



# GSL eNews



Sunday,  
April 12, 2026

## THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

### April 14

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m., Church

Meet & Greet for Incoming Head of Middle School Pam Smith, 5:30-7 p.m., Anchor Library  
*(All 4th-8th grade parents are invited; see separate email sent 4/1/26)*

### April 15

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

3rd Grade Music Performance for Parents, 8:15-9 a.m., McClure Hall

Middle School Spring Sports Photos, 12:45-1:30 p.m., Lemaster Playground

### April 16

All-School Chapel with 8th Grade Chapel Talks by Joseph, Ella, and Miles, 8:05 a.m., Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m., ACE Room

### April 17

All-School Dress-Down Day Celebrating Earth Day

Earth Day Celebration Chapel Hosted by Julie Binder & Elizabeth Bayzie, 8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym  
*(Parents welcome to attend)*

Earth Day Activities for Grades SK-8th, 8 a.m.-Noon

7th/8th Grade Dance (Glow Theme), 7-9 p.m., Anchor Center Cafeteria

[Click here for online School & Athletic Calendars](#)

## NEXT WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

### April 20-24

P.A. Book Swap Collection Week  
*(see details below)*

### April 21

Fourth Grade Class Trip to Discovery Park of America, 6:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m., Church

### Meet & Greet

**PAM SMITH**  
INCOMING HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 14  
5:30-7 p.m.  
Anchor Center Library

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served



### Meet & Greet Incoming Head of Middle School Pam Smith

**4th-8th Grade Parents:** Please join us this Tuesday, April 14 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Anchor Center Library to welcome incoming Head of Middle School Pam Smith to GSL. She and her husband Darren look forward to meeting the GSL community!

This is an adults-only event. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. [RSVP](#) today!



### Middle School Spring Sports Pics

We will take photos this Wednesday during lunch and recess. **Students should bring their FULL uniforms to school for the pictures.**

**April 22**

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

2nd Grade Music Performance for Parents, 8:15-9 a.m., McClure Hall

**April 23**

All-School Chapel with 8th Grade Chapel Talks by Julia, Max, and Lydia, 8:05 a.m., Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m., ACE Room

**April 24**

Celebration Chapel: Honor Society Inductions Hosted by Ellen Hendry, 8:05 a.m., Church; reception immediately following in Trezevant Hall

**April 25-29**

8th Grade Class Trip to Nantahala



***Anchor Auction Thank You & Item Pick-Up Reminder***

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2026 Anchor Auction Friday night! This event was a huge success thanks to all of our sponsors, teams of volunteers, and the support from our outstanding community!

A very special thank you to Anchor Auction Co-Chairs Kendall Franklin '04, Heather Grosvenor, and Liz McKee for leading this incredible P.A. event!

If you received a text message indicating that you won an auction item, be sure to pick it up this week at the GSL Administration Building, 246 S. Belvedere Blvd. To coordinate a day/time to pick up your item(s), please contact Advancement Specialist [Mackay Lee](#).

***Garden Planting Days for Preschool Parents***

Preschool parents are invited to help refresh the Preschool Outdoor Classroom garden for spring. These visits began Friday; the remaining dates follow as outlined below. Look for information from your child's teacher for more details!

- Monday, April 13: Zippy Zebras and Kind Capybaras
- Tuesday, April 14: Snappy Sea Turtles and Lucky Llamas
- Wednesday, April 15: Jolly Giraffes and Creative Caterpillars
- Thursday, April 16: Little Saints and Outstanding Otters



***Save the Date for Your Child's Spring Musical Performance***

As part of Music Teacher Braden Jensen's curriculum, students present musical performances for parents every spring. They are working hard to prepare a great show, so be sure to save the date for your child's performance.

**All Lower School shows will be in McClure Hall at 8:15 a.m.**

- 3rd Grade: Wednesday, April 15
- 2nd Grade: Wednesday, April 22



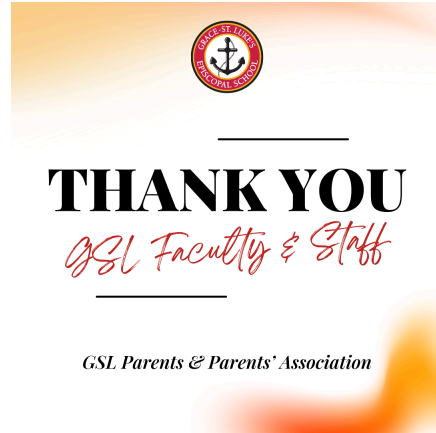
1st Grade: Wednesday, April 29  
SK: Wednesday, May 6  
4th Grade: Wednesday, May 13

**Also please note:** 5th/6th Grade's 3rd Trimester music performance is Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m. in McClure Hall.

