



GSL eNews

Sept. 27, 2026



THIS 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

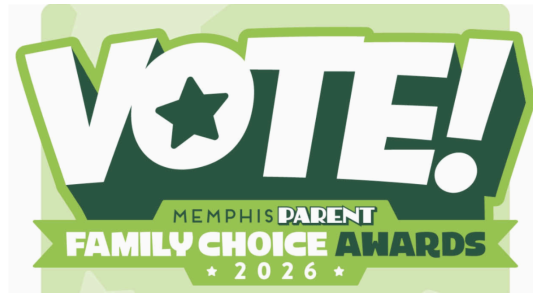
All-School Chapel, featuring Chapel Talks by Jack, Autumn, and Beau, 8:05 a.m., Church

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

October 2

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

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



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, as well as Best Preschool (in Education) and Best Summer Camp (in the Get Out There category)! Voting ends Sept. 28.

NEXT WEEKS AT-A-GLANCE

October 4-30

Charleston Wrap Fall Fundraiser

October 5-9

Fall Break, No School!!!

October 12

Classes Resume

October 13

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

P.A.-Sponsored Faculty & Staff Appreciation Treat

October 14

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

Annual 8th Grade Volleyball Game & Pep Rally, 1:35 p.m., Anchor Gym

October 15

Dress Uniform Day for Grades 1-8

All-School Chapel Celebrating the Feast of St. Luke, 8:05 a.m., Church

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



All-School Family Picnic, 5:30-7 p.m., Snowden Field (see details below)

October 16

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



Construction on Lemaster

A fiber-optic cable installation project is underway on Lemaster (see photo above). We have been told the work could take three weeks. A section of sidewalk near the 5th grade doors will likely be unusable during this project.

Installation crews have been made aware of our carpool times, but their work may still affect foot traffic and vehicle traffic along Lemaster during Middle School carpool and dropoff.

Thank you for being patient and extra careful during carpool times while this work is being done!

ACE: After School Care & Enrichment

Register now for ACE @ Play if you need care during Fall Break, and check out our featured enrichment!



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.

Featured Enrichment: Like Squishies? Let's Make Them!

Students will use safe materials to create their very own adorable squishies. They'll mix, mold, decorate, and get creative while making something squishy, silly, and totally their own.

Grades: SK - 4th

Date: October 2

Time: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Instructor: Gwen Barber

Cost: \$65

The deadline **to register** is October 1 at 5:00 p.m.



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

Our Parents' Association annual fall fundraiser begins this week and ends Friday, October 30! A Charleston Wrap sales packet will be sent home with your child this week and your child can start selling once you receive your packet. 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 your child sells, the more CW prizes they 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.

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](#).



Annual All-School Picnic

Thursday, October 15 from 5:30-7 p.m.

All GSL families are invited to the All-School Family Picnic, an annual tradition at Snowden Field, 2233 Harbert Ave. Bring a blanket or lawn chair if you wish for this fun and casual gathering with your fellow Saints; highlights follow below:

Food & Beverages

Dinner is on GSL! Huey's will provide their delicious sliders and grilled cheese sandwiches, plus chips and drinks. The P.A. will also have sweet treats to enjoy.

Music: Mr. Robert Ward will once again serve as our DJ!

Alumni Families Group Photo:

It is a tradition for us to take a group photo of all current alumni families (GSL alumni parents and their children attending GSL) at this event. Be on the lookout when you see us waving the Alumni Photo sign—we generally take this photo around 6:30 p.m. under the scoreboard.

Look for a separate email this week with additional details about parking and more. This is a great community event and we look forward to seeing you all!

Yearbook Photos from Holland Studios

Holland Studios has emailed you photo proofs of your child's 2026-27 school yearbook picture. The email contains your child's picture proof with a unique student pin number and ordering information. There are two ways to order:

- **Online:** Fastest, most effective way, using your child's unique student pin number. Orders print and ship to your home within 48 hours of being received.
- **Phone:** Call Holland Studios at 901-362-1818 to order and have shipped to your home.

