



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Thank you!

We would like to thank all parents for a smooth drop-off on the first day of school! All children were in their respective classrooms for a prompt start. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Meet the teacher

We would like to invite you to an information evening on 23rd August 2018 from 5:00p.m. to 6:30p.m. It is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teachers and ask any questions you may have. General information on school organization and the new academic year will be presented by the Principal from 5:00 to 5:15 in the auditorium at Fagskole Gjøvik* (Teknologiveien 12, 2815 Gjøvik). Next, homeroom teachers and specialist teachers will provide more detailed information regarding specific classes and their curriculum. This part of the evening will take place from 5:20 to 6:00 in respective classrooms at GIS. Finally,

from 6:00 to 6:30, you will have an opportunity to chat with other parents and GIS staff in the school's cafeteria. We look forward to seeing all parents at the event.

* Fagskole Gjøvik is located behind GIS. If you are not sure where to go, please come to GIS and you will be directed from there.

Communication

In order to ensure effective communication between home and school, please contact your child's class teacher directly regarding any issues, e.g. early departure or sickness. Teacher emails all follow the same pattern (name.middlename.surname@gjovikis.no, e.g. adam.armanski@gjovikis.no). For last minute changes, please call us at 24076141.

Below you will find the complete list of GIS staff. Please note that we use English letters in email addresses.

Ms. Sabina Michelotti	Grade 1
Mr. Eric Zarouba	Grade 2
Ms. Kimberley Zemplak	Grade 3 & PYP Coordinator
Ms. Cindy van den Heuvel	Grade 4 & Primary Principal
Mr. Eric Toohey	Grade 5
Ms. Nina Haavi	PYP Norwegian
Mr. Svein Roar Coldevin	PYP PE & MYP Norwegian
Mr. Geir F. Stavsøien	PYP & MYP Music
Mr. Timothy Mills	MYP Individuals and Societies & PE, Grade 6 homeroom teacher
Mr. Paul Venter	MYP Maths & MYP Coordinator, Grade 7 homeroom teacher
Mr. Espen Øye Bjørkvold	MYP Norwegian & German, Grade 8 homeroom teacher
Ms. Annie Termaat	MYP Science & Secondary Principal, Grade 9 homeroom teacher
Ms. Agata Wiczorek	MYP English & Art
Mr. Ragnar Görögh	MYP Design & PYP assistant

Ms. Gwynne Rasen	Library & EAL support
Ms. Miriam Haugen	Learning Support (on maternity leave until December 2018)
Ms. Ingeborg Storaas	Learning Support (cover for maternity leave until December 2018)
Ms. Alice Wanda	Counsellor and Learning Support
Mr. Dennis Wanda	Senior Assistant (Grade 4)
Ms. Anna Kaczor	Teaching assistant (Grade 1)
Ms. Diane Toohey	Teaching assistant (Grade 2)
Ms. Jodi Benson	Teaching assistant (Grade 3)
Ms. Yvette Roberts	Teaching assistant (Grade 5)
Ms. Ida Berger	Teaching assistant
Ms. Marina Shalaginova	Child care (SFO)
Ms. Pernille Amundsen	Apprentice

New teacher

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Svein Roar Coldevin as our new PYP PE (Physical Education) and MYP Norwegian teacher. Mr. Coldevin brings a wealth of experience as a sports coach and has most recently taught at Gjøvik High School. He replaces Mr. Crnko in the PYP and will co-teach MYP Norwegian with Mr. Bjørkvold. Mr. Coldevin will teach Grade 6 and 7, and Mr. Bjørkvold will teach Grade 8 and 9. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr. Coldevin good luck and thank Mr. Crnko for his work at GIS.

School nurse

We say goodbye to Nurse Monica, who worked at GIS last academic year, and wish her good luck in her new assignment. We are pleased to welcome Nurse Karine (Ms. Solveig Karine Mjølstad Fossholt). This academic year, she will see students and parents at the Learning Centre.

Clubs

We are currently finalizing our new offer of clubs. If you are interested in running a club, please contact Ms. Sabina Michelotti by the end of this week. Please include a brief description of the club and information regarding costs. Clubs start the week of 3rd September and continue for 12 consecutive weeks. We hope to offer a wide range of activities to create opportunities for students to interact in mixed-age groups in a relaxed atmosphere.

Detailed information regarding this year's offer will be presented next week. Takers will sign up through our website.

Personal number – NEW PARENTS

Like other schools, GIS is required to report current enrollment levels to the Ministry of Education. Apart from each child's name, we are required to provide the child's full personal number/personnummer (11 digits/siffer). If your child is new to GIS this academic year, please ensure that you submit the number to your child's class/homeroom teacher this week. The parents who bring their children to school in the morning may want to do it in person; others may want to send the number with their child rather than by email for security reasons.

