

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Campus Creativity

From Twin Tuesday to Raider Pride Day, the Upper School held its annual fall Spirit Week last week, and on Friday, students, faculty, and staff from all divisions celebrated Halloween, showing off their creative costumes and spooky moves. Primary School students had a Halloween Showcase while Lower School students walked down their very own Halloween runway. Middle School students participated in a virtual costume contest, and the Jr. Sundancers performed a skeleton-themed dance. To watch, click on the button.

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A Vote for Dessert

After studying the elections all quarter long, Ms. DiNallo's fourth grade class got to exercise their right to vote on Election Day while choosing our next school dessert. Together, students learned about the right to vote and the right to a secret ballot, and celebrated with their very own "I Voted" stickers.

Thank a Firefighter

As the daughter of a firefighter, Julia Estrada '23 knows first hand the sleepless nights and sacrifices all firefighters face. To show appreciation, she began a project called "Thank a Firefighter," asking the community for donations of goods most consumed at the firehouse. To learn more, click on the button.

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One Week, Four District Championships

Gulliver's fall athletic teams are having stellar seasons as the Raiders are coming off winning four district titles in a one-week span. On October 28, the girls' and boys' cross country teams each won their first FHSAA District Championship since 2004. Both teams were dominant with the girls' squad taking nine of the top 16 spots and the boys' team taking eight of the top 12 spots. Three days later on October 31, the girls' and boys' swim teams both captured the FHSAA District 12 2A crown. Thirty-five student-athletes qualified for Regionals, including 15 girls and 20 boys. Swimming regional competition is set for Thursday in Stuart, FL, while cross country regionals are slated for Friday in Boca Raton.

Mastering "Snap" Words

SK students have been busy practicing their "snap" words - words that are learned in a "snap!" When a student sees these words, he or she can read them automatically. Our students learn through discovery as they practice reading, writing, and finding these words in books. The more "snap" words they know, the more fluent their reading and writing becomes, and the more they grow.



Faculty Spotlight: Mrs. Grass

Each week through our Faculty Spotlight series, we invite our community members to get to know Gulliver Prep teachers across every division. Last week, we introduced Upper School's **Mr. Charron** and this week, our Faculty Spotlight features Mrs. Natalie Grass, Lower School Art Faculty. Click on the button to learn about Mrs. Grass' passion for teaching art, her favorite sweet treat, hidden talent, and more.

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Middle School Sports in Action

The boys' golf team kicked off Season 1 of Middle School sports last week, taking to the green for two matches, and earning second place! This week, the girls' and boys' soccer and swimming teams are excited to

begin competition. The varsity boys' soccer team will host the Raiders' first home game of the season on Thursday, November 5, versus Miami Country Day, and our swim team will hold its first meet of the season on Saturday, November 7, versus Ransom Everglades and Carrollton. Also participating in Season 1 sports are the sailing, cheerleading, and football programs (training only).





Computer Science Students Strive for Fifth-Straight Win

The Congressional App Challenge is a nationwide computer programming competition that affords students the opportunity to address an issue that is local or global in scope, and to develop an app as part of the solution. For several weeks, Upper School computer science students utilized skills in design thinking, problem solving, app prototyping and development, and a myriad of soft skills in order to create and submit a video that will be judged by university professors and STEM outreach coordinators. This year's App Challenge is lining up to be the largest in its history, with more than 300 Congressional districts and 10,000 students participating. Gulliver Prep computer science students have won the Challenge for District 27 four years in a row, and as a result, have been able to present their app ideas to members of Congress at the annual House of Code event in Washington, D.C. To watch this year's video submissions, click on the button.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Middle School
Athletics

<u>Upper School</u> <u>Athletics</u> <u>School and Parent</u> <u>Events</u>

Thursday, November 5Middle School Varsity Boys' Soccer vs. Miami Country Day, 4:00 p.m., Marian C. Krutulis PK-8 Campus

Saturday, November 7 Middle School Swimming vs. Carrollton/Ransom Everglades, 9:00 a.m., Aquatic Center, Upper School Campus

All events are subject to change.

Wednesday, November 4

Varsity Boys' Golf at FHSAA State Championships, 7:30 a.m., Mission Inn Resort & Club

Varsity Girls' Weightlifting vs. Marathon, 5:00 p.m., Weight Room, Upper School Campus

Thursday, November 5

Varsity Boys' Soccer vs. Doral Academy, 4:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Varsity Girls' and Boys' Swimming at FHSAA Regional Championships, 9:00 a.m, Sailfish Splash Park

Friday, November 6

Varsity Football Senior Day vs. Dade Christian, 3:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Varsity Girls' and Boys' Cross Country at FHSAA Regional Championships, 4:00 p.m., South County Regional Park

All events are subject to change.

Wednesday, November 4

Parent Mindfulness Training, 8:45 a.m., Virtual

Friday, November 6 No School

Monday, November 9-Sunday, November 22 PK-8 Virtual Book Fair

Monday, November 16 & Tuesday, November 17 Upper School (Grades 9-12) Picture Day

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