



GSL eNews

Sunday, May 5, 2024

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

May

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

8

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, Hosted by Rick Kohlhof and Debbie Callahan, featuring 8th Grade Talent Show & AR Awards, 8:05 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church (*Parents welcome to attend*)

13-17

Lost & Found Items Set Out

14-17

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



Honors Chapel

Friday, May 17, 1:45 p.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church

At Honors Chapel, we celebrate various things at GSL, including fourth grade's upcoming advancement to Middle School and faculty/staff service awards. This annual ceremony, which also serves as a symbolic passing of the torch from the eighth grade class to seventh graders, also recognizes the recipients of a few special awards.

Honors Chapel is a dress uniform day for Grades 1-3 and 5-8, with special dress attire for our fourth graders (*sent in a separate email to fourth grade families April 18*).

All fourth grade families and other honorees are invited to a reception in Trezevant Hall following the ceremony.

14-20
7th & 8th Grade Exams

14
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

15
Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

16
Last All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m.

Last Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m.

Lower School Game Day, 9-11 a.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

20-21
All-School Dress-Down Days

20
8th Grade Memory Walk & Clap-out, 10:45 a.m.

8th Grade Alumni Lunch, 11 a.m., Trezevant Hall

Central Gardens Association Neighborhood Meeting, 6-8 p.m., Anchor Center

21
Last Day of School for Grades LL, PK, JK, & SK!

Middle School Field Day, 9-11 a.m.

22
Best Dress Attire for Grades 1-7
(8th Graders in special dress as communicated via separate email)

Last Day of School for Grades 1-8!

8th Grade Graduation
10:30 a.m., Grace-St. Luke's Church
Reception immediately following in Trezevant Hall

Noon Dismissal

ACE Open, 12-5:30 p.m.

24
GSL School Office Closed for Faculty Outservice

27
Memorial Day, School Office Closed

28-31
Bridge Week Available with Registration

Summer Office Hours Begin, 8 a.m.-Noon



Fine Arts Announcement:
2024 Fall Musical!

Audition Dates: August 19 & 20 from 3-4:30 p.m., Performing Arts Room

We are pleased to announce this fall's production: Music Theater International's *Something Rotten Jr.*, a hysterical musical adapted from the Broadway hit!

Synopsis: In the 1590s, plays were the thing! Competition for best playwright was stiff. Brothers Nick & Nigel Bottom attempt to create a new work to challenge the English Renaissance's shining star - William Shakespeare! The result is a rip-roaring musical you are sure to enjoy.

Important Details:

Audition dates listed above; interested students only need to attend one of the dates.

First rehearsal: Friday, August 23
3-5 p.m. in the Performing Arts room

Production dates: October 24-26

The rehearsal schedule is intense. Please **preview the rehearsal schedule** to make certain that your family can accommodate your child's participation in this production.



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.



AAPI Heritage Month

May 1-31

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is observed annually in the United States during May to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from China, India, Japan, the Philippines, Vietnam, Korea, Hawaii, and more (the AAPI umbrella term includes cultures from the entire Asian continent—including East, Southeast and South Asia—and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia).

We invite all our school families with AAPI backgrounds to help us celebrate your heritage for a presentation we are making for students. If you'd like to participate, please [click here](#) for more information. Submissions are due now to Lower School Art Teacher [Anna Chahal](#).

ACE: Enrichment Spotlight

Spots are still available in this fun enrichment! Info below:

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 "dolloed 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.](#)



Register Now for SummerFest!

June 3-August 2

(Closed the week of July 4)

Have you scheduled any summer fun weeks for your children yet? We still have spaces in our SummerFest camps! Registration is open to all children ages 4-13, regardless of school affiliation (and to rising GSL-enrolled PK students). So book your weeks now, and tell your friends to come join your child at SummerFest!

[Click here](#) to see the brochure.

[Click here](#) to register on UltraCamp today!



Reminders from the Nurse's Office

If your child has a history of any of the following conditions, please click the appropriate link to fill out a medical form for the 2024-25 school year.

[Asthma](#)

[Diabetes](#)

[Food Allergies](#)

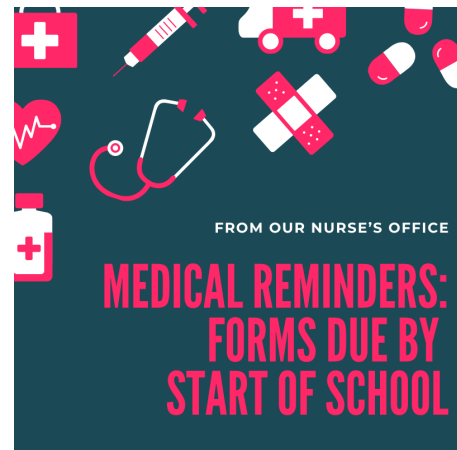
[Seizures](#)

These forms must be **updated each year per state requirements**. The form can be taken with you to your student's yearly checkup for the pediatrician to fill out this summer. If their yearly checkup has already occurred, you can drop it at your pediatrician's front desk, have the doctor fill it out, and have them call you when it is complete.

We also ask that you fill out this **[Medication Administration Authorization Form](#)** for the 2024-25 school year, if your child is on scheduled medications or if you want them to receive over-the-counter medications as needed while at school. A new form must be filled out each school year to be in compliance with state guidelines.

Any completed forms should be emailed to me or delivered to Miss Angela or myself by the **first day of school on August 12**. If delivered to Miss Angela, she will put them in my box in the Administrative Building.

Thank you for your support!
Janelle Calzia, R.N.



Thank You For a Great Book Swap!

This year's Book Swap was a HUGE success! Preschool and Lower School students had the opportunity to pick out books and add to their home libraries! Thank you to everyone who donated books, and to those who helped volunteer to make this special P.A. event happen!

**CLASS OF 2024
8TH GRADE GRADUATION**

Wednesday, May 22
10:30 a.m.
Grace-St. Luke's Church



News from the Church

Fall Church Sports Registration

May 1-June 1

For JK-4th Grade Boys and Girls

Grace-St. Luke's Church League Fall Soccer and Flag Football registration is open until June 1; [click here to register online](#) now. It's on a first-come, first-served basis and teams will fill up quickly, so please register promptly to reserve your child's spot.

For more information, email [Christi Authement](#).

Fall Church-League Sports for JK-4th



Register
Now for
Soccer &
Flag
Football!

**GIVE TO GSL
ONLINE!**

