



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

April 2nd, 2024

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Total Solar Eclipse- Monday, April 8th

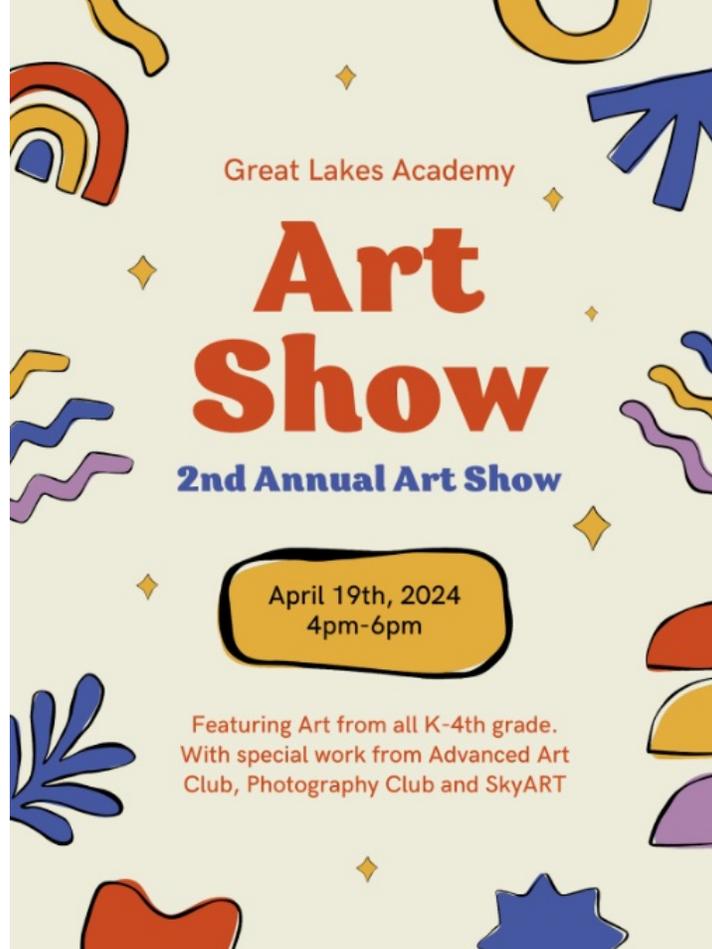
On Monday, April 8th beginning at 12:59 pm, Chicago will have a total Solar Eclipse. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken, as if it were dawn or dusk.

- Scholars will gather on the turf field around 1:45 pm to see the final totality just after 2:00 pm.
- Scholars will be provided special glasses to view.
- Informative activities and documents will be provided to teachers leading up to the event.



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.



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

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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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reclaiming Minds Parent Workshop TOMORROW!!

- Please join us to discuss *"Mental Health 101: Signs and Symptoms."*
- This *Wednesday, April 3rd* from 6:00-7:30
 - Join Zoom Meeting
 - [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86514487923?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86514487923?pwd=TSYTFp0YTR3cmhFeEloODIZMWtrdz09)
[pwd=TSYTFp0YTR3cmhFeEloODIZMWtrdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86514487923?pwd=TSYTFp0YTR3cmhFeEloODIZMWtrdz09)
 - Meeting ID: 865 1448 7923
 - Passcode: 906490

3rd-8th IAR Encouragement Letters

- 3rd-8th grade are participating in March Madness during testing week.
- If you would like to send your student a note of encouragement during testing, please fill out [THIS](#) form.
- We will print the message out for your scholar to read the morning of testing.
- If you have more than one scholar testing, please fill out a separate form.

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, or Caitlin O'Leary, 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, 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, or Caitlin O'Leary, 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 1st - 26th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 First Day of Autism Acceptance Month	2	3 Reclaiming Minds Therapy: GLA Parent Workshop 6:00-7:30 pm	4	5
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 8:00-9:00 am @ GLA or Virtual	18	19 K-4 Spring Art Showcase Open House 4:00-6:00 pm
22 Illinois Science Assessment	23 Illinois Science Assessment	24 Illinois Science Assessment	25	26 El Dia Del Niños Celebration

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