



GSL eNews

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Want to stay up-to-date on all that is happening at GSL? Click on the button below to view the All-School, Athletics, & Important Dates Calendars!

GSL School Calendar



MLK Day Observance Monday, January 20

GSL School and ACE will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 20, for MLK Day. We will see you back on campus Tuesday!



Lower School Spirit Night Tuesday, January 21

All Lower School families are invited to join us in the Anchor Gym this Tuesday, Jan. 21, for our first-ever Lower School Spirit Night. You'll see our Dogpound spirit section, get a glimpse of the Middle School athletic experience, and enjoy up to four exciting basketball games in the Anchor Gym! Free admission for all Lower School families. Please plan to join us. This is also our final Fan 5 Game Night for 2024-25.

Game times as follows:

- 5/6 Campbell Girls vs. Harding, 4 p.m.
 - 7/8 Slatery Girls vs. Harding, 5 p.m.
 - 7/8 Taylor Boys vs. Harding, 6 p.m.
 - 5/6 Cannon Boys vs. Harding, 7 p.m.
- Go, Saints!**



Re-Enrollment Agreements

Due February 1

Re-enrollment agreements were emailed on Friday and are due back February 1. Any agreements received after February 1 will incur a \$250 late fee.

If you did not receive your re-enrollment agreement on Friday, please email Director of Enrollment **Shelly McGuire** or Director of Finance & Operations **Daniel Fundo**.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



SPORTS PHOTOS

Middle School Winter Sports Team Photos

Wednesday, January 22

Reminder to all cheerleaders, basketball players, and swim team members: Bring your clean sports uniform for your team photo and report to the Anchor Gym during lunch/recess.

ACE: Enrichment News - Spring Brochure Posted & Registration Is Open!

The Spring 2025 ACE brochure is now **posted online here**, and registration is open for ACE: Enrichment classes this semester. **Click here** to sign up now for Enrichment classes, After School Care, and ACE @ Play dates on UltraCamp. A separate email was sent to all families last Wednesday with additional details. We hope your child will join us!

Have questions? Please **email Ariel Denton**, Director of Auxiliary Programs.



Thursday, January 30th
Anchor Center
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Please join us at the Italian Dinner presented by the GSL Class of 2025! The proceeds from this all-school event go to support the 8th grade class trip to Nantahala.

All GSL families can enjoy this evening by purchasing a dine-in meal or carry out option. You can pre-register for the dinner online by Wednesday, Jan. 29 **-only 10 days left to pre-register!** You also have the option to pay at the door on Thursday, Jan. 30. For more information or to register, please click here: [Italian Dinner & Carnival Registration](#).

Questions? Email Italian Dinner Event Chairs [Meghan Barksdale](#) or [Rob Robertson](#). Thank you in advance for honoring this tradition and supporting the GSL Class of 2025. GO, SAINTS!



Preschool Preview Day: Tell Your Friends!

Please tell your friends & co-workers: It's not too late to apply for the 2025-26 school year, and we've added a final Preschool Preview Date for prospective parents this Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 8:30 a.m. in the Anchor Center. This is a great opportunity for interested parents to tour Preschool and see classrooms in action. We hope you will help us spread the word! **Share this link to RSVP.**



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.)



GSL Black History Month Celebration: Unsung Heroes of Black History
Tuesday, February 18 from 8:05-8:30 a.m., Church

In February we will hold our second annual special chapel celebrating Black History Month. Titled "Unsung Heroes of Black History," this chapel will honor people who have contributed to American and global cultures. The program will include student and faculty participants, and parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you.



Sweetheart Dance

Please join us for a MAGICAL evening at this year's GSL Sweetheart Dance on **Friday, February 21 from 7-9 p.m. in the Anchor Center!**

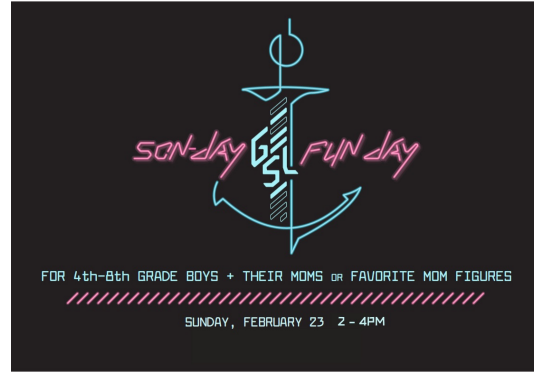
All 4th-8th grade GSL girls are invited with their favorite father figure. Girls should come dressed as their favorite Disney princess or heroine! Dads and father figures - feel free to dress up as a prince or another character that corresponds with your daughter's character!

