Annual Coconut Grove Pumpkin Patch Festival

The Advanced Chorus and Intermediate Chorus were invited to perform for the second year in a row at the annual Coconut Grove Pumpkin Patch Festival on October 6. They performed on the main stage at this family event, which draws thousands of visitors yearly to Peacock Park for entertainment, games and fun. The two choruses’ professionalism and dynamic performance has already earned them an invitation to perform again next year. Both choruses also performed at the Paws 4 You Rescue “Howl-O-Ween” event at Pinecrest Gardens on October 26, at the Main Stage. We are so proud of these students who are out there making a difference in their community with their talent.

Singing + Community Spirit = Gulliver Academy Chorus!
Head of Schools Corner

Dear Gulliver Parents,

As we head into Thanksgiving break, it seems fitting to stop and acknowledge the many blessings for which my wife Betsy and I are grateful. As I have said many times – but cannot say enough – this school community has been incredibly welcoming to us, and we have felt very much at home since our first day here. In the recent issue of the English department publication The Pudding, new Preparatory School Principal Jonathan Schoenwald and I wrote “point-counterpoint” pieces on the topic of home, and whether it is where you are currently or where you are from. While I argued the latter, I happily admit that Gulliver and Miami have clearly become home to us. The dynamic region, the active and growing cultural life, the openness of the many diverse communities that make up South Florida and are reflected at our school, plus the incredible place that is Gulliver – all combine to make this the perfect place for us to be. We are thankful to have made Gulliver and Miami our home.

I also am thankful for this entire school community’s willingness to engage. I have had help and support at every turn. Students and alumni regularly stop to talk or send me emails, eager to share their Gulliver experiences and answer questions.

Parents, too, have that same Raider Pride and are excited to engage with Gulliver. They have explained existing practices and events, such as the Halloween Parade, and have been open to new ones, such as rethinking Academy Open House tours to better welcome prospective families or volunteer to start a new senior class tradition of a pool party to kick off Homecoming and Spirit Week. They have been eager to help work to actively engage more parents through Parents’ Association meetings. The sense of partnership is strong and the possibilities it opens up for our students are amazing.

Faculty and staff are enthusiastic and dedicated. I am excited to come to work each day and work with our nearly 500-person staff to provide for the needs of our students and our programs. Everyone has embraced this school year’s theme of “imagine” and imagined different or better programs, ways of working and opportunities to build on our tradition of educational leadership.

This engagement was especially prevalent in our recent in-service day. Our educational leadership, including principals and department chairs, put together a day of workshops that included philosophical and practical working sessions such as:

- Guest speakers teaching about curriculum development for water sustainability in science courses
- Using the Reminders app to assist students and faculty organize and better plan short- and long-term projects
- Travel to Florida International University to partner with FIU’s STEM faculty for engineering, computer science and biomedical curriculum
- Sharing ways to generate and use assessment data to track and improve student learning in our earliest grades
- Ways to use technology such as TI calculators and computers in classrooms to enhance student engagement and learning

Our students, parents, administrators, faculty and staff all share a creative spirit and willingness to innovate, for which I am also grateful. These are qualities that have long been part of the Gulliver mission and ethos, embodied in Mrs. K, and in that spirit we are implementing a new initiative to analyze the best steps. Selected teachers within each Gulliver division will pilot a variety of curricular units that will utilize a “one to one” computer environment, where each student in the class will have a computer for the entire unit. These will include a number of different types of computers in the various divisions, such as Chromebooks, iPads, Surface Pros and laptops. We will measure the technologies’ impact on student learning and develop a set of recommendations for Gulliver in terms of our network and system priorities, our faculty and student training needs and which types of hardware and software will allow us to make the greatest impact. We will conduct this work through the second, third, and use the fourth quarters and the summer to plan and implement our next steps. I look forward to sharing more about this work as the year progresses.

The Gulliver family is powerful indeed and together we will make our school an even better place!

