



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter
OCTOBER 11th, 2022

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Parents, we need your help with attendance. Currently, our school wide attendance is around 93%. That is not good enough. At our current rate, that means students are missing an average of more than 1 school day per month. That will add up to 13 absences over the course of the year.

National statistics show that elementary school student attendance impacts a student's ability to read at grade level and is a predictor of high school graduation rates.

Our teachers work hard. We believe that every part of the day matters for a student's academic and social-emotional development. When students are not at school, they are missing out on opportunities to learn and grow.

The GLA Attendance Team will be honoring students who earned perfect attendance in September with a special lunch treat this week. Students with monthly perfect attendance will continue to be honored with incentives and recognition on bulletin boards throughout the school. The team has also been calling parents of students who are missing school regularly and will continue to do so.

Please do your part to make sure that your child is at school on-time every day. Every day and every minute counts!

Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GLA - Recipients of
New Meal Equipment**
Great Lakes was recently the



recipient of a new breakfast cart, mobile milk unit, and slushy machine from the organization GENYOUth, a national non-profit organization dedicated to creating healthier school communities.

This morning, in celebration of this donation, GLA was visited by members from the media,

GENYOUth, PRWeek, Midwest Dairy, and former Chicago Bears wide receiver Anthony Morgan.

Dismissal - Car Line

If you are the parent of a 4th-8th grade scholar, please remember to line up on Marquette Avenue to pick-up your student(s). Students will be lined up on the sidewalk. If you pull on to 84th or Saginaw, you will need to circle the block back to Marquette. In order to keep traffic clear and our car line moving, we ask that you please do not park and wait along 84th or Saginaw for 4th-8th grade scholars. Thank you!

Picture Day - October 25th

Picture Day is October 25th (students will be able to dress out of uniform on this day). Students will be bringing home a letter and Picture Day order form today. Please review those materials for information about packages offered and how to order.

Picture Day order forms and payment must be turned in to your scholar's homeroom teacher no later than **Tuesday, October 25th.**

Athletics Winter Sign Up

As we are excited to roll out our winter 5th-8th grade sports sign up form, please fill out the attached [form](#) to be a part of girls basketball, boys basketball or co-ed cheer beginning Nov. 7th- January 17th!

Once you are signed up, a mandatory zoom orientation will be required prior to the first day. A link will be sent at a later date.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Titus Perez, tperez@glachicago.org

Possip Survey Feedback

Thank you for sharing ideas through Possip last week! We are seeing that 95% of you are happy or mostly happy with GREAT LAKES ACADEMY this week.

This week we heard members in the school community share examples of praise, appreciation, and feedback or questions.

- ***Praise for teachers and staff***
- ***Praise for communication regarding concerns***
- ***Feedback on general communication and homework content***
- ***Concern regarding some student behavior and bullying***

We are taking all of your feedback and ideas into consideration for our future planning and follow-up. We hope to hear from you again on our next Possip Pulse Check!

Thanks again for sharing!

