



GIS Newsletter 16 10 December 2024



Countdown to the GIS-mas Break



The holiday season is almost here, and we're excited to share some important details about the upcoming break! 🧑‍🎓 ✨

Last Day of School

Our last school day before the holiday is **Wednesday, December 18th**, and it will be a **short day, ending at 12:00 PM**. However, SFO will remain open until 5:00 PM as usual.

Important Reminders

1. **Bring Everything Home:**

Please make sure your child brings home all their clothes and belongings by the last day. This allows our cleaning staff to thoroughly clean all lockers and shelves during the break.

2. **Lost and Found:**

The lost and found has been displayed in the school entrance for some time. **December 18th is the final day** to check if any of these items belong to your child. After this date, all unclaimed items will be donated.




Holiday Schedule


The school and SFO will be **closed from December 19th through January 7th**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday, January 8th** to start the new year together!

We wish all our students and families a warm and joyful GIS-mas break filled with laughter, relaxation, and cherished moments.

Christmas Swap Shop – An Eco-Friendly Holiday Initiative! 1 1 December

Grades 3 and 4 are hosting a **Christmas Swap Shop** to promote sustainability and reduce waste this holiday season.

 **When:** Wednesday, 11th December

 **Where:** Grade 3 & 4 classrooms

Students (PYP & MYP) can exchange **used toys, books, and clothes** in good condition.

1. **Bring items** to Grades 3 or 4 by **Tuesday, 10th December**.
2. Get a **voucher** for each item to exchange on the 11th.
3. Leftover items will be donated to charity via our **Giving Tree initiative**.

Christmas Coordinators' Corner - 11 December - Sign-up Form

Following the success of November's inaugural event, the programme coordinators would like to invite you for a festive instalment of Coordinators' Corner, on Wednesday 11th December:

[Christmas Coordinators' Corner Sign-Up Form](#)

Looking forward to seeing you!

You're Invited to the Grade 9 Art Exhibition! 

12 December

Mark your calendars! On **Tuesday, December 12th**, our talented Grade 9 artists warmly invite you to view their incredible artwork.

Working closely with Ms. Santos, they have partnered with **Headspace** to create a powerful exhibition centered around the theme of **Mental Health**. The exhibition will be held at:

 **Jernbanesvingen 6, 2821 Gjøvik**


 **5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity and hard work of our Grade 9 students. Even if you're not a Grade 9 parent, we'd love for you to come and support their efforts

The Giving Tree - Let's Make a Difference This Christmas!  **13 December**

Every year during the holiday season at GIS, we host **The Giving Tree**, a special event where we come together as a community to donate gifts for less fortunate children in Gjøvik.

This year, your generosity has been overwhelming – we have received **many, many wonderful gifts!**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to spreading joy and kindness. 

The **Salvation Army** will be coming to the school **this Friday** to pick up all the donated gifts and distribute them to those in need. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of children this holiday season.

Thank you again for your incredible support and for showing the true spirit of giving

Warm regards,
The Student Council

👤. Student Secret Santa 📺

The festive season is here, and we're excited to announce the **Student Secret Santa** event, starting **2nd December**! Here's how it works:

- **Class Secret Santa:** Student Council Representatives will organize Secret Santa for their own classes if they wish to participate.
- **Gifts:** Students can bring their gifts starting **2nd December**.
- **Optional Event:** Participation is voluntary, and not all classes need to join.
- **Gift Budget:** Gifts should be within the price range of **30-50kr**.
- **Gift Unwrapping:** Gifts will be opened on **16th December during lunchtime**, which coincides with the **Christmas Sweater Lunch**.

Christmas Sweater Lunch 16 December



We're excited to announce that on **16 December**, the school is hosting a **Christmas Sweater Lunch** for all students!

🌲🌟 We encourage everyone to dress up in their favorite festive sweater and join us for this joyful annual tradition. Let's spread holiday cheer together!

Each class will be assigned a specific type of food to bring, and our tables will consist of finger food (further specified below), dessert, and fruit.

Assigned food for each class – NUT FREE please.

Lower PYP Grades	Food To Bring
1	Finger food (such as sandwiches, pancakes, waffles, hot dogs, etc...)
2	Desserts (something sweet, such as brownies, cookies, cake, etc...)
3	Finger food
Higher PYP Grades	
4	Finger food
5	Desserts
6	Fruits (such as oranges, apples, bananas, etc...)
MYP Grades	
7	Finger food
8	Desserts

9	Finger food
10	Fruits

Swimming Grade 7.



Just a quick reminder that the last swimming class this season is **Wednesday 11 December**. Also, There is no swimming on the first back to school in Januaru

MYP Sleepover 24 January MYP

We are still needong some help tosupervise, If you are available to help out, please let us know by completing this [survey, so please click this link](#) 😊

Student absences in Toddle

We are excited to share that we've now fully transitioned to using **Toddle**! To help us streamline communication, we kindly ask that you use Toddle to report your child's absences. This includes notifying us when your child is sick or has appointments, such as a visit to the dentist.

Please remember to report the absence in Toddle for **each day** your child is away from school (e.g., day 2, 3, etc.).

For leave related to holidays or other planned absences, you must still use the **Application for Leave** form as before. Absences submitted through Toddle for this purpose, or by email cannot be approved.

You can find the leave application form here:

<https://gjovikis.no/school-life/leave-of-absence/>

Thank you for helping us ensure smooth and clear communication. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Skolelyst

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Skolelyst program for milk and yoghurt, please see the attached [link](#).

You can also get more information at the front office in school.

School Contact Details

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

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