Thanks,

Frank
Call for Box Tops

Cut out your box tops and bring them to school. It’s so simple! Just look for the box tops drop off boxes located in each office (lower, primary and middle school.) Don’t forget to write on the envelope or baggie your teacher’s name and grade. The grade level that brings the most will be eligible to win a prize. For more information, please email Reina Vidales, Box Tops coordinator, at reinavidales@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars for Give Miami Day

Thursday, November 20, 2014

This unique, 24 hour online giving event organized by The Miami Foundation allows individuals the opportunity to build a greater Miami by making charitable gifts to local nonprofits. Your donation made on November 20 qualifies to receive a partial match from the Miami Foundation. Support Gulliver on Give Miami Day, making your gift to worth more than ever!
November 15, 2014
Gulliver Prep Aquatic Center
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Swim

Last day to sign up to swim is tomorrow, November 13, 2014.

Students can

WIN A GOPRO

by being the top fundraiser at the Make A Splash event.
Meet Your Annual Fund Leadership

As advocates for the Annual Fund campaign, the members of the Annual Fund Volunteer Leadership Committee serve as ambassadors of goodwill, promoting the education and welfare of students at Gulliver. Connect with your Annual Fund Grade Level Leadership Volunteers to find out more about the Annual Fund!

Grade Level Leadership Volunteers
(Grades PreK3-12)

Jennifer Potter-Zambolla, M.S. Ed
JR.K

Mike Gambrell
SR.K

Reina Vidales
GRADE 1

Sarah Davidoff
GRADE 2

Emma Heald
GRADE 3

Maggie Moreira
GRADE 4

Silvina Lim
GRADE 5

Marta Serrano
GRADE 6

Leslie Fuentes
GRADE 7

Rebecca Potter
GRADE 8

Gil Kaufman
GRADE 9

Jennifer Kaufman
GRADE 9

Ulrika Miller
GRADE 10

Wendy Oliver-Pyatt
GRADE 11

Doreen Furnari
GRADE 12

The 2014-2015 annual fund goal is to raise $900,000 by June 30, 2015. Annual Fund gifts go to work immediately throughout all areas of the school, enhancing the student life.

At Gulliver, there are many ways to support the Annual Fund, including:

- Making a gift by mail or online anytime throughout the year
- Supporting the Booster Club
- Sponsoring or participating in a school-sponsored special event
- Participating in the Brick Campaign program

**GIVE ONLINE**
Complete the form by clicking here using a credit card and click the submit button.

**GIVE BY PHONE**
Call the Advancement Office at 786.709.4076

**GIVE BY MAIL**
Complete the donation form and along with your check and mail to:
Office of Advancement
9350 South Dixie Highway, 11th Floor
Miami, FL 33156
Gulliver Boys’ Cross Country Takes Second Place

On Saturday, September 27, the boys’ cross country team captured second place at the prestigious 32nd Annual Spanish River Cross Country Invitational, held at South County Regional Park in Boca Raton. Congratulations to the entire team for this outstanding achievement!

Gulliver Girls’ Golf Takes Second Place at District Golf Tournament

The girls’ golf team took second place at their district tournament, finishing with a score of 480. Ruby Willie ‘15 led the team with an individual score of 93. Her score allowed her to advance to the golf regional round. “I am proud of the strides the team made this year and I look forward to the steps we will take next year as we strive to improve upon this year’s success,” Coach Jeremy Sale said.

Congratulations to the girls’ golf team on a successful year!

Middle School Golf Championship

Gulliver Boys’ Golf had an amazing season this year with a 5-1 record and a second place showing in this year’s Middle School Championship. The team came together as the season moved along and finished with one of Gulliver’s best Middle School records.

Our amazing team consisted of the following student athletes: Wyatt Kraft ’21, John Howard ’19, Timothy Kucherenko ’19, Tim Thumbee’19, Carlos Ignacio Arrinda Olivi’20, Marco Levito ’20, Ryan Sedagat ’19, Kristian Zedan ’19, Aaron Brodsky ’21 and Sean Kelley ’21. At the end of the season, the top three players – Sean Kelley, Timothy Kucherenko and Marco Levito – placed well in the championship and had the three lowest scores throughout the season in all of the matches.

We are looking forward to seeing what the team can do next year!
Gulliver Sailing

Now in its third year, the Gulliver Sailing team competed in the South Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association (SAISA) district season opener, South Points #1. It was held on Saturday, September 27, and hosted by the Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, Florida.

