



## Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

April 10, 2024

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **2024-25 Annual Forms Launched Monday - Due May 3rd**

If your student is returning for the 2024-25 school year, you should have received an email yesterday asking you to complete their 2024-25 Annual Forms. Each year, we ask families to update emergency contact information, health information, and sign annual permission slips. **If your student is returning next year, these are required and are due by May 3rd.**

If you did not receive an email or if you need support completing the paperwork, please contact the front office at 773-530-3040.

#### **Help Us Grow Our Community!**

We firmly believe that our families are our greatest asset. Your referrals have brought like-minded individuals and families into our community, enriching the educational experience for all. **Here are a few ways you can assist us in our recruitment efforts:**

- **Share your experiences:** Speak to others about why you chose GLA for your child and how it has positively impacted your family.
- **Invite prospective families to tour the building:** Encourage them to reach out to the front office to schedule a tour, where they can learn more about our programs, see the building, and meet with staff members.
- **Connect us directly:** If you know of families who might be interested, feel free to introduce them to our front office team or provide us with their contact information by filling out [this form](#). We'll handle the rest!
- **Utilize social media:** Share posts, photos, and testimonials about your experiences at GLA on your social media platforms to reach a wider audience.
- **Invite families to apply:** Encourage interested families to apply here on our website: <https://glachicago.org/admissions-application-faqs>

#### **GLA Art Show: Friday, April 19th**

- GLA will be hosting the 2nd annual Art Show on Friday, April 19th
- The showcase will be open from 4:00-6:00 pm
- Art from K-4th grade, along with special work from the after-school programming Advanced Art, Photography, and SkyART.
- Additionally, there will be interactive stations for families to join in on!



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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](#).

### **GLA's 9th Annual BE GREAT Benefit: May 2nd**

Put on your best pair of sneakers for an unforgettable evening celebrating our scholars, our recent academic achievements, and more! Enjoy delicious food, an open bar, and a unique silent auction all while supporting our scholars' education and the GLA community.

Tickets for GLA families are \$100 with the discount code "**BEGREAT1**". Click [here](#) to purchase!

We hope to see you for a night of fun and celebration supporting Great Lakes Academy!

DREAM. INSPIRE. ACHIEVE.

9th Annual  
Great Lakes  
Academy  
**BE GREAT  
Benefit**

**MAY 2, 2024**  
6:00-9:30pm

**GALLERIA MARCHETTI**  
825 W. Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60642  
*Attire: suits and sneakers*

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 Funds raised will allow Great Lakes Academy to continue delivering a world class education to scholars on Chicago's southeast side.

### Loaner Uniforms

All K-2nd parents, please send an extra labeled change of clothes to school with your scholar. This will remain in their locker in the event they have a spill or accident and need a change of clothes.

All parents, please return any GLA loaner pants your scholar has worn home.

If you have extra pants that your scholar has grown out of, we will always accept donations at the front office.

### Wave 3- After-School Programming

- T3 programming runs Monday, March 4th-Thursday, May 30th
- Programs will be Monday/Wednesday and/or Tuesday/Thursday
- Programs run from 3:30-5:00 pm each day
- Please reach out to Stephanie Beck, [sbeck@glachicago.org](mailto:sbeck@glachicago.org), or Caitlin O'Leary, [coleary@glachicago.org](mailto:coleary@glachicago.org), with any questions.

### Athletics- Co-ed Track and Field

- Co-ed Track and Field begins Tuesday, February 27th-Thursday, May 9th
- All practices will be Tuesdays/Thursdays from 3:30-6:00 pm
- Meets will be on the GLA website calendar and given to the athletes by the coach
- Please reach out to Titus Perez, [tperez@glachicago.org](mailto:tperez@glachicago.org), with any questions.

### 8th Grade Dates to Note

The countdown is on for the 8th Grade celebratory events happening at the end of this year! I wanted to remind you of important dates approaching quickly. In order to send our scholars off the GLA way and to their high school of choice, we have many events



planned. Please mark down and/or reserve the following dates of importance:

**Friday, May 3rd** - 8th Grade Photos (during school hours, must wear cap and gown)

**Friday, May 10th** - Spring Ball, 5:30 pm (5th-8th grade)

**Friday, May 17th** - High School Decision Day, 9 am\*

**Tuesday, May 21-Friday, May 24th** - 8th Grade DC Trip

**Tuesday, May 28th** - 8th Grade Awards Dinner, 5:30 pm\*

**Thursday, May 30th** - 8th Grade Clap Out (during school hours)

**Tuesday, May 28th-Friday, May 31st** - 8th Grade Spirit Week

**Friday, May 31st** - Graduation, 4 pm\*

**Wednesday, June 5th** - Field Day (during school hours)

(\*families invited)

Families are invited to Decision Day, the Awards Dinner, and Graduation. The Awards Dinner and Graduation will be ticketed events. The following ticket amounts will be available for purchase:

**Awards Dinner:** Four (4) tickets available including scholar (**must purchase, \$25 each**)

**Graduation:** Four (4) tickets for family, no ticket needed for scholar (**free**)

In addition, we will be taking measurements for cap and gowns in the next few weeks. **These will be taken by adults and parents will purchase at cost, \$25.**

8th Grade photos will be free of charge, complimentary of GLA. You will receive the photo link approximately 2-3 weeks after portrait day. No photo packet is necessary.

Furthermore, **class t-shirts will also be available to purchase** once designed prior to Decision Day.

Please reach out to Stephanie Beck, [sbeck@glachicago.org](mailto:sbeck@glachicago.org), or Caitlin O'Leary, [coleary@glachicago.org](mailto:coleary@glachicago.org), with any questions.

#### **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**

## April 8th - May 3rd, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 IAR State Testing  Total Solar Eclipse	9 IAR State Testing	10 IAR State Testing	11 IAR State Testing	12
15	16	17 Monthly Community Conversation <i>8:00-9:00 am @ GLA or Virtual</i>	18	19 K-4 Spring Art Showcase Open House <i>4:00-6:00 pm</i>
22 Illinois Science Assessment	23 Illinois Science Assessment	24 Illinois Science Assessment	25	26
29 Power Parent Meeting <i>4:00-6:00 pm</i>	30 El Dia Del Niño Celebration	1 First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	2 Spring Cultivate Survey <i>Grades 5-8</i>  GLA Spring Benefit <i>6:00-10:00 pm Galleria Marchetti</i>	3 8th Grade Portraits  Mid-Trimester 3 Progress Reports  24-25 Annual Forms Due

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