



GSL eNews

Sept. 20, 2026



THIS 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

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

Black/African American/Multiracial Families Affinity
Group Kickoff Event, 6-8 p.m., McClure Hall &
Trezevant Hall

September 25

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

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

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

NEXT WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

September 28-October 30

Charleston Wrap Fall Fundraiser

September 29

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

September 30

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

October 1

All-School Chapel, featuring Chapel Talks by Jack,
Autumn, and Beau, 8:05 a.m., Church



*Join us at the Celebration Event 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

Join the celebration and fun at the inaugural GSL
Saints Scramble, presented by GreatNeckTools!

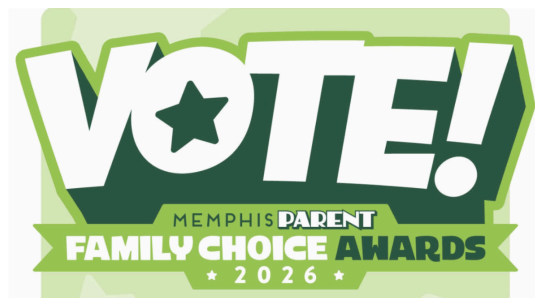
Celebration Event tickets are on sale now! You
can enjoy live music, drinks, and food, enter-to-
win some fantastic prizes at our Celebration Event
Putting Contest, and of course, purchase your
own special GSL golf hat, custom-made by Merrell
Arts for this event! [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

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

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

October 2

Celebration Chapel Hosted by Russ Thompson, 8:05 a.m., Church



Memphis Parent Family Choice Awards 2026

As you all know, we WON first place in two categories in this contest last year: Best Independent School in Memphis and Best After School Program - hooray, GSL!

This year's contest is now open! [Click here](#) if you'd like to vote for GSL again in these categories or Best Preschool (in Education) or for Best Summer Camp (in the Get Out There category)! Voting ends Sept. 28.

Preschool Preview Days This Fall

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

Our first Preview Day is this Wednesday! 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! 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

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.



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 below, and remember to register for ACE @ Play if you need care during Fall Break!

Football Cheer Clinic

Go Team! This high-energy Football Cheer Clinic is the perfect place for 1st–4th grade girls to learn fun cheers, spirited chants, basic motions, jumps, and crowd-leading skills. The girls will be able to show off what they have learned at a Middle School football game on September 28 at 4:30 p.m. No previous cheer experience is required—just come ready to smile, cheer, and have fun!

Grades: 1st - 4th

Date: September 23

Time: 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Instructors: Emily Merrell and the GSL Cheerleaders

Cost: \$45

The deadline [to register](#) is September 21 at 5 p.m.

Back-to-School Bash!

Students will celebrate school through fun, hands-on activities that encourage friendships, creativity, and classroom confidence. Activities include an "All About Me" craft, story time, name games, classroom scavenger hunt, music, and a special keepsake to take home.

Grade: PK

Date: September 24

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

Instructor: Jamesha Horton

Cost: \$60

The deadline [to register](#) is September 21 at 5 p.m.

EA Sports: Learn the Game!

Ready, set, play! Students will stay active, build confidence, and have a blast while learning the fundamentals of a variety of sports. Refreshments will be served.

Grades: JK - 4th

Date: September 25

Time: 3:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Instructor: Zaria Franklin

Cost: \$50

The deadline [to register](#) is September 21 at 5 p.m.

ACE @ Play: Fall Break 2026

School might be out, but ACE has more fun planned. This week, we're focusing on all things Memphis. Get ready to embark on a Memphis-themed scavenger hunt around campus, create Memphis-inspired arts and crafts, and so much more!

Grades: Little Saints - 8th

Dates: October 5 - 9

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

Cost: \$65 per day or \$325 for the week

The deadline [to register](#) is September 30 at 5 p.m.

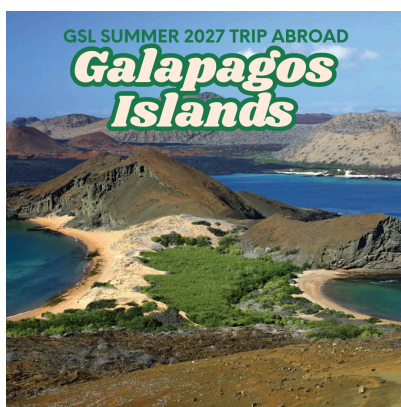


P.A. Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Kicks Off Next Week!

