



GSL eNews



September 6, 2026

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

September 7

Labor Day Holiday, No School

September 8

Classes Resume

September 9

Middle School Only Dress-Down Day: Game Day (favorite team/sports apparel)

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

Fan 5 Game Night: Homecoming Game Girls Soccer vs. St. Ann, 4:30 p.m. at Snowden Field

September 10

All-School Red & White Dress-Down Day

All-School Chapel featuring Chapel Talks by Foster, Isabella, and Semmes, 8:05 a.m., Church

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

Homecoming Events

- Pep Rally & Yearbook Signing with the Class of 2026: 2:15 p.m., Anchor Gym
- 7/8 Volleyball vs. New Hope, 5 p.m., Anchor Gym
- 7/8 Football vs. St. Louis, 7 p.m., Snowden Field

See full schedule of GSL games via Athletic Calendar link below.

September 11

Middle School Only Dress-Down Day: Heroes (White Team) vs Villains (Red Team); dress as a hero or villain and earn points for your team!

Celebration Chapel Hosted by Emily Merrell, 8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym (*Parents welcome to attend*)

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

NEXT 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



Homecoming 2026 & Yearbook Signing

Homecoming on Thursday, September 10 is an All-School Red & White Dress-Down Day! We look forward to welcoming back the Class of 2026 alumni at our afternoon pep rally. It's also a Fan 5 game night, so make plans to show your spirit and come cheer on the Saints! Here's the schedule:

- Pep Rally & Yearbook Signing with the Class of 2026: 2:15 p.m., Anchor Gym
- 7/8 Volleyball vs. New Hope, 5 p.m., Anchor Gym
- 7/8 Football vs. St. Louis, 7 p.m., Snowden Field

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*

SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS AT GSL!

**School Picture Days**

SK-8th Grade: Sept. 15

Little Saints-JK: Sept. 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.

Middle School Class Retreats

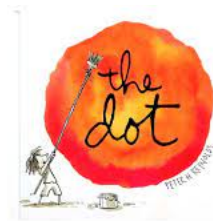
Note to 5th-8th Grade Parents: Permission forms and trip details were sent home via Blackbaud. Please submit these as soon as possible so that your child can join us on Thursday, September 17.

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!

Join Us! Special Presentation:

Parenting with Less Stress & More Joy

Thursday, September 17, 8:15 a.m.

Trezevant Hall

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**

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.

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. Fees will apply. [Click here](#) to register your child for ACE @ Play.



ACE: After School Care & Enrichment

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

Messy Makers

Hands on sensory art activities including glitter ooblek, shaving cream marbling, edible paint and foam sidewalk painting. Come get messy with us!

Grades: PK - JK

Date: September 9

Time: 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

Instructors: Mimmie Fisher and Anden Hamilton

Cost: \$45

[Click here](#) to register by September 7 at 5 p.m.

Mod Podge-Decoupage Magic!

Turn ordinary into extraordinary in this exciting, beginner-friendly craft class. Kids will discover the magic of Mod Podge as they learn to decorate and transform a special project into a beautiful keepsake they'll be proud to show off. This is the perfect class for children with big imaginations and a love for creating and decorating.

Grades: 3rd - 5th

Dates: September 10 & 11

Time: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Instructor: Cheryl O'Bannon

Cost: \$55

[Click here](#) to register by September 7 at 5 p.m.

Slime Lab: Ooey, Gooley Fun!

Stretch it, swirl it, squish it, and create it! Slime Lab is the perfect place for kids to become slime scientists! Participants will mix up exciting slime while exploring different colors, textures, scents, and fun add-ins like glitter and charms!

Grades: PK - 4th

Date: September 11
Time: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Instructors: Zaria Franklin and Tish Robinson
Cost: \$55
[Click here](#) to register by September 7 at 5 p.m.

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.

Preschool Preview Days This Fall

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

We have announced our slate of fall and early 2027 admissions events. 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 **(Ages 4 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 4 and over. 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

September 24, 2026 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for our Black/African American/ Multiracial Affinity Group Family Kickoff Night. Watch your email for a Signup Genius from us to RSVP. Hope to see you at the Kickoff.

Get Your Celebration Event Tickets for the First-Ever GSL Saints Scramble!

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. Enjoy live music, drinks, and food, as well as the chance to enter-to-win some great prizes at our Celebration Event Putting Contest! You can [click here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets. Questions? Please email Advancement Associate [Kate Shelton](#).



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!



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS		
SUN SEPT 6	YOUTH SERVE AT MORE THAN A MEAL 3:00-5:30PM TREZEVANT 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](#).

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](#) 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](#), 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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