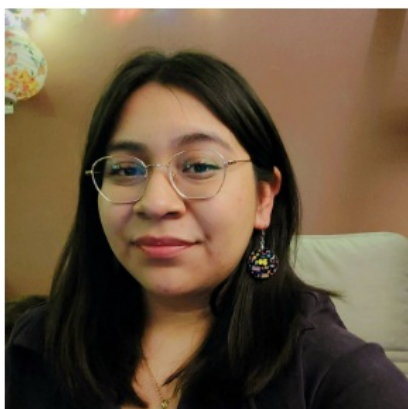




Weekly GLA Family Newsletter
December 11, 2024

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Ms. Crisantos - 4th Grade ELA

Tell us one of your favorite memories from your time at GLA.

One of my favorite memories from my time at GLA has been the karaoke community celebration in Stanford!

Tell us one of your proudest teacher moments.

One of the proudest moments I have as a teacher continues to be when students are excited to show me their work. Students show so much enthusiasm

to demonstrate their academic growth.

What's your favorite memory from elementary/middle school?

I enjoyed joining different after-school clubs. I loved the artistic and gardening clubs the most!

What's your favorite thing to do in Chicago?

I enjoy trying new restaurants around the city!

We all know teaching can be a stressful job! What's your favorite way to unwind?

I enjoy self-care by trying out new hobbies. Some that I have tried recently include pottery and sewing.

What's your dream vacation?

My dream vacation includes going to Mexico to spend time relaxing with family!

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

NJHS CandyGram

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is spreading holiday cheer by selling candy canes! Send a personalized candy cane to a peer or staff member for only \$1. CandyGram sales begin Friday, December 6th and end Wednesday, December 18th. CandyGrams will be distributed on Friday, December 20th.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

8th Grade GoCPS Applications Closing: 12/15

The 8th Grade High School GoCPS Application officially closes on Sunday, December 15th at 5pm. There will be no reranking period. Please reach out to Ms. O'Leary (coleary@glachicago.org) for any questions.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th-8th Winter Ball 12/13/24

We are excited to roll out our first dance of the year for 5th-8th grade! Our Winter Ball will be held on Friday, December 13th from 5:30-7:30 PM. This dance is a Silent Disco and is a "dress your best" occasion.

**INAUGURAL
GLA SILENT
DISCO**

**FRIDAY
13
DECEMBER**

**5:30PM-7:30PM
5TH-8TH GRADE
SNACKS
2 LIVE DJ'S**

REQUIREMENTS

**0 REFERRALS < 2 ABSENCES
< 2 RESETS < 2 TARDIES TO CLASS
NO PHYSICAL FIGHTS < 4 TARDIES TO SCHOOL**

We ask that no other students outside of GLA and 5th-8th grade attend, as there will be a check-in area. There will be snacks and drinks available by ticket for free. Additionally, there are behavior expectations for December 3rd-December 13th that must be upheld to be able to attend:

- Zero (0) Referrals
- Less than two (2) resets
- Less than two (2) absences
- Less than two (2) tardies to class
- Less than four (4) tardies to school
- No physical altercations

Each scholar has been notified of these expectations in morning advisory along with signage around the building and via parent/guardian emails.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Dr.. Stephanie Beck, sbeck@glachicago.org, or Ms. Jleese Williams, jwilliams@glachicago.org.

Winter Spirit Week: 12/16-12/20

Scholars may be out of uniform to dress up for the following Spirit Day themes:



The poster features a winter theme with a smiling sun, clouds, and snow-covered trees. It lists requirements for K-8 students and details daily events from Monday to Friday.

MON. 12/16 THRU FRI. 12/20 **K-8**

WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

REQUIREMENTS

- 0 REFERRALS
- < 2 TARDIES TO CLASS
- < 2 RESETS
- < 4 TARDIES TO SCHOOL
- NO PHYSICAL FIGHTS
- < 2 ABSENCES

MON. 12/16	TUES. 12/17	WED. 12/18	THURS. 12/19	FRI. 12/20
PJ DAY 	"SNOW DAY" 	CRAZY HATS 	SEM. 1 INCENTIVE EVENTS DRESS DOWN IF ATTENDING 	CEL-EBRATE DRESS WHAT YOU CELEBRATE IN! WINTER FEST EX: HOLIDAY, VALUE, CULTURE, ETC. 

Immediate Kindergarten Enrollment

We have an exciting update! Great Lakes Academy currently has five open Kindergarten seats available for immediate enrollment! If you know a family looking for a high-quality, supportive learning environment for their child, this is a great opportunity to join the GLA community. Feel free to share this message and flyer with friends, neighbors, and anyone you know who might be interested. Let's bring more amazing families into our GLA family!



Great Lakes Academy

Looking for a high-quality, supportive learning environment for your child?

Great Lakes Academy has five kindergarten seats open for immediate enrollment!



Why Choose GLA?

- ✓ Free and open admission to all
- ✓ Full-day kindergarten with early entry for 4-year-olds
- ✓ Free 7AM drop-off and daily meals provided
- ✓ State-of-the-art campus featuring an enrichment center
- ✓ Full athletic facility and turf field



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Career Day

We are excited to host our Career Day Friday, February 7, 2025. Please share with your networks.

A vibrant blue and yellow graphic for Career Day 2025. At the top, a woman in a pink jacket sits on the floor with a laptop, surrounded by icons for career choice, money, books, and a calculator. The Great Lakes Academy logo is in the top right. The main text reads 'CAREER DAY 2025 SAVE THE DATE' and 'Friday February 7th'. Contact information and a QR code are at the bottom.

CAREER CHOICE

GREAT LAKES ACADEMY
BEACONS

CAREER DAY 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Friday February 7th

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JOIN US



School Year Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 7:30-4:30 pm

Friday, 7:30-2:00 pm

GLA Breakfast, Lunch and Supper Menus

Click [here](#) to access (these are also linked on our website's [Parent and Student Resource Page](#))

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 9 - January 3rd, 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 iReady MOY Assessment	10 iReady MOY Assessment Parent Engagement Meeting, 4:30-6 pm	11 iReady MOY Assessment IA #2 (4th Grade)	12 iReady MOY Assessment IA #2 (4th Grade) IA #2 (Kinder)	13 iReady MOY Assessment 5th-8th Winter Ball, 5:30-7:30 pm IA #2 (Kinder)
16 GLA Community Conversation, 8:00 am iReady MOY Assessment	17 iReady MOY Assessment	18 iReady MOY Assessment	19 Semester 1 Incentive Events!! iReady MOY Assessment	20 End of Q2- Report Cards iReady MOY Assessment
23 Winter Break, No School	24 Winter Break, No School	25 Winter Break, No School	26 Winter Break, No School	27 Winter Break, No School
30 Winter Break, No School	31 Winter Break, No School	1 Winter Break, No School	2 Winter Break, No School	3 Winter Break, No School

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