



GSL eNews

October 11, 2026



THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Now-October 30

Charleston Wrap Fall Fundraiser

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

Affinity Group Lunch

12:45-1:35 p.m., ACE Room

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, 5-6:30 p.m., Snowden
Field (see details in box)

October 16

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

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

NEXT WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

October 20

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

Mandatory Meeting for Middle School Basketball
Parents, 5:30 p.m., Anchor Gym

October 21

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

School Picture Makeup Day for Little Saints-8th
Grade, 8:30-11 a.m., ACE Room



Annual All-School Picnic

Thursday, October 15 from 5-6:30 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 On Us!

Huey's sliders and grilled cheese sandwiches, plus chips and drinks. Sweet treat from the P.A.

Preschool: Designated play area just for you!

Preschool Preview Day for Prospective Parents, 9 a.m., Anchor Library (*Please tell your friends!*)

Music: Mr. Robert Ward will be our DJ!

October 22

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

Preschool Chapel, 8:35 a.m., ACE Room

October 23

Preschool Coffee & Connection with Cynthia Hill, 7:30-8:30 a.m., ACE Room

Celebration Chapel Hosted by Allyson Campbell, 8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym

Alumni Families Group Photo:

Group photo of all alumni families (GSL alumni parents and their children attending GSL) at this event - a longtime tradition! Approx. 6:15 p.m.

See separate email sent Oct. 2 with additional details about parking and more. We look forward to seeing you all!

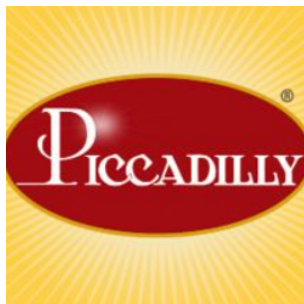
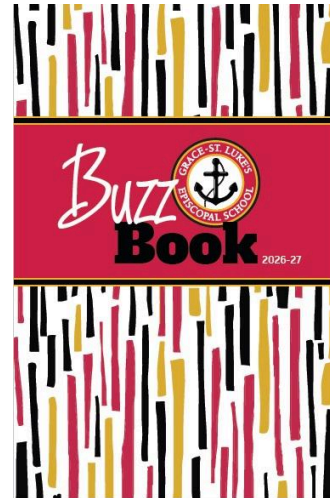
2026-27 Buzz Book

The 2026-27 Buzz Books were sent home to families the week before Fall Break. This is how it was distributed:

- For families with more than one child at GSL: Your household Buzz Book was sent home with your family's youngest child at GSL.
- Two-household families received two copies; again, these copies were sent home with the youngest child at GSL.
- Families of twins: If the twins are the youngest in the family, the Buzz Book was sent home with one of the twins.

Each family's last name is on a printed label on the outside back cover of the Buzz Book.

Please remember, this directory is for use by our community only and should not be shared. Questions? [Email](#) Brenda Berry.



News from Piccadilly

We are excited to announce some upcoming changes in the cafeteria! **Beginning Monday, October 12**, Piccadilly will begin testing "Choice Bar" options alongside the traditional entrées.

For example, your children will see options like this:

Baked Chicken with Green Beans and Corn

OR *Baked Potato Bar with toppings*

Other Choice Bar options may include Nacho, Burger, and Breakfast Bars, each with a variety of toppings.

Don't worry, due to its popularity, Wednesday Pizza Day will remain unchanged!

Friendly reminders:

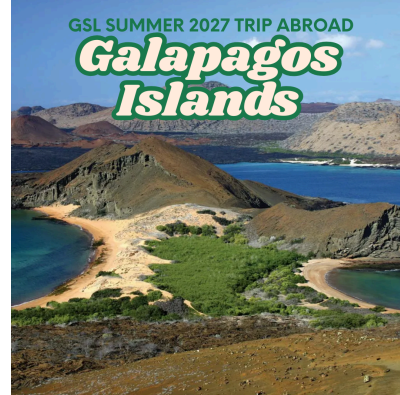
- Meal plans are not required, which means **pre-ordering is especially important**. Pre-orders help us plan servings and reduce food waste.
- You may also receive periodic low-balance emails and/or reminders that your student's pre-orders need to be completed.
- Families can add extra funds if they would like children to have the option of purchasing additional sides, snacks, or drinks.