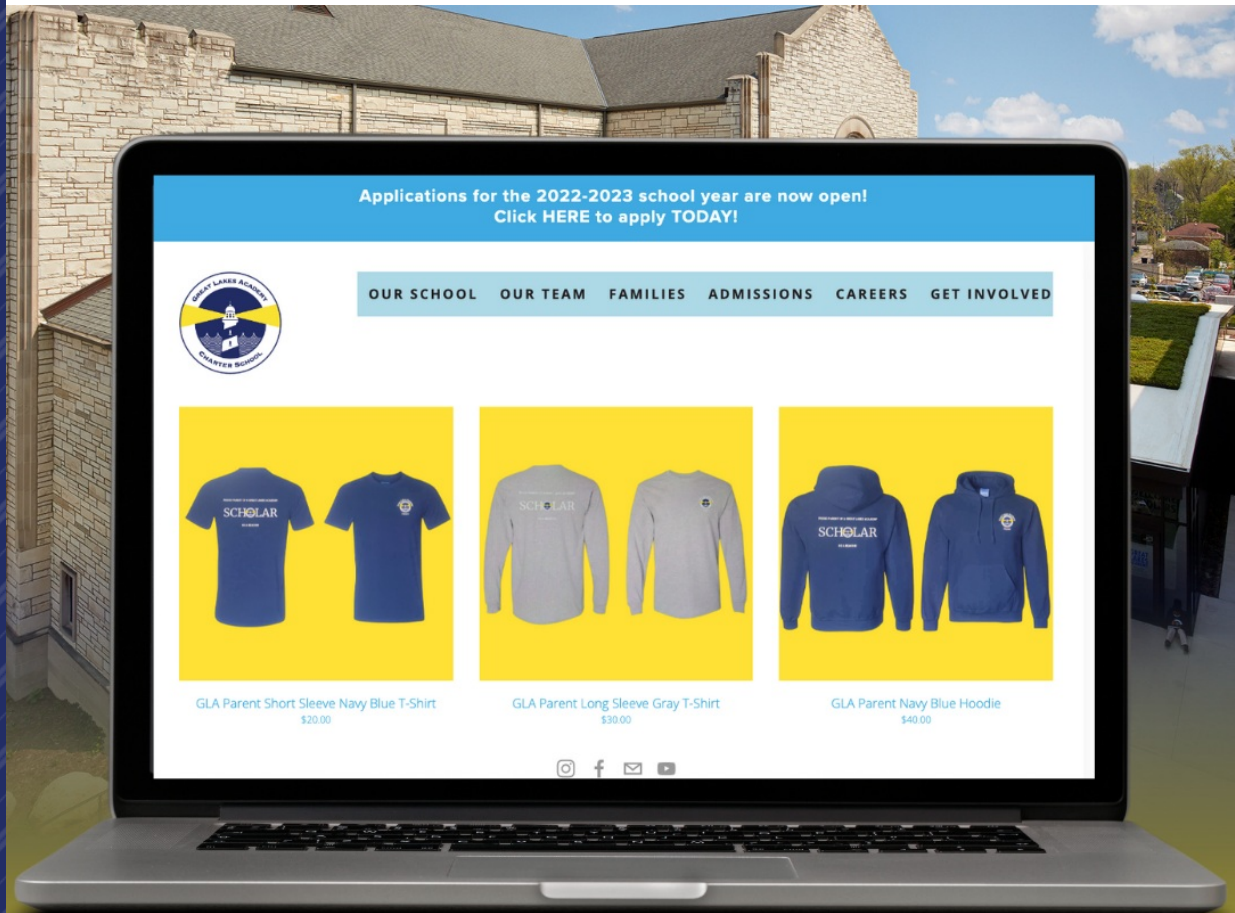
Bullying

As we take bullying seriously and it will not be tolerated, please contact an administrator at your earliest convenience when you feel your student has not been treated fairly by their peers. As stated in the school handbook:

Bullying may take various forms, including without limitation, one or more of the following: harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying. All of these forms of bullying, including any form of retaliation as defined below, are strictly prohibited. This list is meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive.

This matter, as it is important to us, will be reviewed and followed up immediately by the administrator.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



New GLA Parent Swag
Starting at

\$20

www.glachicago.org/glaschoolstore



Refresh Your GLA Parent Swag!

Great Lakes Academy has some new parent swag **AVAILABLE NOW** for purchase!

Our **BRAND NEW** parent gear includes a variety of shirt options ranging from small to 3XL! Visit the [GLA Store](#) to order your parent swag today!

Options for delivery include: scholar hand-off, pick up*, or shipping (an additional \$5 fee).

**To avoid disruption to the scholar drop-off and dismissal process, pick up hours will be from 8:30 am-2:30 pm Monday - Thursday and 8:30 am-1:00 pm on Friday. Thank you for your understanding.*

Job Opportunity for GLA Parents

INCS Action IC is hiring part-time phone bankers for the 2022 General elections in Illinois. We are currently training individuals interested in a paid opportunity and gaining political campaign experience. Phone Bankers will be paid \$20/hr with flexible times during the weekdays and weekends with incentives.

