



GSL eNews

Sept. 13, 2026



THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

September 13

Central Gardens Association Home Tour (GSL is a sponsor); 1-6 p.m.

September 14

Fan 5 Game Night

September 15

School Picture Day for Grades SK-8, 8-11 a.m.

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

September 16

All-School Dot Dress-Down Day

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

School Picture Day for Little Saints-JK, 8:30-11 a.m.

September 17

Middle School Class Retreats

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

Special Presentation Open to All Parents:
Parenting with Less Stress and More Joy,
presented by Dr. Michael Thompson and Dr. Rob
Evans, 8:15 a.m., Trezevant Hall

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m., ACE: After School
Care Room

September 18

Parent-Teacher Conferences, No School
*Conference Care available for free during your
conference time; all-day ACE @ Play available
with advanced registration, charges apply*

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

NEXT WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

September 22

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

September 23

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

Preschool Preview Day for Prospective Parents, 9
a.m., Anchor Library

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**

**Join Us! Special Presentation:
Parenting with Less Stress & More Joy
Thursday, September 17, 8:15 a.m.
Trezevant Hall**

Let's fill up the room for this engaging and informative presentation! All GSL parents/guardians are invited to join us for "Parenting with Less Stress & More Joy," a special workshop with noted child psychologists Michael Thompson and Robert Evans, co-authors of the book "Hopes and Fears: Working with Today's Independent School Parents." Dr. Thompson and Dr. Evans will outline strategies to help parents manage anxieties about child-raising, resolve family conflict, and communicate in ways that your children will understand. You don't want to miss this special event! [Click here](#) to RSVP today.

Fall Sports Photos, 12:45 p.m., Lemaster Playground (*please bring clean uniforms!*)

September 24

Flu Vaccines for GSL Families & Children (age 3 and up), 7-9 a.m., McClure Hall (*see info below*)

All-School Chapel, featuring Chapel Talks by Grayson, Julia, and George, 8:05 a.m., Church

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m., ACE: After School Care Room

September 25

Celebration Chapel Hosted by Sarah Hunter Simanson, 8:05 a.m., Church

Saints Scramble Golf Tournament and Celebration Event, 1-6 p.m. Overton Park 9 (*see info below and buy your event tickets today!*)

SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS AT GSL!



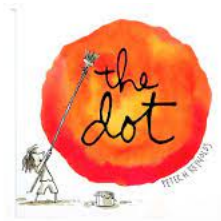
School Picture Days

SK-8th Grade: September 15

Little Saints-JK: September 16

School pictures for the yearbook and family purchase are scheduled on the days listed above. Students should wear their regular school uniform. (Eighth graders have the option to dress more formally, as these pictures will be used to create their class composite that will hang in the Anchor Center Alumni Lobby.)

No money is required on the day pictures are taken. You will receive an email notification from Holland Studios with order information within 1-2 weeks of picture day. Please [email Holland Studios](#) with any questions.



International Dot Day at GSL

Activities: Tuesday, September 15

All-School Dress Down: Wednesday, September 16

Dot Day is the first of several literacy-based, all-school events hosted annually by the Anchor Library team at GSL. This celebration originated after Peter Reynolds' book, *The Dot*, grew in popularity and resonated with so many readers. It is about believing in yourself and your power to make your mark, lifting

others up in the process. We want our students to know that one very small act of kindness can have a huge impact on someone else.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, we will have chalk available outside of the Anchor Center on Dot Day for everyone to "leave their mark" using a dot theme! On Wednesday, Sept. 16, we will have an all-school dress-down day with a dot theme, so be creative and put on your dottiest attire!

Parent-Teacher Conferences: No School Friday, September 18

You should receive an email from your homeroom or advisory teacher to sign up for conferences. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Child care **during your conference time only** is available for free while you are here. Please check with your teacher for location.

ACE @ Play all-day care is also available with advance registration; see info below!





ACE: After School Care & Enrichment

Your children will have a blast in our award-winning ACE: After School Care! Don't forget to register for Conference Day ACE @ Play, and check out these featured enrichment classes below.

ACE @ Play: Parent-Teacher Conference Day

Join us for an unforgettable day filled with creativity and excitement! Immerse yourself in vibrant glow-in-the-dark art projects that will ignite your imagination, and enjoy a fun Neon Dance Party!

