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### SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

We would like to alert our parents that some public school districts will be closed on Sept. 21 and 22 (Rosh Hashanah) as well as Nov. 7, 2017 (Election Day). Please check with your bus district | bus company to make sure that they will be providing transportation to GISNY for your (child)ren on these days.

*Wir möchten sie darauf aufmerksam machen, dass einige Schulbezirke am 21. und 22. September (Rosh Hashanah) sowie am 7. November (Wahltag) geschlossen sind. Bitte halten sie Rücksprache mit dem Busbezirk und der Busfirma, ob der Transport zur GISNY und retour gewährleistet ist.*

### GISNY SCHOOL CORPORATION

As many of you know, each year in November the GISNY Corporation (that's the legal entity running the school) holds its Annual Meeting of Members. Membership in the corporation is open to all members of the school community. The membership fee for individuals is \$50. In past years, the membership fee for parents appeared as an item of the tuition bill. This year you may either remit your dues through SmartTuition or send in a check to the school for the membership fee at your earliest convenience, if you have not done so already. (Please disregard finance fees in SmartTuition for this membership fee.) Only members in good standing at the close of business on October 23 will receive an invitation to the annual meeting scheduled for November 27. In order to vote for candidates for the Board of Trustees or to run for a seat on the board, one must be a member in good standing. If you are interested in running for a seat, please consult the "Becoming a Trustee" section on the school website.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter!

*Wie viele von Ihnen/Euch wissen, findet im November die Mitgliederversammlung der GISNY Corporation statt. (Das ist rechtlich gesehen der Schulträger.) Mitgliedschaft in dieser Corporation steht allen offen, die die Schulziele unterstützen, der Mitgliedsbeitrag beläuft sich auf US\$ 50 pro Person. In den vergangenen Jahren war dieser Mitgliedsbeitrag auf der Schulgeldrechnung ausgewiesen. Dieses Jahr haben sie entweder die Möglichkeit die Gebühr durch SmartTuition oder durch die Sendung eines Schecks an die Schule zu begleichen. Falls sie es nicht bereits erledigt haben, ersuchen wir Sie/Euch dies möglichst bald zu erledigen. (Bitte ignorieren Sie eventuelle Mahngebühren seitens SmartTuition.) Ich möchte daran erinnern, dass der Stichtag für die Feststellung der Mitgliedschaft der 23. Oktober ist. Nur wer bis zu diesem Tag als Mitglied registriert ist, erhält eine Einladung zur Mitgliederversammlung. Nur Mitglieder sind in den Vorstandswahlen stimmberechtigt, und nur Mitglieder können für den Vorstand kandidieren. Sollten Sie Interesse haben, für den Vorstand to kandidieren, finden Sie die Informationen dazu unter 'Becoming a Trustee' auf der Webseite der Schule.*

*Besten Dank im Voraus!*

Dr. Ronald K. Frank

Secretary | Sekretär, GISNY Corporation



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### **AG (After School Activity) Update**

The sign up process is over and we are happy to announce that most of the AGs are without waiting lists. We are trying to work things out to eliminate as many waiting lists as possible. We will notify you personally via email if we can move your child on to the AG roster.

There are still several interesting AGs which would love to add some participants. If you are interested in the following AGs, please send an email to [cguerriere@gisny.org](mailto:cguerriere@gisny.org) to sign up. Please do not use the link from the website as the signup period has ended.

#### English Creative Projects (grades 5-6, Wednesdays 2:15pm - 3:45pm)

The *Creative Projects AG* will give 5th and 6th graders a chance to explore and express their ideas across a range of dynamic activities. The projects will include creative games, photo essays, debate, viewing and responding to a film, producing a dramatic piece, developing a poetry presentation and other language-rich activities, driven by the interests of the group. There will be an opportunity for the participants to display, publish and perform their work. Come and join the fun!

#### English Junior Journalism (grades 7-8, Tuesdays 2:15pm - 3:45pm)

Are you interested in current events? Do you like to debate issues? Are you interested in what's going on in your school? Or is music, theatre or sports your passion? Then the *Junior Journalism AG* for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is for you!

Students will discover the important people and events in journalistic history, and learn about new technologies that affect how news is disseminated. They will learn to find story ideas, identify and evaluate sources of information, and use approved conventions to cite sources. They will practice interviewing techniques and procedures, and how to organize and structure a story. Our work will be showcased on our school's news site, *The Lens* (<https://thelengsny.org/>)

#### Green School (grades 8-12, Mondays 4:00pm - 5:30pm)

Is our environment important to you? Are you interested in engaging in our "Green School"? Do you like to work on creative projects? Then the Green School AG is the perfect fit for you. We are working on important environmentally oriented subjects in and outside of school to create awareness in our school community through contests, information and campaigns.

#### Fencing AG (Fridays, 2:15 - 3:45) has now opened enrollment for grade 2!

Come en garde and learn to parry, thrust, and lunge your way to success! Sheridan Fencing Academy is one of the most successful fencing schools in the country, training some of the best athletes in the US, including the 2016 NCAA Champion, the 2013 Junior World Champion, and the 2012 Junior Olympic

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Champion, with students recruited to top colleges, including Harvard, Princeton, Brown, and Duke. Sheridan Fencing's school programs introduce children to the skills of fencing, emphasizing fun while developing strength, balance, coordination, and focus.

### Cross Country News

Last Wednesday GIS hosted one of the largest cross country meets in our school's history. GIS competed against Harvey, Wooster, EF Academy, and FASNY. This was our first meet of the season, but the team did a wonderful job! GIS came in 4<sup>th</sup> against some very large teams and stiff competition. Congratulations to Hannah Luebbert and Henry Kiehl for running their first XC race! Antonia Raab ran a fast 3 miles with a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish and a time of 22:46. Jonathan Tragl came in 15<sup>th</sup> and Timo Anger 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 45 runners. We are going to have a fantastic season! Go GIS!



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The **GISNY JV Soccer** team (1-0) opened up their 2017 season with a 8-1 victory over FASNY. It was a total team effort as 6 different Eagles scored for GISNY. Enno Leitner led the way with 2 goals and 3 assists while Adrian Frank added a goal while getting 10 saves in net. The JV team will return to action on Wednesday October 4 against La Scuola D'Italia at GISNY.



### FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

#### Important Health Information on Lyme Disease and Tick-borne Illnesses for Parents

Please visit the following websites for current information on Lyme Disease and other tick-borne illnesses.

#### Westchester County Department of Health:

<http://health.westchestergov.com/tick-borne-diseases>

#### Greenwich, CT Department of Health:

<http://www.greenwichct.org/upload/medialibrary/800/Lyme-Press-Release-May-2017.pdf>

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/>

#### CDC Fact Sheet for Parents:

[https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10\\_508\\_Lymedisease\\_Parent.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10_508_Lymedisease_Parent.pdf)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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