



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

March 7, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

I have written in previous posts about our social-emotional learning (SEL) program called *Leader In Me*. At this point in the year, most grade levels in the school have learned about Habits 1-3:

Habit 1: [Be Proactive - You're in charge](#)

Habit 2: [Begin With the End in Mind - Have a plan](#)

Habit 3: [Put Things First - Work first, then play](#)

The links for each habit include suggested activities you can do with your child to help them learn how to apply those habits. We encourage you to engage in some of these activities over the next month with your child(ren).

Additionally, we just launched an initiative to create more leadership opportunities for students in their classrooms. In the next two weeks, students will be asked to “apply” for a job or jobs in their classroom that are interesting to them and that they think they can do well. Ask your child(ren) about whether they are applying for a classroom job.

Thank you for your support as we encourage and develop leadership in our scholars!

Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Student Applications - We Need Your Support!

As Principal Miller shared in his Principal's Corner message a few weeks ago **more than half** of our new student enrollees come to GLA through recommendations from families and other members of the school community.

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. **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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

After-School "Anchor" Programming

T3 programs will open Wednesday, March 1st at 9 am! Sign up [HERE!](#)

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

Each program will hold a max capacity for students and will close for enrollment on Friday, March 10th for this trimester.

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

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

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!

Bob-O-Links Junior Golf Club

Bob-O-Links welcomes both males and females from ages 8 to 17 to learn the game of golf through professional guidance. This club encourages discipline, self-esteem, and integrity throughout golf. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Please contact bobolinksjrgolfclub@gmail.com for further questions!

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 6th-15th: STEP testing

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**

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

March 6th - March 31st, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 STEP testing	7 STEP testing	8 STEP testing Monthly Principal <u>Townhall</u> 5:30-6:30 pm at GLA	9 STEP testing	10 STEP testing
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
20 Trimester 3 Begins March Madness <i>(Math Olympics)</i> Staff and Student Spirit Week Disney Day	21 March Madness <i>(Math Olympics)</i> Staff and Student Spirit Week Twin Day	22 March Madness <i>(Math Olympics)</i> Staff and Student Spirit Week Pajama Day	23 Ageless Eyecare Eye Exams March Madness <i>(Math Olympics)</i> Staff and Student Spirit Week Decades Day	24 March Madness <i>(Math Olympics)</i> Staff and Student Spirit Week Blackout Day
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