

## SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



### PK-8 Winter Spirit Week!

Gulliver pride was on full display last week at the Marian C. Krutulis PK-8 and Montgomery campuses! During Winter Spirit Week, students and faculty rocked their best themed outfits every day. To view photos, click on the button.

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## Kicking Off Black History Month

In celebration of the theme for Black History Month, "The Black Family: Representation, Identify, and Diversity," students in Mrs. Keitha Burnett's class conducted Zoom interviews with African-Americans who are respected in their field. Traditionally, a large part of the African-American experience is embraced by the African proverb, "if we stand tall, it is because we stand on the shoulders of many ancestors." These ancestors extend well beyond the nuclear family to the wider community, as we see in the men and women interviewed by Upper School students. Interviewees spanned across the country and included Dotie Joseph, Florida State Representative; Rev. Richard Joyner, North Carolina Minister and Community Activist; Melissa M. Proctor, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for the Atlanta Hawks; Brenda Lawrence, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of LFG Technologies, LLC, and more.

## Grade 5 Science Investigation

Recently, fifth grade science students conducted their annual investigation in the Gulliver Garden at the Marian C. Krutulis PK-8 Campus. Students were tasked with writing a formal lab report after comparing different variables and hypothesizing what variables would make their plants grow more. This year, students planted various edible plants and the variable was worms or lack of worms. In a previous experiment, peacocks ate the students' investigation so this year, engineering students stepped in to collaborate and help create an enclosure to prevent the peacocks from entering the area.

## Faculty/Staff Spotlight:

### Mrs. Catherine Piccini '87 P '31

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 Mrs. Catherine Piccini '87 P '31, Middle School Math Faculty member. Click on the button to learn about her passion for math, goals for the school year, and more.

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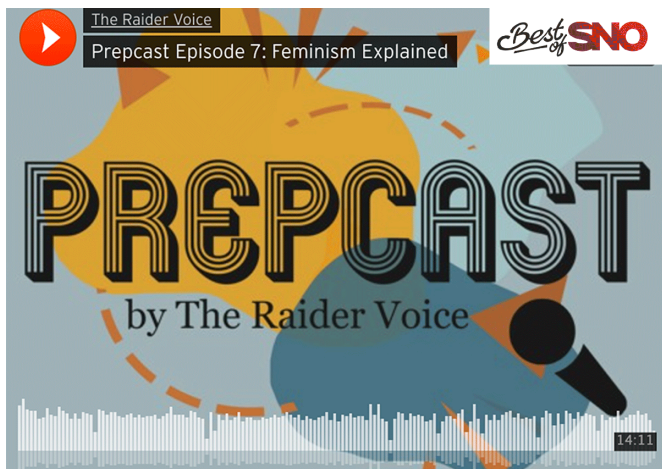
## A Look Ahead: Spring Sailing

Gulliver Prep's sailing season usually spans the academic year but due to the pandemic, the Raiders have not yet been able to compete. In the meantime, Danny Hughes '21 and Maddie Hughes '22 have been keeping busy on the water, participating in the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta in Biscayne Bay. The regatta hosted more than 250 sailors from all over the world. Danny and Maddie sailed in a fleet of 48 boats, participating in three races each day for four days, finishing third overall. Under the direction of Head Coach Brian Kamilar, the Gulliver sailing team is as focused as ever as the Raiders begin spring practice and look toward a competitive four-event spring circuit. Their first event, SAISA South Points #1, will take place at Ransom Everglades on February 20. *Photos by T.Wilkes Photography.*



## SK Students Show and Tell About Animals Around the World

SK students recently completed an Animals Around the World project, learning about continents and the animals that live on each one. Teachers modeled their own research methods and projects before students drew names from a cup to discover what animal they would show and tell. Each child researched their animal at home and created their choice of a poster, book, or digital presentation to share with the class. Students were asked to share what their animals eat, where they live, if they are endangered, what a group of them is called, and any other facts they found interesting. This study on animals will lead SK into their next spring theme, conservation and recycling, which will also connect to a persuasive writing unit as students celebrate Earth Day.