Each year, the SAISA district consists of seven South Points events. At each event, teams earn points based on their finishes. Taking the best four out of seven events as points earned, the top seven teams will qualify for the SAISA District Championships, which are held in April. The SAISA district includes the entire South Atlantic region of the United States. Last year, 92 schools were registered in the SAISA district.

At South Points #1, the Gulliver team was greeted with sunny skies and a perfect light-to-moderate breeze as they arrived at the Davis Island Yacht Club. Event management was quick to get the teams on the water and start racing, as the forecast called for storms in the afternoon. Sure enough, after four races, the skies darkened quickly and before long, thunderstorms were upon us.

Thirty-four teams from 22 schools competed at the event. Sailing for Gulliver’s varsity team in A division were Sean Brennan ‘17 and Nick Belliti ‘15. B division sailed Jack Johansson ‘17 and Benito Guido ‘16. Also making the trip and adding valuable versatility were Pere Puig ‘15 and Timothy Kaplan ‘16. After the scores were completed, Gulliver finished fifth out of 22 schools. It was a great start to the 2014-2015 season, and the team scored valuable points towards districts qualification!

We are proud of our circuit opener finish and are very motivated to continue improving. Thank you to all the parents, athletes and supporters of Gulliver Sailing, who helped get the year off to a great start!

Gulliver Girls’ Volleyball Team Raises Breast Cancer Awareness

Members of the Gulliver Girls’ Volleyball team showed their support for breast cancer awareness by wearing pink uniforms during their game against St. Brendan. St. Brendan team members also showed their solidarity with this cause by donning pink uniforms as well.

The Gulliver Raiders were victorious in both their junior varsity and varsity games. They won the J.V. game 25-23, 25-18, and were led by Anastasia Perez-Ternent ‘18 – with eight aces, five kills and five assists, Dani Melo ‘16 – who recorded four aces, three kills and one dig and Ysabel Gonzalez-Rico ‘17 – who had two aces, three kills and one dig. The varsity Raiders defeated St. Brendan 25-16, 25-23, 24-26 and 25-22. They were led by Lauren Potter ‘18 with 16 kills, four aces, 10 digs; Caro Mengotti ‘16 with eight aces, eight kills, seven digs; and Sarah Lobo ‘17 with seven aces, two kills, 34 assists and two digs.

Congratulations to the Lady Raiders on their victory and their efforts in bringing awareness to breast cancer!
**Primary Perspective**

**Primary School has been having a blast this month!** Students have rolled up their sleeves and gotten down to business. The Sr.K students went to the “Top of the Hill” on a yellow school bus. The students practiced getting on and off the bus in preparation for their first field trip. During the bus drill, students also had a special guest, Officer Dewhurst who explained some safety tips when crossing the street.
Primary School Halloween Parade
Lower School Beat
Math Resource Center

Mrs. Shumway, the Academy’s math resource teacher, works with students on predicting and comparing quantities, while connecting the work to place value concepts.

Several first graders demonstrate their mastery of counting, simultaneously solving the problem of “whose jewels have been taken by the mixed-up dragon.” This activity provides the opportunity for them to hone their skills of reasoning and subtraction.

Second Grade Character Parade

Second Graders paraded through the Primary and Lower School hallways and classrooms on Thursday, October 30. They were wearing character costumes – they had to read a book, choose a character from that book and make that character on a large brown paper bag. The students also shared with their classmates information about a character in the book. The parade is the students’ book report for October.

Third Grade Learns About Communities

Mateo Lowe ’24 and Rodrigo Rodrigo Pontes ’24 work on a water treatment plant.

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All-State Auditions

On September 30, 2014, Middle School orchestra students Nicole Schwyn ’20, Laura Liu ’19, Matthew Garcia ’20 and Teddy Bueres ’19 auditioned for the 7th and 8th Grade All-State Orchestra. The All-State Orchestra is comprised of the highest-caliber string students in the state of Florida, who perform an extremely rigorous concert in Tampa for the Florida Music Educators’ Association Professional Development Convention. This convention will take place January 14-17. Our students diligently prepared for their audition, beginning in May of last school year. We congratulate our students for their audition efforts, and we look forward to hearing the results of their auditions this month.

