



The Weekly Wave

Weekly GLA Family Newsletter
August 6, 2024

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Lakes Academy Parents, we want to hear from you! Join us and Developing Capacity Coaching for a GLA Family Engagement Seminar via Zoom on **Wednesday, Aug. 13th, from 4:00 to 5:30.** [Join the meeting here.](#) We want to partner with you and hear your ideas. Please join us!



Free 8th Grade HS Admission Test Prep Tutoring

GLA will be offering free tutoring in conjunction with Test Prep Chicago to **8th grade students only** in preparation for the CPS HS Admission Test that will be on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024. In order to enroll your scholar for this free service, please fill out [this form](#).

The meeting dates will occur on the following days from 3:15-5:00 pm at Great Lakes Academy:

Tuesday, August 27 (diagnostic test)*
Tuesday, September 3
Tuesday, September 10
Tuesday, September 17
Thursday, September 19
Tuesday, September 24
Tuesday, October 1
Thursday, October 3 (final practice test)*

**On practice test days, dismissal may be delayed in order for scholars to complete the practice tests.

Behavior and Attendance Requirements:

Attendance to every session is mandatory and any unexcused absence will have your scholar dropped from the program. The following behaviors will cause removal from the program, without re-entrance:

Use of electronics (phones, watches, earbuds, etc.)
Off-task behaviors and/or disruptions of class (talking back, verbal disagreements,

etc.)

Unprepared for session (no pencil, homework, etc.)

Disengaged from session (not working on quizzes/practice problems, etc.)

Constant redirections

And any other behavior that is disruptive and does not follow school protocol.

Please reach out to Stephanie Beck, sbeck@glachicago.org, or Caitlin O'Leary coleary@glachicago.org with any questions!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medical and Dental Exam Van Visits!

If your scholar needs to be seen by the dentist, eye doctor, and/or 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!

Kindergarten Seats Still Available!

If you know a family still looking for a great school for their kindergartner, please refer them to [apply on our GLA website](#).

We have openings for immediate enrollment!

Save the Date!

The start of school is just around the corner. We have important opportunities for family engagement in the next 4 weeks. More details will be in the Weekly Wave and sent out in the coming weeks:

- **August 13th:** Family Engagement Seminar with partner Developing Capacity Coaching, 4:00-5:30 pm (Session one)
- **August 14th:** Back to School Block Party and Parent Orientation, 3:30-5:30 pm



GLA Annual Fee- 2024-25

Invoices for the 2024-25 annual fee have been sent via email. The annual fee is \$90. For clarity, we wanted to define what this fee covers for each scholar during the school year:

Lower School (K-4)	Middle School (5-8)
<p>Access to Technology All students will have access to Chromebooks to support personalized learning, provide quick feedback, and track student progress over time with data-driven insights.</p>	<p>Access to Technology All students will have access to Chromebooks to support personalized learning, provide quick feedback, and track student progress over time with data-driven insights.</p>
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Middle School Planner

All 5th-8th grade students will be given an agenda planner to promote organization and responsibility.

This year, we will be offering sibling discounts and early payment incentives! Please see the table below for sibling/household discounts. Natural, step-siblings, and members of the same household are eligible.

Scholars Enrolled	Discount	Fee Price Per Scholar	Due by August 30
ONE	0%	\$90	\$90
TWO	10%	\$81	\$162
THREE	20%	\$72	\$216
FOUR	30%	\$63	\$252
FIVE	40%	\$54	\$270
SIX	50%	\$45	\$270

In addition to sibling/household discounts, we are happy to offer early payment incentives, including a free GLA polo if payment is made in full and submitted by August 30th! **No payment plans are accepted for this incentive.**

Please pay with the PayPal invoice provided at the front office or by phone as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call our front office at 773-530-3040.

NEW! Great Lakes Academy After-Care Services

In response to parent feedback, we are eager to announce the implementation of an after-care service at Great Lakes Academy for the 2024-25 school year! After-care is a supervision space for scholars to receive supper and complete homework in a safe environment until dismissal. This service is only available to enrolled GLA scholars.

Please note: The after-care service is separate from the enrichment programming.

The after-care service will operate on attendance days only from August 19th - June 6th, the final day of the 2024-25 school year. However, the first and final weeks of school are drop-in days and rates only.

Beginning on August 26th, families will have the option to pay a daily drop-in rate

(which must be notified the day prior to dismissal and paid with cash or credit card), a bi-weekly rate, a semester rate, or a full-year rate. **All payments must be made in full prior to the first day of enrollment.**

The after-care service times are as follows:

Monday - Thursday	3:20-5:00 pm
Friday	1:50-4:00 pm

Rates for after-care service:

Daily Drop-In	\$10
Bi-Weekly	\$80
Semesterly	\$680
Yearly	\$1520

There are **NO REFUNDS** for this service.

If you are interested in after-care for your scholar(s), please fill out [THIS](#) form for enrollment and information.

We are looking forward to providing more assistance for our parents and community this year! Please contact Stephanie Beck at sbeck@glachicago.org if you have any questions!

Great Lakes Academy Uniform Store

We have a virtual school store where updated uniform items may be purchased. Details about our school store and updated dress code policy are [here](#) on our website.

