GSL eNews

November 8, 2026

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

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

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

Affinity Group Gathering
12:45-1:35 p.m., ACE Classroom

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

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

4th Grade Big Head Biography Project Presentations: 8:45 a.m. Nancy Miller's class; 9:45 a.m. Hannah Miller's class; Anchor Library

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

Click here for online School & Athletic Calendars

NEXT WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

November 16-22
P.A. novel. Fundraiser

November 17-December 18
1st Trimester Middle School Art Show

November 17
Middle School Chapel, 8:05 a.m., Church

Opening Reception for 1st Trimester Middle School Art Show, 5-6:30 p.m., Anchor Center Alumni Lobby (2nd floor)

November 18





Hearing Screenings
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.

Grades 5 & 8 ONLY: Hot Air Balloon Launch, 8-10 a.m., Overton Park

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

Preschool Preview Day, 9-10 a.m., Anchor Center Library

November 19
JK Parents Look Ahead to SK, 8-9 a.m., Trezevant Hall

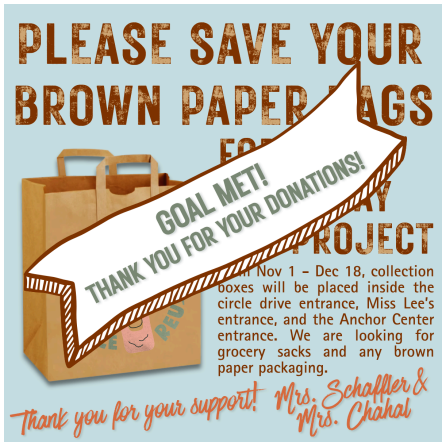
All-School Chapel, 8:05 a.m., Church

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

November 20
Celebration Chapel, Hosted by Lee Schaffler, 8:05 a.m., Anchor Gym *(Parents welcome to attend)*

November 22
4th Annual Central Gardens Association Wreath Run, 3 p.m., Belvedere & Peabody *(GSL is a sponsor of this event)*





PopTab Palooza at GSL



GSL is happy to announce our 2026 PopTab Palooza! We are collecting pop tabs this month in all divisions to benefit West Tennessee/Northeast Arkansas's **Ronald McDonald House** in advance of their community-wide collection day in December.

We invite all families to join us in this simple but meaningful effort. As you go about your daily routines, please save the pop tabs from your aluminum cans and send them to school with your child throughout November.

Collection boxes will be placed at Miss Lee's, in the JK hallway, in Lower School, and in Middle School's Lass Hall from now until Tuesday, December 1, when we hope to have Ronald McDonald House Executive Director Jill Crocker visit us to receive our pop tabs. We look forward to seeing how many tabs we can collect together!



Affinity Group Gathering for Black/African American/Multiracial Students

Wednesday, November 11
12:45 p.m. - 1:35 p.m., ACE Classroom

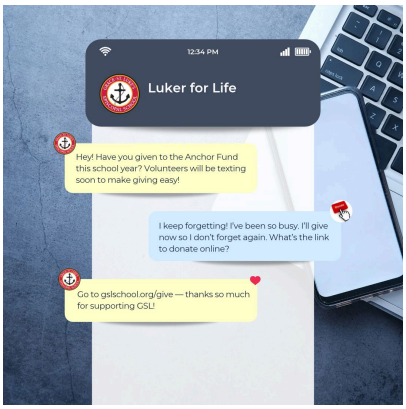
We had a great meeting in October with guest speaker LaKesha Spencer, owner of the Lucky Peach food truck (see photo). Join us for our Affinity Group gathering this week. Bring your lunch and HOT TOPIC!
-Mr. Robert, Ms. O, Ms. Jeanette, and Ms. Ariel

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 this Thursday, 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**.





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**.

ACE: After School Care Featured Enrichments!

ACE
AFTER SCHOOL CARE
& ENRICHMENT @ GSL

Check out these upcoming featured enrichments and join us!

Spa Day
Enter a room where the lights are dim, relaxing music is playing, and your school day is ending. You'll find a cozy spot, face mask on, cucumbers on your eyes, enjoy a lip scrub you made and more! Meditate and reset—attendees will be ready to head home with the most relaxing feeling!
Grades: SK - 4th
Date: November 13
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Instructors: Abby Hensley and Lily Davis
Cost: $55
The deadline **to register** is November 11 at 8 p.m.

Tasty Treats Shop: A Mini Thankful Treat
We will be enjoying a mini apple pie topped with whipped cream, served with a warm cup of Turkey Feather hot chocolate. Come share this cozy, tasty moment as we celebrate the holiday season!
Grades: JK - 2nd
Date: November 19
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Instructor: Erica Peters
Cost: $60
The deadline **to register** is November 16 at 8 p.m.

Christmas Ornament Workshop
Get ready for a holly jolly afternoon of creativity and holiday cheer! Students will design and create their very own Christmas ornaments to take home for tree trimming, gift giving, or treasure. Using colorful supplies, holiday scents, and more, kids will make unique keepsakes while enjoying fun holiday music.
Grades: JK - 4th
Date: November 20
Time: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Instructor: Gwen Barber
Cost: $65
The deadline **to register** is November 18 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.
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.



Save the Dates: Saints Hoops and Fan 5!

