:15-7:45 a.m., McClure Hall

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Opening Night! Saints' Stories
7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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All-School Wacky-Tacky Dress-Down Day

Celebration for Read Across America Day,
8:15-9 a.m. in classrooms

Saints' Stories
7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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Tennessee State Scholastic Team Chess
Tournament, Hosted by the Tennessee Chess
Association at GSL



Second Trimester Middle School Art Show

Feb. 27-March 28

**Opening Reception: Tuesday Feb. 27,
5-6:30 p.m., Anchor Center Alumni
Lobby (2nd floor)**

The Winter Art Show features work by second trimester Middle School artists. Stop by and see their incredible artwork! Opening reception is this Tuesday night!



Saints' Stories

8 a.m.-2 p.m., Anchor Center

Saints' Stories,
10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., McClure Hall

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8th Grade Internship Fair
7 p.m., Anchor Center

5
Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

6
Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7
All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

8
Pi Day Celebration Chapel Hosted by
Ellyse Woolard, 8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym
(Parents welcome to attend)

11-15
Spring Break, No School
ACE @ Play Available with Registration

18
Classes Resume

19
Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

20
8th Grade Parent Meeting on Nantahala Trip,
7-8:30 a.m., McClure Hall

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

21
All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by
Harrison Evers and Lily Woodmansee,
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

22
Celebration Chapel: Thespian Society Inductions
Hosted by Leslie Reddick,
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church
(Parents welcome to attend)

Thespian Society Inductees Reception,
8:30-9 a.m., Trezevant Hall

**On Stage February 29-March 2,
McClure Hall**

Tickets are now on sale for Saints' Stories, which
opens this Thursday night! Click the links below to
purchase your general admission tickets:

[Thursday, 2/29/24, 7:30 p.m.](#)

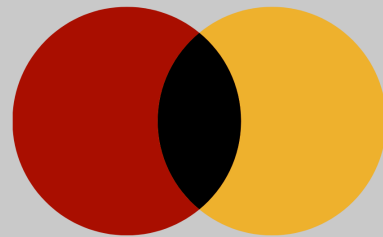
[Friday, 3/1/24, 7:30 p.m.](#)

[Saturday, 3/2/24, 10 a.m.](#)

[Saturday, 3/2/24, 7:30 p.m.](#)

This production features stories written by faculty
and staff from their childhood and youth, and
performed by students in 4th-8th grades. Please
come out and support our incredible cast and crew
for this show! Questions? [Email the Performing
Arts Booster Club.](#)

Survey Reminder



Reminder: Please Complete the Strategic Planning Survey Survey Closes Friday at 3 p.m.

The GSL Leadership Team and Board of Trustees
have kicked off a strategic planning process,
which also aligns with the school's re-
accreditation, scheduled for the 2024-25 school
year. As part of the Discovery process, data is
being collected via a survey for the strategists team
at C. Gilmour Consulting. This data will be
referenced throughout the strategic planning
process.

You can access the survey through the email that
was sent to families last Thursday, February
22. Your participation in the survey is requested
and very much appreciated. This feedback will
help guide the strategic direction of the school.

Questions? [Email](#) Director of Advancement
Brenda Berry.

QUICK LINKS

- [Blackbaud Parent Portal](#)
- [Online Spirit Wear Store](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)
- [Lunch Service](#)
- [2023-24 Important Dates Calendar](#)
- [NEW! 2024-25 Important Dates Calendar](#)
- [Preschool Handbook](#)

Weekly eNews Distribution

To add an email address to the eNews distribution
list, please email [Director of Communications
Marci Woodmansee.](#)

Contacting ACE After School Hours

To connect with ACE after school hours, **call the
Auxiliary Programs line at 901.677.2245.**

- [Lower & Middle School Handbook](#)
- [Uniform & Dress Code Policy](#)
- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
- [Refer a Friend to GSL](#)



Celebration of Giving to GSL: Thank You!

Thanks to our wonderful GSL community, we had a very successful 2nd Annual Celebration of Giving to GSL! During this weeklong event, held February 5-9, 2024, 87 donors gave more than \$22,000 to GSL's 2023-24 Anchor Fund. Out of those 87 donations, 73 gifts came from current parents—*thank you!*

In just one week, GSL parent participation in giving to the Anchor Fund increased 20%, from 31% participation to 51%! Our goal is to reach 100% parent participation. If you have not yet given, we hope you will join in supporting our amazing school. **You may give or pledge online.**

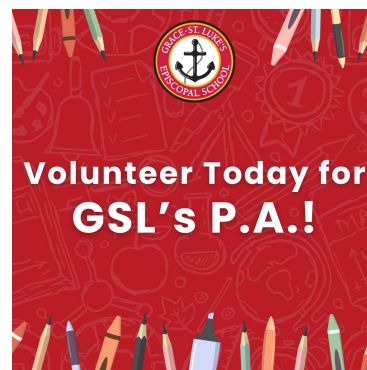
A heartfelt thank you once again to everyone who participated in the Celebration of Giving to GSL!

