



# GSL eNews

Sunday, April 14, 2024

## CALENDAR PREVIEW

*Next 4 Weeks*

### *April*

**16**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

**17**

4th Grade Citizenship Breakfast  
8-9:30 a.m., Trezevant Hall

**18**

All-School Chapel, Featuring Chapel Talks by  
Levi Johnson, Beatrix Jackson, and Talat Thomas  
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church

Preschool Gardening Day

**19**

All-School Earth Day Dress-Down Day

Celebration Chapel, Hosted by Elizabeth Bayzie,  
Anchor Gym, followed by Earth Day Ploozza  
Activities for Lower School and Middle School

Free Marcella Simien Concert Sponsored by  
Grace-St. Luke's Church; all are welcome  
5-8 p.m., Anchor Hill

**22-26**

Book Collection for Annual PS/LS Book Swap,  
various locations on campus (details below)

**23**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

2nd Annual GSL Emeritus Society Gathering  
5:30 p.m., Anchor Library

**24**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

1st Grade Music Performance for Families  
8:15-8:45 a.m., McClure Hall



### *Anchor Auction Thank You & Pick Up Reminder*

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2024 Anchor Auction this past Friday! This event was a huge success thanks to all of our sponsors, teams of volunteers, and the support from our outstanding community!

A very special thank you to Anchor Auction Co-Chairs Katie McDermott and Mary Maxwell for leading this incredible P.A. event! And a BIG thank you to Emily Merrell for her work on the Class Art Projects this year - they were fantastic!

If you received a text message indicating that you won an auction item, be sure to pick it up this week at the GSL Administration Building, 246 S. Belvedere Blvd. Pickup is available this week starting tomorrow through Friday, April 19 from 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Questions? Email Advancement Specialist  
[Mackay Lee.](#)

**25**

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Shedding Light on Learning Support at GSL  
Presented by the P.A. Speaker Series  
11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Trezevant Hall

**26**

4th Grade Class Trip to Discovery Park of America  
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Celebration Chapel, Hosted by Carrie Galphin  
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church  
(Parents welcome to attend)

**27-May 1**

7th/8th Grade Class Trips

**30-May 3**

6th Grade Class Trip

**30**

4th Grade Parents Look-Ahead to 5th Grade  
8 a.m., Kvande Classrooms (Middle School Lower  
Floor; park on Lemaster and follow signs in)

## **May**

**1-3**

5th Grade Class Trip

**1-3**

Preschool/Lower School Book Swap  
Anchor Center Alumni Lobby

**1**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

SK Music Performance for Families  
8:15-8:45 a.m., McClure Hall

**2-3**

7th & 8th Grades - No School

**2**

Playhouse on the Square Performance for Lower  
School Students, 8:30-9:30 a.m., McClure Hall

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

New Family Welcome Event  
5:30-7:30 p.m., Anchor Center

**3**

Celebration Chapel, Hosted by Abby Hensley  
8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church  
(Parents welcome to attend)

**7**

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

7th/8th Grade Athletic Banquet  
6-8 p.m., Anchor Center Gym

**8**

Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

4th Grade Music Performance for Families  
8:15-8:45 a.m., McClure Hall



## **ACE: Enrichment Spotlights**

Spots are still available in the following enrichment classes – check them out!

American Girl Doll Birthday Party, SK-4th:  
**Click here to register.**

Glow Painting with a Twist, SK-4th:  
**Click here to register.**

Basketball Look-Ahead for Rising 5th and 6th  
Grade Girls: **Click here to register.**

I Love You, Mom! 1st-4th:  
**Click here to register.**



## **Middle School Fall Sports Registration Deadline 4/26!**

Show your GSL spirit! It's time to register your  
rising 5th-8th grade student for fall sports at GSL.

Preschool Field Day, 9-10:30 a.m.

Spring Sports Photos  
Lemaster Playground, 12:45-1:35 p.m.

**9**  
All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

5th/6th Third Trimester Music Performance  
6-7 p.m., McClure Hall

**10**  
Final Celebration featuring 8th Grade Talent Show  
& AR Awards, 8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's  
Episcopal Church (*Parents welcome to attend*)

Fall sports offerings include cheerleading, football, girls volleyball, girls soccer, golf, tennis, and cross country.

[Click here](#) to register by end of day Friday, April 26. Email [Emily Merrell](#) with any questions.



## ***SummerFest Updates***

**June 3-August 2**  
**(Closed the week of July 4)**

We are still seeking a lifeguard - a great summer job for an older child or GSL alum you know! Must be 18 and have lifeguard certification. Email [Emily Merrell](#) for more information.

And we still have spaces in camps! Registration is open to all children ages 4-13, regardless of school affiliation (and to rising GSL-enrolled PK students). Tell your friends to come join your child at SummerFest! [Click here](#) to see the brochure; [click here](#) to register on UltraCamp today!