Cost is \$40 per person and includes a t-shirt for each student, commemorative framed photo, and refreshments. Students can dress down wearing their Sweetheart Dance t-shirt and jeans on Monday, February 24.

Registration deadline is Friday, January 31, so click [HERE](#) to register today!

Please be on the lookout for a sign-up to volunteer to help make this a magical night for our girls and their favorite father-figures!

Questions? Please email Event Chairs [Mary Evelyn Fore](#) or [Ashley West](#).



Son-Day Fun Day

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of fun, neon, and memories at Son-Day Fun Day at **Billy Hardwick's on Sunday, February 23 from 2-4 p.m.!** This cosmic bowling event is the ultimate hangout for moms (or mother figures) and their 4th-8th grade sons.

Grab your brightest neon gear and prepare to light up the lanes as you bowl under black lights, dance to upbeat tunes, and enjoy some tasty food. \$40 per person gets you cosmic bowling, food, a special t-shirt for students, and the chance to win awesome door prizes. Students can also dress down wearing their Son-Day Fun Day t-shirt and jeans on Monday, February 24!

Dress to impress in your best neon costumes – there will be a Best Dressed Prize for each grade, so go all out with your wildest, brightest outfits! This is a fun opportunity to bond, laugh, and create memories that'll last a lifetime, so click [HERE](#) to register by **Friday, January 31!**

Questions? Email Son-Day Fun Day Event Chairs [Ellen Flechas](#) or [Sara Thatcher!](#)



Net Promoter Score® Survey Results

Many thanks to the parents/guardians who participated in the Net Promoter Score® (NPS) Survey in November. Also known as the Likelihood to Recommend GSL Survey, the NPS is used to measure our families' loyalty by asking how likely it is that you will recommend GSL to your friends or family. The results from this survey help GSL continue to be the school of choice in Memphis now and for years to come. Here is a summary of this year's feedback:

Participation

- 171 respondents completed the survey
- 56 Middle School
- 77 Lower School
- 61 Preschool

Most Frequently Mentioned Topics

The survey included two open-ended questions, asking respondents to share why they gave their particular likelihood to recommend GSL rating, and what the school can do to improve the respondents' likelihood to recommend GSL rating. The open-ended comments spanned a variety of topics, with the following being the most frequently mentioned.

- 73% stated that GSL is a great school and community
- 60% praised GSL teachers, staff, and administration
- 37% indicated great satisfaction with GSL's academics and curriculum

- 30% noted that their children are having a great experience, are thriving, and are prepared
- 19% shared appreciation for GSL's Formative Five and focus on whole-child development

Thank you for supporting GSL and for sharing your feedback. Go, Saints!

Register Now for the Italy Trip May 26-June 4, 2025

7th and 8th Grade Families: Middle School Teachers Juan Roncal and Julie Binder will lead the GSL trip to Europe this summer for interested 7th and 8th grade students. This optional trip will include travel through Venice, Florence, and Rome.



Limited spots are still available! **Click here for the [GSL trip website](#)** and then click "Sign Up Now" to register today. The price increases in February. Questions? Email [Juan Roncal](#) or [Ellen Hendry](#).



Free Yard Signs to Promote GSL!

Would you like to promote GSL with a yard sign? This is so helpful to us, especially during admissions season! We have a limited number of signs in stock for families. These are available for free while supplies last. Just stop by the Administrative Office during business hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.) to pick one up. Show your GSL school pride and get your sign today!

Library Request: Empty Tissue Boxes

We have a project in the library and need a LOT of **empty rectangular tissue boxes!** If you have any to recycle, please send them in with your child or deliver to the library. Thank you!

- Jan Willis and Laura Lemly Willis, Anchor Library



News from the Church



Church League Spring Soccer Registration: January 1-31 For JK-4th Grade Boys and Girls

Grace-St. Luke's Church sponsors Spring Soccer for JK-4th Grades. The season runs April 5- May 17 and is a continuation of the fall season, designed for continued skill development during the spring.

Registration ends January 31 and can be accessed on the Church website [here](#), where you can find more detailed information.

Registration fills up quickly, so please register as soon as you can. Once registration is closed, individual placement will be permitted if space is available.

For continuity, whenever possible, the intent is to keep the spring soccer teams and coaches together from the previous fall season. Because soccer is offered twice annually, this is the ONLY church sport in which teams will likely stay the same for ONE FULL CALENDAR YEAR.

QUICK LINKS

- [Anchor Fund - GIVE TODAY!](#)
- [My GSL Parent Portal](#) for Lunch, Uniform, and Preschool & Lower School/Middle School Handbooks
- [Online Spirit Wear Store](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)
- [NEW! 2025-26 Important Dates](#)
- [2024-25 Important Dates](#)
- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
- [Refer a Friend to GSL](#)

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