

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Shah Family Library Media Center Celebrates 10 Years

Last week, the Upper School celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Shah Family Library Media Center's ribbon cutting ceremony. Stations were set up throughout campus so that students, faculty, and staff could reflect on their memories, view a collage of pictures spanning from opening day to last year, and enjoy a special sweet treat. Click on the button for more from student journalist Katie Lewis '22 as students and faculty share what the library means to them. Thank you to the Shah family for their support and leaving a lasting legacy of learning for our Gulliver community!

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Middle School Boys' Golf: SFMSC Co-Champions

The Middle School Boys' Golf team had a stellar showing at the South Florida Middle School Conference Championships, tying for first place with Ransom Everglades. Both teams recorded a score of 157 and will share the 2020 SFMSC Conference Championship crown. Under the direction of second-year Head Coach Roy Kelly, representing Gulliver were Chris Prats '25, Eddie Castro '25, Dan Wood '25, Luciano Perez '25, and Ryan Meltzer '25. In more Middle School sports news, the boys' and girls' soccer teams closed out their seasons with SFMSC runner-up finishes. Congratulations, Raiders!

Spreading Holiday Cheer in the Community

This month, Primary and Lower School faculty and staff came together to give back to the community. In lieu of their traditional "Secret Snowflake" gift exchange, they collected toys for children, bringing holiday cheer to patients at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. This is just one of the many ways our Gulliver community is giving back this holiday season, and we are so grateful to be part of such a caring and compassionate community. Click on the button to read about a recent service effort out of the Upper School music program.

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Primary and Lower School Holiday Happenings

Students in Primary and Lower School have been busy celebrating the holidays! In PK, Mrs. Falcon's students painted dreidels with marbles, using them to paint over the dreidel as part of their Creative Curriculum study on ball shapes. In Mrs. Verdugo's class, Mrs. Singer shared some of her favorite Hanukkah traditions, and Ms. Cook shared a Kwanzaa story with all of first grade. Third graders have been watching videos on different December holidays and were then placed in groups to research them and create a Google Slide presentation about Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Diwali.

The Most Likely Pages: Stream NOW!

Don't miss your chance to watch the Middle School Players' newest production, *The Most Likely Pages*. Stream it online between now and December 17 by clicking on the links below. Your \$5 ticket purchase gives you 48-hour access to the video stream, and all proceeds benefit Feeding America.

Congratulations to our Middle School theatre faculty and students for their hard work and ability to adapt and showcase their talents in this new, creative way!

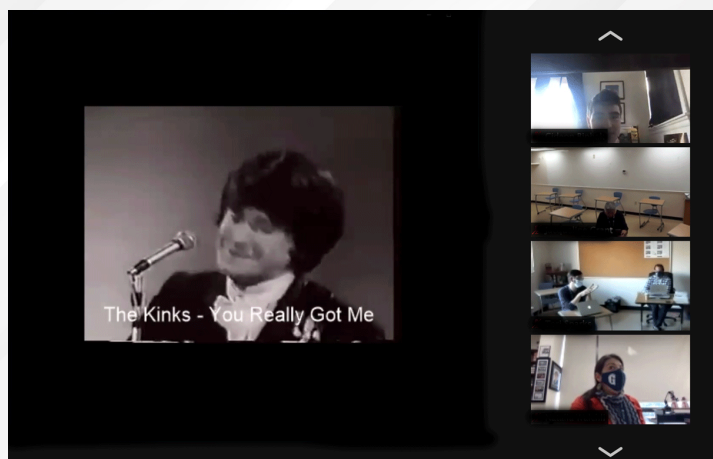
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[Cast B Tickets](#)



The Slamming 60's: A Virtual Rock-n-Roll Concert

Dr. Keitha Burnett's History of Rock and Roll class hosted a one-of-a-kind virtual "Rock-n-Roll" concert last week, as Bradley Karmin '21, Gideon Binhak '22, Lucca Magro '22, and Kevin Toplas '20, AKA the "Orange Gators," put on a show for faculty, staff, and fellow students. The group pre-recorded their personal versions of songs from the 1960's and put together a video compilation that featured their sounds and the song's original music video. All class members were involved in the planning and execution of the show, including the production of a virtual concert program which can be viewed by clicking on the button.





Upper School Performing Arts Department Sends Holiday Wishes

This past weekend, the Upper School Performing Arts Department held its first virtual holiday concert. Streamed via YouTube, the dance, music, and drama programs came together to perform and send holiday wishes to the Gulliver community. "It was our goal from the onset to showcase our students in a virtual collaborative event and we are glad it was able to come to fruition," said Ms. Gerri Barreras, Performing Arts Department Chair. Congratulations to all the students and faculty who came together to put on a great show!



