

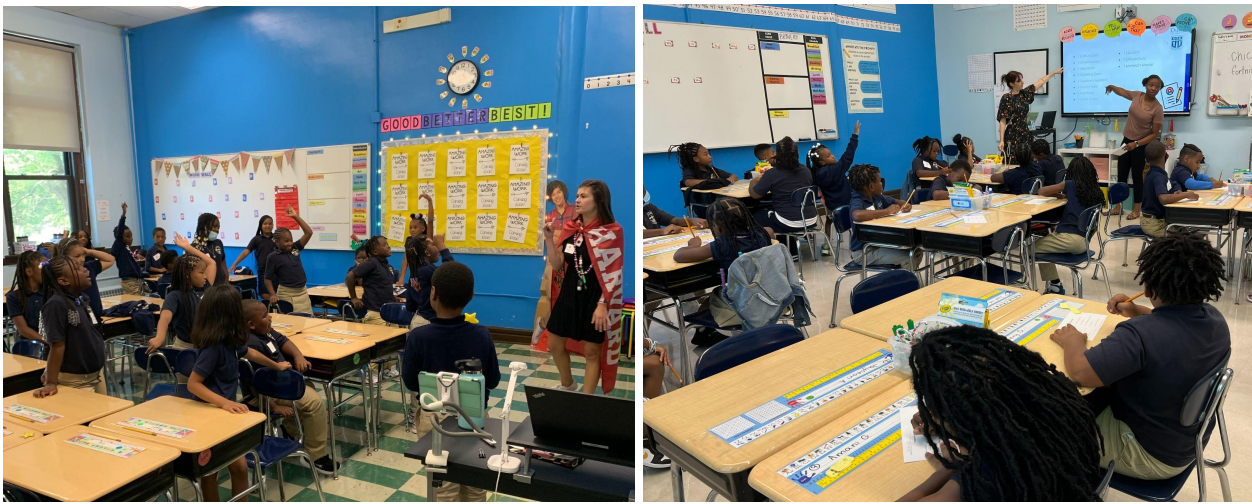


# The Weekly Wave

WEEKLY GLA FAMILY NEWSLETTER: August 23rd, 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We had an excellent first two days of school! From the start to the end of the day, spaces inside and outside the building were full of energy and excitement.



One of our areas of focus for the start of this year is to build strong relationships between students and between students and staff. In our classrooms, staff have been facilitating activities to help students get to know each other while also learning about each student themselves. Our goal is that students feel a sense of community within their classrooms and across the school.

Principal Miller

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Back 2 School Fest**

On Friday, August 26th scholars will have the opportunity to be a part of the Back 2 School Fest where students and staff engage in fun activities, team building, "Get to Know You" tasks, movies, and more!

**Friday, August 26th will be a dress down day for all students.**

This fest will take part during the school day in their homerooms and throughout the campus.

### **Morning Entry/Dismissal Updates:**

I wanted to send a few reminders that will help ensure dismissal is quicker and continues to be safe:

- **Dismissal begins at 1:45 all of this week.**

- **If you are picking up by car, please line up along Saginaw, 84th St., and down Marquette.**
  - **4th-8th** graders will be with teachers on 84 St. and Marquette. Please talk to your students about watching for your car and walking to it when they see it.
  - **K-3rd** graders will be released to cars through the drive.
- **IMPORTANT: Cars picking up students should never enter the line on Saginaw. This means we did not get your student's name in the pick up line and your student will not be ready when you pull into the drive. You will have to wait longer to get your child than if you get in line.**
- Parents who are walking - the 84th St. gate will open at the start of dismissal. Please do not come to the main entrance drive if you are a walker.

Thank you in advance for following procedures.

### **Daily Dismissal Changes:**

If you would like to update the way your scholar dismisses for the day, please call the front office the day of before 1 pm to let us know.

If you need your scholar to walk home, a walker form must be completed every year in order for them to walk home. Please stop by the office to complete a form or you can [click here](#) and email it to [mjimenez@glachicago.org](mailto:mjimenez@glachicago.org). Older students will not be allowed to pick up younger siblings unless we have this form on file.