Grades: Little Saints-8th

Date: Friday, September 18

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$65 per student

[Click here](#) to register by September 14 at 5 p.m.

Diamond Art

Does your child love to craft? Come join us and create some diamond art masterpieces!

Grades: SK - 4th

Dates: September 14 and September 21

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

Instructor: Collin Buckner

Cost: \$50

[Click here](#) to register by September 13 at 5 p.m.

Creative Crafting

Build crafting skill! Each week we'll explore different materials and crafting techniques - weaving, beading, wood, jewelry making, fabrics, mosaics, and more.

Grades: SK - 4th

Dates: September 15 - November 10

Time: 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: The Art Project

Cost: \$225

[Click here](#) to register by September 14 at 5 p.m.

American Girl Doll Back-to-School Party

We will have a sweet treat, learn new hairstyles for our dolls, and play dress up! Join us with your favorite summer accessories as we celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year.

Grades: SK - 4th

Date: September 17

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

Instructor: Caroline Canon

Cost: \$45

[Click here](#) to register by September 14 at 5 p.m.

Sticker Stars

Let's get sticky with stickers! We'll start by reading a book, then express our creativity by making sticker art and enjoy festive fun together!

Grade: PK

Date: September 17

Time: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Instructor: Amanda Coile

Cost: \$65

[Click here](#) to register by September 14 at 5 p.m.

Register Now for Winter Sports

Deadline: Friday, September 18

It is time to sign up for Middle School Winter Sports this year! Any registrations received after September 18 will be put on a waitlist and may not play. **[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)**

For Basketball: There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30 pm. Assessments will be held the week of October 26.

For Swimming: Please note that competitive experience is required. Athlete must be active in swim meets and/or participating on a team.



Preschool Preview Days This Fall

**September 23, October 21, November 18, January 27
9 a.m. in the Anchor Library, 250 Lemaster**

Will you please share this news with your friends who are looking at schools for their children? Your positive word-of-mouth is a huge help to us, especially during admissions season! These events are for parents of children who will be 16 months - 3 years old by June 1, 2027. You are always welcome to come along with a friend who wants to tour our outstanding play-based Preschool program and see classroom learning in action! The RSVP link can be found at gslschool.org/admissions.



Thank you for helping us spread the word. Go, Saints!



Flu Vaccines for Students and Their Family Members (Age 3 years old and up) Thursday, September 24, 7-9 a.m., McClure Hall

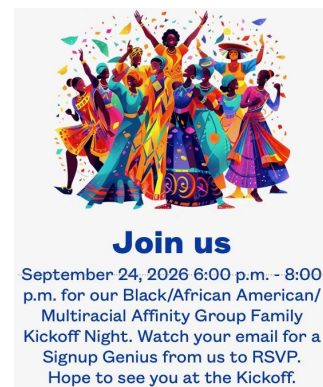
The Shot Nurse will be on campus September 24 to administer flu shots to parents/guardians and students age 3 and up. A parent/guardian must be present during the shot for a child. **Please bring a copy of your driver's license and insurance card. Please also fill out this required form and bring it with you.**

2026 Fall Kickoff: Black/African American/ Multiracial Affinity Group

Thursday, September 24, 6-8 p.m., McClure Hall & Trezevant Hall

Parents/Guardians and their children are invited to learn more about the GSL Parents & Students Affinity Group! Watch your email for a signup genius from us to RSVP. We are looking forward to meeting and connecting this school year. Food will be served. Games and activities for the kids!

- Jeanette Walton, Ariel Denton, Robert Ward, and Cheryl O'Bannon



Join us at the Celebration Event Tickets for the First-Ever GSL Saints Scramble!

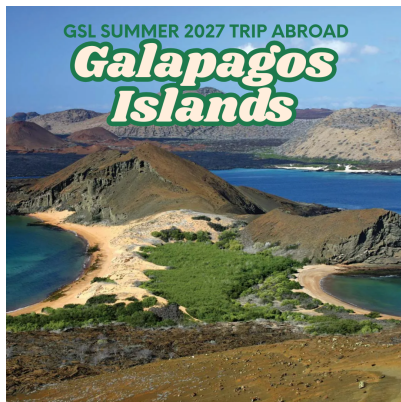
**Golf Tee-Off, 1 p.m.; Celebration Party: 4-6 p.m.
Friday, September 25 at Overton Park**



Don't miss your chance to join the celebration and fun at the inaugural GSL Saints Scramble, presented by GreatNeckTools!