Galapagos Islands Trip for 7th & 8th Graders

May 26-June 3, 2027

This nine-day trip led by Middle School Science Teacher Julie Binder will take participating students from Memphis to Quito, Ecuador, and on to the highly conserved, pristine Galapagos Islands. Our adventure will be heavy on hiking and snorkeling and should be a trip of a lifetime!

The deposit deadline is October 12! For registration information, please [click here](#) and search for your trip by entering your school name and state. You may also [click here for a trip flyer](#) with highlights and [click here for a presentation](#) and sample itinerary. Questions? [Email Julie Binder](#).



Lands' End Uniform Discount Offer

Savings alert! Enjoy this **one-time, 40% off discount code from Lands' End between now and October 13**. [Click here for info flyer](#) with QR code to shop. The discount code is OURTREAT40. Take advantage of savings, whether you still need a few uniform pieces or want to stock up for the cooler months ahead!

Affinity Group Kickoff Lunch

Wednesday, October 14

12:45 p.m.-1:35 p.m., ACE After School Care Room

We look forward to welcoming Black/African American/Multiracial Middle School students to our Affinity lunch! - Ms. Ariel, Mr. Robert, Ms. O, and Ms. Jeanette



P.A. Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Only a Few Weeks Left to Sell!

Our Parents' Association annual fall fundraiser is live and ends Friday, October 30! Use the code **11033** to [register your child online here](#) and receive your child's unique student code.

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.





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Even after our sales window ends, you can still make purchases until **December 11**, and all proceeds will go to support GSL!

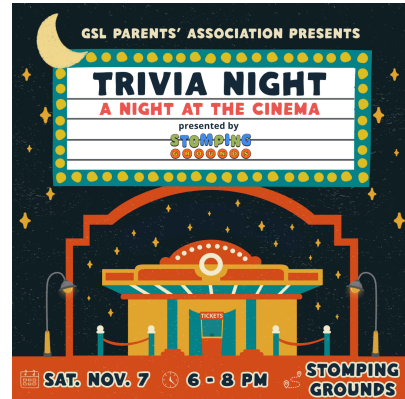
If you don't want or need wrapping paper and gifts, but would still like to participate, you can donate to the Parents' Association directly via Venmo by scanning this QR code or by searching @GSLPA. These gifts will also go to fulfill classroom wish lists.

Questions? Email P.A. Event Chairs [Sydney Alexander](#) or [Kaleigh Sonnier](#).

P.A. Trivia Night Registration is LIVE!

The annual Parents' Association Trivia Night, presented by Stomping Grounds, is coming up Saturday, Nov. 7! This fun event is for **adults 21+ only**. Details below:

- Cost is \$400 for a team of 8
- Food and 2 pitchers included (*guests can purchase additional drinks*)
- Trivia Night has a theme this year: *Night at the Cinema!* Teams are invited to select a film and dress as characters from that movie
- Prizes awarded throughout the night
- Deadline to register: Friday, October 30 or until sold out



Registration is open! To register your team of 8, click [HERE](#). This event has sold out in past years, so be sure to register ASAP! Questions? Contact the P.A. Trivia Night Chairs: [Lydia Cooper](#), [Marianne Smith](#), and [Ellyse Woolard](#).



Seussical Jr. On Stage Next Week!

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

You don't want to miss *Seussical Jr.* 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.

ACE: After School Care & Enrichment

Highlighting some upcoming enrichments below... we can't wait to see your child in ACE!



AFTER SCHOOL CARE
& ENRICHMENT @ GSL

Featured Enrichment: Creepy Cookies

Who's ready to get in the spooky spirit? Decorate creepy cookies, learn the monster mash, and make some ghoulish crafts with us!

Grades: SK - 4th

Date: October 16

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

Instructors: Abby Hensley and Lily Davis

Cost: \$45

The deadline [to register](#) is October 12 at 5 p.m.

