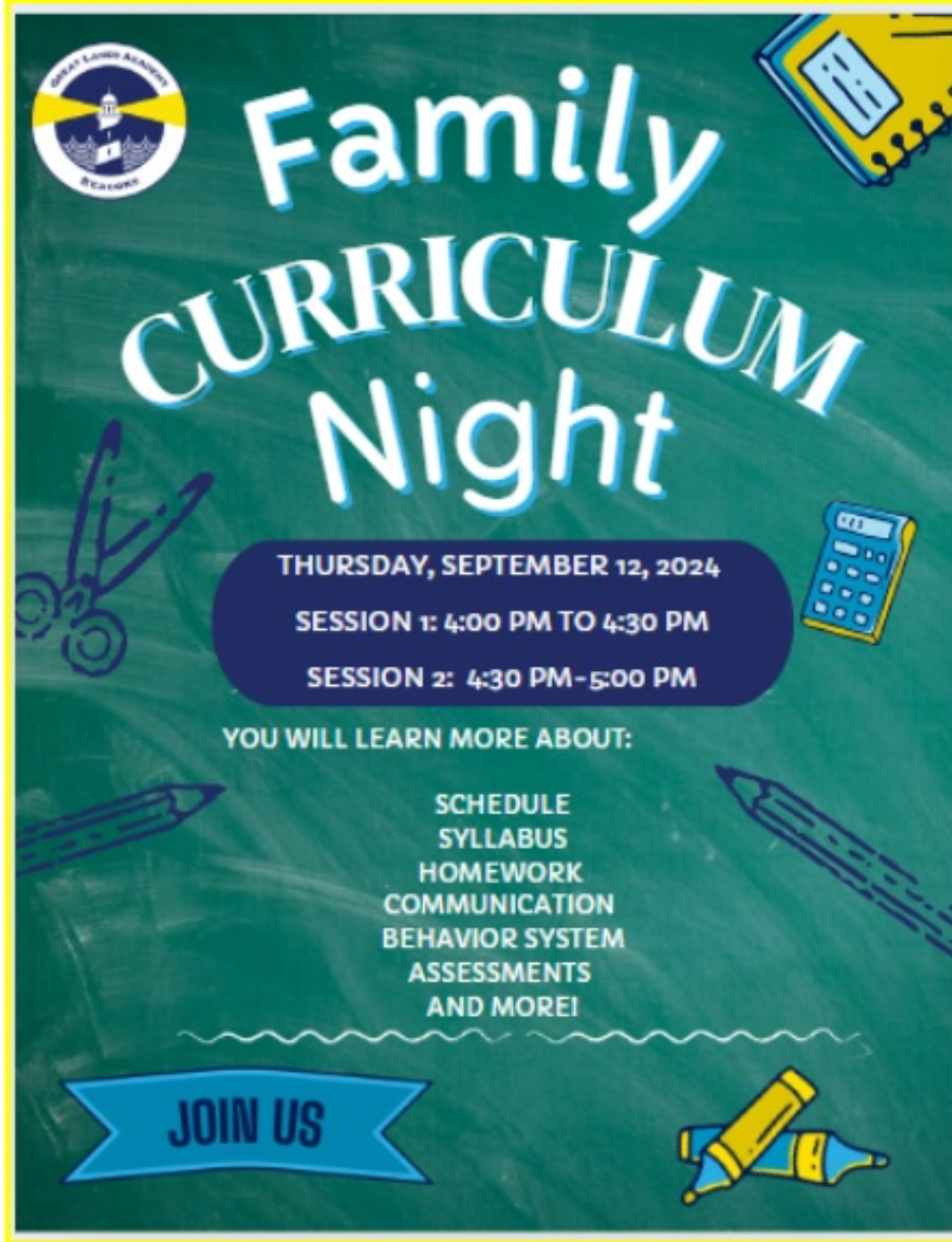




Weekly GLA Family Newsletter
September 3, 2024

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Curriculum Night



Dismissal Reminders

Just a few reminders to make our dismissal process run more smoothly!

- Please have your placard in the car window while picking up
- Please do not cut the line, as your child will not be ready due to not being placed on a tracker
- If another family member is picking up or you misplaced your placard, please pick up a new one at the front desk- this is for driving and walking pick-ups
- You must show ID if no placard is displayed *or* you do not have a walker card
- Please call the school before noon if there are any dismissal changes
- If your scholar is not staying for any after-school activities that they are signed up for, please notify Dr. Beck or Ms. O'Leary by noon that day.

Parent Powered

All GLA families were sent a text message on Labor

Day. For the 24-25 school year, GLA partnered with ParentPowered. Each week, they'll send you three short text messages. The messages will give you easy ways to connect with your child and support their learning. You'll also receive 1-2 weekly messages with information on community resources to support you and your family. Every message is aligned to your child's age or grade. And each tip is built around everyday routines. No supplies are needed, just the people, places, and things around you!



