



GSL eNews

August 9, 2026



THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

August 10

First Day of 2026-27 School Year!

August 11

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

August 12

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

August 14

Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-8

All-School Opening Convocation Chapel & Eucharist for Grades PK-8, 8:15 a.m., Church

Opening Convocation Chapel for Little Saints and Little Lukers, 9:30 a.m., ACE After School Care Room (adjacent to the Preschool)

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



NEXT WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

August 17

Auditions for *Seussical Jr.*, 3-4:30 p.m., Performing Arts Room

August 18

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

ACE: Enrichment Classes Begin

Auditions for *Seussical Jr.*, 3-4:30 p.m., Performing Arts Room

August 19

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

August 20

All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m., Church

P.A. Spirit Wear Sale, 3-6 p.m., Anchor Center 2nd Floor

GSL Community Life Fair, 5-6:15 p.m., Anchor Center 1st Floor

Back-to-School Night: Begins at 6:30 p.m., Anchor Center Gym

August 21



Fall Musical Auditions

Auditions for Middle Schoolers: Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18, from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts (PA) room.

Please bring a list of all conflicts, e.g., doctor's appointments, family trips, sports activities, etc. Pick up afterwards on the Belvedere side of campus near the front office.

First Rehearsal & Parent Meeting: Sat. Aug. 22

- Parent Meeting: 9 a.m. in McClure
- Rehearsal: 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in PA room

Parents of fourth graders interested in participating should email Middle School Performing Arts Teacher [Leslie Reddick](#).

Celebration Chapel Hosted by Dr. Andy Surber,
8:05 a.m., Church
(Parents always welcome to attend)

Tentative Production Dates: October 22-24

Seussical Jr. is a magical musical that takes you on the journey of Horton, Jojo & the Whos, Gertrude, Mayzie, and so many others, with The Cat in the Hat as your conductor.

Please review the [tentative schedule](#) to confirm that your daughter/son can participate. Email Middle School Performing Arts Teacher [Leslie Reddick](#) if you have any questions.



Register Now for ACE: After School Care & Enrichment!

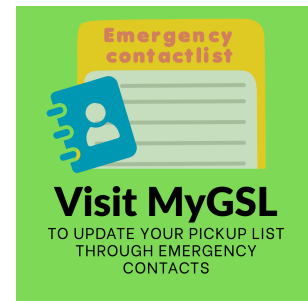
On Friday we sent out a separate email letting you know that registration is open for fall enrichment and after school care through our award-winning (#1 in the 2025 *Memphis Parent Family Choice Awards*!) ACE: After School Care program.

[Click here](#) to access the Fall 2026 Enrichment brochure on our ACE webpage. We use the UltraCamp system for all ACE registration, and you can [click here to register now](#) for Fall Enrichment classes, After School Care, and our upcoming ACE @ Play days.

Please Update Authorized Pickup List in MyGSL

GSL uses the Emergency Contacts in Blackbaud (MyGSL) as the authorized pickup list for your child. Please review and update that list in MyGSL using the below steps.

- 1) [Log into MyGSL](#).
- 2) Click on your child's name at the top left to enter their profile.
- 3) Click on the Contact Card tab, then scroll down to the Emergency Contacts section.
- 4) Under Emergency Contacts, click on Manage Phones. (You will see that there is also a Manage Email button under Emergency Contacts, but you may ignore that; we really just want the cell phone numbers.)
- 5) On the Manage Phones screen, if you haven't already set your child's emergency contacts, each parent's cell phone number should already be listed under "Not in Use." Simply drag and drop each parent from "Not in Use" on the right to "Active" on the left.
- 6) Add any additional contacts by clicking "Create a new phone number" to fill out the info, then click Add Entry.



Thanks so much for your attention to this. If you have any questions about this or other Blackbaud matters, please [email Jay Sansing](#).