**We also do not dismiss scholars 30 minutes before our normal dismissal time, if you need to pick up early, please plan to be here at least 30 minutes before dismissal.**

### **Enrichment**

**With sign ups being sent out last week, we have had a lot of responses and some programs are even full!**

**There is a lot of buzz and excitement** around these before and after school programs and I hope you and your scholars get the opportunity to be a part of the new program formats. Below you will find athletics, On Deck (morning), and Anchor (after school) sign ups that are still open. Please sign up at your earliest convenience to be a part of the hype at GLA, as programs will soon close!

### **Fall Athletics**

We are excited to announce that athletic programming will begin at GLA Fall 2022! Programming will be for student-athletes in 5th-8th grade only and will take place directly after school from 3:30-5:00 pm.

**Athletic Fee:** \$150/season/student

Sports offered this year: boys soccer and girls volleyball in the fall, boys and girls basketball and co-ed cheerleading in the winter, co-ed track, girls soccer and boys volleyball in the spring.

If you have a student-athlete that might be interested in the announced fall sports, please fill out the interest [form](#).

\*Please note: sports could overlap with any after school programming that we offer for 5th-8th grade.

Please reach out to Athletic Director, Titus Perez [tperez@glachicago.org](mailto:tperez@glachicago.org) with any questions!

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Before School Programming:**

We are excited to offer On Deck before school programming again at GLA this year!

This program will run every day, Monday - Friday, before school from 7:00-7:45 am. Fees will be collected on a monthly basis, due by the first of the month of service. Invoices will be sent via PayPal (no account is needed), and enrollment and un-enrollment will be on a rolling basis.

Please note: Drop-ins are available for a \$10/day flat fee, regardless of the time dropped off.

### **SY23 On Deck Fees:**

1 student, \$80/month  
2 students, \$140/month  
3 students, \$200/month

### **Due to a shortened month, August prices will be as follows:**

1 student, \$40/month  
2 students, \$70/month  
3 students, \$100/month

If you would like to sign up for the On Deck program, please click [HERE](#) to complete the form. Please fill out a form for each student you would like to enroll.

When filling out this form, you will automatically be enrolled and billed for programming. If plans change, please contact me at your earliest convenience, Stephanie Beck - [sbeck@glachicago.org](mailto:sbeck@glachicago.org).

We look forward to another great year with you and your family!

### **After School Programming:**

We are pleased to offer after school programs that are teacher and student-led. These after school programs will run Monday-Thursday and will vary each trimester, with some new offerings for each grade.

A sign up solely for trimester one can be located [HERE](#) and is only, Tuesday, September 6th - Thursday, November 10th. All programs will run from 3:15 - 5:00 pm.

You will have the opportunity to sign up your child for programming that will run Monday and Wednesday and/or Tuesday and Thursday. Each program will hold a max capacity for students and enrollment will end on Wednesday, August 24th. You will be notified if you get into the program by Wednesday, August 31st via letter and email.

The prices for these programs are \$150 per trimester unless otherwise marked.

\*Please note: these programs could overlap with any athletic practices/intersquad games that we offer for 5th-8th grade.

Offerings for trimester one via an online [form](#) and will be first come, first serve until the program is at max capacity. More details are attached on the above links.

### **Uniforms:**

We have learned that GLA families are having issues again this year getting uniform orders fulfilled in a timely fashion through Schoolbelles. Effective immediately, GLA will be allowing navy blue polo shirts that do not have the GLA branded logo. This change to the uniform policy will stay in effect for the rest of this school year.

### **School Start & End Times:**

The table below reflects the student schedule for the upcoming school year. Based on family feedback, we made some minor adjustments. Please note GLA building hours are 7am - 6pm. There will still be optional before school programming beginning at 7am for this school year (more information to come).

