



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

March 14, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

On Friday, we will be holding our Trimester 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences provide an important opportunity to get updates on your child's progress academically and social-emotionally. It also gives parents a chance to talk to teachers about what they are noticing about their child and inquire about how they can better support them at home.

In Trimester 1, we held conferences for 91% of our students. We would like for that to be 100%. We set aside an entire school day so our teachers can hold conferences. Because our teachers are busy and juggle a lot of responsibilities, it is important that conferences are scheduled for Friday and are attended on Friday. We are unable to grant requests for make-up conferences after this date.

To sign-up for conferences, look for the email titled "GLA: PTC T2 Sign-up Link". Within the email, there is a link unique to your student's homeroom (this link was also sent by text). Click the link and follow the instructions to sign-up. Sign-ups close tomorrow (3/15).

We all have the same goals in mind for our students. We want them to be happy. We want them to achieve academically so they can have choice-fill lives as they get older. We want them to have the social skills that allow them to build authentic connections with others and have healthy relationships. The conversation around each student's development is an important snapshot of how they are doing.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences. We look forward to deepening our partnerships with each parent in order to best serve each student.

Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

After-School “Anchor” Programming

T3 program sign-ups have closed! **We are still looking for students to join The Facts of Life (3rd-5th) on Mondays and Wednesdays.** Please contact Ms. Beck if you are interested!

You will be notified if you get into the program by Wednesday, March 15th via letter and email.

T3 Programs will run from Monday, March 20th to Thursday, June 1st from 3:15-5:00 pm.

Reach out to, sbeck@glachicago.org- Stephanie Beck, with any questions!

GLA Summer Programming

The GLA Summer Program will run from June 26th to July 21st. All programming will take place Monday-Friday (exception July 3rd-4th - building closed for holiday).

June					July				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
					3	4	5	6	7
12	13	14	15	16	10	11	12	13	14
19	20	21	22	23	17	18	19	20	21
26	27	28	29	30	24	25	26	27	28

*Dates in yellow are program dates

**July 3rd and 4th there is no programming - GLA CLOSED

There will be three different programs offered for students:

- AM Academic Support
- AM and PM Enrichment Camp
- Professional Theater and Dance Youth Academy (PTDYA) Summer Camp

AM Academic Support (8:30am-12:00pm)

This program is **only** for students required to take summer school for promotion. The school's administration will notify families if students are required to take summer school. Doors will open for breakfast at 8am. Lunch will be served at 12pm. The cost is \$150. Students required to take AM Academic Support classes may opt-in for PM Enrichment Camp. The cost for PM Enrichment Camp is an additional \$150.

AM/PM Enrichment Camp (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)

This program is open to all interested K-7th grade students on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open for breakfast at 8 am. Lunch will be served at 12 pm. Programming ends at 4 pm. The cost for AM/PM Enrichment Camp is \$300.

PTDYA Summer Camp (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)

This program is open to 4th-7th graders who are interested in music and theater. Participants will be rehearsing for an end of program performance that will take place on July 21st at GLA. Doors will open for breakfast at 8 am. Lunch will be served at 12 pm. The cost for PTDYA Summer Camp is \$400.

Please sign up [HERE!](#)

8th Grade Upcoming Important Dates

Cap and gown invoices will be sent via email. The invoice will be \$20. All measurements have already been done during the school day. Students are able to design their cap with school appropriate creativity, if wanted.

For the graduation ceremony, four (4) tickets will be provided for each family, not including the graduating scholar. For the Awards Dinner, four (4) tickets total, including

the scholar, will be provided.

Dates to Mark Down:

Friday, May 5th - 8th Grade Graduation Photos (during the school day)

Friday, May 19th - Cap and Gown Invoices Due

Friday, May 26th - High School Selection Day at 9:00 am

Wednesday, May 31st - Saturday, June 3rd - Washington D.C. trip

Tuesday, June 6th - 8th Grade Awards Dinner at 5:00 pm

Friday, June 9th - 8th Grade Graduation at 4:00 pm

Please reach out to Stephanie Beck, sbeck@glachicago.org, if you have any questions!

No School this Thursday (3/16) and Friday (3/17)

There is no school for scholars this Thursday, March 16th or Friday, March 17th, due to Teacher Professional Development and Parent Teacher Conferences.

(Virtual) T2 Parent Teacher Conferences this Friday!

Trimester 2 Parent Teacher Conferences will take place virtually this Friday, March 17th. Sign-ups close tomorrow! If you need your scholar's sign-up link, please contact our front office at 773-530-3040. Google Meet links will be emailed and texted on Thursday.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Student Applications - We Need Your Support!

Please let people in your circle know about Great Lakes Academy if they have elementary school aged children. **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).

If a family you recommend applies, fully enrolls, and has a scholar present on the first day of school next year, we'll give your scholar(s) one uniform shirt for the 2023-24 school year! (There is a place within the application for a family to name you/your scholar; this must be filled out to qualify.)

Save the Date: (Virtual) T2 Parent Teacher Conferences on 3/17

Trimester 2 Parent Teacher Conferences will take place virtually on Friday, March 17th (students will not have school on this day). Sign-up links were emailed and texted last week. If you need your scholar's link resent, please contact our front office at 773-530-3040.

March Madness

We invite all 3rd-8th families to participate in March Madness by completing a different activity each night with your scholar to help us prepare for the upcoming IAR state test. Teachers have created 3rd-5th and 6th-8th calendars that include fun activities to be completed as a family for each day in March. Please look for calendars in homework folders on March 1st, or click on the link below for the appropriate grade level.

- **[3rd-5th grades March Madness Calendar](#)**

- **6th-8th grades March Madness Calendar**

There will also be Spirit Week Days to help pump ALL our scholars up for testing, including K-2nd. Please feel free to participate if able:

Monday, March 20 -Disney Day

Tuesday, March 21 -Twin Day

Wednesday, March 22 -Pajama Day

Thursday, March 23 -Decades Day

Friday, March 24 - Blackout Day

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 began Monday, February 27th and will conclude on Thursday, April 20th.

- **Spring sports offered this year include:** Co-ed track, boys volleyball, and girls soccer
- **Practices:** Monday-Thursday 3:15-5:00 pm.

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

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

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**

March 20th: Trimester 3 Begins

March 20th-24th: March Madness (Math Olympics)

March 20th-24th: Staff and Student Spirit Week

March 23rd: Ageless Eyecare Eye Exams

March 27th-31st: STEP Testing

March 28th-31st: IAR Testing

March 28th: Recruitment Open House *(for potential new students)*

March 31st: Intent to Return Form due

April 3rd-7th: **Spring Break, School Closed**

March 13th - April 7th, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 ANET Q3 Assessments STEP testing	14 ANET Q3 Assessments STEP testing Pi Day	15 ANET Q3 Assessments STEP testing	16 Staff PD No Classes	17 T2 Report Cards <i>(emailed)</i> Parent-Teacher Conferences No Classes
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27	28 IAR Testing Recruitment Open House <i>5:15-6:15 pm</i>	29 IAR Testing	30 IAR Testing	31 IAR Testing Intent to Return Form Due
3 Spring Break School Closed	4 Spring Break School Closed	5 Spring Break School Closed	6 Spring Break School Closed	7 Spring Break School Closed

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