Permission to Walk/Bike Home

On Friday we sent a permission slip to 4th-8th grade parents asking you to tell us whether your child has permission to walk or bike home from school. If you are a parent of a student below 4th grade and are interested in giving this permission, please contact Head of Lower School [Mary Margaret Snow](#).

Parent/Student Handbooks

The MyGSL parent portal offers a number of helpful resources to families, including the 2026-27 Parent/Student Handbooks. Log in to [MyGSL](#) and click on Resources in the top navigation to see this year's handbook for your division.



2026-27

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS



Back-to-School Night at GSL

Thursday, August 20

- Spirit Wear Sale | Alumni Lobby, Anchor Center, Second Floor | 3-6 p.m. (*Spirit Wear sale is kid-friendly!*)
- Community Life Fair | Anchor Center Lobby, First Floor | 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- Welcome from Dr. Surber, Head of School | Anchor Center Gym | 6:30 p.m.
- Classroom Visits | 7-8 p.m.

Kick off the new school year with this adults-only event! To learn more about Back-to-School Night and all Parents' Association events, click [HERE](#)! Not able to make it to your child's classroom? No problem! All teachers will share a summary of their presentations with families after Back-to-School Night!

Special Event at GSL!

Parenting with Less Stress & More Joy

A guest presentation by noted child psychologists
Dr. Michael Thompson and Dr. Robert Evans,
co-authors of *Hopes and Fears:
Working with Today's Independent School Parents*



Michael Thompson, Ph.D.



Rob Evans, Ph.D.

**Thursday, Sept. 17
8:15 a.m.
Trezevant Hall**

News from the Church

GSL Church Sports Uniform Drop Box

Recycle your church sports uniforms in the
Drop Box in front of the GSL School Circle Drive
from August 10- 17!

What to Recycle:

Soccer- jerseys & shorts
Baseball, Softball, & T-Ball - jerseys, pants,
shorts & belts (hats and socks optional)

Basketball - jerseys & shorts
Flag Football - jerseys & shorts



Biscuits & Bible

Wednesdays @ 6:45am
begins Aug 19th
@ The Red Door
5th - 12th graders

Questions?
Contact Marta Lopez-Flohr
GSL Director of Youth & Family Ministry
mlopezflohr@graceslukes.org

Recipe for a Better Week:

- Free Breakfast
- Friends who know your name
- Honest conversation
- A little laughter
- God's Word
- Prayer

Biscuits & Bible

Given student feedback, we are launching our B&B year earlier this year, beginning August 19! Christi Authement and Marta Lopez-Flohr will be ready with Chick-fil-A chicken minis and drinks Wednesday mornings during the school year, 6:45-7:45 a.m. to welcome youth at The Red Door on Lemaster. While the Episcopal Church certainly welcomes all, this specific Bible Study and fellowship activity is for 5th graders and up. Questions? Please email Director of Youth & Family Ministry **Marta Lopez-Flohr**.



EYC KICKOFF

POOL PARTY

AUGUST 23, 5-7PM
Meeks' Home

RSVP via Realm

-Free Event -
Just Bring a Snack to Share

EYC Kickoff Pool Party

Get ready to make a splash as we kick off another exciting year of EYC! Join us on Sunday, August 23, from 5-7 p.m. at the Meeks' home for swimming, pizza, games, and time to reconnect with friends while welcoming new faces. This free event is open to all youth in grades 5-12. Just bring a snack to share and RSVP via **Realm** or email Director of Youth & Family Ministry **Marta Lopez-Flohr**.



Episcopal School Sunday

Sunday, August 23 | 10:30 a.m.

This service includes a commissioning of teachers for the school year; all are welcome. There will also be a Faith Forum (9:30-10:15 a.m.) titled "Celebrating the Gift of Grace-St. Luke's School: An Episcopal School Preparing Boys & Girls for Life since 1947" with Head of School Dr. Andy Surber and colleagues in Trezevant Hall.

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](#)
- [2026-27 Important Dates](#)

Contacting ACE After School Hours

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