

# **SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES**



# **Schoolwide Valentine's Day Celebrations**

Valentine's Day celebrations were in full swing last week! PK students worked on their fine motor skills by using droppers to create love potions, and melting their hearts away by revealing gems and letters to create their names and lacing hearts. Lower School art students created valentines for a student's mom to bring to her patients at Nicklaus Children's Hospital, and Ms. Maria Picado's Middle School students used Spanish conversation hearts as part of a writing activity, incorporating the words on the hearts into their stories. At the Upper School, each student received a valentine in the mail, courtesy of Student Government.



# If I Were President, by Grade 2

Recently, second grade students took to the camera to share what they would do if they were President, and what problem they would address first. From helping people in need, to ensuring kindness for all, and taking steps to halt COVID-19, students shared their hopes and dreams. Click on the button to watch. Video by Mrs. Cindy Gonzalez, Lower School Technology Faculty member.

**Watch Here** 



# **Faculty Spotlight: Ms. Ines Taylor**

Each week through our Faculty/Staff
Spotlight series, we invite our community
members to get to know Gulliver Prep
teachers and staff members across every
division. This week, our Faculty Spotlight
features Ms. Ines Taylor, Primary School
Faculty member. Click on the button to
discover her favorite thing about Gulliver,
the importance of being exposed to music
at an early age, and more.

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**Silver Knight Award Nominees** 

Gulliver is proud to announce its nominees for the 2020-21 *Miami Herald* Silver Knight Awards, one of the nation's most highly regarded student awards programs. This year, Gulliver boasts 14 candidates across a wide range of categories. Since 2010-11, two students have been named winners in their respective categories and six have earned Honorable Mention nods. Click on the button to learn more.

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# Student-Spotlight: Marcelo Miranda '25

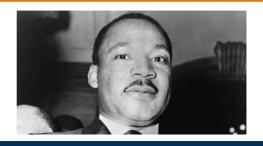
Marcelo Miranda '25 is a multi-sport athlete at the Middle School and is looked to as a leader by his teammates and coaches. A member of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), he is looking forward to all the opportunities available to him next year at the Upper School. Read on to learn about his Gulliver journey, who he looks up to, what he's most looking forward to about high school, and more.

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"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



# **Exploring the Civil Rights Movement Through Quotes, Projects**

Students in Ms. Leal's grade 8 social studies classes are studying the Civil Rights Movement using a creative quote strategy to spark thought-provoking discussions, and researching the Movement and the people and events that affected it. IB MYP students are working in groups to create informative Google sites to explain how the Civil Rights Movement changed the United States of America, while CP students are pairing up for their assignment, creating infographics or videos about people or events that affected the Movement. By month's end, students will bring all of these activities full circle, integrating their newly informed experiences and knowledge into discussions on current events, and using

the knowledge to connect to current race and diversity issues.



# **Seeing Double: Varsity Soccer Teams Win District Titles**

Last week, our boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams each won the District 16 4A Championship with a pair of wins over Key West. The girls' squad came away victorious by a 1-0 score, while the boys' team won 3-0 in extra time. Both teams will be in action this week, as Gulliver hosts the FHSAA Regional Quarterfinals at Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field. The girls' soccer team will take on Hialeah-Miami Lakes this afternoon at 3:00 p.m., and the boys' soccer team will go up against Miami Springs tomorrow, also at 3:00 p.m. Go Raiders!



# Nature-Based Mindfulness Practices for Families

Courtesy of Mindful.org

Connect with nature no matter where you find yourself using simple practices from the SoBe Mindful method. Click on the button to learn more.

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday, February 8 - Friday, February 19
Random Acts of Kindness Week, Grades PK-8

# **Tuesday, February 16**

Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. Hialeah-Miami (Regional Quarterfinal), 3:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01

Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

### Wednesday, February 17

Middle School FCD Parent Workshop, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Virtual

Varsity Boys' Soccer vs. Miami Springs (Regional Quarterfinal), 3:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Varsity Baseball vs. Coral Shores, 3:30 p.m., Baseball Field, Marian C. Krutulis PK-8 Campus

Varsity Boys' Lacrosse vs. Miami Palmetto, 4:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Varsity Boys' Weightlifting vs. Marathon, Coral Shores, Key West, and Pinecrest, 5:00 p.m., Virtual

Upper School FCD Parent Workshop, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Virtual

### **Thursday, February 18**

Middle School Tennis vs. Miami Country Day, 3:00 p.m., Arthur Snyder Tennis Center

Varsity Girls' Lacrosse vs. Miami Palmetto, 4:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Varsity Girls'/Boys' Water Polo vs. Miami Beach, 4:00/5:00 p.m., Aquatic Center, Upper School Campus

Middle School FCD Parent Workshop, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Virtual

# Friday, February 19

Upper School FCD Parent Workshop, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Virtual

Varsity Girls' Soccer Regional Semifinal, TBD

Varsity Boys'/Girls' Track & Field at Louie Bing Invitational, 10:00 a.m., Traz Powell Stadium - MDC North

Varsity Baseball vs. Key West, 3:30 p.m., Baseball Field, Marian C. Krutulis PK-8 Campus

# Saturday, February 20

Varsity Boys' Soccer Regional Semifinal, TBD

Varsity Sailing at South Points #1, TBD, Ransom Everglades

Middle School Boys' Water Polo vs. Miami Country Day, 10:00 a.m., Aquatic Center, Upper School Campus

Middle School Girls' Basketball vs. Miami Country Day, 10:00 a.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Middle School JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Miami Country Day, 11:00 a.m./12:00 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Varsity Boys'/Girls' Track & Field at Louie Bing Invitational, 2:00 p.m., Traz Powell Stadium - MDC North

*Non-athletic events appear in italics.* | All events are subject to change.

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