



## Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

July 2, 2024

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 2024-25 School Year Calendar

We are sharing our 2024-25 academic calendar. There are a couple of important items to note:

1. The first day of school for our K-1st students will be on Friday, August 16th. The first day of school for our 2nd-8th grade students will be Monday, August 19th. **This is a different start date than CPS district schools.**
2. Our last day of school will be June 4th which is a week earlier than CPS district schools.
3. We are pushing back our school start time to 8:00 am this school year. Doors will still open for breakfast beginning at 7:00 am just like last year. Dismissal times will be 3:20 pm on Monday-Thursday and 1:50 pm on Friday.
4. **NEW** We have added “Wellness Days” to our calendar that are non-holidays where school will not be in session (March 17th, April 18th, and May 1st and 2nd).
5. **NEW** GLA will resume in-person report card pick up this school year on November 1st and March 14th. Times will be communicated at a later date along with sign up information.

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# Great Lakes Academy 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

August 2024							September 2024							October 2024						
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November 2024							December 2024							January 2025						
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February 2025							March 2025							April 2025						
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May 2025							June 2025							July 2025						
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KEY	
■	No classes for students
△	1:50 PM Dismissal (First Week of School)
H/WD	Holiday/Wellness Day, GLA closed
PD	Professional development, front office closed
PC	Parent - Teacher Conferences (Report Card Pick-up)
FDOS	First Day of School
FDOQ	First Day of Quarter
LDOS	Last Day of School
FDOSS	First Day of Summer School
LDOSS	Last Day of Summer School



Notable Dates			
Back to School Block Party	Aug 14	Presidents' Day	Feb 17
First Day for K-1 Students	Aug 16	Spring Break	March 24-28
First Day for 2-8 Students	Aug 19	Memorial Day	May 26
Labor Day	Sep 2	Students Last Day	Jun 6
Parent Night	Sep 12	8th Grade Graduation	Jun 6
Indigenous Peoples Day	Oct 14	Kinder Move Up Ceremony	Jun 6
Fall Break	Nov 25-29	Juneteenth	Jun 19
Winter Break	Dec 23 - Jan 3	First Day of Summer School	Jun 23
MLK Day	Jan 20	Independence Day	Jul 4
		Last Day of Summer School	Jul 18

**Great Lakes Academy Front Office Hours**  
 Monday - Thursday: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Student Dismissal: 3:20 PM  
 Friday: 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Student Dismissal: 1:50 PM  
[info@glachicago.org](mailto:info@glachicago.org)  
 (773) 530-3040

## Summer School Calendar

The program will run from June 24-July 19, 2024 on Monday through Friday with no programming on July 4th, but programming will pick back up on the 5th.

**Dates in yellow are program dates**

**\*July 4th there is no programming - GLA CLOSED**

**\*\*NOTE: Classes are in session on July 5th**

June					July				
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					1	2	3	4	5**
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17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19
24	25	26	27	28	24	25	26	27	28

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

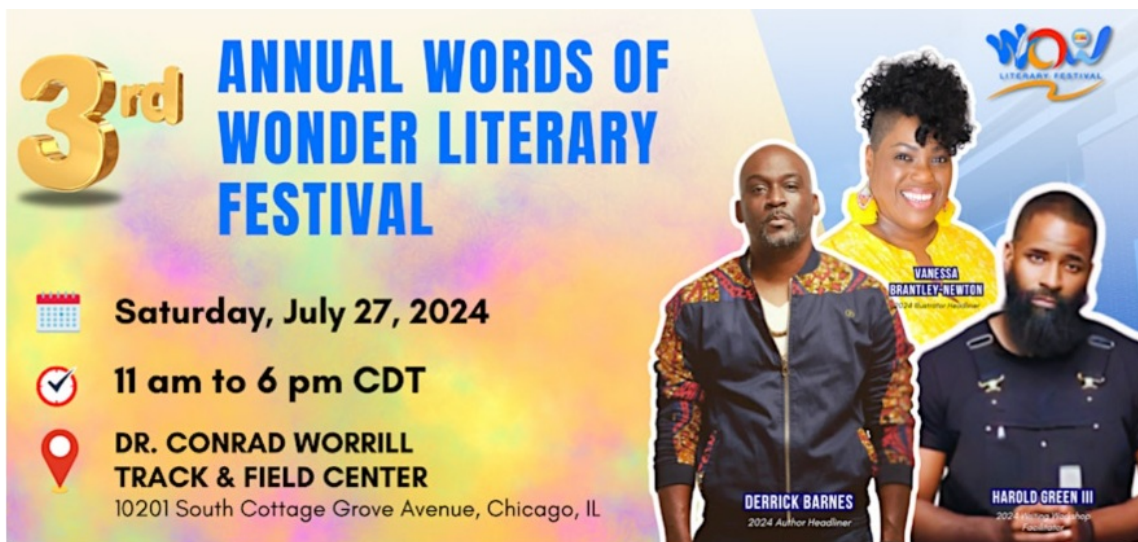
### Summer Office Hours

This summer, the front office will be opened daily at the following times:

- June 24th - July 19th: 8:00-4:00 pm (*closed July 4th*)
- July 22nd - August 2nd: 8:00-2:30 pm

### Summer Activity - WOW Literary Festival

Looking for a fun educational activity to do with your kids this summer? Attend the [Words of Wonder Literary Festival](#) at the Dr. Conrad Worrill Track & Field Center on July 27th. It's a wonderful event where participants can meet children's authors, visit community vendors, and get free books.



### Free Summer Meals

You can access free meals over the summer/after school has ended! Information on where you can access these free meals is posted on our website and below.

- Link to summer meal finder tool from USDA:  
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>
- Link to Summer Meal Finder for Illinois: <http://summerfeedingillinois.org/>
- You can also call 800-359-2163 or text FOODIL or COMIDASIL to 304304 to find a summer feeding location.

*Please note this non-discrimination statement.*

### 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

## July 1st - July 26th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	2 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	3 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	4 Independence Day! School Closed	5 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm
8 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	9 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	10 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	11 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	12 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm
15 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	16 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	17 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	18 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	19 Last Day of Summer School Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm
22 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	23 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	24 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	25 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	26 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm

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