Featured Enrichment: Fashion Around the World: Fashion Show

Our "Fashion Show Around The World" invites young models to step onto the runway and celebrate the beauty, color, and creativity inspired by cultures from around the globe. Each child will shine!

Grades: 1st - 5th

Dates: October 19, October 20, October 21 and October 22 (**The Fashion Show will be on October 23**)

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

Instructor: Cheryl O'Bannon

Cost: \$75

The deadline [to register](#) is October 16 at 5 p.m.

Featured Enrichment: Monday Mahj

In this four-week enrichment, students will discover the basics of Mahjong through hands-on lessons, friendly games, and exciting challenges. Along the way, each participant will design and personalize their own Mahjong tile bag and create fun themed crafts to use or enjoy at home.

Grades: 3rd - 6th

Dates: October 19, November 2, November 16 and November 30

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

Instructor: Emily Merrell

Cost: \$140

The deadline [to register](#) is October 16 at 5 p.m.

Featured Enrichment: Paint, Play, Create!

Come explore, imagine, and create! Let's have fun through painting, drawing, and hands-on crafts.

Create a masterpiece to take home.

Grade: PK

Dates: October 20 and October 27

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

Instructor: Natasha Cole

Cost: \$65

The deadline [to register](#) is October 16 at 5 p.m.

Featured Enrichment: Ready to do all things CAMPING?

Do you love camping, but without the bugs and heat? Join us in the Llama classroom for an indoor camping extravaganza! We'll enjoy indoor s'mores, read stories by flashlight, and create camping memories inside. Happy Trails!

Grades: JK - 2nd

Date: November 4

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

Instructor: Mimmie Fisher and Anden Hamilton

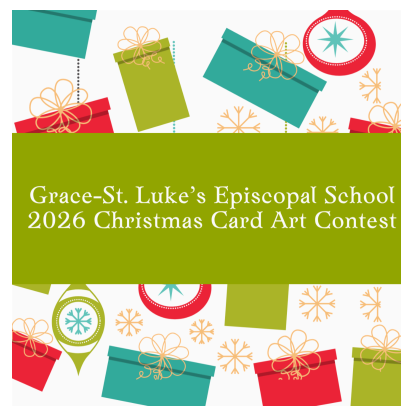
Cost: \$45

The deadline [to register](#) is November 1 at 5 p.m.

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!



Save Paper Bags for GSL's Earth Day Project!

A Message from Art Teachers Lee Schaffler and Anna Chahal:

Will you please save your grocery sacks and any brown paper packaging for a fun Earth Day project we have planned for next spring? Collections boxes will be out around school from Nov. 1- Dec. 18. Thank you for helping us!

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.



Preschool Preview Days This Fall

October 21, November 18, January 27

9 a.m. in the Anchor Library, 250 Lemaster

Our next Preview Day is October 21! 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.

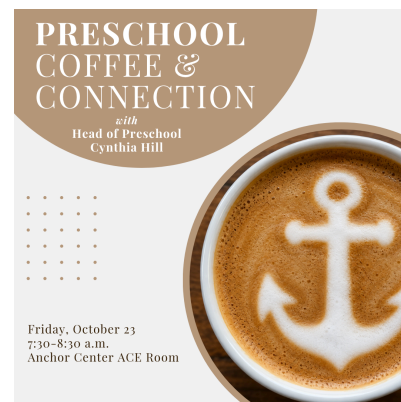
Thank you for helping us spread the word. Go, Saints!

Preschool Coffee & Connection

Friday, October 23, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Anchor Center ACE Room

Preschool Parents/Guardians: Join us Friday, October 23 for coffee with Head of Preschool Cynthia Hill, who will present a mini-workshop on how GSL's Mindfulness and Changemakers programs help further develop your children's social-emotional skills.

[Click here](#) to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!



News from the Church



GSL + Idlewild Kickball

Join us for a joint youth group kickball game with our ecumenical partners from Idlewild Presbyterian. Even better... Fr. Ollie and Rev. Powers will both be on hand as our referees! Pizza will be served! Please RSVP via QR code in graphic so we can make sure you're counted in the pizza order.

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.



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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