



**Weekly GLA Family Newsletter**  
OCTOBER 18th, 2022

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

It is hard to believe that school has already been in session for over eight weeks! It seems like yesterday hundreds of parents and students from the GLA community gathered on our turf field to meet staff and celebrate the coming of the school year.

Our theme for this school year is “Building a Great Team.” We have been intentional this year building connections across our staff and growing the capacity of teams to improve the experience of everyone in the GLA community. We are fortunate to have an outstanding group of educators and support staff who have been working hard to be their best for our students and families. As principal, I am grateful that our staff is so committed to working towards our goals.

I encourage you, families, to take advantage of our survey tool Possip to pass along gratitude and appreciation for our staff. This type of recognition from students and families go a long way towards helping our staff feeling valued and part of what we know is a “great” community, the GLA community.

Principal Miller

## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GLA's Inaugural High School & Community Fair**

On Saturday, November 5th, Great Lakes Academy Charter School will be hosting our **inaugural High School & Community Fair!** This event is open to all scholars, families and the entire Chicago

**INAUGURAL  
HIGH  
SCHOOL &  
COMMUNITY  
FAIR**

**Saturday  
November 5th  
12 pm - 2 pm**  
Doors open at 11 am for GLA Families

**Great Lakes Academy  
8401 S. Saginaw  
Chicago, IL 60617**

Do you need help  
applying to high  
school?  
**GCPS**  
**JOIN US!**

Meet with  
admissions  
representatives  
from Chicago  
public, private, and  
selective  
enrollment high  
schools.

community. There will be an opportunity to meet and interact with a number of public, private and selective enrollment high school admissions representatives and community organizations. The fair will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the first hour designated to GLA scholars and families only.

### Recess

Students will have recess outdoors unless the temperature is below freezing (32 degrees F) or there is precipitation. Please ensure that students are dressed in warm clothes for school.

### New Music Program

GLA is proud to announce a new partnership with the [Professional Theater and Dance Youth Academy \(PTDYA\)](#). PTDYA will provide a comprehensive curricular arts program for students in grades 5-8 at GLA during the 22-23 school year.

PTDYA is a non-profit organization that provides professional music and arts education in Chicago's under-resourced schools and communities so that our city's most vulnerable youth have a supportive space to learn, grow, and thrive. We support our black and brown students in learning how to celebrate themselves through the arts. Through our partnership students will learn music theory, choreography, staging, blocking and participate in a fully costumed professional production. In addition, PTDYA will be launching an after school program for students passionate about the arts called The Academy Kids.

Our main instructors will be [Brandon Lampkin, Musical Director](#), and [Michael Jones PTDYA Executive Director](#) who will also be serving as Great Lakes Academy's Artistic Director this school year.

### Spirit Week

We will be having Spirit Week Monday, October 24th-Friday, October 28th. See the below qualifications for participation and each days theme:

Monday, October 24- Flannel/Plaid Day



Tuesday, October 25- Dress Your Best



Picture Day

Wednesday, October 26- Cartoon Day



Thursday, October 27- Hawaiian Day



Friday, October 28- Costume Day



Participation Rules: All students will be able to participate in Dress Your Best Day (picture day) and Costume day; however, any student with an out of uniform deduction from September and October will not be able to participate in other Spirit Week days.

### Opportunity for Diverse Learners



# Spectrum University

Reading, writing, math, life  
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10 Week Semesters

Students will learn:

- \* Math Skills
- \* Life Skills
- \* Reading Skills
- \* Creative movement
- \* Social Skills
- \* Writing
- \* Nutrition and Much More