CPS Students in Temporary Living Situations (STLS)

Notice of Rights of Homeless Students

If you have any questions about the rights of students and families living in temporary housing situations, please contact Ms. Melissa at mstangl@glachicago.org.

SMS Text - Final Opt-in Tomorrow (9/4)

Parents/Guardians Only: if we have an SMS text phone number for you on file AND you have not already opted-in by texting Y to 67587 (**see flyer here**), Thursday you should receive the following text from 67587 requesting you to opt-in to continue receiving important informational text messages from GLA:

Great Lakes Academy messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/tm

If you do not opt-in, you will not receive text messages with important information from GLA. If you have any questions, please give our front office a call at 773-530-3040.

Asbestos Operations and Management Plan

GLA keeps a copy of the school's Asbestos Operations and Management plan on file. For more information, see **this letter**. If you would like to review this plan or have any questions, please contact the front office.

SY24-25 Family Handbook and Student Code of Conduct

Please find the [2024-25 GLA Family Handbook and Student Code of Conduct](#). We are asking all parents/guardians to read the updated handbook thoroughly and reach out with any questions.

Once you have read the 2024-25 Family Handbook, please confirm you've done so by filling out and submitting [this Google Form](#). We ask that all families review the handbook and fill out this form by Friday, September 6th.

SchoolLinks: For Parents with Students in grades 6-8

SchoolLinks is the official college and career readiness platform for CPS students in grades 6-12. It helps students and their families create an individualized roadmap to serve each student's unique skills, interests, and goals for the future.

If you would like to utilize this platform, please fill out [this survey](#).

The GREAT K-2nd Playdate

The Great K-2nd Grade Playdate" happening on Friday, October 11, 2024, from 5 PM to 7 PM. This event is noted as a parent engagement raffle entry. Please click the link to [RSVP today!](#)



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

**THE GREAT
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**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 11, 2024
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**This event is a
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**Students must
be
accompanied by an
adult.**

Virtual 8th Grade GoCPS Information Night

Join Ms. O'Leary on Tuesday, September 17th from 6:00-7:00 pm on GoogleMeet to learn about the GoCPS High School Admissions process.

Click [here](#) to join.

Limited Kindergarten Seats Available

Limited Kindergarten seats are still available at GLA! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our main office today.

A colorful banner for Great Lakes Academy's kindergarten enrollment. The banner features the school's logo in the top left, which includes a lighthouse and the text 'GREAT LAKES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL'. The main text reads 'Great Lakes Academy NOW ENROLLING KINDERGARTEN' in large, bold letters. Below this, a yellow ribbon says 'FREE, PUBLIC, AND OPEN TO ALL'. The banner is decorated with illustrations of children riding on large pencils. A dark blue curved section at the bottom left lists benefits: 'FREE 7AM DROP OFF', 'FREE AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING', and 'SPORTS AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES'. It also says 'JOIN OUR 1ST - 8TH GRADE WAITLIST' and 'SIBLING PREFERENCE AVAILABLE'. A green section at the bottom right contains contact information: 'CONTACT US', '8401 S. Saginaw Ave. Chicago, IL 60617', '773-540-3040', and 'www.glachicago.org'. A small note at the bottom left of the banner says 'Paid for with public funds'.

Annual Title I Meeting

Great Lakes Academy will be holding its annual Title I meeting after Family Curriculum Night from 5-5:30 pm in Room: Florida A&M. The purpose of this meeting is to explain how Great Lakes Academy plans to use Title I federal funding for the 2024-25 school year.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medical and Dental Exam Van Visits!

If your scholar needs to be seen by the dentist, eye doctor, and/or a medical professional (school physical/sport physical) we are excited to announce that the mobile dentist, mobile eye doctor and Comer Pediatric Medical Van will be at GLA throughout the 2024-25 school year!

***Scholars will not be seen without completed consent forms.**

Please contact Ms. Thunherst at sthunherst@glachicago.org to start the process now!

Rates for after-care service:

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

September 3rd - September 27th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Labor Day No School Building Closed	3 ARC IRLA Assessment (new students)	4 ARC IRLA Assessment (new students)	5 ARC IRLA Assessment (new students)	6 ARC IRLA Assessment (new students)
9	10	11	12 Family Curriculum Night, 4:00-5:00 pm Annual Title I Meeting, 5:00-5:30 Room: Florida A&M	13
16 Girls Volleyball Game, 4:00/5:00 pm	17 Virtual 8th Grade GoCPS Orientation Zoom, 6:00 pm	18 GLA Community Conversation, 8:00 am	19	20
23	24 Comer's Medical Van Visit	25	26 Girls Volleyball Game @ Ninos Heroes, 4:00/5:00 pm	27 Staff PD, No School

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