



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter
February 22, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

In most grade levels across the school, students are learning about Habit #2 in our Leader In Me curriculum. Habit #2 is **“Begin With The End In Mind.”** The focus of lessons for this habit is to get students to think about their goals and what they want to accomplish. When people have a clear objective they are working toward, they are more likely to align their behavior and actions to the most important ones that will help them reach their goals.

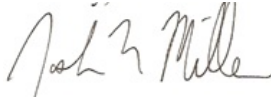
In classrooms, students have created goals and thought about what they need to do to reach those goals. Older students have been asked to consider how they can track progress (or lack thereof) towards those goals. They have also been asked to create plans that will help them achieve their goals.

We know the importance of this as adults. Whether we are trying to save a certain amount of money to buy a car, lose weight, or make other lifestyle changes, we start with a goal in mind and think about what we need to do (and often change) to reach that goal.

Talk to your students over the next couple of weeks about what their goals are in school and at home. Ask them to identify actions that will help them reach their goals and discuss their

progress towards those goals over the next few weeks.

In partnership,



Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

AM Entry: 3rd and 4th grades Dropoff Time

Starting today (Wednesday), February 22nd, all third and fourth graders can be dropped off as early as 7:30 am. This change is in alignment with when our 5th-8th graders can enter the building and will hopefully help families with students in multiple grade levels.

Kindergarten-2nd grade students will continue to enter starting at 7:45 am. If you have any questions, please contact our front office.

GENERAL 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!

2023-24 School Year: Intent to Return Form due 3/31

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](#)). 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**.

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).

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 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.

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

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

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.

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 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

March 8th: Monthly Principal Townhall (5:30-6:30 pm), at GLA

March 13th-15th: Q3 ANET Testing

March 14th: Pi Day

March 16th Staff PD, **No Classes**

March 17th: T2 Report Cards Distributed, T2 Parent/Teacher Conferences, **No Classes**

February 20th - March 17th, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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</i> <i>at GLA</i>
27 First Day of Spring Sports	28	1 First Day of Womens' History Month	2	3
6	7	8 Monthly Principal Townhall <i>5:30-6:30 pm</i> <i>at GLA</i>	9	10
13 ANET Q3 Assessments	14 ANET Q3 Assessments Pi Day	15 ANET Q3 Assessments	16 Staff PD No Classes	17 T2 Report Cards <i>(emailed)</i> Parent-Teacher Conferences No Classes

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