



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

April 23, 2024

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's raise charter voices. CPS is hosting a series of [community events](#) to provide information and hear what families think of the District's Five-Year Strategic Plan Proposal. This district recently stated they wanted to move away from school choice and charters like Great Lakes Academy.

Tell them what you want! Charter families deserve to have their voices heard. On May 1 from 6pm - pm, a meeting will be held right in our community at Corliss High School. Our Executive Director will be present, and we are looking for at least two other parents to come out and let their voices be heard. To register for the sessions, click [here](#). We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Durham at edurham@glachicago.org.

Help Us Grow Our Community: Seeking Kindergarten Students for 2024-25!

As we gear up for another exciting academic year, we're reaching out to you for help in spreading the word. Do you have friends, family, or neighbors with children who will be entering kindergarten this fall? **Encourage them to apply (here: <https://glachicago.org/admissions-application-faqs>)** and become part of our dynamic learning community. Also, remember that our early admission program is open to all students who will turn 5 by December 31st, 2024. Your support in sharing this opportunity is greatly appreciated!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 - 9:30 pm

GALLERIA MARCHETTI
825 W. Erie Street
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.

Wave 3- After-School Programming

- T3 programming will begin 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, with any questions 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:

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 for \$20** 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 22nd - May 17th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 Illinois Science Assessment	23 Illinois Science Assessment	24 Illinois Science Assessment	25	26
29 Power Parent Meeting <i>4:00-6:00 pm</i>	30 El Día Del Niño Celebration	1 First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	2 Spring Cultivate Survey <i>Grades 5-8</i> GLA Spring Benefit <i>6:00-10:00 pm</i> <i>Galleria Marchetti</i>	3 8th Grade Portraits Mid-Trimester 3 Progress Reports 24-25 Annual Forms Due
6 Staff Appreciation Week Mobile Dentist	7 Staff Appreciation Week	8 Staff Appreciation Week	9 Staff Appreciation Week Last Day of Spring Athletics	10 Staff Appreciation Week Book Fair 5th-8th Grade Spring Ball <i>5:30-7:30 pm</i>
13 Book Fair	14 Book Fair	15 Book Fair	16 Book Fair Virtual 7th Grade HS Success Info Session <i>6:00-7:00 pm</i>	17 Haitian Flag Day Celebration Decision Day <i>9:00-11:00 am</i>

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