



# GSL eNews

Sunday, April 20, 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**

## April Chapel Talks Schedule (Thursdays at 8:05 a.m., Church)

April 24: Chapel Talks by Ellie and Parker

## April Celebration Schedule (Fridays at 8:05 a.m.)

April 25: Celebration Chapel Hosted by Gus Kraus, Church



## ***Book Collection for Book Swap This Week***

**Accepting Book Donations: April 22-25**

This is collection week for our annual Preschool & Lower School Book Swap! Donation bins will be out to fill with your gently-used treasured books! A few details:

- Accepting donations of books appropriate for ages LL - 4th Grade starting Tuesday, April 22 (ends Friday, April 25 at 3 p.m.)
- Donation bins will be placed in the following locations: Preschool next to Mrs. Cynthia's office, Circle Drive, Administrative Office porch, Lower School Multi-Purpose Room, and Lass Hall just outside of the concession stand.
- Preschool & Lower School students will shop the swap with their class April 30 – May 2 to pick out free books to take home.

- Middle Schoolers are invited to donate books for their younger GSL friends to read. The grade donating the most books will win a dress-down day! Middle School students should donate books to their grade's box in front of Mrs. Merrell's office.

**We need help with the Book Swap, Wednesday-Friday, as well as help with set-up on Monday and Tuesday! [Click here](#) to volunteer!**

## ***Announcing Fall Musical! Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach Jr.***

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

**Auditions: August 18 & 19, 3-4:30 p.m. Performing Arts room (5th-8th grade only; fourth graders are also welcome but do not have to audition)**

**First Rehearsal: Friday, August 22, 3-5 p.m. Performing Arts room (Full Cast & Crew)**

**On Stage: October 23-25, McClure Hall**



Based on one of Roald Dahl's most poignantly quirky stories, this production is a brand new take on this "masterpeach" of a tale. Featuring a wickedly tuneful score and a witty and charming book, this adventurous musical about courage and self-discovery is destined to be a classic.

When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach, rolls into the ocean and launches a journey of enormous proportions. James befriends a collection of singing insects that ride the giant piece of fruit across the ocean, facing hunger, sharks, and plenty of disagreements along the way.

Save the date for auditions in August, and please [click here](#) to review the tentative Rehearsal Schedule.

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## ***Football Friday at GSL***

**For 4th-7th Grade Boys**

**Friday, Apr. 25: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Anchor Center gym/turf**

Football Fridays are underway, and whether your child wants to play or not in the fall, we would love to have him come see what football is all about. Participants will need shorts, t-shirt, tennis shoes, a positive attitude, and a good work ethic. Please email [Rick Kohlhof](#) if your son will be attending or if you have questions. Pickup will be on Lemaster at 4:30 p.m.

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## ***Calling for AAPI Heritage Month Submissions***

**Due by Friday, April 25**

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is observed annually in May! 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 by April 25** to Lower School Art Teacher [Anna Chahal](#) or JK Assistant Teacher [Kelsey Tuten](#).



## ***Tell Your Friends: Preschool Garden & Play Admissions Event*** **Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m., Outdoor Classroom**

We are still accepting applications in select grades at GSL. Please tell your friends that we are offering a Garden & Play Admissions Event this Saturday! This is ideal for parents with children eligible for Little Saints (18 months), Little Lukers (2s), and Pre-



Kindergarten (3s). They can play and see what our Preschool at Miss Lee's is all about! Please [share this link](#) with friends who want to RSVP and join us!

### ***ACE News: Featured Enrichment!***

#### **Preppy Trucker Hat Making: Summer Edition**

Come and design your own preppy trucker hats with 3 patches and a custom design (name, saying, etc).

Grades: 2nd - 5th

Day of the Week: Tuesday

Date: May 13

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

Instructor: Emily Merrell

Price: \$45

The deadline [to register](#) is May 11.



#### ***Upcoming Spring Performances***

All Lower School spring music performances are on **Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. in McClure Hall.**

- SK: April 30
- 4th Grade: May 7

Additionally, the 3rd Trimester Middle School music performance is May 8 at 6 p.m. in McClure Hall.

### ***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.

5th Grade: Nature's Classroom in Mentone, Ala.

6th Grade: New Orleans

7th Grade: Chicago







## ***Faculty/Staff Appreciation Coming Up!*** **May 5-9, 2025**

The Parents' Association's final Faculty/Staff Appreciation event is coinciding with National Teacher Appreciation Week this year, May 5-9! Here are a few ways that you can be involved as a family to show your gratitude!

**Monday:** Feel free to give your teacher/advisor an item from their "Favorite Things List." (Email coming soon from your room parent listing these items; please be on the lookout!)

**Mid-week:** The P.A. will have flowers for teachers to make their own bouquets.

**Friday:** Treat Baskets of goodies donated by parents will be assembled for each division, ACE, and the Admin Office. If you want to contribute a treat to these baskets, please **sign up here!** These items should be dropped off at the Front Desk in the Admin Building by Thursday, May 8 at noon.

Thank you in advance for partnering with the Parents' Association to shower GSL's faculty and staff with love and appreciation for their incredible work this year!

## *News from the Church*

### **Biscuits and Bible is Back!!!**



**6:45 - 7:45  
in GSL's  
Red Room!**

### ***Biscuits & Bible***

**For 6th-8th Grade Boys & Girls**

**Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 a.m., Church's Red Room**

**NOTE:** We will NOT hold Biscuits & Bible on Wednesday, April 23 (church office will be closed that day), or on Wednesday, April 30, because of class trips. We hope to see your children back with us in May. Our last meeting this year will be May 14!

## ***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](#)
- [2025-26 Important Dates](#)
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- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
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