Academy Music Goes Bowling

At the end of September, the Gulliver Middle School Music Department took over the lanes at Splitsville bowling alley in Sunset Place for its traditional annual bowling night. All the Middle School performing ensembles attended the event, so student performers from every group could get to know each other. The Advanced Chorus, String Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Jazz Band all took part. The students had a great time bowling and enjoying pizza and sweet treats. There were even prizes for the top scorers of the evening! It was a great kickoff for what will surely be another busy and successful year for our young musicians.
IB MYP New Design Class

IB MYP has a new required sixth, seventh and eighth grade semester course called Design. First semester, sixth and eighth graders take the course. Second semester, seventh graders will take the course. This course is about creative problem-solving using the Design Cycle. Students focus on creating solutions to food, fiber and fabric problems in our community and around the world. Middle School faculty member Tiffany Medina designed all units of the curriculum from the ground up, and the students are having a blast. Carl Karch, another faculty member, also teaches one period of the sixth grade class.
Attention Academy and Montgomery Eighth Grade Parents

We have rescheduled the Preparatory Open House for eighth grade Academy and Montgomery Drive Campus Parents – “Evening in Blue” event for Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. Note: This event was originally scheduled for Thursday, November 20.

Please update your calendars, and if you have any questions, please contact us at saav@gulliverschools.org or 305.666.7937 ext. 1442.

Carol Bowen
Director of Admission at Gulliver Preparatory School

Origami

Last month, the International Club at the Academy, sponsored by Mrs. Catalina López, worked with the Prep’s Japanese teacher, Mrs. Chiho Cotton and some of her AP students to develop a project that is both a wonderful cultural experience and a meaningful service opportunity. Both campuses will help fold 1,000 paper cranes, in the hopes of creating a Senbazuru. In Japanese culture, a Senbazuru is a collection of 1,000 paper cranes, held together by strings, that brings good fortune to those who receive it. The goal of this project is to create a Senbazuru with the collaboration of both campuses and donate it to the Miami Children’s Hospital. This is a year-long project and both the students and the teachers are excited to be a part of such a meaningful gesture.

Middle School Halloween Costume Contest
Mars Watching

Students in Mrs. Healy’s Earth and Space Science classes were able to interact with Mars experts at NASA’s Johnson Space Center, while learning about the Curiosity rover mission that is currently on Mars. Students participated in discussions about the successes leading up to the Curiosity rover’s current position at the base of Mt. Sharp. They also heard about the exciting discoveries the rover continues to make. Many images and thought-provoking questions involved them during the session!

Time for Three Performs for Gulliver Students

On Friday, October 10, the music department was honored to welcome the nationally renowned ensemble Time for Three to the Academy. Time for Three defies traditional musical genres, and has performed everything from classical performances to pop mash-ups, at venues ranging from Carnegie Hall to jazz clubs. These versatile musicians shared their talents with students from the Advanced Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Chorus, Jazz Band and Symphonic Band. The student musicians were enthralled by the trio’s modern take on classical arrangements, and enjoyed meeting and talking with the musicians after their electrifying performance. The group’s energy was contagious, and it was wonderful to see how engaged the kids were with these outstanding performers. Gulliver is very fortunate to be able to invite musicians of such high caliber to interact with our students and to inspire them to continue to make music and experiment with different styles. This was yet another successful event in the music department’s extensive calendar for the year.
Congratulations to Diana Milton ’15

A very special congratulations goes out to Diana Milton ’15 for completing a successful and challenging internship with the University of Miami’s biomedical and computational sciences departments. She did such an amazing job that she received a recommendation letter straight from Dr. Margaret A. Pericak-Vance, director of UM’s John P. Hussman Institute for Human Genomics, Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation Professor of Human Genetics and neurology professor! Click here to read about Diana’s hard work and the perseverance that resulted in a successful summer internship!

Hope you had a safe and fun Halloween!
On Saturday, October 25, the Gulliver Prep Jazz Ensemble performed at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church for a Jazz and barbecue event to help raise funds to build a well in Haiti for fresh water. The event also was geared towards collecting canned food items for the homeless and those in need in our community. This community service performance was well received by all that attended!

