



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

January 17, 2024

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Power Parents GroupMe

If you are interested in connecting with other parents and staying informed on happenings at GLA, the GLA Power Parents have a GroupMe. You're invited to join the group "GLA POWER PARENTS" on GroupMe. Use this link to join:

https://groupme.com/join_group/96440269/ZId8TRrb

Reflection Forms

The Culture and Climate Team has prepared each classroom with reflection forms. Scholars are asked to complete the reflection form in the calm corner/ reflection desk after receiving two deductions. The reflection form is used to reset the scholar's behavior inside the classroom to prevent a behavior reset/referral in the dean's office. Parents are expected to review, sign, and return the form the next day to acknowledge awareness and encourage parental support about the incident.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

K-4th Sneaker Ball, 1/19/24

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Friday, January 19th 4:00-6:00 pm



We are excited to invite you to the Sneaker Ball for K-4th grade!

The GLA Sneaker Ball will be held on Friday, January 19th from 4:00-6:00 PM.

Scholars should arrive in their favorite outfit and sneakers and be ready to dance! *We ask that no other scholars outside of GLA and K-4th grade attend, as there will be a check-in area.* Complimentary snacks and drinks will be provided to students upon presentation of their tickets they receive at the door. Additionally, scholars must meet these requirements in order to attend:

- No physical altercations or egregious behavior between January 9th-19th
- ONE (1) Guardian is required to attend the entire event with their scholar
 - older GLA siblings will not meet this requirement and will not be allowed entry

Each scholar will be 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 Ms. Stephanie Beck, sbeck@glachicago.org, or Ms. Jleese Williams, jwilliams@glachicago.org.

Uniform Reminder

As the winter season approaches, we would like to remind everyone that scholars are not permitted to wear inclement weather footwear (snow or rain boots) during class hours.

They should bring a change of shoes. This policy is in place to maintain a clean and safe learning environment.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that our classrooms remain conducive to effective learning. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact us.

Special Events Calendar- SY23-24



[HERE](#) you can find all activities for K-8 events happening around GLA during the school year! Please plan ahead for upcoming events and be on the lookout for further information released!

Note: Some events will occur during school hours and some beyond the day. This schedule does not include athletic or other specific events.

Athletic events and other activities can be found on the school website calendar [here](#). They are marked accordingly.

Please reach out to Stephanie Beck directly, sbeck@glachicago.org, with any questions.

Be IN School ON Time

The expectation is all students are here in school on time. As the weather gets colder we have noticed the number of tardies increase. Remember, GLA opens up at 7:00 a.m. You can drop your child off starting at 7:00 for free. They will get breakfast and be supervised by GLA staff.

- Showing up on time to school every day can help students develop the habit of being punctual, illustrate to them your commitment to their learning and friendships, and help reduce classroom interruptions and distractions for all students.
- Missing just 15 minutes of school twice a week equates to 3 missed school days per year!
- Kindergarten through 4th graders must be in the building by 7:55 am, and 5th-8th graders must be in the classroom at 7:55 am to avoid being tardy.

Career Day 2024

Career Day 2024 is around the corner!

In February, we will be hosting another **Career Day** here at **GLA!**

We are looking to get a headstart on sign-ups to make the event bigger than last year and to give our scholars a great experience again!

If you know any professionals that would be interested in spending four hours to **educate, engage, mentor, and network**, please have them fill out the form via the QR code above or [here](#).



The poster features the Great Lakes Academy Charter School logo at the top left. The main text reads "2024 GLA CAREER DAY" in large, bold letters. To the right, it says "JOIN US!" and "FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16". Below the main text, there is a section titled "WHY JOIN US?" with three bullet points: "GLA Scholars Need Successful Role Models.", "Corporate Community Engagement Opportunity.", and "Local Professional Networking." To the right of these points, it says "We are asking for four hours of time on campus." and "To volunteer, scan the QR code to register." A QR code is located at the bottom right of the poster. At the bottom, there is an illustration of six diverse professionals in various careers.

Please send this graphic to all working professionals that you could see make an impact on our scholars and the community!

For further questions, please reach out to Stephanie Beck, sbeck@glachicago.org, or Bintu Njie, bnjie@glachicago.org.

Parent and Family Volunteers

Current Opportunities:

- 🗓️ Arrival and Dismissal Support
- 🍽️ Lunch and Recess Support 🏈🏐
- 📚 Classroom Support

Upcoming Events:

- 📖 Library Support 📖👉

If you are interested in helping grow the GLA community and volunteering please complete [this form](#). You can reach out to Madaline Harlan, mharlan@glachicago.org, with any questions.

After-School Programming

Sign-ups for **Wave 2** of after-school programming are now closed.

All programs run 3:15-5:00 pm.

Payments were due 12/8!

Programs will only run in one wave, unless renewed and new programs will be offered each trimester where you will have to re-sign up. The next trimesters are as follows:

- Trimester/Wave 2: Monday, November 27th- Thursday, February 29th
- Trimester/Wave 3: Monday, March 4th - Thursday, May 30th

Winter Athletics 2023-24

Start date: Oct 30th-Jan 18th

Practices Days/Times

- Co-ed Cheer: Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:15-6:00 pm
- Girls Basketball Practices: Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:15-6:00 pm
- Boys Basketball Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:15-6:00 pm

All games can be found [here!](#)

For additional questions or concerns please reach out to Coach P,
tperez@glachicago.org.

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

January 15th - February 9th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	16 No School: Inclement Weather Day	17 Community Conversations: Monthly Parent Meeting 8:00 - 9:00 am (@GLA and Virtual) Boys' JV/V Basketball and Cheer Game @GLA 4:30-7:00 pm	18 Girls' Basketball and Cheer Game @GLA 4:30-6:00 pm	19 K-4th Grade Sneaker Ball 4:00-6:00 pm
22	23	24 Reclaiming Minds GLA Parent Workshop 6:00-7:30 pm	25	26 Mid-Trimester 2 Progress Reports Released
29	30	31	1 First Day of Black History Month	2
5	6 Family Curriculum Night	7 100th Day of School Reclaiming Minds GLA Parent Workshop 6:00-7:30 pm	8	9

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