



GSL eNews

Sunday, May 12, 2024

CALENDAR PREVIEW

Next 4 Weeks

May

13-17

Lost & Found Items Set Out

14-17

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

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, 9:30-11:15 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



Spring Art Show

Opening Reception:

Tuesday, May 14, 5-6:30 p.m.

Anchor Center Alumni Lobby (2nd floor)

Come join us for our opening reception and help celebrate the great work of all of our third trimester Middle School art students!



Honors Chapel

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.

End of Third Trimester

24

GSL School Office Closed for Faculty Outservice

P.A.-Sponsored Faculty & Staff Appreciation Lunch, 11 a.m.

27

Memorial Day, School Office Closed

28-31

ACE@Play Bridge Week Open
(Registration required; see info below)

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

30-June 8

GSL Europe Trip to Spain

June

3-August 2

SummerFest 2024 at GSL!

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.



2023-24 Parents' Association Announces Fundraising Total

Thank you to everyone who has supported our GSL Parents' Association events throughout this year! Because of your support, the Parents' Association is excited to give back close to \$105,000 to fund classroom enhancements and Teacher Wish List items that will enrich your child's education!

Thank you to all of our P.A. Event Chairs who volunteered this year to make this possible! And a final thank you to our 2024 Anchor Auction team – Mary Maxwell, Katie McDermott, and Emily Merrell! The online auction and in-person event was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, teams of volunteers, and the support from our outstanding community. Profits from that event totaled over \$86,000!

None of this would be possible without the leadership of P.A. Board members, Event Chairs, and committed volunteers each year. On behalf of the Parents' Association, THANK YOU for your generosity!

QUICK LINKS

- [Blackbaud Parent Portal](#)
- [Online Spirit Wear Store](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)

Weekly eNews Distribution

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

- [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](#)

Contacting ACE After School Hours

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



Front Office Closed During Honors Chapel & Graduation

The front office will be closed during Honors Chapel and Graduation to allow all administrative staff to attend the special ceremonies.

Honors Chapel is Friday, May 17, at 1:45 p.m. The front office will be closed on May 17 from 1:30-3 p.m.

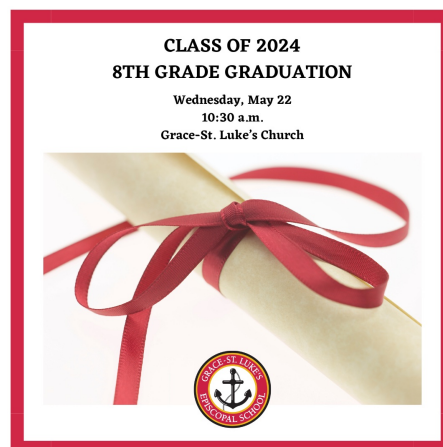
Graduation is Wednesday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. The front office will be closed on May 22 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Please note: If your child needs early dismissal either day, be sure and schedule your pickup for a time when the front office is open.

Class of 2024 Graduation

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

We are getting excited to celebrate the wonderful Class of 2024 next week! GSL's graduation ceremony is a beautiful service filled with joy and recognition. Eighth grade students will be in special attire; all other attending students are asked to dress nicely for this special occasion. All eighth grade families and other honorees are invited to a reception in Trezevant Hall following the ceremony.



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.

ACE Updates

Bridge Week Coming Soon!

May 28-31 (Tues-Fri), 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Enjoy a week filled with fun in the sun before SummerFest officially begins! The deadline to sign-up is Thursday, May 23, at 6 p.m. [Click here](#) to register today!

Also, 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](#)

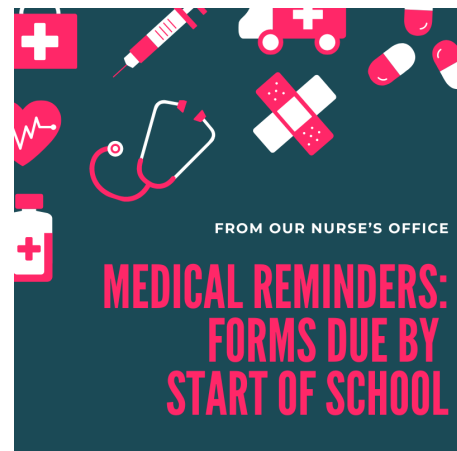
[Food Allergies](#)

[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.



Calling for P.A. Room Parent Volunteers for 2024-25!

The P.A.'s Division Vice Presidents will be working over the summer to fill Room Parent positions for each classroom for the upcoming year. If you are interested in volunteering to do this for your child's grade, please reach out to the appropriate person listed below:

Preschool VP (Grades LS-JK): [Elizabeth Warren](#)
Lower School VP (Grades SK-4): [Crady Schneider](#)
Middle School VP (Grades 5-8): [Andy High](#)

Thank you for all you do to support GSL!

Purchase an Alumni Corner Plaque by May 31

It's time to purchase a plaque for the GSL Alumni Corner, which is located in front of the Anchor Center at the corner of Linden and Lemaster. This will be the final installment of plaques on Alumni Corner. All plaques purchased after the May deadline will be installed in the new Alumni Alcove located on the patio near the cafeteria.

The plaques are designed to honor or memorialize alumni, entire classes, and faculty. Each plaque is \$150 and measures 2" high x 7" wide with a silver-toned background.

To order a plaque today, complete the [Alumni Corner order form](#) on our website. Orders received by May 31 will be installed this summer, and a customized certificate will be provided to you at the time of purchase so you have something to share with the recipient of the plaque, if desired.

Email Kate Shelton with any questions related to the Alumni Corner plaques.



News from the Church



Celebrating Pentecost **Worship and Parish Picnic, May 19**

Mark your calendar and feel free to wear red attire on the Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday, the Birthday of God's Church. Worship includes indoor festive services of Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. All are invited to bring blankets, chairs, coolers, and desserts to share for the 11:45 a.m. Parish Picnic on the Lemaster Street Turf. Our church family time includes a food truck for fish

Fall Church-League Sports for JK-4th



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;

plates (catfish, fries, hushpuppies, slaw) and chicken strips for children and tables set with fried chicken, salad, and parishioner-provided desserts. Live music and some tents will help to create a “cool” outdoor gathering to celebrate our faith. If you either know or think you’ll attend the picnic, [click here](#) to inform the fellowship team, clergy, and staff. Spread the word, and bring guests!

[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](#).



GSL Church Worship Schedule **Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.**

To sign up to receive the church eNews, [click here](#).

**GIVE TO GSL
ONLINE!**