To discuss giving options, please email Director of Advancement **Brenda Berry**.

Only a Few Weeks Left to Volunteer for the P.A. for the 2024-25 School Year

The Parents' Association is working to find volunteers to serve on the P.A. for the 2024-25 school year, and WE NEED YOU! From being a room parent to chairing an event, there are so many different ways that you can plug in and serve on the P.A. in 2024-25. There are ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT TO VOLUNTEER!

Click here to complete our P.A. Volunteer Form and let us know your interest. Your information will be forwarded to the P.A. Nominations Committee as they prepare to fill positions for next year.



We hope that you will consider a role with the Parents' Association next year, and thank you for all you do to support GSL!



Register Now for ACE @ Play! Spring Break Week at GSL

School might be out, but ACE has more fun planned for students who will be joining us. This week will be all about the wilderness! Go on a "hike" across campus, play educational nature-themed games, create nature themed arts and crafts, do science experiments and so, so much more.

Dates: March 11-15

Times: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$50 per day or \$225 for the entire week

Instructors: ACE Staff

Registration Deadline: Thurs., March 7 @ 6 p.m. **Click here to register today.**



Anchor Auction: SummerFest Giveaway! ***Presented by Independent Bank***

Join us for the Parents' Association's largest fundraiser of the year – a night of fun and fellowship with the GSL community – featuring food by Fuel Catering, wine by Joe's Wines and Liquor, beer by Wiseacre, photo booth by Amurica, and live music provided by the Earnestine & Hazel's Band!

NEW FOR 2024: SUMMERFEST GIVEAWAY

Enter our drawing for a chance to win a package that includes 50% off all 8 weeks of SummerFest for ONE (1) currently enrolled GSL student! One entry for \$30; three entries for \$75. Tickets for the drawing are only available for purchase at the Auction. Anyone who enters will receive a GSL branded item!

Faculty/Staff are not eligible to enter this drawing.

TICKETS

Tickets are \$115 per person. **This year, the ticket price includes your food, beer, and wine, as well as a welcome cocktail!** Mixed drinks will also be available for purchase.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!](#)

Questions: Contact Auction event chairs [Mary Maxwell](#) or [Katie McDermott](#) today.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



SummerFest Camp Registration Open for GSL **June 3-August 2** **(Closed the week of July 4)** **For Rising PK-8th (Ages 3-13)**

Registration is open until March 1 for GSL families only! Camps are taught by our own teachers, coaches, after care staff, GSL alumni, and our favorite regular camp vendors. And in case you didn't know, we have a swimming pool on site (accessible from the Preschool Outdoor Classroom) to help our campers keep cool all summer long.

Camps are already filling up fast, so make plans now to join the fun before we open registration up to the public! [Click here](#) to see the brochure and register on UltraCamp today!





Tuition and ACE Statements Available

With tax season upon us, we remind you that tuition and ACE statements are available online through FACTS and UltraCamp. **Click here for our Business Office FAQs** document with the instructions for accessing these forms. (The FAQs are also posted under the Admissions/Tuition tab on our website.)

Annual PopTab Palooza

It's time again to collect pop tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House. This competition is for SK - 8th grade, and the **winning grade** will win a pizza party!

Homerooms/advisories will be collecting from March 18 - 22. Thank you for your support of this cause!



Save the Date for Your Child's Spring Musical Performance!

March 27: 3rd Grade
April 10: 2nd Grade
April 24: 1st Grade
May 1: SK
May 8: 4th Grade

Mr. Jensen's students are working hard on their upcoming spring musical performances for families! All performances will be in McClure Hall at 8:15 a.m. Stay tuned for more info!

News from the Church



Let's Play Ball! **JK-4th Grade Students**

It's time again for Church League Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball for JK-4th graders! Registration ends February 29 and does fill up quickly, so please register sooner rather than later. **Click here to register** and review current baseball season information.



Spring Messenger

The Grace-St. Luke's Church Spring Newsletter is hot off the press. **Click here** to read the latest issue of *The Messenger*. You'll find information on musical, Lenten, and Easter offerings, as well as messages from the clergy, food pantry team, and more.



Soccer Season Coming Soon

For those who have registered, expect practices to begin in late February or early March 1st and are held at Tobey and GSL Fields. Please **contact Athletic Director Christi Authement** if you have not heard from a coach by February 26. Season begins April 6. Games are on Saturday

If you are interested in coaching,
please email **Christi Authement**
or fill out the coaching box on the
registration form.

mornings and afternoons and
held at GSL and away fields. The
season ends May 18. For more
info, **[click here](#)** to download the
Soccer Expectations document.

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ONLINE!

