



**Weekly GLA Family Newsletter**  
OCTOBER 24th, 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

One of our key objectives for this year is to “increase joy on campus.” We have started or improved many practices and programs in order to accomplish this objective. One of many initiatives for this school year is to promote positive school behavior through incentives. In addition to having a school store where students can purchase things with their Dojo Point/Scholar Dollars, we have added trimester field trips by grade cluster.

This week our K-2 students will be traveling to a pumpkin patch and farm outside of Chicago! In November, our 3rd-5th graders will travel to an entertainment center for a day of fun and games while our 6th-8th graders will get a special private showing of Black Panther: Wakanda Forever at the Chatham Theater! In trimester 2, we plan on taking each group of students to a museum. We are planning something big for trimester 3.



These field trips are one of many ways we are acknowledging students for behavior that builds a safe, kind, academically-focused school community.

Principal Miller

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **GLA Parent Swag is ON SALE!**

Great Lakes Academy new parent swag is NOW ON SALE!

To celebrate our inaugural High School and Community Fair, GLA Parent swag will be 30% off with discount code **GLAFAIR** now through November 4th. Sizes range from mens small to 3XL. Head over to the [GLA Store](#) to grab yours today!

We can't wait to see you in your GLA parent swag with your middle school scholars at GLA's inaugural High School and Community Fair!

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.*

### **Family Content Night**

Join us on November 16 and 17 for Family Content night. Our Instructional Coaches will be hosting a virtual Math and Literacy night! This is a great opportunity to learn more about our recent assessments, curriculum and resources to use at home!

#### **November 16, 2022**

- Family Math Night
- Grade levels: 5th-8th
- Time: 5:00-6:00
- Where: Virtual

#### **November 17, 2022**

- Family Literacy Night
- Grade levels: K-8
- Time: 5:00-6:00
- Where: Virtual

### **Grades 5th-8th - Pens/Pencils**

Many of our middle school students are not showing responsibility by coming prepared to class with a writing utensil. We are doing students a disservice in preparing them for high school if we ignore the issue. Starting on Monday, October 31st, teachers will check if students have a writing utensil when they enter class. Students who do not have a writing utensil will receive a paycheck deduction (but will be able to borrow a pencil from GLA). Students should have pencils only for math class but may use a pen for other classes.

### **Student Lost and Found**

With the change in temperature outside, our Lost and Found has grown with coats, hats, and gloves. If your scholar is missing an item, encourage them to ask their

**FRONT**

**BACK**

**GLA PARENT SHIRTS & HOODIES**

**NOW ON SALE!**

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teacher to look in the lost and found. **All unclaimed items will be donated on Friday, November 18th.**

## GENERAL 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 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.

**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?  
**G-CPS  
JOIN US!**

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

### Picture Day

Picture day was today, Tuesday, October 25th. If you were not able to place an order before today you still have time. Orders can be placed online at <http://picture-day.hhimagehost.com/gla>. Orders must be placed by picture retake day, Wednesday, November 9th.

### 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



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.

## 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.**

### **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)

### **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!

### **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.

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

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

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

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

October 24th-28th: Spirit Week



October 26th: 8th Grade Selective Enrollment Test

October 26th: K-2nd Grade Field Trip to Siegel's Cottonwood Pumpkin Farm

October 28th: Fall Fest

November 1st: Start of American Indian Heritage Month

November 2nd-9th: Ageless Eyecare Visits

November 2nd: Dia De Los Muertos Celebration

November 8th: Election Day (GLA closed), **NO CLASSES**

November 9th: Picture Retake Day

November 11th: 6-8th Grade Field Trip

November 14th-18th: GLA Week of Gratitude

### October 24th - November 18th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 Principal/Staff Appreciation Week  <b>Spirit Week</b> Flannel/Plaid Day 	25 Principal/Staff Appreciation Week  Picture Day  <b>Spirit Week</b> Dress Your Best Day!  Picture Day	26 Principal/Staff Appreciation Week  8th Grade Selective Enrollment Test K-2nd Field Trip  <b>Spirit Week</b> Cartoon Day! 	27 Principal/Staff Appreciation Week    <b>Spirit Week</b> Hawaiian Day! 	28 Principal/Staff Appreciation Week  Fall Fest  <b>Spirit Week</b> Costume Day! 
31	1 Start of American Indian Heritage Month	2 Ageless Eyecare Visit Dia De Los Muertos Celebration	3 Ageless Eyecare Visit	4 Ageless Eyecare Visit
7 Ageless Eyecare Visit	8 Election Day <i>GLA Closed</i> <b>No Classes</b>	9 Ageless Eyecare Visit Picture Retake Day	10	11 6-8th Field Trip
14 GLA Week of Gratitude	15 GLA Week of Gratitude	16 GLA Week of Gratitude	17 GLA Week of Gratitude	18 GLA Week of Gratitude

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