



The Weekly Wave

Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

December 13th, 2022

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

In the past week, we have seen a significant (but not huge) increase in COVID cases within our student body and our staff. Last year at this time, GLA had a major increase in cases just like the rest of Chicago and the nation. Though the situation this year is much better, we will be operating with caution and will continue monitoring cases very closely. Our actions will be driven by our goals to: 1) keep students, staff, and families safe; 2) to the greatest extent possible, keep students in school for in-person learning.

Like last year, we have access to COVID PCR saliva tests through Illinois SHIELD. Because masks are not required schoolwide this school year, we consider all students in a homeroom where there is a positive case to be close contacts. We test those close contacts on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to determine if there are additional cases within the classroom. Additionally, students will be required to wear masks in classrooms where a positive student case has been identified (masks are made available in classrooms). When we identify students who test positive for COVID, we notify families to start an isolation period that lasts a minimum of five days.

The school may take additional action that may include, but may not be limited to:

- Enacting a schoolwide testing model on Wednesday.
- Highly recommending schoolwide masking for staff and students.
- Increasing safety protocols that may mitigate the spread of COVID.

If you would like to opt your child out of COVID testing, you can complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/NbMrxDeJhtNDFfZm6>

Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLA Closing at 2:30 pm on 12/16

GLA and all of its offices will be closing at 2:30pm on Friday, December 16th for our annual holiday party. The only afterschool programming will be for performance rehearsal with PTDYA. **It will still be a normal Friday school day for students with a 1:45 pm dismissal. Please be on time for dismissal to ensure GLA staff can get to their families and enjoy the festivities.**

Interim Assessments

Over the next two weeks students will be taking the ANET, IA2 and STEP assessment. Here are some tips for testing days:

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest each night.
- Have a good breakfast or make sure they arrive in enough time to eat breakfast at school. Research shows that children do better on tests if they have had a good breakfast.
- Do as much as you can to make your child feel comfortable. Try not to say things to make him/her feel more nervous.
- Reassure your child that no matter the outcome of the test you will still love him/her. Encourage them to simply do their best.
- When the scores are sent to you, talk to your child's teacher. This will help you to understand them more clearly.
- Give your child praise even if he or she didn't do well on the test.

Picture Day - School Pictures Delivered

If you ordered school pictures, your scholar should have brought them home last week. If you have any questions about your order please reach out to the Picture Day support team by phone or email at **773-276-4588** or **support@picture-day.com**.

4th-8th Winter Sport Pep Rally

On Wednesday, December 14th at 2:30 pm we will have a pep rally to honor our winter athletes prior to their first home game the following day. ***This pep rally is for students only.***

5th-8th Boys and Girls Basketball - Cheer Game

On Thursday, December 15th at 4 pm we will host our first basketball games at GLA! All girls and boys basketball players will play, with co-ed cheer on the sidelines, cheering them on!

This game is open to parents, friends, and family!

GLA community, we welcome you into our building with a reminder about our parent behavior policy. Profane or abusive language will not be tolerated during any of our events. Additionally, community members with an odor of alcohol or cannabis will be denied entry or asked to leave.

Please reach out to Athletic Director Titus Perez, tperez@glachicago.org, with any questions.

Winter Ball

On Thursday, December 22nd from 5:30-7:30 pm all 6th-8th graders are invited to a "dress to impress" dance! Mark your calendars!

Behavior Expectations: No more than two (2) referrals, no more than three (3) resets, no fights, 92% attendance for the month of December
Please reach out to Stephanie Beck, sbeck@glachicago.org, or Melone Shurney, mshurney@glachicago.org, with any questions.

