



The Weekly Wave

WEEKLY GLA FAMILY NEWSLETTER: September 13th, 2022

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

One of our objectives this year is to improve family communication and feedback. Last week we launched a text/email feedback tool called Possip that is geared toward increasing the amount of feedback we are receiving from families. We were ecstatic with the response we received. Over 120 family members responded!

The feedback we received—both positive and critical—is invaluable for us to continuously improve what we do at GLA. We really appreciated the positive feedback for our staff, and we will continue to share that with them. We also use the feedback and review it with teams on our staff for follow up.

We invite you to continue providing us feedback through the biweekly Possip surveys. It makes a big difference.

Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Go To School Night

Thank you to all families who came to GLA for last Friday's Family Go To School Night. Our staff appreciated the chance to talk with families about the great things that are happening in the school. Family partnerships are vitally important to the success of each of our students and we are grateful to those that attended.

You can view the school leader presentation slides from Executive Director Ebonie Durham and Principal Josh Miller [here for important information and reminders](#).

Also, we had five raffle winners of a gift candle set or new GLA t-shirts. Winners will be contacted by the school and given information to pick up their prizes:

- Vanetta Washington
- James Woodfork
- Sarah Jimenez
- Fantayshia Graham
- Toyin Stringfellow

2022-23 Family Handbook

- We've shared several important policy updates from the Family Handbook over the last few weeks.
- The full Family Handbook is on the GLA Website - Parent Resource Page (linked [here](#)).

DeansList Parent Portal

- Yesterday evening we sent parents/guardians of 4th-8th graders an invite to sign up for the DeansList Family Portal
- This invitation had a validation code and a link to set up your account. By clicking on the link, you will be brought to a page where your student's last name and validation code are automatically filled out.
- Parents need to enter their full name, email address, and password and then click "Register" to complete the process.
- Once you have registered, you [can log in here](#) to see Weekly Reports (for 4th-8th grade). You will still receive Weekly Report emails on Friday as well.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

- We are looking for some Before School, Afterschool, and Special Event Volunteers to help assist with entry, dismissal, set-up, and event stations. If you are interested please fill out this form [here](#).
- Requirements:
 - Covid Vaccination (Unless exempt with proof)
 - Pass a Background Check (Paid for by the School)

Refresh Your GLA Parent Swag!

Great Lakes Academy has -some new parent swag arriving just in time for fall! Beginning next week, GLA will have a short sleeve shirt (\$20), a long sleeve shirt (\$30) and a hoodie (\$40) available for purchase. Sizes range from mens small to 3XL. Options for delivery include: scholar hand-off, pick up, or shipping (an additional \$5 fee) Pick-up hours will be communicated in the future.



FRONT



BACK



School Event Calendar

- Please see this [School Event Calendar](#), also attached. Please note, some events may change with notification.

Enrichment

Sign ups are closed for after school programming, but please reach out to Stephanie Beck, sbeck@glachicago.org to see if the program you are interested in has openings! On Deck (before school) enrollment will always be open.

The programs only run Mondays and Wednesdays and/or Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is **NO FRIDAY** programming.

Invoices have been sent out and are due upon receipt.

Uniforms:

GLA short sleeve polos are now available for purchase in the GLA front office daily between 10am-1pm. We are not able to sell polos during entry and/or dismissal. GLA polos are \$15 each, cash credit/debit card is accepted.

Family Income Form:

GLA is encouraging all families to complete the attached CPS Family Income Information Form for the 22-23 school year. This form is used to help determine school funding and help GLA keep programs like our free lunch program. Only one form needs to be completed per household. Please email completed forms and any questions to sthunherst@glachicago.org.

Breakfast and Lunch Menu:

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September 15th: First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month

September 26th-October 3rd: Mobile Dentist Visit

October 7th: Mid-trimester Reports emailed to families

September 12th - October 7th, 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12	13	14	15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month	16
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26 Mobile Dentist Visit	27 Mobile Dentist Visit	28 Mobile Dentist Visit	29 Mobile Dentist Visit	30 Mobile Dentist Visit
3 Mobile Dentist Visit	4	5	6	7 Mid Trimester Reports <i>(emailed to families)</i>