The Prep Offers CPR and Safety Courses

Ruben Rayneri is the director of education at Miami CPR Training, the education company of RescueAED. He has been with the company since it started in 1996. They have been serving Gulliver for over 12 years and provide safety training and equipment for all the faculty, staff and coaches. RescueAED also worked with Gulliver officials to create a “Heart Safe Community,” which means that at all five properties, you are never more than three to five minutes away from an AED, exceeding the American Heart Association’s “Drop to Shock” guidelines.

They have been providing training for the health classes for seven years and in that time in which the program has been offered, over 1,000 students have received an American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED and Basic First Aid Completion Card. We have also had three students that we know of actually perform CPR and choking maneuvers in real life emergency situations.

A special thank you to everyone for keeping safety a top priority at Gulliver!
Dear Gulliver Academy Parents,

Reminder the Head of Schools Welcome and Social scheduled was rescheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2015 at the Academy - Marian C. Krutulis Campus Atrium.

Please R.S.V.P. at www.gulliverschools.org/academyparentsocial.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you at the event after winter break.

Thank you,

Rosemary Hartigan
Academy Parents’ Association Chair
Prep Head of Schools

Welcome and Social
November

PreK3-8 Calendar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17
- Primary School and Lower School Parents Phonics Coffee Chat at Academy - Marian C. Krutulis Campus Library
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 02
- Primary School Assembly at Academy - Marian C. Krutulis Campus
- Upper Patio
- 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
- Drama 1 Act - “The Network” at H7
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
- Drama 1 Act - “The Network” at H7
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
- Concert Band Solo and Ensemble T-Shirt Day
- Drama 1 Act - “The Network” at H7
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
- 5th Annual “Make a Splash” Swim-a-Mile Event
  at Prep Aquatic Center
- Concert Band Solo and Ensemble
  Middle School Dance Team
  at Convention Miami Beach Convention Center
- SSAT Admissions Test - Students Entering Grade 6-8
  at Academy Marian C. Krutulis Campus Café
  8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
- Grade 1 Thanksgiving Feast at Academy - Marian C. Krutulis Campus Classrooms
- Primary School Bountiful Brunch at Academy - Marian C. Krutulis Campus Café
  9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Grade 4 Assembly at Academy - Marian C. Krutulis Campus Library
  1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
- Thanksgiving Recess - School Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 09
- Chorus at Riviera Country Club
  11:00 a.m. - 1:35 p.m.
- Middle School Dance Recital at Miller Drive Campus
  7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
- Drama Bake Sale
  Middle School Chorus and Orchestra
  Holiday Concert at UM - Gusman
  7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
National Letter of Intent Signing Day at Prep Atrium
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Nu Delta Alpha Induction Ceremony at Shah Family Student Center
6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Second Prep Parents’ Association Meeting at Shah Family Student Center
IB Anthropology Field Trip at Miccosukee Indian Village
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Uniteen Talent Show at Second Story Theater
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Eighth Graders Visit at Prep Gym
8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
5th Annual “Make a Splash” Swim-a-Mile Event at Prep Aquatic Center
9:00 a.m.
Grades 8-10 SSAT Admissions Test at Academy - Marian C. Krutulis Campus Cafe
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Key Club Field Trip at Ruth Owens Kruse Educational Center
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Boys’ Basketball Shoot-A-Thon at Prep Gym/Cafeteria
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Holiday Marketplace at Academy - Marian C. Krutulis Campus Tennis Courts
Sophomore IB Information Session at Miller Drive Campus Auditorium
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Eighth Grade Parents Evening in Blue at Shah Family Student Center
6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Book Club Field Trip at Miami International Book Fair
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Debate Team Competition at Glenbrook North High School, N. Brook, FL
3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Debate Team Competition at Glenbrook North High School, N. Brook, FL
3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Thanksgiving Recess - School Closed

MONDAY, DECEMBER 01
Freshman Seminar - Period 2 at Various Prep Classrooms

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 03
Canoe Competition
11:00 a.m. - 1:25 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 05
Oceanography Club Field Trip at Key Biscayne Crandon Marina
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 06
SAT Testing

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2014
Dance Holiday Concert - “Dreams of Joy” at Miller Drive Campus Auditorium
4:00 p.m.
Gulliver proudly thanks our partners:

Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Academy – Marian C. Krutulis Campus Tennis Courts

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