



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Meet the teacher

We would like to invite you to an information evening on 29th August 2019 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 Mr Armanski 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. **The Parent Council would like to take this opportunity to confirm current or identify new class representatives for this academic year. Each class should be represented by two parents.**

* 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.

Bake Sale at Meet the Teacher Night

Grade 10 students will be selling cakes this Thursday evening in order to raise money for their trip to Berlin, so you may want to bring some change. Also, what is left that evening will be sold to students (PYP and MYP) the following day (Friday, 30 August).

Staffet for Livet (Relay for Life)

GIS is excited to be participating in this upcoming charity event. If you are not familiar with Relay for Life, it is a world-wide Cancer Awareness event taking place in 28 countries with around 4 million participants. It is one of the largest non-profit charity events in the world and it will be coming to Gjøvik for the first time on Saturday, September 14th. The event is a 24-hour relay taking place from 12PM on Saturday to 12PM Sunday. You can sign up for as much time as you wish and participants can run, walk, skate, wheelchair etc.

If you or your family are interested in participating, GIS will have a tent at the event. Please contact Mr. Mills, (timothy.mills@gjovikis.no) to sign up and add your name to the event and we will be in touch with more details.

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.

GIS featured in the IBO blog

GIS is very proud to have had two articles published on the IB Community Blog, which showcases the diversity of programmes and practices in IB schools around the world. The information in the articles represents a collective effort by our school community, teachers and students.

IDUs in tiny MYP Schools (Part 1): When Small is beautiful

IDUs in tiny MYP Schools (Part 2): Seamless teaching, engaged learning

You can read both interactive presentations here:

<http://blogs.ibo.org/?s=myp&submit=Search>

Annie Termaat

Secondary Principal

MYP: Annual Agreements and Information

At the beginning of every academic year, GIS teachers will be reviewing school practices with their classes, either in the homeroom or when relevant work is set in a subject.

- Academic Honesty
- Acceptable use of ICT

You will be aware that students use the school's laptops and ipads on almost daily, and when they synthesise assignments using various sources, they should habitually acknowledge this is the work of others. You can also support your child's development of academic honesty by offering to proof-read their work, checking that references/ materials are acknowledged (MLA referencing). This kind of support shows your children that you are interested in their education. But if they don't want your help, please respect that choice. Copies of all the schools' policies can be found on our website (<http://www.gjovikis.no/school-policies/>).

In response to the growth of the school, GIS has also developed an MYP Student Handbook to help students understand features of the school and the MYP. There is quite a lot of information to cover, therefore homeroom teachers will also be helping students read through and discuss it. For your information, an electronic copy is also available on the website (<http://www.gjovikis.no/academics/myp/>).

We are pleased to report that these have already been signed by nearly every student in Grades 7 and 8!

Thank you for your assistance in this.

Annie Termaat
Secondary Principal

MYP: Optional e-assessment in Mathematics and Integrated science

Did you know that there are alternative routes to MYP Certification? Currently, all our graduating Grade 10 students will be offered school-based certification, and an externally validated result for their MYP Personal Project (as is mandatory). One option for grading in some subjects is for students to sit a 2-hour interactive on-screen examination, at a cost. GIS is exploring the interest in this by our parent and student community for this option, initially in two subjects only.

In both Grades 9 and 10, some students have already indicated an interest, which at this stage, does not commit them to sitting the test. Therefore, content and skills in Mathematics and Science will be aligned completely from this point forward with information the IB provides, including the relevant Global Context for the 2020 and 2021 on-screen tasks. We will confirm details, including payment requests, with interested families closer to the registration dates for these two IB examinations.

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Secondary Principal

Yearbook 2018-2019

The GIS Yearbook 2018-2019 is available for sale until **31 August 2019** [here](#). The cost of a copy is USD16.99 plus delivery. You can preview the yearbook before placing an order.

Clubs

Thank you for enrolling your child in after-school clubs. We are currently collating the information and will email you student lists tomorrow. We are pleased to inform you that two additional clubs will be offered this year. One of them is BrainObtain (information attached) and the other one is YoungCoderz (information will be forwarded to you once we receive it). Please note that both clubs are delivered by external providers.

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.

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.

Swimming classes

Swimming classes start on 29th August 2019 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

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	Kristin Bratland	TBA
Swimming	Ragnar Görögh	ragnar.gorogh@gjovikis.no
SFO	Anna Kaczor (till the end of August)	anna.kaczor@gjovikis.no

Swimming timetable

Grade	Date
Grade 2	29.08.19
	05.09.19
	12.09.19
	19.09.19
	26.09.19
	10.10.19
	19.10.19
Grade 3	24.10.19
	31.10.19
	07.11.19
	14.11.19
	21.11.19
	28.11.19
	05.12.19
	12.12.19
09.01.20	
Grade 4	16.01.20
	23.01.20
	30.01.20
	06.02.20
	13.02.20
	20.02.20

	05.03.20 12.03.20
Grade 1	19.03.20 26.03.20 02.04.20 16.04.20 23.04.20 07.05.20 14.05.20 28.05.20