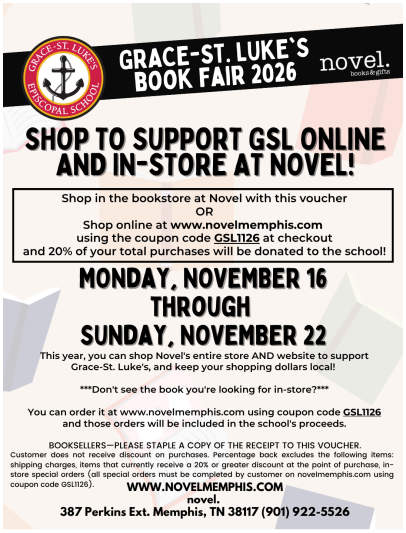
Basketball season starts soon! **Click here** to preorder your Fan 5 t-shirt by 11/11 and please note these dates (12/4, 12/10, 12/14, 1/14, and 1/21) for the games/themes coming up this season. All Middle Schoolers who attend Fan 5 Games get a point for their red or white teams. If they dress up in 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!

Parents' Association novel. Fundraiser
November 16-22

The Parents' Association novel. Fundraiser is coming up November 16-22! During that week, 20% of sales will go towards GSL and Teacher Wish Lists! This P.A. fundraiser is a great way to stock up on Christmas gifts for friends and family, all while supporting GSL.

When shopping, you can show an image of this flyer on your phone, or simply say you are shopping to support GSL.

Can't make it into novel. but still want to participate in this fundraiser? No problem! You can buy online at **www.novelmemphis.com** and use the code **GSL1126.**



First Trimester Art Show
Nov. 17-Dec. 18
Opening Reception, Tuesday Nov. 17

Please join us for a reception celebrating the first trimester Middle School artists. Refreshments will be provided; friends and family are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to make the reception, you may stop by to view the show during regular school hours from Wednesday, Nov 18 through Friday, Dec 18.



Admissions Event: Preschool Preview Day

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9:00 a.m., Anchor Center Library

Please tell your friends who are looking at schools! Parents can learn more about our outstanding program and see Preschool classrooms in action. Share **this link** to RSVP.





JK Parents Look-Ahead to SK

Thursday, Nov. 19, 8-9 a.m., Trezevant Hall

Join us to hear from Head of Lower School Mary Margaret Snow and our SK team about what you and your child can look forward to in our Lower School program. If you can't make it or would like to come earlier, please email Shelly McGuire to schedule an individual tour, or select a date by clicking **here**.

As we've done in the past, we will also have JKers tour the classrooms for a visit and chance to meet the teachers. This is scheduled for Nov. 18, the day before your parent visit.

Questions? Email **Mary Margaret Snow** or **Cynthia Hill**.

Save the Date for a Parent Coffee: Growing Great Thinkers

Thursday, December 3, 8-9:30 a.m., Trezevant Hall



Save the date for a parent coffee featuring Lower School teachers and a guest executive functioning expert. We'll explore how we explicitly teach executive functioning skills in the Lower School and what families can do at home to support these essential skills. Feel free to bring a friend!



Save the Date: 2027 Saints Slam
Presented by Stomping Grounds

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Friday, May 7, 2027** for the 2nd Annual Saints Slam, presented by Stomping Grounds. Tennis players and lunchgoers alike, we are looking forward to another full morning of fun at Leftwich Tennis Center in support of our school.

Registration will open March 1, but go ahead and secure your doubles partners and lunch buddies today. **Consider sharing the GSL love by inviting someone who is not yet connected to our Saints community.** Get excited for tennis, lunch and sips, shopping, and more!

Are you connected to a business that is **interested in being a Saints Slam sponsor, partner, or vendor**? It's not too late to let us know **here**.

Questions? Please contact P.A. Event Chairs **Lauren Carr** and **Elizabeth Warren**.



News from the Church



Outdoor Movie Night

Sunday, November 15 | 5:00–7:30 p.m.

GSL and Idlewild Presbyterian are teaming up again for a fun youth group evening of fellowship, friendship, and a movie under the stars! All are welcome. Youth can bring blankets, chairs, appropriate layers, food to munch on, and friends. We will collect cell phones, so everyone can be present and enjoy time together. Admission price is a non-perishable donation for the Immigrant Food Pantry. Popcorn and hot cocoa provided!
RSVP: **tinyurl.com/movienight1115**.

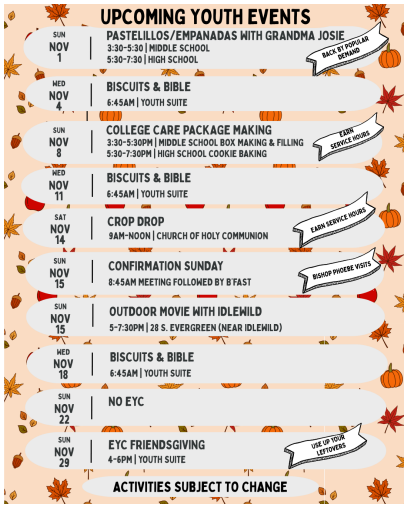


Return Church Sports Uniforms

Now-November 15

To keep costs to a minimum, the Church requests that you recycle your church league sports uniforms. A drop-off box will be out in the GSL School Circle Drive now through November 15. Wondering what to recycle? You can return the following:

- Soccer - jerseys & shorts
- Baseball, Softball, & T-Ball - jerseys, pants, shorts & belts (hats and socks optional)
- Basketball - jerseys & shorts
- Flag Football- jerseys & shorts



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**

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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