All school store orders will be completed in cycles. That means:

1. Visit our virtual storefront [here](#) to make a purchase
2. Based on the cycle "Order Window" you've made your purchase during, your order will be ready for pick-up at GLA in the corresponding "Pick-up Window" (cycles are listed [here](#) on our website).

Lastly, as noted on our website, the school store does not contain our short-sleeved GLA polos. Those can be directly purchased in our front office at any time.

If you have any questions, please call our front office at 773-530-3040.

GLA UNIFORM STORE



Purchase through
The Loop Branding Boutique

ALL ITEMS AVAILABLE IN
YOUTH & ADULT SIZES

MACHINE
WASHABLE



\$ 46

GLA
Cardigan



\$ 15

GLA
Flagship T-shirt

NAVY
OR
GRAY



\$ 15

GLA
T-shirt

100%
POLYESTER
MOISTURE-
WICKING



\$ 24

GLA Quarter Zip
Long Sleeve Shirt

SOFT
NON-PILL
FINISH



\$ 34

GLA
Fleece Jacket

100%
COTTON



\$ 21

GLA
Long Sleeve T-shirt

PILL-
RESISTANT



\$ 26

GLA
Crewneck Sweatshirt

50%
COTTON &
50%
POLYESTER



\$ 22

GLA
Sweatpants

GLA UNIFORM STORE



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The Loop Branding Boutique

PROMO SALE

JULY 20TH - AUGUST 16TH

100%
COTTON



\$18.90

Great Lakes Academy
Long Sleeve T-shirt

GLA Uniform Store

**ORDER ONLINE &
PICK-UP AT GLA**



Cycles	Ordering Dates	Delivery Dates	GLA Pick up Window	PROMOS - PER CYCLE ITEM
	May 13 - May 30 - EOY SALE			EOY SALE 5 Core Items, GLA flagship shirt, LS Shirt, Sweatshirt, Sweatpants, Cinch bag
Cycle 1	June 1 - June 30	June 6 - June 7	June 7	
Cycle 2	July 1 - July 19	July 20 - July 21	July 22 - July 24	GLA Flagship T-Shirt Navy
Cycle 3	July 20 - August 16	August 10 - August 11	August 12 - August 14	Great Lakes Cursive T-Shirt Navy
Cycle 4	August 17 - September 14	September 7 - September 8	September 9 - September 11	GLA Long Sleeve T-Shirt
Cycle 5	September 15 - October 31	October 5 - October 6	October 7 - October 9	GLA Sweatpants
Cycle 6	November 1 - November 30	November 23 - November 24	November 25 - November 27	GLA Crewneck
Cycle 7	December 1 - January 10	December 16 - December 17	December 18 - December 20	GLA Qtr Zip
Cycle 8	January 11 - February 14	February 2 - February 3	February 3 - February 5	GLA Fleece
Cycle 9	February 15 - March 31	March 8 - March 10	March 10 - March 12	GLA Cardigan
Cycle 10	April 1 - April 30th	April 19 - April 20	April 21 - April 23	GLA Flagship T-Shirt Grey
Cycle 11		May 19 - May 20	May 21 - May 23	Great Lakes Cursive T-Shirt Grey

GLA Communication: SMS Text Opt-In

Great Lakes Academy newly utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop.”

We recommend saving this short code and Caller ID to the contacts on your phone. This will help prevent any 3rd party call blocking systems from interfering with your receipt of important messages sent by the school or district.

**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send “Y”
or “Yes” to
67587.**

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages.

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2024-25 School 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 6th, 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.

Click [HERE](#) to download a PDF version of the calendar.

Summer Office Hours

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

- August 5th-9th: 8:30-4:00 pm (*closed August 5th*)
- August 12th-16th: 8:30-4:00 pm (7:30-2:00 pm on Friday the 16th)

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

August 5th - August 30th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Staff PD Office Closed	6 Summer Office Hours 8:30-4:00 pm	7 Summer Office Hours 8:30-4:00 pm	8 Summer Office Hours 8:30-4:00 pm	9 Summer Office Hours 8:30-4:00 pm
12 Summer Office Hours 8:30-4:00 pm	13 Summer Office Hours 8:30-4:00 pm Save the Date! Family Engagement Session with Developing Capacity, 4:00-7:00	14 Summer Office Hours 8:30-4:00 pm Save the Date! Back to School Block Party and Parent Orientation, 3:30-5:30 pm	15 Summer Office Hours 8:30-4:00 pm	16 Summer Office Hours 7:30-2:00 pm First Day of School- Kindergarten and 1st grade, 1:50 dismissal
19 First Day of School 2nd-8th grade, 1:50 dismissal	20 Student Orientation Week, 1:50 dismissal	21 Student Orientation Week, 1:50 dismissal	22 Student Orientation Week, 1:50 dismissal	23 Student Orientation Week, 1:50 dismissal
26 iReady Diagnostics and IRLA ARC IRLA Assessment (new students)	27 iReady Diagnostics and IRLA ARC IRLA Assessment (new students)	28 iReady Diagnostics and IRLA ARC IRLA Assessment (new students)	29 iReady Diagnostics and IRLA ARC IRLA Assessment (new students)	30 iReady Diagnostics and IRLA ARC IRLA Assessment (new students)

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