



# GIS NEWSLETTER

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## MYP authorization

We would like to thank everyone that has contributed to the successful authorization of GIS to offer the IB Middle Years Programme. As you may remember, we started the programme with a combined Grade 6-7 class of 20 students. The teachers had to wear many hats, creating a curriculum from scratch and delivering it at the same time. The number of MYP students has more than doubled since then and the MYP team has been strengthened with experienced educators. Parents supported us throughout, among other things, by attending meetings with our assigned MYP consultant and during the recent verification visit. Together, we have created a programme that was described in our authorization report as follows:

*The school has built a stimulating learning environment based on understanding and respect where students feel confident to take risks and challenge themselves.*

Once again, thank you, everyone, for making this possible!

## GIS Yearbook 2018/2019

We are pleased to inform you that GIS Yearbook 2018-2019 is available [here](#). The cost of a copy is USD16.99 plus delivery. You can preview the yearbook before placing an order. Also, families may want to place joint orders to be eligible for discounts and save money on delivery. Happy viewing and shopping!

## Next academic year

This is the last newsletter this academic year. However, next week, you will receive information regarding next year, including information on new employees, etc. At this point, we would like to thank the staff that leave GIS at the end of this academic year:

**Ms. Sabina Michelotti** has worked at GIS since August 2017 and in this time introduced two Grade 1 classes to international education in general and the IB PYP in particular. She took her students on great learning adventures, teaching them skills they will use for the rest of their lives. We wish Ms. Michelotti good luck at her new school in Switzerland!

**Mr. Eric Zarouba** joined GIS as a Grade 2 teacher last academic year. He created multiple opportunities for his students to become independent learners in and outside the classroom as well as contributed to the maths programme in Grade 3. We wish Mr. Zarouba all the best at his new school in Germany!

**Ms. Marina Shalaginova** has worked as an SFO supervisor at GIS since August 2017 and she also often substituted for absent staff. She was well liked and respected by students and colleagues alike and will be remembered fondly. We wish Ms. Shalaginova good luck in her new position at NTNU and hope she visits GIS next academic year

**Ms. Ida Berger** has worked at GIS as a teaching assistant during her gap year. She also assisted in swimming classes for PYP students. Ms. Berger will continue her education at university level next academic year. Good luck!

## Report cards

Report cards will be issued electronically on the last day of school, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 via ManageBac. A notification will be sent to you by email as soon as the report cards become available. Please contact us if you experience difficulties accessing your child's report card.

## Summer reading programme at Gjøvik library

The programme has been recommended to us by several parents whose children enjoyed it last year. It is a great opportunity for children to develop their love of reading. You can find more information here: [www.sommerles.no](http://www.sommerles.no)

## School support contact details

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

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