



GSL eNews

Sunday, April 21, 2024

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

April

22-26

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

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

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)

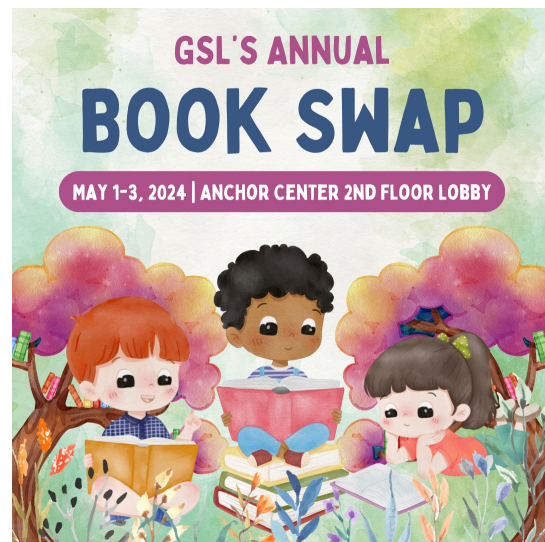
27-May 1

7th/8th Grade Class Trips

30-May 3

6th Grade Class Trip

30



Book Collection This Week for Book Swap

We are so excited for our annual Preschool & Lower School Book Swap! This week is collection week – 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 **tomorrow through Friday, April 26 at 3 p.m.**
- 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. We still need additional help with the Book Swap - you can [click here](#) to volunteer!
- 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

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

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

6-10

Preschool Spirit Week

7

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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

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

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

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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)

13-17

7th/8th Grade Exams

13-17

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!

Lost & Found Items Set Out

14-17

Third Trimester Middle School Art Show on Display, Anchor Center Alumni Lobby

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Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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

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Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

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

Last Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Lower School Game Day, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

17

Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-3 and 5-8
(4th Graders in special dress as communicated via separate email)

Honors Chapel

1:45 p.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church
Reception immediately following in Trezevant Hall



WANT TO COMPETE FOR GSL?

**REGISTER NOW FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL
FALL SPORTS!**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 26

The banner features three circular logos at the top: a golf ball on a green field, a red anchor inside a circle with 'GRACE-ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL' text, and a tennis racket. Below the logos, the text 'WANT TO COMPETE FOR GSL?' is in white. The main title 'REGISTER NOW FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL SPORTS!' is in large, bold, green letters. At the bottom, there are icons for a football, a running person, a soccer ball, a person jumping, and a cheerleader. The registration deadline 'REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 26' is in white on a green background.

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.

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.

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](#)

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Contacting ACE After School Hours

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



Spring 2024

A C E

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
& ENRICHMENT @ GSL

The banner features a photo of several children sitting on a playground structure. To the right of the photo, the text 'Spring 2024' is written vertically in a white, cursive font. Below the photo, the letters 'A C E' are displayed in large, bold, white font, each inside a colored square (red for A, black for C, yellow for E). To the right of these letters is a small white anchor icon inside a grey square. At the bottom, the text 'AFTER SCHOOL CARE & ENRICHMENT @ GSL' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font.

ACE: Enrichment Spotlights

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

American Girl Doll Birthday Party!

Hooray!!! SK Teachers Caroline Canon and Piper Martin are throwing a spectacular American Girl doll-themed birthday party. Friends and their dolls are welcome to come "dolled up" in their most festive party attire. There will be hairstyles, treats, and sweet memories.

Grades: SK - 4th

Day of the Week: Wednesday

Date: May 15

Number of Classes: 1

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Instructors: Caroline Canon & Piper Martin

Cost \$30

[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.](#)

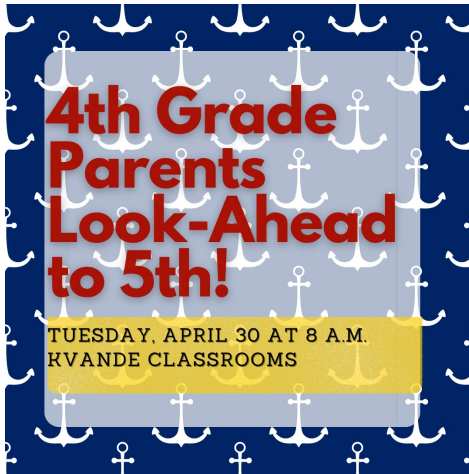
SummerFest Updates

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](mailto:EMERRELL@GSLSCHOOL.ORG) 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!



4th Grade Parents Look-Ahead to 5th

Tuesday, April 30

**8 a.m. 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!

Year-End Class Trips for 4th-8th Grade

We are getting excited about our upcoming year-end class trips for the 4th-8th grade students at GSL! So much experiential learning and team-building takes place on these annual adventures, whether we are exploring iconic American cities, touring museums, or enjoying the outdoors. Even more important, lifelong memories are made and lasting friendships forged. Class trips are something to look forward to as your children continue to advance through each grade level at GSL! Here's where everyone is going this year:

4th Grade: Day trip to Discovery Park of America in Union City, Tenn., April 26

5th Grade: Nature's Classroom in Mentone, Ala., May 1-3

6th Grade: New Orleans, April 30-May 3

7th Grade: Chicago, April 27-May 1

8th Grade: Nantahala Outdoor Center in North Carolina, April 27-May 1



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.



Spring Concert:
Memphis Boy & Girl Choir
Sunday, April 28, 5 p.m.
Grace-St. Luke's Church

The Memphis Boy & Girl Choir presents their end-of-the-year concert. This evensong features William Walton, *Jubilate Deo*; Anton Bruckner, *Os justi*; Paul Christiansen, *My song in the night*; and Shawn Kirchner, *Brightest and Best* with violin. The Training Choir of 1st & 2nd grade will also sing two of their favorite songs of the year.



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!**

