

breaking something means dealing with people you don't want to, and we all know how that could turn out.

Cancer: I do realize being here leads to lots of friendships, but it might be time to get your friends together and figure out who is for you and who isn't. You might want to do this quickly or you could be in for a lot of trouble.

Leo: Remember others throughout the rest of this year, whether it's your family or your friends. They will remember you when your times get rough.

Virgo: Don't let the small things get you down. Maybe you missed that important call, or you couldn't find your homework; so what? Don't take it all to heart.

Libra: Remember that everyone does not have the same experience here. Some things may be confusing you right now, but there is no harm in looking back in your notes.

Scorpios: What could it be now? Well, try and be a little more giving in these next few months, and it will pay off for you in the long run.

Sagittarius: Pay attention to your surroundings, because things may not go as planned. Something could happen in the blink of an eye, so just be cautious.

Capricorns: Maybe it's time for you to take a few steps back and go with the flow; you can't always have control. Yes, this is difficult, but it has to be done.

Aquarius: Make sure you separate wants and needs. Some people may ask you for favors, but you know you have a lot on your plate. Just make sure you can handle it all.

Pisces: Just remember not to believe everything you hear. This is a small school and stuff gets mixed up a lot, so make sure you take on the problem. Don't just take the word of someone you barely trust.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

By Palak Trivedi

"You gain strength, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.'"

~Eleanor Roosevelt

Things can be rough here at GSSM, but take it one step at a time. Once you accomplish something, you can say as Eleanor Roosevelt did, "I lived through this horror and I can take the next thing that comes along." Don't stress yourselves out too much; just relax your mind and take things slowly.

SADIE HAWKINS

By Hannah Addis

February 21st, 2015, marked the arrival of the annual GSSM Sadie Hawkins Dance. This dance provided the students with a great break from the stress brought on by the new semester. Weeks before the event, girls seized this opportunity of the girls-ask-guys dance with various creative askings that flooded the hallways with dances, videos, and a multitude of cheesy pick-up lines. A lot of hard work was put into decorations, music, and snacks, and everyone enjoyed getting dressed up and going out for dinner in Hartsville with their dates and friends. All in all, the night was a successful way to relax and enjoy the weekend without the usual workload of the GSSM weekday.

SPOTLIGHT HARTSVILLE: NUEVA VILLA

By William Blanchett

Open seven days a week and deemed by some to have the best Mexican food they've ever tasted, Nueva Villa is a popular place to eat among Govies. Located down the street from Applebee's and across from Spiro's, Nueva Villa is an easy walk from the Governor's school. Their menu includes a combinations section with prices ranging around \$15, and an "a la carte" menu with prices closer to \$3. Because of Nueva Villa's reasonable prices, a full meal can easily be achieved for less than \$20. The standard chips and salsa are very delicious, as well the meals and deserts. Along with the food, Nueva Villa's atmosphere is great, too. The furniture is clean, the staff is friendly, and the ambient music is quiet yet upbeat. The restaurant was renovated last year, and now has a new section in the restaurant to increase the customer capacity. It seems like a great place to bring families or gather with friends.



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INTERVIEW DAY ADVICE

Interview Day can be tough—for many people, this is their first interview. So we've compiled a list of advice from students and faculty alike. Good luck to all the prospective students with their interviews!

"Don't be afraid of saying the wrong thing. Being natural and genuine is always the best!" - Asia Paguntalan, Class of 2016

"Convey what you believe will best convey who you are and why you want to attend GSSM." - Hannah Addis, Class of 2016

"Relax and be yourself. The group interviews are to see how well you fit into living here at GSSM; they already know you have the mental aptitude to make it here. Don't get nervous about one-upping others and don't try to brag. Just have fun and present yourself the best that you can." - William Blanchett, Class of 2015

"Try to crack a joke. It will help break the ice and make everyone in the room feel a lot more at ease. It also shows your ability to handle stress and work under pressure." - Emily Babb, Class of 2016

"You have to want to be here. It's not for your parents. It's for you." - Dr. (Mme.) Eykyn, French Teacher

"GSSM is not for everyone. It can be difficult and stressful to balance the work here, but the friends and the experience make it worth it." - GSSM Senior

"If you decide that this is the right place for you, then don't give up even when it gets hard. Adapt and I promise that you won't regret it." - Rebecca Wang, Class of 2016

"You don't have to wait til senior year to take physics." - Dr. Godwin, Physics Teacher

HOROSCOPES (CONT. ON BACK)

By TK Cornish

Aries: Look for something unexpected coming your way, whether it is a random scholarship weekend for seniors or a random trip for juniors. It may not seem like something you want to do, but take it on. It may be what's best for you.

Taurus: Has anything bad recently happened to you, big or small? Well, if something has happened, hang in there. It happened for a reason. You needed to learn from it, so don't take it too hard.

Gemini: Please try not to break anything. Even though it probably going to happen anyway, just try, ok? You

SPORTS UPDATE

Many new seasons are just beginning, such as boys' tennis, track, golf, girls' and boys' soccer. Check out all the updates below, and a huge congratulations to the GSSM basketball teams for ending their season in style!