6 Questions with SALC President, Chloe Hernandez '21

The Student-Athlete Leadership Council (SALC) serves as a liaison between the Gulliver Prep Athletic Department and its teams, providing a voice for student-athletes and giving them opportunities to assist with special events and service initiatives. Varsity swim team captain Chloe Hernandez '21, currently serves as SALC President, as the club wraps up the first half of its second year. Click on the button to learn more about Chloe, her role as a leader, the Council's goals for the year, and more. *Photo by Carolina Milano P '25 '29.*

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Young Alumni Spotlight: Amin Hassan '20

Raider football standouts Amin Hassan '20 and Anton Hall '20 are a pair of young alumni who are continuing their athletic and academic careers at the United States Naval Academy. Click on the button to learn about Hassan's experiences in his first year of college, his favorite high school memories, the many Gulliver faculty that helped prepare him for this new journey, and more.

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Holiday Travel Reminder

Please continue to be mindful of our policies on travel and all gatherings this holiday season, including family gatherings.

- If you are traveling, please remember that any student returning to Miami from a foreign destination under a CDC Level 3 or 4 Travel Health Notice or under travel restrictions by state or local authorities, or whose household member has returned

from such a destination, will be required to stay home for 14 days prior to returning to campus.

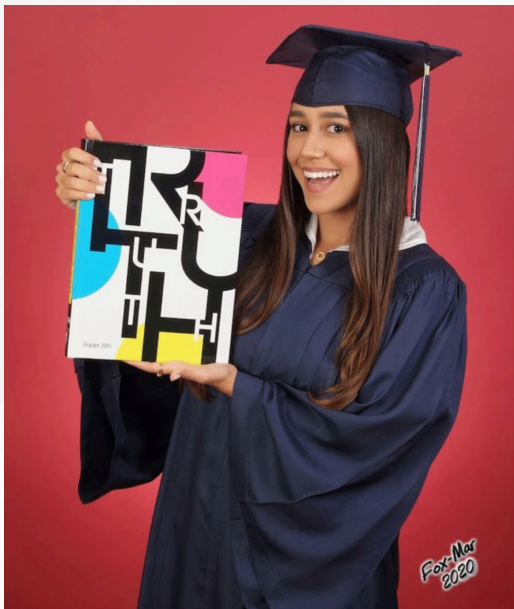
- If your child(ren) attend a gathering of ten or more people without social distancing and masks, they must learn remotely for 14 days following the date of the gathering.

These policies help protect all of the members of our community. To review all of our Family-Student COVID-19 Procedures, click on the button.

[Review Policies](#)

Changes to On-Campus or Remote Learning Selection Process

Following the Winter Recess, likely through the remainder of the school year, we are shortening the learning selection period and commitment from three weeks to one week. You will only need to submit a learning selection form if you are changing the on-campus or remote learning mode for your child(ren). **Changes must be submitted by Thursday at 3:00 p.m. prior to the upcoming week. The change form is located in the parent portal alongside the **COVID-19 dashboard**.** For the week we return from Winter Recess, January 4-8, if you plan for your child(ren) to remain in the same learning mode they are in now, you do not need to do anything. **If you would like to change the learning mode, you must submit a learning selection change form no later than 3:00 p.m. this Thursday, December 17.**



Yearbook Ad Deadline Fast Approaching

Senior dedication ads are on sale and will be accepted **through Thursday, December 31, online only**. Due to publisher deadlines, the yearbook staff cannot accept any senior ads after this date. To purchase a full- or half-page ad, visit www.yearbookforever.com or click on the button below. For questions, please contact Mrs. Monica Rodriguez, Digital Mass Media Program Director, at mrodriguez@gulliverprep.org.

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3 Simple Ways to Cultivate Joy Every Day



Follow these three mindful steps to bring small, good moments into your awareness. *Courtesy of Mindful.org.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 15

Freshman Boys' Basketball vs. Columbus, 3:30 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Mater Academy, 6:00 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Wednesday, December 16

Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Hialeah, 5:00 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Friday, December 18

Early Dismissals as follows:

Primary School, 11:00 a.m.

Lower School, 11:30 a.m.

Middle School students with Lower School siblings, 11:50 a.m.

Middle School, 12:05 p.m.

Upper School, 12:05 p.m.

Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Belen Jesuit, 3:30/5:00/6:30 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Saturday, December 19

Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Schoolhouse Prep, 12:00/1:30/3:00 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Monday, December 21-Wednesday, December 23

Varsity Boys' Basketball Christmas Tournament, 12:00-7:00 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Monday, December 21-Friday, January 1

Winter Recess

Thursday, December 31

Senior Yearbook Ad Deadline

All events are subject to change.

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