



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter  
November 14, 2024

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Titus Perez - Athletic Director/Middle School C&F Teacher**

**Tell us one of your favorite memories from your time at GLA.**

My favorite memory is the very first pep rally last school year. The energy in the gym that day has still yet to be matched.

**Tell us one of your proudest teacher moments.**

Seeing so many 8th graders accepted into selective enrollment schools last year.

**What made you want to become a teacher (or what made you want to work in a school)?**

I've always wanted to help impact the growth and success rate of young men in impoverished communities. Teaching has allowed me to go beyond that!

**What keeps you coming back to GLA every day?**

The kids! I always say I will never teach at another school. I wholeheartedly believe the kids at GLA are unmatched! As long as I decide to continue teaching, I will continue to come back!

**Where are you originally from? (If Chicago, tell us what neighborhood!) What do you love about that place?**

Chicago, Auburn Gresham (77th & Loomis). I loved the sense of community and the endless entertainment.

**We all know teaching can be a stressful job! What's your favorite way to unwind?**

Read sports, watch sports or play sports video games lol.

**What's your dream vacation?**

Any pretty island or land where my hotel can be on the water.

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

At GLA we are focused on curating

and fostering a sports community that prioritizes trust, collaboration, and character through athletics. We strive to create a winning culture on and off the field/court.



This season our co-ed flag football team was a true reflection of these values. Our hard working athletes were extremely self-disciplined and created a sense of camaraderie. The team had a phenomenal season as they competed hard, played together, and exhibited exemplary sportsmanship. The GLA beacons went undefeated in the regular season, won their league's regular season title, and won the South Shore Bowl against Betty Shabazz, bringing home the trophy. Unfortunately, our Beacons lost the league tournament championship game.

Our girls volleyball team had a season filled with grit and determination. The team fought hard throughout the season, pushing through all of their adversities. Their character and athletic growth, maturity, and leadership development was unmatched. The energy that this team and the rest of athletics has brought to GLA is something we want to continue to build on.

Sports are an important part of the student experience at GLA. When done well, the student athlete experience is one that builds character and self-discipline. It helps students learn what it means to work together as a team and put yourself before others in service of a broader goal. We are looking forward to our winter and spring sports seasons and what they will offer student participants.

### Principal's Honor Roll

Arroyo Sandoval, Jonathan  
Chester, Ta'Nyah  
De La Cruz, Johan  
Frazier, Alexandria  
Price, Nakiyah  
Rias, D'Amari  
Smith, Trinity  
Stewart, Justin  
Torres, Deangelo  
White, Kaleb  
Wricks, Jayden

### High Honor Roll

Acosta, Melina  
Anderson, Kimora  
Avila, Noah  
Azard, Esdras  
Benson, Oluwashomi  
Boyd, Amir  
Boyd, Cherish  
Brown, Camryn  
Brown, Jazae  
Campbell, Zhaiden  
Carter, Cassidy  
Catlett, Cyle  
Daniels Jr, Rashaan  
Dotson, Damareyah  
Evans, Makayla  
Gipson, La'Majay  
Gonnigan, Aniyah  
Guerrier, Alexzandrea  
Harris, E'Miyah  
Hodge, Troy  
Horton, Khari  
Jackson, Londyn

### Honor Roll

Andrews, Sean  
Barjebo, Emani  
Bennett, Chevelle  
Bolling, Aaliyah  
Bowen, Kevin  
Brantley, Anila  
Brown, Cheyenne  
Brown, Damani  
Brown, Markel  
Carter, Jaiden  
Chester, D'Niyah  
Clark, Trayvon  
Collins, Omar  
Crouch, Messiah  
Davis, Demitri  
Davis, Kaden  
Dean, Keyarah  
Dixon, Seaven  
Douglas, Calyce  
Earley, Elizabeth  
Edmond, Emani  
Edmond, Eyonna