Celebration Event tickets are on sale now! You can enjoy live music, drinks, and food, enter-to-win some great prizes at our Celebration Event Putting Contest, and of course, purchase your own custom golf hat created by Merrell Arts for this special event! You can [click here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

Questions? Please email Advancement Associate [Kate Shelton](#).



Galapagos Islands Trip for 7th & 8th Graders **May 26-June 3, 2027**

Our GSL summer international trip will offer interested 7th and 8th graders the chance to travel to the Galapagos Islands! This nine-day trip led by Middle School Science Teacher Julie Binder will take students from Memphis to Quito, Ecuador, and then on to the highly conserved, pristine islands. Our adventure will be heavy on hiking and snorkeling and should be a trip of a lifetime!

In case you missed our informational trip meeting, please [click here for a trip flyer](#) with highlights and [click here for our presentation](#) and sample itinerary. The deposit deadline is October 12. For registration information, please [click here](#) and search for your trip by entering your school name and

state. Questions? [Email Julie Binder](#).

News from the Church



Church League Basketball

For Boys and Girls in Grades JK- 4
Registration Open: Sept 1-30

Please [click here](#) for more information and to register your child. Registration fills up quickly and is on a first-come first-served basis, so don't delay! We hope to see you!

GRACE-ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN OR YOUTH MINISTRIES



Sign up for nursery, Biscuits & Bible, Children's Chapel, EYC, Sunday School classes and more using one form.



tinyurl.com/2026CYFMReg

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

SUN SEPT 6	YOUTH SERVE AT MORE THAN A MEAL 3:00-5:30PM TREZEVAH HALL	EARN SERVICE HOURS
SUN SEPT 9	BISCUITS & BIBLE 6:45AM YOUTH SUITE	
SUN SEPT 12	ZIP-N-SLIP CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY 8:30AM-3:00PM MEET AT GSL TO GO TO ST. COLUMBA	
SUN SEPT 13	IT'S COMING POSTER MAKING 4:00-6:00PM YOUTH SUITE	EARN SERVICE HOURS
SUN SEPT 16	BISCUITS & BIBLE 6:45AM YOUTH SUITE	
SUN SEPT 20	VISIT THE THISTLE & BEE BEEKEEPER 4:00-6:00PM OFFSITE LOCATION	
SUN SEPT 23	BISCUITS & BIBLE 6:45AM YOUTH SUITE	
SUN SEPT 27	YOUNITED: MEMPHIS WIND SYMPHONY 5:00-8:00PM CARPOOL TO ST. GEORGE'S	DRIVERS NEEDED

ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Youth Registration Form

Whether your child participates in Sunday School, PreYC, Biscuits & Bible, Confirmation, EYC Sundays, or another faith formation opportunity, we need a completed form for each young person. Thanks for helping us keep our records current and our ministry connected! Questions? [Email Marta Lopez-Flohr](mailto:Marta.Lopez-Flohr@grace-st-lukes.org).

Upcoming Youth Events

From fellowship and fun to service and faith-building, there are plenty of opportunities for our young people to connect, grow, and make a difference. Check out the forecasted calendar for activities and mark your calendars. Feel free to contact Director of Youth & Family Ministries Marta Lopez-Flohr with any questions via [email](mailto:Marta.Lopez-Flohr@grace-st-lukes.org) or text (931-771-3006).

Children's Choirs Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Grace-St. Luke's Boy & Girl Choir (3rd grade and up) and the St. Cecilia-Training Choir (SK-2nd grade) will resume September 9.

Training will follow the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) model, and choristers will learn valuable musical and life skills as they prepare to sing for a variety of Sunday morning and evening services throughout the year. Choristers may choose between one of the rehearsal days though are welcome to attend both.



The GSL Boy & Girl Choir will rehearse on Mondays 4:15-5:15 p.m. or Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. The St. Cecilia-Training Choir will rehearse on Mondays 3:30-4 p.m. or Wednesdays 4:45-5:15 p.m.

Questions? [Email Sam McDaniel](mailto:Sam.McDaniel@grace-st-lukes.org), Assistant Organist-Choirmaster, for more details.

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](#)
- [Create a Family Library Account](#)
- [Refer a Friend to GSL](#)

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