Grade Level	Monday - Thursday			Friday		
	Doors Open	Instruction Starts	Instruction Ends	Doors Open	Instruction Starts	Instruction Ends
K-4	7:45 AM	7:55 AM	3:15 PM	7:45 AM	7:55 AM	1:45 PM
5-8	7:30 AM	7:55 AM	3:15 PM	7:30 AM	7:55 AM	1:45 PM

### **PAST DUE: 22-23 Annual Registration Forms for Returning Students:**

- If you have not been able to complete the registration, please stop by the front office, we have a printed paper copy for your convenience, we have registration help available Monday - Friday from 9 am - 2 pm.
- You are also able to log into Schoolmint to complete the registration online. (<https://glachicago.schoolmint.net/signin>).

### **Breakfast and Lunch Menu:**

- To view the breakfast and lunch menu for the upcoming month, please [click here](#).

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

August 22-26: Student Orientation Week; 1:45 Dismissal

August 26: Back 2 School Fest

August 29th: Normal schedule resumes (M-Th = 3:15 dismissal; F 1:45 dismissal)

September 5: Labor Day: No Classes

September 9: Parent Go to School Night

## August 22 - August 26, 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22  K-8th Orientation Week 1:45 pm Dismissal	23  K-8th Orientation Week 1:45 pm Dismissal	24  K-8th Orientation Week 1:45 pm Dismissal	25  K-8th Orientation Week 1:45 pm Dismissal	26  K-8th Orientation Week 1:45 pm Dismissal <b>Back 2 School Fest</b>
29	30	31	1	2
5  LABOR DAY  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	6	7	8	9  Parent Go to School Night  4:00 PM KG-4th 5:00 PM 5-8

### COVID Vaccination Information for Scholars

GLA is currently reviewing our COVID policies for the upcoming school year. Information for the 2022-23 school year will be shared in the coming weeks. In the meantime, we advise all of our families to consider vaccinating their Scholars.

This week and beyond, there are many ways for children to get vaccinated across the city:

- Family health care providers – CDPH recommends families first reach out to their pediatrician or family medical provider to see if appointments are available.
- CPS sites – CPS’ regional vaccination clinics and mobile school-based events will offer the Pfizer vaccine for ages 5 to 11 starting on Wednesday, November 10th.
  - Use [this link](#) to view the schedule for the clinics.
  - Use [this link](#) to view the schedule for mobile events.
  - Visit [cps.edu/vaccinations](https://cps.edu/vaccinations) for more information and vaccine opportunities
- Local pharmacies – Across the city, many pharmacy locations already have vaccines and more will receive doses in the coming weeks. Each has their own registration.
  - Walgreens: [Register online](#), call your local Walgreens or 1-800-WALGREENS (1-800-925-4733)
  - CVS: [Register online](#), call your local CVS or 1-800-679-9691
  - Mariano's: [Register online](#)
  - Walmart: Call 833-886-0023, Option 1
  - Chicago Costco Pharmacies: [Register online](#) for an appointment or call a pharmacy directly
- Select children’s hospitals will host pediatric vaccine events – check hospital websites for dates and more information.

CDPH will host family vaccination clinics at City Colleges of Chicago. These events will offer pediatric COVID-19 Pfizer vaccines, as well as Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines and booster doses to all Chicagoans. Patients must be 18 or older to receive a J&J vaccine. All clinics will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is required and open now at [www.chi.gov/YouthVax](http://www.chi.gov/YouthVax).

Starting November 15, CDPH's in-home vaccination program, Protect Chicago At Home, will also offer pediatric vaccination for all children ages 5 to 11. Make an at-home appointment at [Chicago.gov/AtHome](http://Chicago.gov/AtHome) or by calling (312) 746-4835.

Standing CDPH immunization clinics will also offer pediatric COVID-19 vaccines by appointment only. This includes:

- Greater Lawn WIC located at 4150 W. 55th St. (call 312 745-1477 for an appointment)
- Starting November 15, all CDPH-sponsored community events will offer pediatric vaccinations. For the calendar of community events, visit [Chicago.gov/VaxCalendar](http://Chicago.gov/VaxCalendar).