Jean-Baptiste, Caleb  
Jean-Baptiste, Samuel  
Jean-Charles, Jordan  
Johnson, Zayvion  
Johnson, Zyannah  
Joiner, Mariah  
Jones, Leila  
Jones, Mia  
King, Cary  
Lee, Lyriq  
Lennett, Kaylee  
Martinez, Alondra  
Moore, Jonathon  
Moore, KaMya  
Muhammad, Imani  
Overton, Terrance  
Owens, Maliyah  
Pean, Preston  
Pena, Maximiliano  
Poston, Jerne  
Railey, Lamonze  
Ramirez, Natali  
Stowers, Rashaun  
Supre, Abygaelle  
Taylor, Elijah  
Thomas, Johnathan  
Valdivia, Aymar  
Ward, Jaliyah  
Williams, Gabriella  
Williams, Jamaya  
Williams, Kameron  
Wright, Meagan

Ellis, Avah  
Evans, Ma'Laila  
Foster Jr., Odin  
Franklin, Zoey  
Gonnigan, Azaniyah  
Goodrich, Aiden  
Hall, Jayla  
Henry, Denim  
Hudson, Kimberly  
Hughes, Daniel  
Jackson, Amanda  
Jackson, Immanuel  
Jackson, Isaiah  
Jackson, Jaslyn  
Jacobs, Sumeyre  
Johnson, Ja'nya  
Johnson, Zion  
Joseph, Tracy  
Kizer, Deriana  
March, Skylar  
Martinez, Nathan  
Mason, Lazerick  
Mccan, Devyn  
McCollough, Mal'Akhi  
McCollough, Mekhi  
Mercer, Alyzah  
Moret, Latavion  
Neal, Teagan  
Ohiri, Justice  
Patterson, Kayden  
Pean, Priscilla  
Peavy, Demetrius  
Penn, Rosilyn  
Poston, Ayden  
Ray, Charisma  
Romero, Kara  
Ross, Kendall  
Sellers, Ramell  
Shearer, Raymoni  
Simmons, Laila  
Sloan, Ja'Marion  
Solomon, Lizbeth  
Steele, Naomi  
Taylor, Jamiyah  
Valdivia, Abigail  
Valdivia, Nicole  
Vinson, Kennedy  
Watkins, Au'Lani  
Williams, Eden  
Williams, Jah'Liya  
Williams, Samaiya  
Woodfork, Chloe  
Woodfork, Corinne  
Wortham, Alaysia



# NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Title IX Training

CPS District's Office of Student Protection and Title IX's commitment to this endeavor includes providing training on preventing and reporting abuse to all Pre-K-12 CPS students. The Office of Student Protection and Title IX (OSP) Sexual Misconduct, Title IX, and Bias-based Behavior Student Training covers the following five learning objectives using developmentally appropriate language:

1. Students will understand CPS Title IX Policy and Discrimination Statement.
2. Students will know who the Title IX Coordinator is, what OSP does, and how to contact OSP.
3. Students will understand what constitutes sexual harassment and bias-based harm.
4. Students will be aware of the resources available to students who report sexual harassment, retaliation, or bias-based harm, including supportive measures pending an investigation.
5. Students will know what to do if they believe they or other students have been subjected to sexual harassment or bias-based harm.

The sessions, which are all around 30 minutes long and broken down by grade, will take place on **Tuesday, November 19th**, during students' morning meetings or advisory. Parents can opt out of the Title IX Student Training. Today, Title IX Forms were sent home with all students. If you opt your child out, please return the attached form to the Office or Ms. Melissa. If you wish to teach your child this material yourself, you can access the videos of the sessions on the OSP website at [www.cps.edu/osp](http://www.cps.edu/osp).

## Immediate Kindergarten Enrollment

We have an exciting update! Great Lakes Academy currently has five open Kindergarten seats available for immediate enrollment! If you know a family looking for a high-quality, supportive learning environment for their child, this is a great opportunity to join the GLA community. Feel free to share this message and flyer with friends, neighbors, and anyone you know who might be interested. Let's bring more amazing families into our GLA family!



# Great Lakes Academy

Looking for a high-quality, supportive learning environment for your child?  
Great Lakes Academy has five kindergarten seats open for immediate enrollment!