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

### ***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.**

## ***Book Swap Time at GSL!***

**May 1-3, Anchor Center Second Floor Lobby**

We are so excited for our annual Preschool & Lower School Book Swap! Donation bins will be available to fill with your gently-used treasured books! A few details:

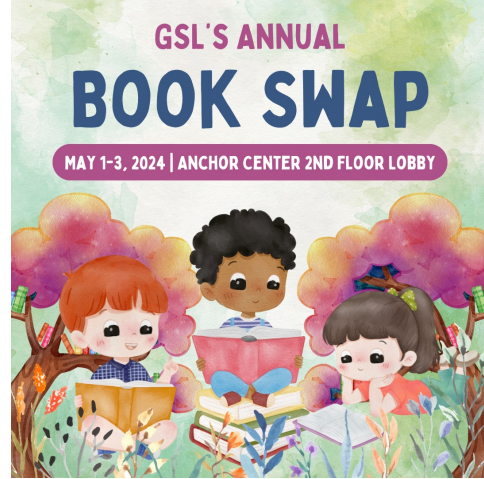
- Accepting donations of books appropriate for ages LL - 4th Grade, starting Monday, April 22 through Friday, April 26 at 3 p.m.
- We will need additional help with the Book Swap - you can [click here](#) to register to help volunteer!



- Donation bins will be placed in the Preschool next to Mrs. Cynthia's office, in the Circle Drive, on the Administrative Office porch, in the Lower School Multi-Purpose Room, and in Lass Hall just outside the concession stand.

- Preschool & Lower School students will shop the swap with their class May 1-3 to pick out free books to take home. Middle Schoolers are invited to donate books for their younger GSL friends to read. The advisory donating the most books will win a dress-down day!

- Middle School students should submit a piece of paper with their name, advisory teacher, and number of books being donated. (There will be donation slips in the Middle School bins in Lass Hall.)



Questions? Contact P.A. Event Chairs [Cradly Schneider](#) or [Amy White](#).



***You're Invited to...  
Shedding Light on Learning Support @ GSL:  
Presented by the P.A. Speaker Series***

**Thursday, April 25  
11:30-12:30 p.m., Trezevant Hall**

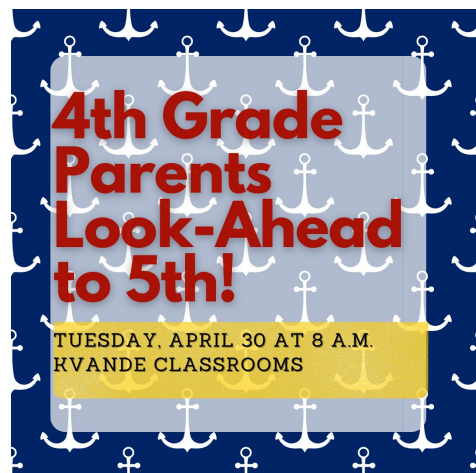
GSL is committed to helping all students achieve academic success. Join us April 25 to hear from Learning Specialist Jenn Futrell, Instructional Support Specialist Mary Margaret Snow, and School Counselor Courtney Ciaramitaro as they outline the processes, strategies, and academic support plans in place as students move through Lower School and Middle School at GSL.

Lunch will be served starting at 11:15 a.m. The program will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m.

Please [click here](#) to RSVP by Monday, April 22. We hope to see you there!

***4th Grade Parents Look-Ahead to 5th***  
**Tuesday, April 30**  
**8 am in the Kvande Classrooms**  
**(Lower Floor, Middle School)**

Fourth Grade parents are invited to join us Tuesday, April 30 for a look-ahead to 5th Grade. You will learn more about our Middle School program and what to expect in 5th grade, with a chance to meet 5th grade teachers, see classrooms and lockers, and ask questions. Enter through the Middle School entrance on Lemaster and follow the signs downstairs. We look forward to seeing you!



***Upcoming Spring Musical Performances***

**April 24: 1st Grade**

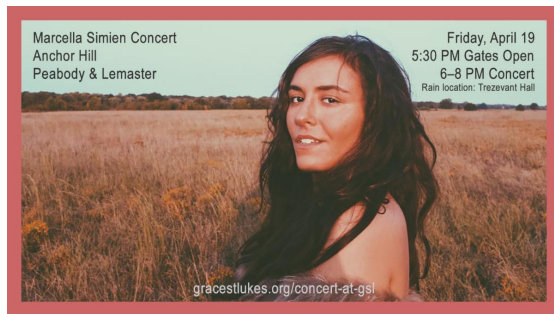
**May 1: SK**

**May 8: 4th Grade**

All performances are in McClure Hall at 8:15 a.m.



## News from the Church



### ***Outdoor Concert: Marcella Simien on Anchor Hill*** **Friday, April 19, 6-8 p.m.**

Back by popular demand, vocalist and "swamp soul queen" **Marcella Simien** returns to GSL with her band for a free concert on Friday, April 19, 6 to 8 p.m. on Anchor Hill. Come with friends, family, neighbors, as well as your lawn chair and picnic for a fun night! Gate opens at 5:30 for the 6 to 8 p.m. performance. (Rain location: Trezevant Hall)



### ***Messy Church at GSL*** **Sunday, April 28, 11:30 a.m.** **Trezevant Hall**

The Episcopal tradition cherishes ancient, modern, and innovative ways to celebrate the faith. Messy Church is a fresh expression of "being church" that gathers all ages and stages to fellowship, make, eat, and celebrate the love of Jesus that transforms lives. It is a creative, counter-cultural way of spiritual formation through sharing fun, Christ-centered activities, song, and Holy Communion in a casual environment. If you think you might attend, **click here** to RSVP.

**GIVE TO GSL  
ONLINE!**