### ***Final Faculty/Staff Appreciation Coming Soon!***

To close out the school year, the Parents' Association is organizing several ways to show love to our GSL faculty/staff, and we need your help! **SIGN-UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER:**

- **TEACHER COVERAGE** (Friday, April 24): The Massage Institute of Memphis will be on campus to provide massages for faculty/staff. We will **need 1 volunteer for each Preschool class** to assist with teacher coverage for 1 hour (Lower School and Middle School teachers will go during their special subjects and do not need coverage).
- **SNACK CART SERVICE** (Thursday, May 7): **Help us stock the snack cart!** Sign up to purchase and drop off snack items between now and Tuesday, May 5. Drop Off Location: Admin Building Front Desk with Ms. Angela.
- **BYWAY COFFEE TRUCK** (Tuesday, May 5): Coffee truck will be on-site, courtesy of the P.A. and GSL school. No volunteers needed!



Thanks for your help to make this a success! For questions, please reach out to P.A. Faculty/Staff Appreciation Chairs **Elizabeth Warren** or **Amy Golden**.

A red and white advertisement for 'Saints Slam' tennis and lunch tickets. It features the school logo, the text 'TENNIS AND LUNCH TICKETS AVAILABLE!', 'GRACE-ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL', 'Saints Slam' with a tennis ball icon, 'PRESENTED BY RAYMOND JAMES', and a red banner at the bottom: 'NOT A TENNIS PLAYER? NOT A PROBLEM! JOIN US FOR LUNCH, SHOPPING AND SPECTATING IN THE VICTORY VILLAGE'.

### ***Saints Slam!*** ***Presented by Raymond James***

GSL ladies - register with a doubles partner today for our first-ever P.A. women's tennis tournament, Saints Slam, presented by Raymond James! Tickets include round-robin doubles tennis, a courtside buffet lunch, drinks, Victory Village shopping, and community-building. **Not a tennis player? Not a problem! Join us for lunch, shopping, and spectating!**

**Click to buy your tickets today!**  
Doubles Team Registration: \$180  
Lunch Tickets (non-player attendees): \$65

Questions? Need help finding a doubles partner? Please contact event chairs [Lindsey Myers](#) or [Elizabeth Warren](#).

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE & ENRICHMENT @ GSL

### ACE News: Featured Enrichments

Please check out some of our upcoming featured enrichments!

#### Pinterest Party Series: Bird Feeders

Students will assemble and personalize their own bird feeders with paint, decorations, and imagination. A great hands-on project for young nature lovers and artists alike!

Grades: 2nd - 5th  
Day of the Week: Wednesday  
Date: April 22  
Number of Classes: 1  
Time: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Emily Merrell  
Cost: \$40

[Click here](#) to register by April 20 at 5 p.m.

#### Little Picassos

Children will express themselves through art. They will create several projects using multi-surfaces, materials, their imagination, and colorful paints.

Grades: JK - SK  
Day of the Week: Friday  
Date: April 24  
Number of Classes: 1  
Time: 3:30 - 5 p.m.  
Instructor: Gwen Barber  
Cost: \$60

[Click here](#) to register by April 20 at 5 p.m.

### Book Swap Time at GSL!

**April 20-24: Book Donation Week**

**April 29-May 1: Swap Event, Anchor Center Alumni Lobby (2nd Floor)**

We are so excited for our annual Preschool & Lower School Book Swap! Donation bins will be available to fill with your gently-used books! A few details:

- Accepting donations of books appropriate for Little Saints to 4th Grade, starting **Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24 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, and in Lass Hall just outside Mrs. Merrell's office.
- We will need additional help with the Book Swap—you can register to help volunteer [HERE!](#)



- Preschool & Lower School students will shop the swap with their class **April 29-May 1** 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 submit a piece of paper with their name, grade, and number of books being donated. (There will be donation slips in the Middle School bins in Lass Hall.)

Questions? Contact P.A. Event Chairs [Sydney Alexander](#), [April Huggins](#), and [Michelle Mathewes](#).



### **SummerFest 2026 Camps & CIT Opportunity**

**Camps:** [Click here](#) to take a look at all our awesome camp options this summer, and register now so your child can join us!

**CIT Positions for 7th & 8th Graders:** Each year we invite our rising 7th and 8th graders and graduating 8th graders to volunteer as a counselor-in-training (CIT) for our youngest Lukers at Miss Lee's and Lower School. If your child enjoys working with young children and is interested in volunteering this summer, please fill out the [attached application](#) by May 13. This is an opportunity for your son/daughter to get involved and gain leadership experience.

### **Preschool Preview Day: April 30**

Help us get the word out to prospective parents! We have added a spring Preschool Preview Day on Thursday, April 30 at 9 a.m. in the Anchor Library. This is for parents of children eligible to enter Little Saints, Little Lukers, or Pre-Kindergarten.

Will you please share this event info with any friends, neighbors, or colleagues who have preschool-age children? Share [this link to our admissions page](#) for the registration info.

Please also know that you are always welcome to come along with friends who tour. Your positive word-of-mouth is a great help to us in promoting GSL's outstanding educational program!



## **QUICK LINKS**

- [Anchor Fund - GIVE TODAY!](#)
- [MyGSL Parent Portal](#) for Class Lists, Lunch Info, Uniform Guidelines, and Preschool & Lower School/Middle School Handbooks
- [Online Spirit Wear Store](#)
- [ACE: After School & Enrichment](#)
- [2025-26 Important Dates](#)
- [2026-27 Important Dates](#)
- [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.

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