## Feminism explained

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### Founding Mother of Miami Tech

By Rania Ishoof

The best way to attain success in the 21st century is to upskill,

### Black History Month: Miami's Treasure Trove of Black Culture

By Elizabeth Rivabem

The City of Miami that we know and love thrives thanks to the work of thousands of Black people over the years since before

neighborhoods became known as "Overtown."

It was here that Black citizens built lives for themselves; a rich culture emerged with schools and enterprises growing in

manuscripts, art, books, and photographs. Her work has led Overtown Folklife Village to become a National Trust "Main Street" community. One of Dr. Fields'



## Raider Voice Podcast: Student Founder of "Feminism Explained"

In a recent episode of the Raider Voice's student-run podcast, "Prepcast," hosts Paulino Mercenari '23 and Julian Concepcion '22 catch up with Olivia Martin-Johnson '22. Olivia is the creator of the "**Feminism Explained**" newsletter and member of Gulliver's P.O.W.E.R. Club. Click on the button to listen, and learn about her interest in feminism, passion for learning about women's rights, and more.

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## New Enrichment Offering, Grades 1-4

We are excited to announce a brand new class just added to our Enrichment programming for grades 1-4: Lights, Camera, Raiders! In this class, students are invited to explore their creative side through music, acting, and movement. Participants will learn fun songs and dances, and play improv games that are sure to expand their imagination and keep them laughing. To sign up or to learn more about our after school programs, log in to the myGulliver portal and click on the "Youth Sports, After School and Other Programs" button.

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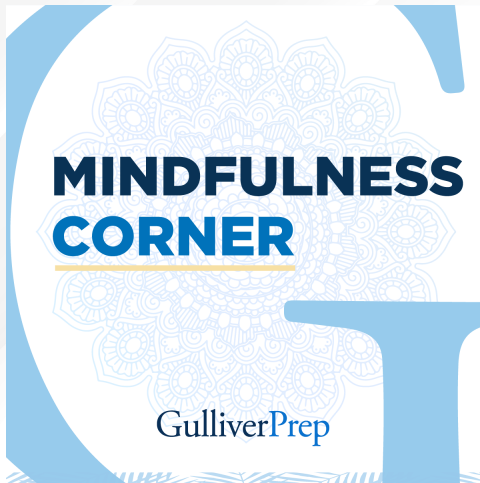
## AUXS Safety App Update: All Users Need Version 1.9

The latest version of the AUX Safety App (version 1.9) is now available via the App Store and Google Play. If your



phone has updates turned on, this update will occur automatically. Users can also go to their App Store or Google Play and click “update” if they prefer. To view the Safety App instructions, click on the button.

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## How to Become More Mindful in Your Everyday Life

*Courtesy of VeryWellMind.com*

The practice of mindfulness—directing all of your attention and awareness to the present—can bring many benefits to your emotional and physical health, as well as to the relationships in your life. Click on the button to learn more.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tuesday, February 2

Middle School Girls' Basketball vs. Carrollton, 3:30 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

### Wednesday, February 3

Varsity Girls' Basketball District Semifinal vs. TBD, 5:30 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

### Thursday, February 4

Middle School Tennis vs. Ransom Everglades, 3:30 p.m., at Coral Gables Country Club

### Friday, February 5

Varsity Boys' Soccer District Semifinal vs. St. Brendan, 1:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Middle School Boys' Water Polo vs. Belen Jesuit, 4:00 p.m., Aquatic Center, Upper School Campus

Varsity Girls' Basketball District Final, 7:00 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

## **Saturday, February 6**

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

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

## **Monday, February 8 - Thursday, February 11**

*Winter Spirit Week, Grades 9-12*

## **Monday, February 8 - Friday, February 19**

*Random Acts of Kindness Week, Grades PK-8*

## **Monday, February 8**

Varsity Girls' Soccer District Final, 3:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

## **Tuesday, February 9**

Varsity Boys' Soccer District Final, 3:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Middle School Tennis vs. Westminster Christian, 3:30 p.m., at Coral Reef Park

Varsity Boys' & Girls' Water Polo vs. Miami Country Day, 5:00/5:30 p.m., Aquatic Center, Upper School Campus

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

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