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Next Week at GSFS

Saturday, September 13

5:35pm
Parents Association
Fundraiser: Camden
Riversharks Game
Campbell Field
Camden, NJ

Wednesday, September 17

8:30am
Meeting for Worship
Green Street Meetinghouse

Protocol for Late Arrivals

School starts at 8:00am every day, but, on occasion, your student may arrive late. What should you do then?

If you arrive by 8:15am, please escort your child to his or her building. Our morning greeters stay at the doors until 8:15am and are able to watch students walk safely into the buildings.

If you arrive after 8:15am, please escort your Lower School child(ren) to Hargroves House to sign in before joining their class. Middle School students who arrive on campus after 8:15am should proceed directly to their homeroom teacher, let them know they are here, and then proceed to class.

Students who arrive after 8:15am are marked as tardy in our attendance system. Lateness and absenteeism are a part of our students' permanent records. The one exception is if a school bus is late, in which case the students arriving on the bus will be excused from being late and do not have to sign in at Hargroves House.

If you will arrive later in the day, please contact our main office and let us know your child's arrival time. This



4:00pm
School Committee Meeting
Hargroves House

Thursday, September 18

8:45am
Admission Open House
Green Street Meetinghouse

7:00pm
Lower School Back to School
Night

Keep Connected



should be done in the event of an illness, injury, family emergency, or an unavoidable medical appointment.



These policies are in place to ensure the safety and supervision of all students at GSFS. Thank you for adhering to these protocols!

Family Picnic and Camden Riversharks Game This Weekend!

During last week's Parents Association meeting, parents anonymously asked questions about the PA, its roles and responsibilities, and what being involved looks like. All of their answers are now available online - click [here](#) to read what the PA does, why it matters, and ways to get involved!

We hope to see you at the following PA events this weekend:

**Back to School Family Picnic
Friday, September 12
5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Join us tonight for the [Back to School Family Picnic](#) at GSFS! \$6 per person or \$24 per family of 4+. Kids under four years old are free.

The Parents Association will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers for everyone. **If your child is in Pre-K to 5th grade**, please bring a side dish, vegetable or salad for 15-20 people to share. **If your child is in 6th to 8th grade**, please bring a dessert or fruit dish for 15-20 people to share.

**Camden Riversharks Fundraiser
Saturday, September 13
5:35pm**

We look forward to seeing Greene Street Friends families, faculty, alumni, and friends [tomorrow night at Campbell Field](#)! Thanks to everyone who supported the Parents Association by buying tickets.

Lunch Options This Fall

Take a break from making lunch every day! Both Smart Lunches and Hot Dog Mondays will begin the week of Sept. 22.



Smart Lunches

[Smart Lunches](#) is a "virtual lunch service" that parents can log into to order hot and cold lunches for your student. The lunches are delivered to school each day. All meals are nut-free, nutritious, portioned for children, and reasonably priced. Thanks to parent feedback, this year Smart Lunches has committed to using more environmentally-friendly packaging!

Their service works like a take-out restaurant - you order directly from them, make payments to them, and they deliver lunch to your child here at school. Learn more about Smart Lunches and create an account [here](#).

Hot Dog Monday

As part of its fundraising for the Costa Rica Exchange Program, the 7th grade will be offering ready-made lunches every Monday. A one hot dog meal will be \$4; a two hot dog meal is \$6. In addition to the beef or veggie hot dog, every meal includes chips and a fruit or vegetable.

Students bring cash to school and pay in the cafeteria for hot dog Mondays. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students should give their money to their teachers. If you have any questions, please contact 7th grade parent [Ronni Rothman](#).

Lower School Back to School Night: Thursday, September 18

Back to School Night for Grades Pre-K to 4 will be held next Thursday, September 18 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Spend time in your child's classroom with your lead teacher, meet some of the specialists, and connect with other parents in your grade.



Childcare will be provided for school-aged children.

The Middle School Back to School Night will be held the following week on [Tuesday, September 23](#).

New Gate at the Lower School



We will shortly be installing a new gate at the Lower School. For the time being, it will remain open, but later this fall we will install a lock. The gate will always be open during drop-off and pick-up and locked beginning at 8:15am on school days.

Costa Rica Exchange Program Fall Fundraisers

Now in its 12 year, the Costa Rica Exchange Program at GSFS takes seventh grade students to Costa Rica for an immersive Spanish language experience while gaining knowledge of Costa Rican history and culture.



For more information on the Costa Rica Exchange Program, please click [here](#).

Zip lining during the Class of 2015's trip to Costa Rica in March

The first two events in support of the program are coming up shortly!

The Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale

The Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser for the Costa Rica Exchange Program starts on Monday, September 22. Please keep a lookout for the catalog coming home in your child's backpack next week.

The 2014 catalog has lots of great gifts, wrapping paper options, chocolates, and other festive items. Please support the 7th grade students' trip to Costa Rica by shopping and sharing the catalog with friends and family. Ordering information will be included with the catalog and are available [on the GSFS website](#).

The Fall Fair

Mark your calendars for the Fall Fair on Saturday, October 18!

Vendor registration is now open. Over 300 people attend the Fall Fair every year, making it a great place to sell items and promote services or businesses.

The fee for a space is \$35 and all proceeds benefit the Costa Rica Exchange Program. For more information or to sign up, please contact 7th grade parent [Andy Jickling](#).

***American Promise* Viewing**

American Promise, a documentary following two African-American students in a prestigious private school, will be playing at Germantown Friends School on Monday, September 22. The film explores complicated truths about America's struggle to come of age on issues of race, class, and opportunity. For more information, please click [here](#).

Congratulations to 5th Grade Teacher Peale!



Faculty and Staff congratulate 5th grade teacher Peale on her wedding last weekend!
