

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Reading Superpowers

SK students are learning how to reflect on what they have learned and how to set new goals for the coming quarter. Using a "reading superpowers" checklist, students reflected on three superpowers they use well and often. They were then asked to choose one superpower they felt they needed to work on. From pattern power and pointer power, to re-read power and persistence power, students set their sights on new reading goals.



"Heal the World" Performance

Intermediate and advanced level students of the Middle School Chorus presented a virtual showcase last week, performing selections from their fall repertoire and Solo and Ensemble Festival. This year, under the direction of Rebecca Gonzalez, Middle School Chorus Faculty member, students' solo and duet pieces have received 12 Superior and seven Excellent ratings. Click on the button to watch their performance of "Heal the World."

[Watch Here](#)



Middle School Athletics Wraps Up Season 2

Our Middle School sports teams have wrapped up Season 2, bringing home five South Florida Middle School Conference (SFMSC) championships: boys' tennis, girls' tennis, varsity boys' basketball, boys' cross country, and boys' water polo. The boys' tennis and water polo teams enjoyed an undefeated season, while girls' tennis and JV boys' basketball both went unbeaten in conference play. The girls' basketball team had an excellent run and capped their season with an SFMSC runner-up finish, and the girls' cross country team finished third in the conference. The cheerleaders were there every step of the way during Season 2, cheering the Raiders on to victory. Congratulations to all of our student-athletes and coaches on a stellar season in competition and in the classroom, as the combined team grade average for Season

2 teams was an incredible 90.99. The top girls' team average was recorded by girls' basketball (93.55), while the top boys' team average was achieved by boys' tennis (92.61).



Faculty Spotlight: Mrs. Nelvis Calderin

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. Nelvis Calderin, Upper School World Languages Faculty member. Click on the button to discover her hidden talent, why it's important for teenagers to learn multiple languages, her goals for the school year, and more.

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Kicking Off Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and the world celebrated International Women's Day on March 8. Primary and Lower School teachers are using resources that Mrs. Wicker compiled to link together Black History and Women's History months, and make meaningful connections for students. In JK, students learned about women's rights activists, Malala Yousafzai and Clara Lemlich, and how they used their words to make things more fair for women and girls around the world. In addition to reading [This Little Trailblazer](#), which highlights influential women who changed history, students also learned about Mae Jemison, her historic visit to space, and her determination to pursue her dreams.



Grade 4 Visits "Starbooks Cafe"

Ms. DiNallo's fourth grade class went to the "Starbooks Cafe" for a free book tasting last week. Each student viewed three prepared book talks given by their peers, and provided them with "glows" and "grows," giving them feedback to help with their presentation skills. From their sampling,



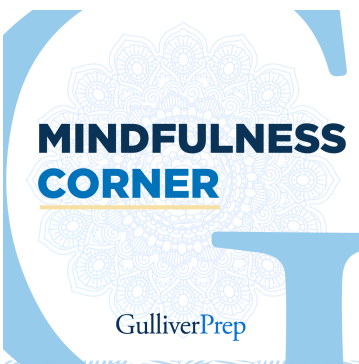
students came up with a list of books that they were inspired to try next.



The Upper School Wellness Garden: A Space for Relaxation, Meditation

The Atrium at the Upper School is seeing new life in the form of a Wellness Garden, as students and teachers work to transform a popular area on campus into a space for relaxation and meditation. The inspiration for the garden came following the loss of then-sophomore Javier Cañedo in March 2019, as students spontaneously congregated in the heart of the school (the Atrium) to comfort each other and meditate. The idea for a Wellness Garden in the Atrium was born, and the project has since evolved into a multidisciplinary effort including engineering, visual arts, biomedical science, and STEM students and teachers. To learn more, click on the button.

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10 Guided Meditations from the Powerful Women of the Mindfulness Movement

Courtesy of mindful.org

This article focuses on women leaders of mindfulness, as teachers, researchers, and activists share guided meditations that reflect what they've learned from their years of deep practice. Click on the button to learn more.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 8 - Friday, March 12

Senior Week

Tuesday, March 9

Varsity Baseball vs. Chaminade, 4:00 p.m., Baseball Field, PK-8 Campus

Wednesday, March 10

Varsity Boys' Lacrosse vs. Key West, 2:45 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

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Varsity Boys' Weightlifting vs. Marathon, Coral Shores, Key West, & Pinecrest, Virtual

Thursday, March 11

Varsity Girls' & Boys' Track & Field at Falcon Quad Meet, 2:00 p.m., Palmer Trinity

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

Friday, March 12

Varsity Girls' Tennis vs. MAST, 2:00 p.m., Tropical Park

JV Boys' Lacrosse vs. Columbus, 3:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Varsity Baseball vs. Pine Crest, 4:00 p.m., Baseball Field, PK-8 Campus

Boys' Varsity Lacrosse vs. Westminster Christian, 4:30 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Saturday, March 13

JV Baseball vs. Miami Ferguson, 10:00 a.m., Baseball Field, PK-8 Campus

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