



# Gary Lighthouse Charter School

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

NWEA TESTING (K-8)	ONGOING
MCLASS (K-2)	ONGOING
Parent Meeting	9/26
MOBILE DENTIST	9/20-9/21
SCHOOL PHOTOS	9/29-9/30
Columbus Day (no school)	10/10

## WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? ~BY PRINCIPAL SHULTZ

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, a charter school is *a public school operated independently of the local school board, often with a curriculum and educational philosophy different from the other schools in the system.* Our philosophy is based on the simple idea that ALL students have the right and ability to go to college! I would also like to think that our educational philosophy is this... WE BELIEVE! We BELIEVE that ALL our students are successful, and that it's our job to show them their true potential. We BELIEVE that high expectations for students will equal excellent results. We also BELIEVE that we should expect nothing less than excellence! This is a belief we hope you share with us. If our scholars BE-

LIEVE that we all want them to succeed, THEY WILL SUCCEED!

I know we've made many changes this year. But I firmly BELIEVE the changes help us better educate your scholars! More than ever, our focus is on making Lighthouse scholars high achievers, so they have the ability to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, politicians, and even athletes!

We will continue to push students to success, but we need family commitment as well. Please join us in BELIEVING that ALL scholars WILL go to college!!

### Don't Forget:

1. **Wednesdays we dismiss at 2:00—car riders must be picked up by 2:15.**
2. Update your emergency contact information when it changes!
3. Don't forget Parent Portal is available to all parents to see your scholar's grades.
4. Uniforms shirts are sold Fridays from 8-12.
5. To contact a teacher, enter first initial, last name @lighthouse-academies.org (ex..kshultz@lighthouse-academies.org)

### GLCS PARENT MEETING 9/26 6:00 PM

We will sponsor our first parent meeting Monday, 9/26 at 6:00 in the auditorium. The evening will begin with a welcome and Q&A session for the leadership team. At 6:30 promptly, an officer from the Lake County gang task force will speak with parents about gang activity in Gary. We know this has been a concern for our families, so we are inviting parents and community members to become more informed. See you there!

### BOX TOPS AND SOUP LABELS ARE BACK!!!!

We are once again collecting box tops and soup labels! Last year, we collected over \$200 in box tops to put toward student activities. This year, we are hoping to collect even more! Every box top you save earns us 10 cents...some tops are even double!

Soup Labels earn us products such as

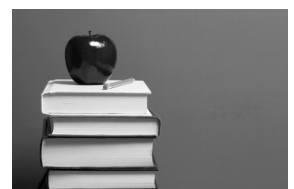
games, sports equipment, computers, books, and art supplies!

To entice students to get involved in the collecting, we will have quarterly contests. The class that collects the most box tops and soup labels will be treated to a class party!!!

For more information, go to [http://](http://www.boxtops4education.com/default.aspx)

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Kristina Shultz...Interim Principal  
 Andrea Granzow...Director of Instruction (K-4)  
 Melissa Lafever...Director of Instruction (5-8)  
 Erika Blackmon...Director of School Culture  
 Terrell Lockett...Special Education  
 Erica Williams...Family Coordinator  
 Robin Danzy...Business Manager  
 Ralynn Crockett...Office Assistant

### Visit GLCS online!

If you or someone you know didn't get the Friday letter, everything we send home is posted on our LHA website. We encourage to visit the website for our national organization, Lighthouse Academies. The site is located at [www.lighthouse-academies.org](http://www.lighthouse-academies.org) Click on schools, Indiana, then Gary. You will find all the information about our school, including the newsletter! Lighthouse Academies and Gary Lighthouse even have Facebook pages!



### Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts for the GLCS Spartans basketball team will convene September 27th-28th from 4- 5 p.m. Each day will be a closed tryout. Interested students should report to the gym with their progress reports, t-shirts, gym shorts, and basketball shoes and wait for permission to change from Coach Pullins. No siblings—No Exceptions! There will be 2 cuts. First cut will be made by skill and potential on October 1st; 2nd by grades, October 14th. Practices are mandatory and players will be suspended from games if grades or behavior become a problem.

6th Grade Boys - September 27th

5th Grade Boys - September 28th

4th Grade Boys - September 29th

Once again, the 7-8 grade will be a combined team with West Gary Lighthouse.. Tryouts will be announced in the near future.



#### 4-6 Girls Basketball tryouts

Monday 4:00-6:00

Tuesday 4:00-6:00

Coach Wilcher will give further information on these days.

**7/8 Girls Basketball** will resume on Wednesday, September 21 from 2:30-6:00.

Beginning 9/26, Practice Days are

Monday 4:00-6:00

Wednesday 2:30-6:00

Friday 4:00-6:00

*"A small group of thought people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

*~Margaret Mead*

### Happy Birthday to.....

Miss Bozetarnik...9/19

Miss Jakubowski...9/20

Mrs. Williams...9/22

9/16...Taneia H.

9/17...Bennie C.,

9/19...Gabriela F.

9/20...Shallun C.

9/21...Yolanda G.

9/22...La'Kisha M., JaRon G.

### Affy Tapple Fundraiser September 19-October 14

The cheerleader/pompom teams will be hosting an Affy Tapple fundraiser. Fresh, crisp apples, buttery handmade caramel offset with delicious toppings will be available. Hurry and place your orders! Proceeds will go towards their activities and end-of-the-year program.