



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter  
October 8, 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Parents, over the last couple years we heard requests for more student academic intervention programs in our afterschool enrichment programs. We heard your voice and made changes to provide more of that programming. This week I wanted to inform you of the several academic intervention programs we are offering this year at GLA through our “Beacon Boost” program.

Paloma Parent Tutoring is a text based app that provides K-2 parents with the tools to help their scholar with math and reading at home. Each day, participating parents will be sent individualized reading or math lessons based on skill areas of need from school assessments. The 15 minute daily lesson encourages parents to familiarize themselves with the content, practice with their child, then allow the student to do independent practice with guidance. Please see more information about Paloma in the announcements below.

K-3 On Your Mark (OYM) tutoring is a free program offering select K-3 students. It offers tailored 2:1 virtual literacy tutoring to support growth in specific literacy skills identified through assessment. Students participating in OYM tutoring receive it 4x per week, The program runs from October 14th through December 12th this semester, and there will be another session in the second semester.

Beacon Boost ELA and Math Intervention is being provided to targeted groups of students afterschool 2x per week by 4 GLA instructors. Instruction is targeted to address skill gaps identified through our schoolwide iReady assessment.

Each of these programs we are offering are free. We are hoping that this additional academic support will help students grow faster and flourish academically.

In partnership,

Principal Miller

# NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Fall Spirit Week: 10/15-10/18

Scholars may be out of uniform to dress up for the following Spirit Day themes:



Note: There will be behavior requirements for Fall Fest Spirit Week participation:

- No referrals
- Less than 3 resets
- 2 or fewer tardies to class (middle school)

### 24-25 School Picture Day

Picture Day is almost here. Get your smiles ready!

When: Tuesday, October 22nd.

Order forms are being sent home this week, please check your scholar's folder.

- Order forms are due by Tuesday, October 22nd..

Orders can also be placed online at <http://picture-day.hhimagehost.com/gla>



Get your  
smile  
ready!

Great Lakes Academy  
**Picture Day**  
Tuesday - Oct 22nd, 2024

Make Up Day  
TUE - Nov 12th, 2024



Order your pictures by  
Thursday October 22nd

Deadline to take advantage of Packages  
Tuesday, Nov. 12th

<http://picture-day.hhimagehost.com/GLA>

**picture  
day**  
Reimagining  
School Pictures.

Questions? [support@picture-day.com](mailto:support@picture-day.com)

### Family Income Form

GLA is encouraging all families to complete the attached CPS Family Income Information Form for the 24-25 school year. This form is used to help determine school funding and help GLA keep programs like our free breakfast and lunch programs. Only one form needs to be completed per household. Please email completed forms and any questions to [sthunherst@glachicago.org](mailto:sthunherst@glachicago.org) (a paper version will also be sent home with your scholar this week).

- Click [Here](#) for an English Version
- Haga Click [Aqui](#) para la version en Español

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Monitoring Social Media Use

We have noticed a concerning rise in negative social media activity amongst middle school students, particularly on Instagram. Several pages have been created with the intent to hurt other scholars which would be considered cyberbullying. We urge you to monitor your child's phone usage closely. As a school, we take these actions seriously. If your child is found to be responsible for creating or contributing to these pages, we will follow up with appropriate consequences as outlined in our student code of conduct.

### Parent/Guardian Access to Student Data

Last week, all parents/guardians gained access to two student information sources. Please review the details below, as some action from you will be required to access your student's data. If you did not receive the handout and/or email notification, or if you have any questions, please contact the front office at 773-530-3040.

#### Powerschool

- Used for: Current student grades and attendance
- To Access Your Student's Data: Your student brought home a handout last week.
- Parent/Guardian Action Steps:
  1. Ask your student for the handout.
  2. Follow the instructions on the handout to create an account and link the account to each student you have enrolled at GLA.

#### Unified Classroom Behavior Supports

- Used for: Student behavior and weekly paycheck report
- To Access Your Student's Data: You should have received an email from Unified Classroom Behavior Support.
- Parent/Guardian Action Steps:
  1. Check your email later today for an email from Unified Classroom Behavior Supports
  2. Follow the instructions in the email to set up your account.

*Please Note: Accessing your student's grades and behavior data requires setting up the two separate accounts detailed above. Both accounts should be set up for parent/guardian use only (do not share access information) as student personally identifiable information will be shared.*

### District 10 Board Candidate Forum

In November, Chicagoans will elect their first school board in history. After decades of mayoral appointees, our city is moving to an elected school board. Candidates will be on the Presidential ballot on November 5. We encourage all GLA parents to join us at the Gary Comer Youth Center on Tuesday, October 22 from 6 - 7:30 pm to hear from District 10 candidates representing the southeast side of Chicago. You can rsvp [here](#). The Youth Center is located at 7200 S Ingleside and refreshments will be served. To learn more about the candidates and their platforms, check out the WBEZ guide [here](#).

### 8th Grade High School Admissions Test (HSAT)

**TOMORROW:** Wednesday, October 9th at 8:15am, all 8th grade scholars will take the HSAT in their homerooms. Please ensure your scholar arrives at school on time and is prepared to do their best!

### Camp for All Kids: Meeting Rescheduled

This meeting will be rescheduled to a later date. For any questions, please reachout to Caitlin O’Leary ([coleary@glachicago.org](mailto:coleary@glachicago.org)).

