



GSL eNews

August 30, 2026



THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

August 31

Fan 5 Game Night

September 1

All-School Memphis 901 Dress-Down Day

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

Galapagos Islands Trip Information Session
6-7 p.m, Anchor Center 2nd Floor Science Lab
(Room #228)

September 2

8th Grade Parents High School Meeting,
8-8:30 a.m., McClure Hall

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

September 3

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

September 4

Celebration Chapel Hosted by Anna Chahal
8:05 a.m., Church (*Parents welcome to attend*)

Middle School Leadership Retreat

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

Please review your
information in the
2026-27 Buzz Book



by Monday, August 31 at 3 p.m.

Reminder: Review Family Directory by Tomorrow!

Parents/Guardians: Please [click here](#) to review
your contact information listed in the Buzz Book,
our printed school directory. If everything looks
good, no action is needed.

If you see any changes needed to your family's
contact information, please [email Brenda Berry](#)
by tomorrow, Monday, August 31 at 3 p.m.
outlining exactly what content needs to be
updated.

NEXT WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

September 7

Labor Day Holiday, No School

September 8

Classes Resume

September 9-11

Fall Homecoming Week! (See info in box)

September 9

Middle School-Only: Themed Dress-Down Day,
TBA

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

Fan 5 Game Night

September 10

All-School Red & White Dress-Down Day



901 Dress-Down Day

Wear something Memphis-themed on Tuesday as
we celebrate everything we love about the 901!

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

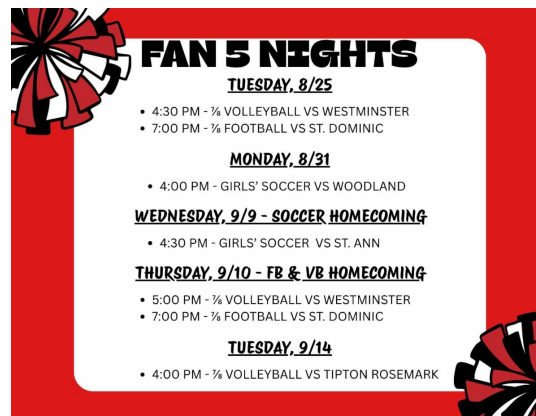
See full schedule of games via [Athletic Calendar link above](#)

September 11

Middle School-Only: Themed Dress-Down Day, TBA

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

Please note: If you don't have a themed item, GSL Spirit Wear items are allowed on dress-down days. Also, regular uniform attire is always okay if your child prefers not to dress down.



FAN 5 NIGHTS

TUESDAY, 8/25

- 4:30 PM - ½ VOLLEYBALL VS WESTMINSTER
- 7:00 PM - ½ FOOTBALL VS ST. DOMINIC

MONDAY, 8/31

- 4:00 PM - GIRLS' SOCCER VS WOODLAND

WEDNESDAY, 9/9 - SOCCER HOMECOMING

- 4:30 PM - GIRLS' SOCCER VS ST. ANN

THURSDAY, 9/10 - FB & VB HOMECOMING

- 5:00 PM - ½ VOLLEYBALL VS WESTMINSTER
- 7:00 PM - ½ FOOTBALL VS ST. DOMINIC

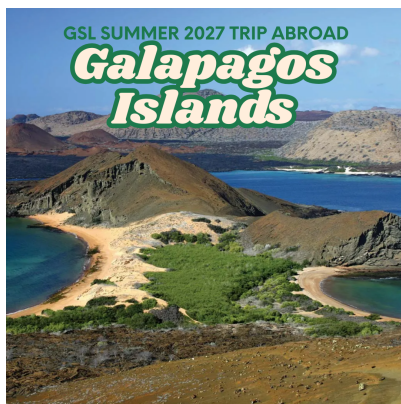
TUESDAY, 9/14

- 4:00 PM - ½ VOLLEYBALL VS TIPTON ROSEMARK

Fall FAN 5 Game Nights!