Spirit Week - Monday, December 19-Thursday, December 22

Please join us in celebrating a fun Spirit Week prior to Winter Break! The days will be as follows:

Monday, December 19
Crazy Holiday Sock Day



Tuesday, December 20
Favorite Holiday Character Day



Wednesday, December 21
Holiday Pajama Day



Thursday, December 22
Holiday Sweater Day



5th-8th Grade Honor Roll

Principal's High Honor Roll

Alexander, Minah
Avila, Adam
Bunch, Breanna
Dunlap, Amiah
Ebietomiye, Olasunkanmi
Espinoza, Naidelyn
Graham, Anyce
Gray, Takhya
Hill, Ty'Miyah
Jackson, Immanuel
Johnson, Zyannah
Marseille, Emmanuella

High Honor Roll

Banks, Robinson
Banner, Reginald
Benson, Oluwashomi
Carter, Cassidy
Chaney, Carille
De La Cruz, Johan
Frazier, Alexandria
Guerrier, Alexzandrea
Harris, Jayden
Henry, Alante
Herrera, Ethan
Jean-Baptiste, Samuel
Jones, Mia

Honor Roll

Amacker, Naimah
Austin, Nyla
Avila, Noah
Bishop, Chauncy
Boyd, Amir
Burks, Eirian
Campbell, Zhaiden
Cleve, Reginald
Conwell, Brandon
Cromwell, Khalil
Daniels, Nevaeh
Douglas, Calyce
Dye, Kaydance

Mercer, Azariah
Owoade, Teniola Enoch
Petty, Alant'e
Ramirez, Matthew
Rias, D'Amari
Short, Ryan Ethan
Stewart, Jaxon
Thomas, Patrice
Valdivia, Kiara
Valdivia, Rodrigo
Vaughn, Jamia
Williams, Jada
Williams, Jermani
Williams, Michaela
Woodfork, Corinne
Wricks, Jayden

Logan, Tyrell
Lockett, Malani
Overton, Laniya
Patlan, Christopher
Plair, Quincy
Short, Lauren
Smith, Israel
Smith, Trinity
Stewart, Jaden
Taylor, LaShaun
Thomas, Jayelyn
Thurman, Jamya
Tyson, Kaleah
Valdivia, Aymar
Vaughn, Jamya
Williams, Arthur Lee
Williams, Caleb
Williams, Camryn

Ebietomiye, Olakunle
Edwards, Alivia
Espinoza, Samuel
Galloway, Azhahn
Gipson, La'Majay
Gonnigan, Aniyah
Gonzalez-Acosta, Melina
Jean-Baptiste, Caleb
Jean-Charles, Jordan
Johnson-Bryant, Ariyawna
Johnson, Ja'nya
Johnson, Jacolby
Lakes, Christiana
Lee, Kasey
Lewis, LaMarria
Logan, Jeremiah
Lovings, Lejlia
Lowe, Averi
Martinez, Alondra
Martinez, Nathan
Miller, Keion
Perkins, Felicity
Petty, Issys
Polk, Keyarii
Railey, Lamonze
Ramirez, Yaneli
Rias-Cruz, Xanahia
Sloan, Ja'Marion
Smith, Jai'Kayla
Spann, Aedaughn
Stallworth, Tylor
Steward, Zaniyah
Stewart, Charles
Thomas, Johnathan
Turner, Christian
Williams, Kaleayh
Wilson, Olivia
Woodfork, Chloe

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

After School (Anchor) Programming

Trimester two programs began on Monday, November 28th, via acceptance letters and emails.

Note: Please only attend the days your scholar was accepted into for T2.

Reminder: Pick-up is at 5 pm daily for after school programming. There are no late pick-ups.

Please see your email for acceptance and policies and procedures.

Before School “On Deck” Programming

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!

Winter Athletics

Winter sports started Monday, Nov. 7th and run through Tuesday, January 17th.

Reminder: Pick-up is at 5 pm daily for athletics.

There will be no practices on Thursday, December 22nd.

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

GLA Parent Swag is ON SALE!

Great Lakes Academy new parent swag is still available for purchase.

Sizes range from men's 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!

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.*

Breakfast and Lunch Menu:

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 12th-22nd: STEP and ANET Q2 Assessments

December 14th and 21st: Winter Art Showcase

December 14th: Monthly Principal Townhall (5:30-6:30 pm at GLA)

December 22nd: Winter Fest

December 22nd: Winter Ball - 6-8th Grades (5:30-7:30 pm)

December 23rd: Staff PD, **No Classes**

December 26th-January 6th: Winter Break, School Closed

January 9th: Staff PD, **No Classes**

January 10th: Students Return from Winter Break

January 11th: Monthly Principal Townhall (5:30-6:30 pm at GLA)

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