Appropriate clothes

This is just to remind you that each child needs to have appropriate shoes for school, including science and PE. Please note that slippers, sandals and/or flip flops are inappropriate for school. Also, please ensure that your child has rain gear. Primary students (Grades 1-5) should also have a set of spare clothes in their cubby.

Late arrival

It is important that students arrive at school on time so that they can start classes promptly at 8:30am. At the beginning of the day, teachers introduce the day's plan and answer students' questions about what is going to happen. Students who are late miss the introduction and disrupt the flow of the class.

Students who arrive at school after 8:30am need to register in the office before they go to the classroom. They receive a late slip, which they need to give to the teacher. If a student comes late to the classroom without a late slip, he/she will be asked to return to the office to collect a late slip.

Visual Image Consent Form – NEW PARENTS

We would like to thank the parents who have returned the form already. We would be very grateful if you could complete and return the attached Visual Image Consent Form to us as soon as possible. NOTE: Returning parents need to submit a new form ONLY if they want to withdraw their consent.

School Departure Form – ALL PARENTS

Thank you for submitting the form for your child. If you have not done so already, please complete and hand the form in as soon as possible. It helps us ensure safety at GIS. We understand you may not be certain at this point what your routines will be for the rest of the year. However, amendments can be made at any time, so please submit a form that reflects your current routine and feel free to change it in the future.

Health

Your child's safety is our priority. Therefore, we need to be aware of any health issues that may affect him/her at school. Please inform your child's class teacher of any conditions and provide any advice you can to allow us to act quickly and effectively in an emergency.

Homework

PYP (Grades 1-5)

Please note that during this academic year students will receive homework on Thursday and it will be due in the following Wednesday. The arrangement will allow students to identify the best time during the week to complete assignments. Please note that the first homework this year will be assigned on 30th August 2017.

MYP (Grades 6-8)

MYP students have a separate homework timetable, which is incorporated in the timetable they received yesterday.

School photos

School photos will be taken on **7th September 2018**, including class, individual and sibling photos. Following the session, parents will receive a link to their child's photos. Selection and payment are made online and photos are delivered within a few days. Like last year, we will use <http://ariel.no/> .

Leave of absence

According to Norwegian Law, students are allowed to miss up to 10 days of school in an academic year. Parents are required to apply for a leave of absence in advance and it is the Principal's prerogative to approve or reject each application. The principal **must** reject all applications if the absence is longer than 10 days.

If a child misses more than 10 days, he/she loses his/her place. Parents may reapply. However, if there is a waiting list, the next child on the list is accepted. Should a child's education be compromised due to absenteeism, the school will contact the child protection agency.

Please ensure you submit an application (attached) each time your child needs to miss school.

Milk and snack

Parents can order milk, yoghurt, carrots, etc. through <https://www.skolelyst.no/>. The selected products are delivered to GIS every Tuesday and distributed during lunch break for the rest of the week.

SFO

We are pleased to confirm you can still enroll your child in before and after-school childcare (SFO). Please send a completed form to post@gjovikis.no.

Swimming classes

Swimming classes start on 30th August 2018 according to the timetable at the end of the newsletter. Following regular classes at school, students will have lunch and some play time at GIS. They will then walk from the school supervised by assistants, who will also supervise the students in changing rooms.

Please note that students will be back at GIS at 3:30PM. If you need to collect your child at Fjellhallen, please inform Mr. Görögh in advance, no later than 10:00am on the day.

Please ensure your child brings the following items on the days when he/she has swimming classes:

- Bathing suit
- Swim cap
- Shower gel/soap
- TWO towels

Toys

Unless it has been approved by a teacher, toys should not be brought to school.

School support contact details

If you have any questions about the matters below, please contact the relevant person:

Taxi (GIS)

Dennis Wanda

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Taxi/bus (Kommune) Ingrid Raasholm ingrid.raasholm@gjovik.kommune.no

School nurse Solveig Karine Mjølstad Fossholt
Solveig-Karine.Mjolstad-Fossholt@gjovik.kommune.no

Swimming Ragnar Görögh ragnar.gorogh@gjovikis.no

SFO Marina Shalaginova sfo@gjovikis.no

Swimming timetable

Grade	Date
Grade 2	30.08.18
	06.09.18
	13.09.18
	20.09.18
	27.09.18
	11.10.18
	18.10.18
Grade 3	25.10.18
	01.11.18
	08.11.18
	15.11.18
	22.11.18
	29.11.18
	06.12.18
Grade 5	03.01.19
	10.01.19
	17.01.19
	24.01.19
	31.01.19
	07.02.19

	14.02.19
Grade 4	21.02.19 07.03.19 14.03.19 21.03.19 28.03.19 04.04.19 11.04.19
Grade 1	25.04.19 02.05.19 09.05.19 16.05.19 23.05.19 06.06.19 13.06.19