### **Illinois Girls Lead Program**

Female 5th-8th grade scholars are invited to apply for the Illinois Girls Lead Program. Female scholars selected for the program will shadow a female member of the Illinois State Government for a day. Want to learn more, reach out to Caitlin O’Leary ([coleary@glachicago.org](mailto:coleary@glachicago.org)) for more information or click [here](#) to apply. Applications are due by 11:59 pm on Sunday, October 20th.

### **Paloma - K-2 Family Tutoring**

On Monday, September 30th, we launched Paloma to our K-2 families. Paloma is a technology platform that provides daily reading or math skill activities that families can practice with their child at home.



Each day, Paloma sends a text from the number **57536** with a link to a lesson. By clicking the link, the parent will be directed to watch a very brief video on a skill that is individualized for their child. Then, the parent practices the skill with their student. Please see more info about [Paloma here](#).

**We are asking parents to spend 15 minutes each night “tutoring” their child through Paloma.** This type of focused, high dosage tutoring has been shown to have a positive impact on student academic development.

### **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  
K-2ND GRADE  
PLAYDATE**

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 11, 2024  
5PM-7PM**

**This event is a  
parent engagement  
raffle entry!**

**Students must  
be  
accompanied by an  
adult.**

**The GREAT Chicago Jamboree**

Join us for a Spooktacular Evening at The GREAT Chicago Fall Jamboree! For ages 0-13 (Must be accompanied by a parent/guardian). FREE Admission | RSVP by scanning the QR code! Come dressed in your best costume and enjoy a night of fall fun with your family. See you there!

**THE GREAT CHICAGO  
FALL  
JAMBOREE**

**FREE**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30, 2024**

**5:00PM - 7:00PM**

**For ages 0-13**

**GAMES  
COSTUME CONTEST  
FOOD  
FUN  
SCHOOL TOURS**

**RSVP**



**GREAT LAKES ACADEMY  
8401 S. SAGINAW AVE  
CHICAGO, IL  
773-530-3040**

**MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN**

PAID FOR BY PUBLIC FUNDS

Great Lakes Academy Open House

Please share the GLA Open House with your networks today. Applications for the 2024-2025 school year open on November 7, 2024.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE  
**APPLY ONLINE!**

**GREAT LAKES ACADEMY**

# OPEN HOUSE

**THURSDAY, NOV 7<sup>th</sup>**  
at 5:30 PM

## What We Offer

- ✓ Free and Open Admission to ALL
- ✓ Free 7AM Drop-off and Daily Meals Provided
- ✓ Full-Day Kindergarten (4-Year-Old Early Entry Available)
- ✓ State-of-the-art campus featuring an Enrichment Center
- ✓ Full Athletic Facility and Turf Field



APPLY ONLINE



## Applications Open November 7th!

40% of the Class of 2024 was accepted to  
CPS Selective Enrollment



Website:  
<https://glachicago.org>



Campus Location:  
8401 S. Saginaw St., Chicago, IL



Telephone:  
(773) 530-3040

PAID FOR BY PUBLIC FUNDS

### 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



## October 7th - November 1st, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8 Power Parents Meeting, 4:30-6:00 pm	9 Comer's Medical Van Visit  8th Grade HSAT Testing  HOME Co-Ed Flag Football vs. St. Patricia, 4:45 pm	10	11 K-2 Family Playdate, 5:00-7:00 pm
14 <b>Indigenous Peoples' Day, No School</b>	15 Staff and Student Spirit Week (Wacky Tacky)  ANET: 2nd-8th Grade  Girls HOME Volleyball Game vs. Morgan Park Academy, 4:30 pm  8th Grade DC Trip Parent Info Meeting (Virtual), 4:30 pm	16 GLA: Community Conversation, 8:00 am  Staff and Student Spirit Week (Unity Day)  ANET: 2nd-8th Grade  AWAY Co-Ed Flag Football vs. St. Patricia, 4:45 pm  IA #1 Navigator (5th-8th)	17 Staff and Student Spirit Week (Iconic Duos)  HOME Co-Ed Flag Football vs. Betty Shabazz, 4:30 pm	18 Staff and Student Spirit Week (Costume Day)  Bus Evacuation Drill  Fall Fest (during school hours, K-8th)
21 8th Grade DC Trip Parent Info Meeting (Virtual), 6:30 pm	22 Picture Day! 📷	23 Fall Cultivate Survey, 5th-8th  AWAY Co-Ed Flag Football vs. St. Patricia, 4:45 pm	24 AWAY Co-Ed Flag Football vs. St. Patricia, 4:45 pm  End of Quarter 1: Report Cards Distributed	25 <b>Staff PD, No School</b>
28 Math IA #1- 4th Grade  Mobile Dentist	29 Math IA #1- 4th Grade  Mobile Dentist	30 Mobile Dentist  The Great Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree (K-8), 5:00-7:00 pm	31 Mobile Dentist  Dia de Los Muertos Celebration	1 <b>Parent Teacher Conferences- No School</b>

Follow Us on Social Media!



Share This Email



Share This Email



Share This Email

Great Lakes Academy Charter School | 8401 S. Saginaw Ave | Chicago, IL 60617 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!