Fan 5 Game Dates, Anchor Gym/Snowden Field: 8/31, 9/9, 9/10, 9/14

Let's fill the Dogpound student section in the Anchor Gym and the HOME section of the bleachers at Snowden Field for our designated **Fan 5** Soccer, Football, & Volleyball games this season! [Click here to access the Athletics Calendar](#) for full schedule of game dates and times.



Summer Trip Abroad for 7th & 8th Graders

Galapagos Islands Info Session

Tuesday, September 1 at 6 p.m., Science Lab #1 (Anchor Center 2nd Floor, Room 228)

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! Please join our information session to learn more.

High School Meeting for 8th Grade Parents!

Wednesday, September 2 at 8 a.m., McClure Hall

Join Admissions Director Shelly McGuire and Head of Middle School Pam Smith for a brief overview of what to expect and prepare for as you begin the high school decision-making process this fall.

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2026-2027 PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Announcing Parents' Association Season Sponsorships

We are excited to launch a new effort for the GSL P.A. this school year. Our new P.A. Season Sponsorship Program partners with corporate partners and supporters to identify multiple GSL P.A. events to support throughout the school year. Partners who sponsor more than one P.A. event will receive additional, year-round branding and promotional opportunities across GSL's campus, programs, and events.

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the inaugural class of P.A. Season Sponsor—listed in the graphic above—whose trust, generosity, and enthusiasm for GSL make it possible for us to fuel creativity and inspire learning by fulfilling classroom wish lists for our incredible faculty and staff. For more information and to get involved, reach out to P.A. Season Sponsorship Lead [Katie McDermott](#).



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 come join us!

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 6 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 6 at 5 p.m.



Homecoming 2026 & Yearbook Signing

Homecoming on Thursday, Sept. 10 is an All-School Red & White Dress-Down Day to show your Saints spirit! It's also a Fan 5 game night, so make plans to 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

Homecoming Celebration Thursday, September 10



Collect your GSL yearbook
Reconnect with friends and teachers
Cheer on the current volleyball and football teams

We hope you will join
us for all or part of
the fun!

- Yearbooks and special assembly at 2:15 pm
- Volleyball game at 5:00 pm
- Football game at 7:00 pm

Free Concessions pass for alums to use at Homecoming games



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

Parents/Guardians are invited to a special presentation titled "Parenting with Less Stress & More Joy," featuring 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 their anxieties about their children, communicate in ways that their children will listen to, and resolve family conflict.

We hope you will join us! [Click here](#) to RSVP today.

Get Your Celebration Event Tickets for the First-Ever GSL Saints Scramble! Friday, September 25 at Overton Park

Our golf teams may be sold out, but don't miss your chance to join the celebration 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 your tickets. Any questions, please email Advancement Associate [Kate Shelton](#).





News from the Church

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@gracestluke.org), Assistant Organist-Choirmaster, for more details.

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

EYC Sunday, August 30!

Fifth to Eighth Graders are invited to enjoy some boba tea this afternoon between 4-6 p.m. This is a perfect, low stress opportunity to check out our youth group, especially for those still on the fence about wanting to join. And remember: no young person should miss out on youth ministry because of cost. If the cost of the treat is a concern, please have your young person speak with Mrs. Marta privately. We'll make sure

records current and our ministry connected!
Questions? [Email Marta Lopez-Flohr](#).

everyone can participate! Come as you are,
bring a friend, and enjoy some good
conversation, fellowship, and board games, too.



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@gracestluke.org

Recipe for a Better Week:

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

Biscuits & Bible
Wednesday mornings, 6:45-7:45 a.m.
The Red Door on Lemaster

This specific Bible Study and fellowship activity is for 5th-8th graders. Questions? Please email Director of Youth & Family Ministry [Marta Lopez-Flohr](#).



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Discover Connect

BASKETBALL

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!

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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