Low Student  
to Teacher  
Ratio

Ages  
6-13, 14-21  
22-40

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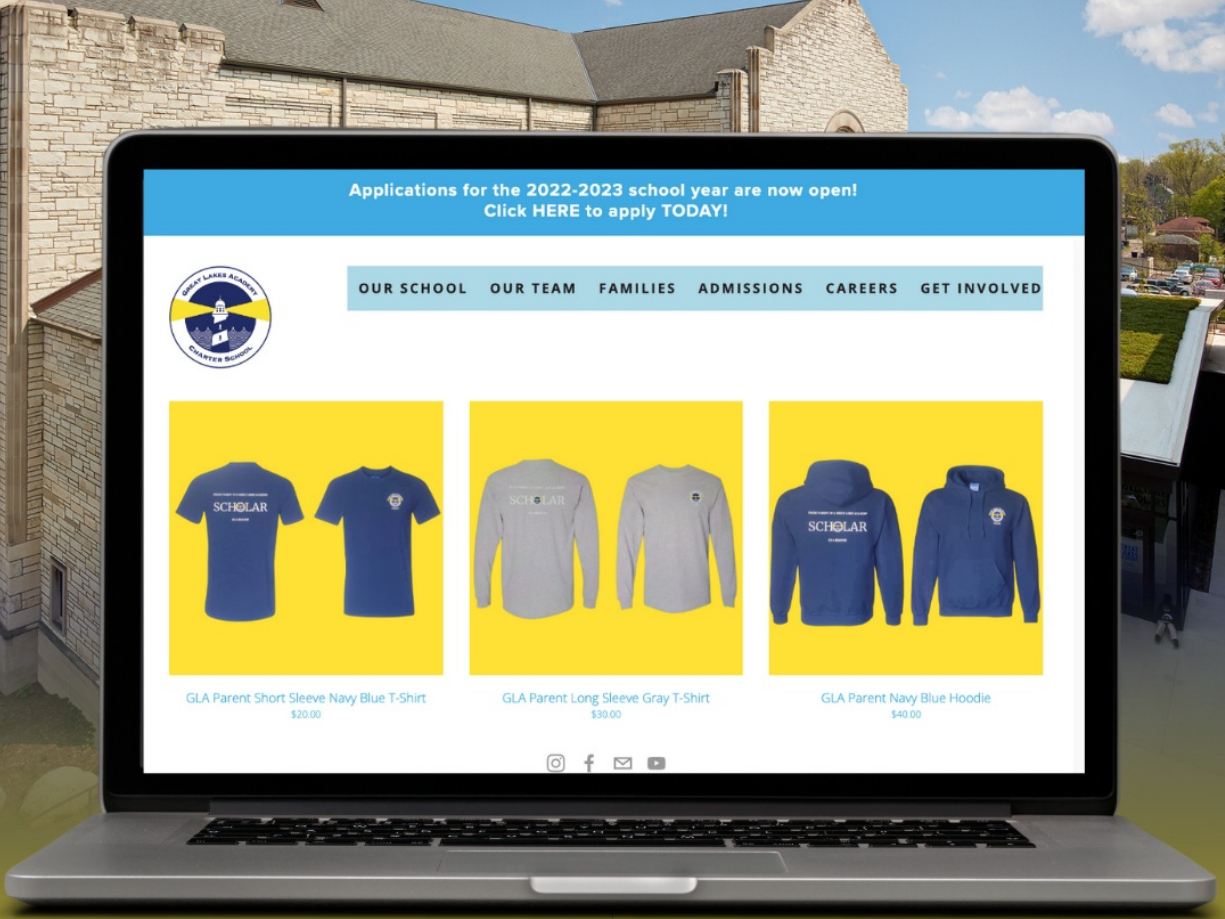


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**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**



New GLA Parent Swag  
Starting at

**\$20**

[www.glachicago.org/glaschoolstore](http://www.glachicago.org/glaschoolstore)



## **Refresh Your GLA Parent Swag!**

Great Lakes Academy's new parent swag is **AVAILABLE NOW** for purchase in person and online!

Our **BRAND NEW** parent gear includes a variety of shirt options ranging from small to 3XL! Visit the [GLA Store](#) or stop by our front office to get your new parent swag just in time for fall!

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, in person purchases and 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](mailto: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](mailto:shamira@incsaction.org) para obtener más detalles.**

### **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**.

### **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!

### **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](mailto:tperez@glachicago.org)

### **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.

### **Students of the Month**

We are so excited and happy to announce our September Student's of the Month that showed exemplary achievement through leadership, core values, and doing the right thing. Please join us in celebrating the following students:

U of Illinois- Micah Shumpert  
Northwestern- Walter Hicks IV  
U of Chicago- Nathan Thomas Jr.  
DePaul- Bryson Barksdale-Ewing  
Howard- Alona Weathers  
Duke- Amani Gardner  
Emory- DeAngelo Torres  
Harvard- Aria Branch  
Michigan-TiAnne Nelson  
Stanford- De'Nyah Green  
Tennessee-Joaquin Burns  
Purdue- Khari Horton  
UIC- Samantha Patlan  
GT- Brandon Conwell  
Xavier- Caleb Williams  
Morgan State- Destiny Williams  
Princeton- Christopher Patlan  
NIU- Jamia Vaughn

Congratulations, scholars!

### **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.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022**

## **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](mailto:sthunherst@glachicago.org).

### Enrichment and Athletics

T1 programs will end on Thursday, November 10th.

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!

There will be no programming from Monday, November 14th- Thursday, November 17th. Trimester two programs will begin on Monday, November 28th, via acceptance letters and emails.

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](mailto: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!

**See above for winter basketball and co-ed cheer sign-ups!**

### Breakfast and Lunch Menu:








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

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 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 17th - November 4th, 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 <b>NO CLASSES</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
24 Principal/Staff Appreciation Week  <b>Spirit Week</b> Flannel/Plaid Day  	25 Picture Day  Principal/Staff Appreciation Week  <b>Spirit Week</b> Dress Your Best Day!   Picture Day	26 8th Grade Selective Enrollment Test  Principal/Staff Appreciation Week  <b>Spirit Week</b> Cartoon Day!  	27 Principal/Staff Appreciation Week  <b>Spirit Week</b> Hawaiian Day!  	28 Fall Fest  Principal/Staff Appreciation Week  <b>Spirit Week</b> Costume Day!  
31	1  Start of American Indian Heritage Month	2  Ageless Eyecare Visit  Dia De Los Muertos Celebration	3	4

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