



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

July 22, 2025

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date: The Great Block Party

Save the date for GLA's Annual Great Block Party! Join us on Wednesday, August 13th for a chance to meet teachers and kick off the school year with an event filled with food and fun.





The Enrichment Team is seeking feedback for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please click [here](#) to provide valuable feedback!

2025-26 Student Walker Permission Form



Scholars Must be in 5th-8th Grade in order to have permission to walk home. A new form must be completed and on file with the main office in order for your scholar to be released as a walker (**No Exceptions**). Please click [HERE](#) to complete this form and send it to Maria Jimenez at mjimenez@glachicago.org.

Please note the following:

- My student will be dismissed at 3:20 pm Monday-Thursday and 1:50 pm on Fridays to walk home and if they are picking up a younger scholar, they must come to the "Walker Side" to pick them up.
- GLA does not release students to rideshare services (eg. Lyft, Uber) and will not

accept liability for any student walker who gets in a rideshare vehicle.

- If my 5th-8th grader is picking up their younger sibling, they cannot then join the car pick-up line (i.e. if I am picking up my students by car, K-3rd graders must be picked up in the GLA driveway only). Older students cannot take their younger siblings on Marquette to wait for their ride, they must start walking off the campus.
- If I plan to pick-up my student(s) from school instead, I must notify the front office no later than 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday.
- If the 5th-8th grade sibling is absent from school or is not walking home, the younger scholars will not be permitted to walk alone.

Start the Day Right with School Breakfast!

Did you know that a healthy breakfast helps fuel your child's success? Great Lakes Academy offers nutritious and delicious breakfast options for all students FREE OF CHARGE! Whether it's whole grains, fresh fruit, or protein-packed meals, school breakfast provides the energy your child needs to thrive.

Get breakfast in our school cafeteria daily from 7:00-7:40 am when school is in session.



Please note this [non-discrimination statement](#).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025-26 School Calendar

The 2025-26 school calendar has been posted to GLA's website. Please [view it here](#).

2025-26 School Supply List

Here is the [school supply list](#). Please do not label any supplies with your students name, unless otherwise noted.

GLA Annual Fee: 2025-26

We will be sending out invoices for the 2025-65 annual fee soon. 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)
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.	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.
Student Platform and Software Licenses	Student Platform and Software Licenses

- GoGuardian: Student safety and security platform.
- i-Ready: Math and reading platform that targets individual student needs.
- Wayfinder: Social Emotional Learning Curriculum.
- ANET: Assessment platform used to monitor student progress and ensure students are on-track.
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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 29th! 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.

Join Great Lakes Academy at the WOW Literary Festival!

We're excited to represent GLA as a community vendor at the 4th Annual Words of Wonder (WOW) Literary Festival! Come out for a fun-filled day celebrating literacy, creativity, and community on Saturday, July 26 from 11 AM to 6 PM at the Dr. Conrad Worrill Track & Field Center (10201 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, IL 60628).

Enjoy interactive activities, live readings, and family fun!

Register for FREE at www.wowlitfest.com
We hope to see you there!

Meet us at the
4TH ANNUAL
WOW
**WORDS OF WONDER
LITERARY FESTIVAL**

Come join us on the
South Side of Chicago
for a one-of-a-kind
celebration where
imagination runs wild
and stories come to life!



REGISTER FOR FREE

Scan the QR code or register
through the link below.

COMMUNITY VENDOR



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Free Summer Meals

You can access free meals over the summer/after school has ended! Information on where you can access these free meals is posted [on our website](#) and below.

- Link to summer meal finder tool from USDA: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>
- Link to Summer Meal Finder for Illinois: <http://summerfeedingillinois.org/>
- You can also call 800-359-2163 or text FOODIL or COMIDASIL to 304304 to find a summer feeding location.

Please note this [non-discrimination statement](#).

Interested in sharing feedback on school meals or wellness?

Join us for our virtual Wellness Committee & Menu Advisory Meeting on Tuesday, May 27 at 4:30 PM!

- If you'd like to help shape our school's breakfast and lunch menus or provide input on our wellness policy, we'd love to hear from you.
- Click [here](#) to join the meeting: meet.google.com/bsr-xcko-pnc
- We hope to see you there!

School Year Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 7:30-4:30 pm

Friday, 7:30-2:00 pm

Summer Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:00-2:30 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

July 21 - Aug 15, 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23 Applications & Registration - In Person Assistance 9am - 2pm	24	25
28	29	30 Applications & Registration - In Person Assistance 9am - 2pm	31	1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13 K-8th Back to School Block Party 3:30-5:30	14	15 First Day of School K-1 Grade 8 am -1:50 pm

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