## Why Choose GLA?

- ✓ Free and open admission to all
- ✓ Full-day kindergarten with early entry for 4-year-olds
- ✓ Free 7AM drop-off and daily meals provided
- ✓ State-of-the-art campus featuring an enrichment center
- ✓ Full athletic facility and turf field



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## 8th Grade: HSAT Results

In October, 8th grade scholars took the High School Admissions Test (HSAT). Results can be viewed now on each scholar's GoCPS account. If you need help accessing your account, please select "forgot password" to reset your account or email Ms. O'Leary ([coleary@glachicago.org](mailto:coleary@glachicago.org))

## GoCPS High School Applications: **Deadline Extended** Friday, November 22nd

The GoCPS deadline has been extended to Friday, November 22nd at 5pm. There will not be a re-rank period, all submissions and rankings will be locked. If you need help accessing your account, please select "forgot password" to reset your account or email Ms. O'Leary ([coleary@glachicago.org](mailto:coleary@glachicago.org))

## 6th Grade Enrichment Opportunity: High Jump

High Jump is a year round tuition-free, academic enrichment program. For over 30 years, High Jump has been committed to supporting Chicago's middle school youth with one-of-a-kind experiences, access to resources, and educational opportunities. In High Jump, scholars will make new friends, gain meaningful experiences like field trips, high school networking, hand-on learning activities, and discover new interests such as visual arts, film studies, music history and more!

To learn more about High Jump and its application requirements, please join us on **Wednesday, November 13th** from 5:30-6:30 for a virtual information session.

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/hmf-nwxu-cxy>

**Join us on our next Community Outing!**

JOIN US!

# COMMUNITY OUTING

CHICAGO BULLS  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH GAME

TICKETS AS LOW AS

\$66



VS



CHICAGO BULLS

DETROIT PISTONS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

UNITED CENTER

PRE-SHOW: 5:45 PM

TIP-OFF: 7:00 PM

TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT:

[HTTPS://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/GROUPLAKESACADEMY](https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/grouplakesacademy)





ACOMPAÑANOS!

# SALIDA COLECTIVA

## CHICAGO BULLS

JUEGO PARA CELEBRAR EL MES DE LA HERENCIA AFROAMERICANA

BOLETOS A TAN SOLO **\$66**

CHICAGO BULLS VS DETROIT PISTONS

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UNITED CENTER  
PRE-SHOW: 5:45 PM  
TIP-OFF: 7:00 PM

PARA COMPRAR BOLETOS VISITA:  
[HTTPS://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/GROUPLAKESACADEMY](https://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/GROUPLAKESACADEMY)



Scan the QR code or click here [Purchase Bulls Tickets Here!!!](https://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/GROUPLAKESACADEMY)

### 6th- 8th Grade Family Scavenger Hunt

Join us on **Friday, December 6, 2024**, from **5 PM - 7 PM** for an exciting evening of family fun and adventure at Great Lakes Academy! **Important:** All students must attend with a parent or guardian.

**RSVP today!** Scan the QR code on the flyer to register and secure your spot.

We can't wait to see you there for an evening of exploration and excitement! Let's make this a night to remember!

6th- 8th Grade

# FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT



Friday, December 6, 2024  
5pm-7pm

RSVP TODAY:



Must attend with  
parent/guardian

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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



## November 11th - December 6th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 GLA Week of Gratitude	12 GLA Week of Gratitude Parent Engagement Meeting, 4:30-6 pm	13 GLA Week of Gratitude	14 GLA Week of Gratitude IA #2 (3rd Grade)	15 GLA Week of Gratitude IA #2 (3rd Grade)
18 Wave 2 After-School Programs Begin	19	20 GLA Community Conversation, 8 am IA #2 (5th-8th Grade)	21 IA #2 (1st-2nd Grade)	22 IA #2 (1st-2nd Grade)
25 <b>Fall Break, No School</b>	26 <b>Fall Break, No School</b>	27 <b>Fall Break, No School</b>	28 <b>Fall Break, No School</b>	29 <b>Fall Break, No School</b>
2 Winter Book Fair	3 Winter Book Fair Shelter in Place Drill #1	4 Winter Book Fair	5 Winter Book Fair	6 Winter Book Fair Family Scavenger Hunt (6th-8th grade), 5:00-7:00 pm

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