GSL's Parents' Association annual fall fundraiser runs September 28 - October 30! **A Charleston Wrap sales packet will be sent home with your child the week of September 28.** Use the code **11033** to [register your child online here](#) and receive your child's unique student code. Because this fundraiser is 100% online, it is easy to share with coworkers, friends, neighbors and family, and all items will be shipped directly to the purchaser!



Charleston Wrap offers **PRIZES** (see photo) — the more you sell, the more CW prizes you can earn! These will be delivered to students' classrooms after the sale. Additionally, the P.A. awards individual and class prizes to the top sellers. Your child can start selling once you receive your packet! **Even after our sales window ends, you can still make purchases until December 11,** and all proceeds will go to support GSL! Questions? Email P.A. Event Chairs [Sydney Alexander](#) or [Kaleigh Sonnier](#).



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](#).



New Permit-Only Parking on East Side of Belvedere, North of School Office

Please be mindful of the permit-only parking signs that residents north of the school office building on Belvedere recently voted to install on the east side of the street. We don't want you to get ticketed! Street parking is still free on the west side of our Belvedere block. As always, we appreciate everyone parking kindly (not too close to driveways, and not blocking trash receptacles on pickup days). Thank you!



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!



Service Trip Info Session

Sunday, Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m. | Red Room

Come learn about the youth service week we are planning for July 11-17, 2027. We'll review the mission, equipment needed, payment schedules, packing list, and more.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS	
SAT 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 EARLY SERVICE HOURS
WED SEPT 16	BISCUITS & BIBLE 6:45AM YOUTH SUITE
SUN SEPT 20	VISIT THE THISTLE & BEE BEEKEEPER 4:00-6:00PM OFFSITE LOCATION
WED SEPT 23	BISCUITS & BIBLE 6:45AM YOUTH SUITE
SUN SEPT 27	MOUNTAIN TOP SERVICE TRIP INFO SESSION 11:30-12:15PM RED ROOM
SUN SEPT 27	YOUNITED: MEMPHIS WIND SYMPHONY 5:00-8:00PM CARPOOL TO ST. GEORGE'S DRIVERS NEEDED
SUN OCT 4	EMPANADAS WITH GRANDMA JOSIE 3:30-5:30 MIDDLE SCHOOL 5:30-7:30 HIGH SCHOOL BACK TO POPULAR DEMAND
ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

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. Contact Director of Youth & Family Ministries Marta Lopez-Flohr with questions via [email](#) or text (931-771-3006).

OCTOBER

Mental Health Awareness Initiative

OCT 4 FAITH FORUM SPEAKER: ROSALIND HOUSE
9:30 - 10:15 A.M. | TREZEVANT HALL

Join Rosalind House, LBSW, M.S., and Director of Business Development at Memphis' Delta Specialty Hospital for a conversation about mental health. Adults are encouraged to attend. Youth may attend if accompanied by parent/guardian.

OCT 11 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH DISCUSSION
MIDDLE SCHOOL - 3:30 IN RED ROOM
HIGH SCHOOL - 5:30 IN RED ROOM

With the love and support of mental health professionals in our parish, Alison Barnum (LPC-S) and Fr. Jesse Abell (LMSW), along with Youth Director Marta Lopez-Flohr, youth will have time for a special conversation to discuss the importance of mental wellness, recognizing warning signs, reducing the stigma surrounding mental health, and ways we can support friends, classmates, and loved ones. These separate middle school and high school age-appropriate presentations will provide practical tools while emphasizing that seeking help is a sign of strength.

Mental Health Awareness Initiative

Throughout October, Grace-St. Luke's Church will offer opportunities for our community to learn, talk, and support one another around mental health. Upcoming events include a Faith Forum on October 4, youth mental health discussions on October 11, and participation in the Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk on October 24. Together, we'll work to reduce stigma, recognize warning signs, support friends and loved ones, and remember that seeking help is a sign of strength. Please contact cauthement@gracestlukes.org or mlopezflohr@gracestlukes.org with any questions.

QUICK LINKS

- [Anchor Fund - GIVE TODAY!](#)
- [MyGSL Parent Portal](#) for Class Lists, Lunch Info, Uniform Guidelines, and Preschool & Lower School/Middle School Handbooks

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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