Please text (224) 707-0516 or email shamira@incsaction.org for more details.

Oportunidad de trabajo para padres de GLA

INCS Action IC está contratando banqueros telefónicos a tiempo parcial para las elecciones generales de 2022 en Illinois. Actualmente estamos capacitando a personas interesadas en una oportunidad paga y adquiriendo experiencia en campañas políticas. A los banqueros telefónicos se les pagará \$20/hora con horarios flexibles durante los días de semana y los fines de semana con incentivos. No se necesita experiencia!!

Envíe un mensaje de texto al (224) 707-0516 o envíe un correo electrónico a shamira@incsaction.org para obtener más detalles.

Food Policy

We have been having issues with students eating food outside the cafeteria at non-breakfast times. Students are not allowed to carry and eat food outside the cafeteria (with the exception of breakfast in the classroom). Lunch needs to be eaten in the cafeteria or placed back in a lunchbox to carry back to lockers or the classroom. **If students are carrying or eating food outside the cafeteria, it will be taken and thrown away.**

Unity Day

We are excited to share with you that GLA will be celebrating **Unity Day on Wednesday, Oct. 19th**. Unity Day is an annual day where students across the country wear orange to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Everyone wears orange to send a visual message that no child should ever experience bullying. Students are encouraged to wear **orange to school** on Wednesday, October 19th.

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WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE

to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.

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.

Enrichment and Athletics

Enrichment programs only run Mondays and Wednesdays and/or Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is **NO FRIDAY** programming. **Pick-up for programming is 5:00 pm daily.**

Athletics run Monday through Thursday until 5:00 pm daily. There are **NO FRIDAY** practices.

Trimester two *new* programs will be rolled out in the beginning of November. Be on the lookout for signups with a deadline of November 18th!

On Deck (**before school**) enrollment will always be open and available as an as needed basis as well for \$10 cash/card paid on the spot. Reach out to, sbeck@glachicago.org- Stephanie Beck, to enroll today!

Athletics

We are excited to host a pep rally prior to the first ever volleyball scrimmage on October 27th.

This pep rally will take place during the school day for our students and will have encouraging words, fall sport participant introductions, dance team performances, music and more!

Breakfast and Lunch Menu:

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 10th: Indigenous Peoples Day, **NO CLASSES**

October 11th-20th: STEP and ANET Q1 Assessments

October 21st: Staff PD Day, **NO CLASSES**

October 24th-28th: Principal/Staff Appreciation Week

October 24th-28th: Spirit Week

October 25th: Picture Day

October 26th: 8th Grade Selective Enrollment Test

October 28th: Fall Fest

November 1st: Start of American Indian Heritage Month

November 2nd: Ageless Eyecare

November 2nd: Dia De Los Muertos Celebration

October 10th - November 4th, 2022

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 10 Indigenous Peoples Day NO CLASSES Office Closed | 11 STEP and ANET Q1 Assessments | 12 STEP and ANET Q1 Assessments | 13 STEP and ANET Q1 Assessments | 14 STEP and ANET Q1 Assessments |
| 17 STEP and ANET Q1 Assessments | 18 STEP and ANET Q1 Assessments | 19 STEP and ANET Q1 Assessments | 20 STEP and ANET Q1 Assessments | 21 Staff PD Day NO CLASSES Office Closed |
| 24 Principal/Staff Appreciation Week Spirit Week | 25 Picture Day Principal/Staff Appreciation Week Spirit Week | 26 8th Grade Selective Enrollment Test Principal/Staff Appreciation Week Spirit Week | 27 Principal/Staff Appreciation Week Spirit Week | 28 Fall Fest Principal/Staff Appreciation Week Spirit Week |
| 31 | 1 Start of American Indian Heritage Month | 2 Ageless Eyecare Visit Dia De Los Muertos Celebration | 3 | 4 |

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