



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Thank you!

We would like to thank all parents for a smooth drop-off on the first day of school! All children were in their respective classrooms for a prompt start. We truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Communication

In order to ensure effective communication, please contact your child's class teacher directly regarding any issues, e.g. early departure or sickness. Teacher emails all follow the same pattern (name.middlename.surname@gjovikis.no, e.g. adam.armanski@gjovikis.no). For last minute changes, please call us at 24076141.

Below you will find the complete list of GIS staff. Please note that we use English letters in email addresses.

Ms. Sabina Michelotti	Grade 1
Mr. Paul Duevel	Grade 2

Ms. Eva Griesova	Grade 3-4
Ms. Kimberley Zemlak	PYP Coordinator & Grade 5
Ms. Nina Haavi	PYP Norwegian
Mr. Aleš Črnko	PYP PE
Mr. Geir Frode Stavspøien	PYP Music & Grade 7 Music
Ms. Agata Wieczorek	Grade 6 homeroom teacher, MYP English, PYP & MYP Art
Mr. Espen Øye Bjørkvold	Grade 7 homeroom teacher, MYP Norwegian & German
Ms. Annie Termaat	Grade 8 homeroom teacher, MYP Coordinator, MYP Science & Grade 8 Maths
Mr. Timothy Mills	MYP Individuals and Societies, MYP PE, Grade 6&7 Maths
Mr. Ragnar Görögh	MYP Design & PYP assistant
Mr. Dennis Wanda	Senior Assistant
Ms. Miriam Haugen	Learning Support
Ms. Pernille Amundsen	Assistant
Ms. Anna Kaczor	Assistant
Ms. Dawan Wilairam	Assistant
Mr. Sri Kolla	Assistant
Ms. Jodi Benson	Assistant

Personal number – NEW PARENTS

Like other schools, GIS is required to report current enrollment levels to the Educational Department. Apart from each child's name, we are required to provide the child's full personal number/personnummer (11 digits/siffer). If your child is new to GIS this academic year, please ensure that you submit the number to your child's class/homeroom teacher this week. The parents who bring their children to school in the morning may want to do it in person; others may want to send the number with their child rather than by email for security reasons.

Appropriate clothes

This is just to remind you that each child needs to have appropriate shoes for school, including science and PE. Please note that slippers, sandals and/or flip flops are inappropriate for school. Also, please ensure that your child has rain gear. Primary students (Grades 1-5) should also have a set of spare clothes in their cubby.

Late arrival

It is important that students arrive at school on time so that they can start classes promptly at 8:30am. At the beginning of the day, teachers introduce the day's plan and answer students' questions about what is going to happen. Students who are late miss the introduction and disrupt the flow of the class.

As we have a number of new students this year, we would like to give families time until the end of this week to find the best way to ensure their child arrives at school on time. From Monday on, students who arrive at school after 8:30am will need to register in the office before they go to the classroom. They will receive a late slip, which they will give to the teacher. If a student comes late to the classroom without a late slip, he/she will be asked to return to the office to collect a slip.

Visual Image Consent Form – NEW PARENTS

We would be very grateful if you could complete and return the attached Visual Image Consent Form to us as soon as possible. NOTE: Returning parents need to submit a new form ONLY if they want to withdraw their consent.

Pick up Form – ALL PARENTS

Thank you for submitting a Pick up form for your child. If you have not done so already, please complete and hand in a form as soon as possible. It helps us ensure safety at GIS. We understand you may not be certain at this point what your routines will be for the rest of the year. However, amendments can be made at any time, so please submit a form that reflects your current routine and feel free to change it in the future.

Health

Your child's safety is our priority. Therefore, we need to be aware of any health issues that may affect him/her at school. Please inform your child's class teacher of any conditions and provide any advice you can to allow us to act quickly and effectively in an emergency.

Homework

PYP (Grades 1-5)

Please note that during this academic year students will receive homework on Wednesday and it will be due in the following Tuesday. The arrangement will allow students to identify the best time during the week to complete assignments. Please note that the first homework this year will be assigned on 30th August 2017.

MYP (Grades 6-8)

MYP students have a separate homework timetable, which is incorporated in the timetable they received yesterday.

School photos

School photos will be taken on **18th September 2017**, including class, individual and sibling photos. Following the session, parents will receive a link to their child's photos. Selection and payment are made online and photos are delivered within a few days. Like last year, we will use <http://ariel.no/> .

Leave of absence

According to Norwegian Law, students are allowed to miss up to 10 days of school in an academic year. Parents are required to apply for a leave of absence in advance and it is the Principal's prerogative to approve or reject each application. The principal **must** reject all applications if the absence is longer than 10 days.

If a child misses more than 10 days, he/she loses his/her place. Parents may reapply. However, if there is a waiting list, the next child on the list is accepted. Should a child's education be compromised due to absenteeism, the school will contact the child protection agency.

Please ensure you submit an application (attached) each time your child needs to miss school.

Milk and snack

Parents can order milk, yoghurt, carrots, etc. through <https://www.skolelyst.no/>
The selected products are delivered to GIS every Tuesday and distributed during lunch break for the rest of the week.

SFO

The cost generated by SFO must not affect the school budget. In order to keep the cost low for the parents who need childcare before and after school, we are asking for donations. If you have games (board games, card games, etc.), colouring books, pearls, Lego, etc. that are no longer used but still in good condition and are willing to donate them to the school, please bring them to the office.

Swimming classes

Swimming classes start on 31st August 2017 according to the timetable at the end of the newsletter. Following regular classes at school, students will have lunch and some play time at GIS. They will then walk from the school supervised by assistants, who will also supervise the students in changing rooms.

Please note that students will be back at GIS at 3:30PM.

Please ensure your child brings the following items on the days when he/she has swimming classes:

- Bathing suit
- Swim cap
- Shower gel/soap
- TWO towels

School support contact details

If you have any questions about the matters below, please contact the relevant person:

Taxi (GIS)	Dennis Wanda	dennis.wanda@gjovikis.no
Taxi/bus (Kommune)	Ingrid Raasholm	ingrid.raasholm@gjovik.kommune.no
School nurse	Kristin Bratland	kristin.bratland@gjovik.kommune.no
Swimming	Ragnar Görögh	ragnar.gorogh@gjovikis.no
SFO	Anna Kaczor	sfo@gjovikis.no

Swimming timetable

Grade	Date
Grade 2	31.08.17
	07.09.17
	14.09.17
	21.09.17
	28.09.17
	12.10.17
	19.10.17
	26.10.17
Grade 3-4	02.11.17
	09.11.17
	16.11.17
	23.11.17
	30.11.17

	07.12.17 14.12.17 04.01.18 11.01.18 18.01.18
Grade 5	25.01.18 01.02.18 08.02.18 15.02.18 22.02.18 08.03.18 15.03.18 22.03.18 05.04.18
Grade 1	12.04.18 19.04.18 26.04.18 03.05.18 24.05.18 31.05.18 07.06.18 14.06.18