Orders placed online and by phone will be mailed to the address entered for shipping and will be charged a shipping fee. You can combine multiple children's fall portraits into one order to save on shipping fees.



Didn't receive the email? Be sure to check your spam and junk folders first, then contact Anne Fortwengler at Holland Studio [via email](#) or by phone (901-362-1818) to have the link resent to you.

Missed School Picture Day? The **MAKEUP PHOTO DAY** is **Wednesday, October 21** at GSL.



Save the Date: Fall Musical Coming Soon!

Thursday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 24 at 10 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

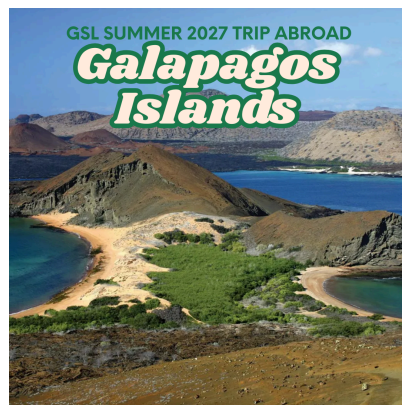
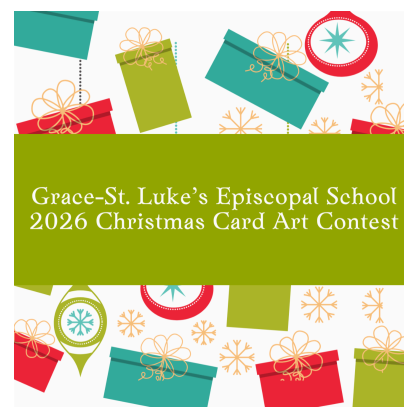
McClure Hall

Make plans now to see *Seussical Jr.* on stage at GSL! Our Middle School cast and crew have been rehearsing for weeks, and it's going to be a great show! Ticket info coming soon.

All GSL Students are Invited to Participate in GSL's 2026 Christmas Card Art Contest

If your child is interested in participating in this year's art contest, [email Brenda Berry](#) to request an art contest packet today. For details on this year's art contest, [click here](#). All art submissions must be received by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28.

New to GSL? [Click here](#) to view the 2025 video featuring all student art submissions. Good luck to all of our student artists!



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!



News from the Church



Church League Basketball **For Boys and Girls in Grades JK- 4** **Registration Closes September 30!**

Please [click here](#) for more information and to register your child. We hope to see you!



Blessing of the Animals **Sunday, October 4, 5 p.m.**

Celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi at Grace-St. Luke's Church! All people and pets ("creatures great and small") are invited to this service Oct. 4. We will commemorate commitments of love, simplicity, care for the poor, and animals, commonly attributed to Francis, who prayed that all might become instruments of the peace of God for the world.

Please ensure pets are leashed or otherwise secured. Don't have a pet friend that can come to the nave to be blessed or any pet at all? You can participate anyway! Bring a picture or special item connecting you to your pet or an animal you care about to be blessed. Children are encouraged to bring a favorite stuffed animal



Children's Choirs Rehearsals

Grace-St. Luke's children's choir rehearsals have begun, but there is still time to sign your child up to sing!

Rehearsals for SK, 1st and 2nd grade are Mondays from 3:30-4 pm and Wednesdays from 4:45-5:15 pm.

Rehearsals for 3rd grade and above (boys through voice change) are Mondays from 4:15-5:15 pm and Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 pm.

Choirs sing at a variety of Sunday morning and evening services at Grace-St. Luke's Church. Questions? Contact [Sam McDaniel](#), Assistant Organist-Choirmaster.

to receive a blessing. All are welcome to celebrate all of God's creatures with us!

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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 BY 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).

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](#)

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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