GSL eNews

November 1, 2026

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

November 1
Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 2
7/8 Exam: English, 8:45 a.m.

November 3
Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m., Church

7/8 Exam: History, 8:45 a.m.

RESCHEDULED: 5th/6th First Trimester Music Performance, 6-7 p.m., McClure

November 4
Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m., Church

7/8 Exam: Science, 8:45 a.m.

Hearing Screenings for SK, 2nd, and 4th Grade, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Lower School

November 5
All-School Chapel featuring Chapel Talks by Angel, Louise, and Charlie, 8:05 a.m., Church

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

7/8 Exam: Foreign Language, 8:45 a.m.

November 6
Celebration Chapel, Hosted by Jenn Futrell, 8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym *(Parents welcome to attend)*

7/8 Exam: Math, 8:45 a.m.

End of 1st Trimester

November 7
Preschool Garden & Play Admissions Event for Prospective Families
9-10 a.m., Preschool Outdoor Classroom
(Please tell your friends!)

Click here for online School & Athletic Calendars

NEXT WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

November 9
Faculty/Staff Professional Development Day at TAIS Conference: No School for Students
(ACE @ Play available with registration)



Last Call: Please Share Addresses for Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is Tuesday, November 24. Invitations have been sent to grandparents using the information provided by families on the school's enrollment agreement. If you did not provide this information during enrollment, or if you are aware of any address changes, please **email Brenda Berry** the name(s), mailing address(es), and email address(es) of your children's grandparents or special friends today. Thank you!



Saints Scramble Golf Hats!

Last chance to buy a Saints Scramble golf hat, created by Merrell Arts. Limited numbers in stock, and once they're gone, they're gone! Hats are $35 each; available for pickup at the GSL Admin Building. **Click here** to order yours today!

November 10
Classes Resume

November 11
Lower School Chapel, 8:05 a.m., Church

Hearing Screenings for 6th and 8th Grade, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Middle School

November 12
All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m., Church

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

November 13
Celebration Chapel, Hosted by Mary Margaret Snow, 8:05 a.m., Church *(Parents welcome to attend)*

Middle School Spelling Bee, 8:30-10 a.m., McClure Hall



Hearing Screenings

SK, 2nd & 4th: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 8:30 a.m.-Noon
6th & 8th: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 8:30 a.m.-Noon

Parents/Guardians of students in the above grades: A permission form for this screening was emailed via Blackbaud. Please submit it before the screening date. Your child will not be screened unless the permission form is completed.

Admissions Event: Preschool Garden & Play Day

Saturday, Nov. 7, 9:00 a.m., Preschool Outdoor Classroom

Please tell your friends who are looking at schools! Parents can learn more about us and let their child play in our beautiful, award-winning outdoor classroom. Share **this link** to RSVP.





No School Monday, November 9; ACE Open

Faculty and Staff will be attending the biennial TAIS Conference for their professional development on Monday, November 9.

School is closed on Monday, November 9, but ACE @ Play is open! See below for registration information.

ACE: After School Care Featured Enrichments!

REGISTER NOW for ACE @ Play for next Monday, Nov. 9 while GSL's faculty and staff are at the TAIS conference. Please also check out these upcoming featured enrichments and make plans to join us!

ACE @ Play: Faculty & Staff Professional Development Day

ACE
AFTER SCHOOL CARE
& ENRICHMENT @ GSL

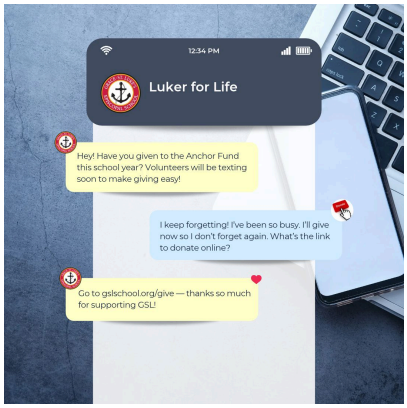
Join us in ACE as we celebrate the vibrant spirit of Memphis! Dive into a range of arts and crafts, along with games that highlight the rich culture of our legendary city.
Grades: Little Saints-8th
Date: Monday, November 9
Time: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Cost: $65 per student
The deadline **to register** is November 4 at 5 p.m.

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 will enjoy indoor s'mores, read stories by flashlight, and create camping memories all while indoors. Happy Trails!
Grades: JK - 2nd
Date: November 4
Time: 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructors: Mimmie Fisher and Anden Hamilton
Cost: $45
The deadline **to register** is November 2 at 5 p.m.

Sticker Making & Yarn Art Workshop
Get ready to design, decorate, and create your very own custom stickers. Use colorful paper, fun shapes, markers, and creative ideas to make stickers that show off your unique style. Stickers are perfect for decorating notebooks, water bottles, folders, cards, and more. Students will also create a yarn art picture, while strengthening fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, focus, creativity, and problem solving.
Grades: 1st - 3rd
Dates: November 5 & 6
Time: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Instructor: Cheryl O'Bannon
Cost: $55
The deadline **to register** is November 2 at 5 p.m.