BOYS' TENNIS

By Crystel Sylvester

The GSSM boys tennis team won their first match against Camden Military School 6-0. Tommy Berigan, Alex Sizemore, Michael Schwartz, Thomas Stanton, Jack Runge, Adam Herbert, and ChaCha Amphan all won their respective matches. The staff of the Gazette congratulates the team and their coach, Residence Life Coordinator Maurice Williams, and wishes them luck in their upcoming matches!

TRACK

By Crystel Sylvester

Track season is in full swing, and the GSSM track team is practicing hard. Their coach, Residence Life Coordinator Gary Dent, and assistant coach Harper English can attest to the team's hard work. Johnny Peterson serves as the team's captain, while the squad leaders include Kelby Beam, Daniel Arega, Jacqueline Tobin, and Coby Jeffcoat. Their first meet will take place March 19th; the staff of the Govie Gazette wishes the team the best of luck!

SOCCER

By Dixie McCollum

Currently, GSSM soccer is off to an explosive start. After their first two weeks of play, both teams remain undefeated and are ranked in the top five 1A schools in South Carolina. GSSM's boys team is presently third, while the Lady Eagles are ranked fourth in the girls division. Soccer captains were also decided this past month: Chase Ison and John Mathia for the boys' team, along with Allie Young, Carla Jane Pax, and Bailey Fallon for the girls' squad. Both teams will face off against Buford High School next Tuesday. It's a home game, so pack up your schoolwork and head on over to the Coker soccer fields to support your Eagles!

GOLF

By Crystel Sylvester

Golf season is starting, and the GSSM golf team is shaping up well. Team members include Taylor DeHart (captain), Wil Carpenter, Katie Duchinski, Ben Epstein, Avery Graham, Lydia Henderson, Morgan Jones, James Kahng, Ali Maclay, Hansen Mou, Tiger Mou, Mayank Patel, Madeline Pope, and Julia Sequerth. The team's first match will take place March 19th against McBee High School. The staff of the Govie Gazette wishes them the best of luck!

TEACHER FEATURE: MR. KACEY COLEY

By Emily Babb

After graduating from GSSM in 2007, Mr. Kacey Coley attended Clemson University to earn a bachelor's degree in computer engineering and a master's degree in the digital arts program. The program dealt with the creation of movies and animations, as Coley likes the creativity involved in the graphic simulation. He may be asked to design a "happy" fire or an "angry" fire, which requires creativity and programming skills, as there is no set algorithm for what a "happy" fire looks like. In college, Coley took up an interest in Asian culture. One of his friends convinced him to

join the Asian Student Society, where he learned about food and customs from many different Asian countries. He also decided to take a Chinese class, which helped him learn a great deal about Chinese culture, and allowed him another way to communicate with his numerous Chinese friends in graduate school. Aside from school, Coley enjoys filmmaking, drawing, playing guitar, tennis, gaming, and visual production work.

Coley has seen many changes from his time at GSSM to now. The building has grown; when he attended GSSM, the fourth floor was not open, and some classes met at Coker College. Many traditions, however, have remained, such as SYR, Queen of Hearts and King of Shamrocks, the spoon game, and Big Sib/Little Sib. He conducted his research at Clemson in the field of Bioinformatics: Optimization of Electrostatic Interacts in Protein-Protein Complexes. This worked to find what proteins looked like without having to extract actual proteins, as dissecting proteins took lots of time and money.

Coley considers himself to have been an average student during his time here, but through his struggles, he realized that he would have appreciated teachers do. For this reason, he decided to come teach at GSSM this year. He also views his classes as a cool way to explore his own interests, as he learns from teaching the classes, too. GSSM is lucky to have Mr. Coley back as a teacher, as he is loved by all his students!



Above: Mr. Kacey Coley.



DECA

By Kylie Fletcher

On February 27, a group of DECA members traveled to North Charleston to compete at the DECA State Competition. DECA is an organization whose aim is to form leaders in finance, marketing, management, and hospitality. Not only were the students able to compete, but they also got the opportunity to dine and shop in downtown Charleston. GSSM DECA members represented our school well, with each member placing in their event and qualifying to compete at DECA Internationals in Orlando, Florida. Daniel Beasley, Grace Brueggman, Justin Smith, Taylor DeHart, Nikki Wyman, Kylie Fletcher, Elizabeth Mugo, Carla-Jane Pax, and Brittany Shook all placed well in their respective events. The staff of the Govie Gazette wishes the team luck at their next compe-

MOCK TRIAL

By Jacqueline Tobin

GSSM's Mock Trial team competed on February 28th at the Horry County Government and Justice Center in the Coastal Regionals. The Mock Trial Competition allows students to assume the roles of defense and prosecution lawyers, as well as witnesses. Teams prepare both a defense and prosecution teams, competing both in turn at regionals over the course of three rounds. Three practicing lawyers from the community judge the teams and either a current or former actual judge moderates the mock trials.

At this year's regional competition GSSM's team went undefeated in all three rounds, likely remaining in the #1 seed throughout the day. They went up against Wilson High School's "A" and "B" teams, as well as Johnsonville and advanced to State's on March 13-14 in Lexington, SC.