



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

February 14, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Over the last twenty years Chicago Public Schools' district-wide student enrollment has been in decline. Since 2012, the district has lost over 80,000 students. This larger trend trickles down to our city's schools. Many of them have experienced significant enrollment declines as well.

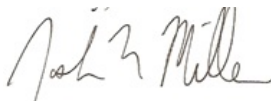
At Great Lakes Academy, we are fortunate that is not the case. Despite these citywide demographic trends, our enrollment remains extraordinarily healthy! Maintaining healthy student enrollment ensures that we receive the funding necessary to carry out the academic and enrichment programming that our students deserve. It also means that we are educating as many students whose families are looking for a high quality school option as our facility allows.

When we looked at our annual application and enrollment data, we found that **more than half** of our new student enrollees came to GLA through recommendations from families and other members of the school community. That's powerful! Nobody can tell the value of the student experience better than our families at Great Lakes, and you have been spreading the word.

We would like your help in making sure that our enrollment stays healthy into next year and beyond. Please let people in your circle know about Great Lakes Academy if they have elementary school aged children. As we do every year, we are looking to fill our 2023-24 Kindergarten classrooms. We also expect to have seats open for transfers in all other grade levels for next school year. Encourage the people you know to apply early to increase their chances in getting a seat for their student.

To apply, you can direct families to the application link on the homepage of our website: www.glachicago.org or have them call our front office for more information (773-530-3040).

In partnership,



Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS



Great Lakes Academy Charter School is excited to join the Diverse Charter Schools Coalition as its newest member school. We are proud to join a network of 80 members (representing over 225 individual schools) dedicated to creating excellent,

inclusive, and equitable schools for all children. Check out more about the Coalition at www.diversecharters.org!

Family Content Night

Family Content night is tomorrow! We will be having an in person Family Content night tomorrow, February 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm. We will have prizes, dress down tickets and resources! If you would like to learn more about K-4 Math, K-4 Literacy and 5th-8th grade Math this is the perfect opportunity!

- **Please enter through the doors on 84th Street**
- We will have 2 sessions for each content area at 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Reminder - No School Monday (2/20) and Tuesday (2/21)

Great Lakes is closed for Presidents' Day on Monday, February 20th, and there will be no classes on Tuesday, February 21st due to staff professional development.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023-24 School Year: Intent to Return Form and Annual Fee

To help us plan our enrollment for the 2023-24 school year, **please confirm if your scholar will be returning to Great Lakes Academy next year by filling out and returning the Intent to Return Form** (sent home with your scholar or click [here](#) to fill out electronically). Families can send completed forms to school with their scholar or can email them to info@glachicago.org. Please fill out one form per scholar **no later than March 31st**.

Job Opportunity

We would like to share a job opportunity that will be starting in Early February. With Aldermanic races in Chicago starting up, they are looking to expand their field outreach team. They are accepting and training alumni, parents and students who are turning 18 this year. Please click [here](#) for more information!

Spring Sport Sign-Ups

Spring sports will begin Monday, February 27th. You can sign up [HERE!](#)

- **Spring sports offered this year include:** Co-ed track, boys volleyball, and girls soccer
- **Season dates:** Monday, February 27th- Thursday, April 20th.
- **Practices:** Monday-Thursday 3:15-5:00 pm.

There is a mandatory parent zoom meeting Tuesday, February 21st at 5:30 pm. A link will be sent out a week prior.

There will be no late sign-ups! The final day to sign up is Friday, February 24th.

Please contact Titus Perez, tperez@glachicago.org if you have any questions.

After-School Programs

Trimester two programs will run Monday, November 28th-Thursday, February 16th.

Trimester 3 After-School programs will be released March 1st and close on March 10th All scholars that wish to enroll in a program must meet the deadlines. Be on the lookout for text links and emails!

GLA Annual Fee

Each year, GLA families pay an annual fee for each scholar enrolled. This nonrefundable fee covers a small portion of a variety of individual online learning platforms for your child, along with supply needs.

This year, the fee of \$90 per student is due by August 11th, 2023, but can be paid now by visiting our website (<https://glachicago.org/supplyandtechfee>) or calling the front office (these are the only two methods in which the fee may be paid).

PTDYA Rehearsals

With the final performance on Friday, February 24th at 5:30 pm (doors open at 5:15 pm), the updated PTDYA rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday February 15th
- Friday, February 17th
- Wednesday February 22nd
- Thursday February 23rd
- Friday, February 24th (Performance)

All Monday through Thursday rehearsals are from 3:30-5:00 pm.

All Friday rehearsals are until 4 pm.

*Rehearsal dates are final for the time leading up to the final performance. Please reach out should you have any questions.

This performance will be “A Tribute to Black Entertainment: Past, Present, and Future” provided to you by PTDYA and our very own 5th-8th graders! This is open to GLA families.

GLA Career Day

This Friday, February 17th, Great Lakes Academy will be hosting a career day for professionals to come speak to our scholars. Career day gives our scholars an opportunity to discover traditional and non-traditional career paths while also connecting their learning to the real world.

Breakfast will be provided for all participants!

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!

GLA Parent Swag!

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

February 15th: Family Content Night (5:00-6:00 pm)

February 16th: Last Day of T2 After-school Programs

February 17th: GLA Career Day

February 20th: Presidents' Day, **No Classes, School Closed**

February 21st: Staff PD, **No Classes, Office Closed**

February 24th: A Tribute to Black Entertainment, PTDYA Performance (5:30-7:00 pm)

February 27th: First Day of Spring Sports

March 1st: First Day of Womens' History Month

February 13th - March 10th, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13	14	15 Family Content Night <i>5:00-6:00 pm at GLA</i>	16 Last Day of T2 After-school Programs	17 GLA Career Day
20 Presidents' Day No Classes School Closed	21 Staff PD No Classes Office Closed	22	23	24 A Tribute to Black Entertainment, PTDYA Performance <i>5:30-7:00 pm at GLA</i>
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