Yoga Adventures
Get ready to stretch, play, and imagine! Over three magical days, our little yogis will explore a wild jungle safari, blast off into outer space, and dive deep under the sea. Each day features playful yoga poses, high-energy games, cute themed snacks, and cozy mindfulness routines to help them unwind. Perfect for moving bodies and happy hearts!
Grades: SK - 4th
Dates: November 5, November 12 and November 19
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Instructors: Abby Hensley and Lily Davis
Cost: $125
The deadline **to register** is November 2 at 5 p.m.

MS Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Lock-In
Join us for a fun-filled lock-in beginning after school on Friday, November 20 in the Anchor Gym until Saturday morning at 9 a.m.! We will provide dinner, snacks, games; all you need is a sleeping bag or blanket, pillow, and change of clothes. We'll take care of the rest; we can't wait for a fun night together!
Grades: 5th-8th
Dates: November 20-21
Time: 3 p.m.- 9 a.m.
Instructors: Emily Merrell & Allyson Campbell
Cost: $100
The deadline **to register** is November 19 at 5 p.m.



Anchor Fund Textathon Is Coming Soon!

GSL relies on tax-deductible donations for the continued strength and success of our academic program. Gifts to the Anchor Fund enhance the learning experience at GSL, equip classrooms with the latest technology, help with facilities and maintenance needs, and ensure that faculty/staff have professional development opportunities and excellent compensation packages.

If you have already pledged or donated to the 2026-27 Anchor Fund, THANK YOU! If not, you're in luck! Volunteers will be calling and texting you soon to explain the impact of every donation to the Anchor Fund.

If it is not convenient for you to receive a call or text, **please consider making either a one-time donation or recurring gift at gslschool.org/give.** Pledges can also be made on this site and then paid at a later date.

Questions? **Email Director of Advancement Brenda Berry**.

Save the Dates for Saints Hoops and Fan 5 Games!

The basketball season will be here before we know it! **Click here** to preorder your Fan 5 t-shirt today; deadline 11/11. And note these dates (12/4, 12/10, 12/14, 1/14, and 1/21) for the games/themes coming up this season. All Middle Schoolers who attend Fan 5 Games get a point for their red or white teams. If they dress up in theme at the game, they earn 2 points. Students MUST check in with Mrs. Merrell to ensure they get their points. See you soon, Saints!





P.A. Charleston Wrap Fundraiser: Purchase Until Dec. 11 to Support GSL!

While the window for students to earn prizes has closed, **you can still place orders until December 11,** and all proceeds will support GSL! Use the code **11033** to **register your child online here** and receive your child's unique student code.

When you support P.A. fundraising events like Charleston Wrap, you help provide faculty with financial resources to keep students engaged and excited about learning, like this Nugget Sofa! This piece creates a fun, inviting environment for our 2nd graders to read, or engage in interactive learning activities together!

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**.

Performance Lab 2026-27: Acting 101

Performance Lab is an afterschool theater activity (Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.) that allows students the opportunity to hone their theater skills without the pressure of a major production. Classes begin Nov. 12 and end Jan. 21 with a final presentation for parents.

This year we will get back to basics with Acting 101. We will focus on character analysis, projection and enunciation, stage positions and areas, how to use your body in the space, and more. Basic skills with which every performer needs to be familiar! **Click here** for tentative schedule. Questions? Email Middle School Performing Arts Teacher **Leslie Reddick**.





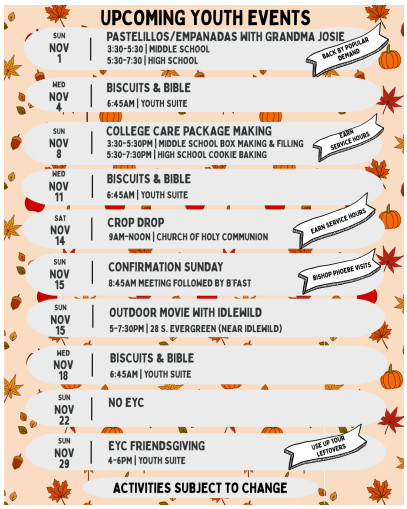
Reminder About Sibling Applications

It's lots of fun to have your little sister or brother at school... and we LOVE welcoming new siblings to GSL! If you have a younger child still at home who is eligible to start Preschool next August (age 16 months by June 1), it's time to apply. We look forward to welcoming your little one as a new Saint! 😊 Please **click here** to apply today.

PopTab Palooza Collection Back at GSL: Information Coming Soon!



News from the Church



November Youth Events

November is full of opportunities for fellowship, faith, and service! Check out the calendar for dates and details. **Click here** to email GSL Director of Youth & Family Ministry with any questions or to RSVP for your Middle Schooler.

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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