

while to get in and be good at it.

Capricorn are awesome. Now don't be so quick to want the center of attention because school work comes

## HOROSCOPES (CONT.)

first here. Don't be offended if your friends have work and can't hang out with you every second of the day. Also do not lock up

## BOTHER BECKY

*I detest my lab partner because I have to do everything! What should I do?*

Luckily, you have several options for improving your lab partner situation. While in the lab, you are fully equipped to "dispose of" that lazy low-life. The hazardous chemicals closet is easily accessible if you can steal yourself a key, and don't forget to use Wikipedia, your most reliable source. A quick search of the site should tell you everything you need to know about disabling a lazy lab partner.

Another route you could take is to get a new partner. Lab partners are not set in stone. You are perfectly capable of kidnapping, I mean, switching with someone else (Tip: There are some people who prefer to do the entire lab themselves). Just remember to let your old partner down easy. This shouldn't be too difficult if they aren't paying attention.

Perhaps, you could actually let your partner know that you'd like for him/her to put in more effort. If he/she does not respond to this request, tell your teacher. Also remember that life isn't fair. The fair is next month.

If you need help stealing a chemical closet key, I might be able to help with that.

## MOVIE REVIEW

By: Carlan A May

The *Maze Runner* follows a boy named Thomas who is inexplicably cast into a towering, dangerous maze along with dozens of other boys, all of whom have no memory of life before the maze. They have spent years looking for a way out, but it is only with Thomas's arrival that everything begins to change, and there is true hope for escape.

In a market saturated with teen heroes and dystopian futures, *The Maze*

*Runner* has managed to make an impact. The film's most appealing feature is arguably its serious, gritty nature. Compared to compatriot *Divergent*, *The Maze Runner* doesn't shy away from the more grisly depictions its post-apocalyptic world. Of course, the film still falls into the typical traps of flickering lights and overeager heroes, and there are number of moments which lend themselves to predictability. But Overall, the movie is both well composed and well shot, and its fast paced storyline will keep moviegoers engaged.

## NATIONAL MERIT SHOUTOUTS

By: Crystel Sylvester

Last October, the entire class of 2015 took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, also known as the Preliminary SAT or PSAT. This year, 22 students have been named National Merit semi-finalists: Chanon Amphan, Anya Bali, Mike Bhoi, Collin Braeuning, Tyler Brown, Wil Carpenter, Sean Conway, Katie Duchinski, Aspen Golden, Maddison Maddox, Cameron Maes, John Mathai, Alex Mau, Patrick McKenzie, Hansen Mou, Josh Pope, Sayaka Reed, Gavin Roser, Jack Runge, Sara Watson, Zach Wyman and Gordon Zhang. In addition, Carla-Jane Pax has been named a National Achievement semi-finalist. Congratulations to all

## DR. BROCKMAN RETIRES

By: Crystel Sylvester

When a mysterious email sent to the student body asked available students to attend a short meeting in the gym, no one could have guessed that the meeting would include the announcement of Dr. Brockman's re-

irement. He has served GSSM well since May 1st, 2001. Although much of what Dr. Brockman does will not be seen by the current students, as he mostly deals with GSSM's future prospects, he never failed to try to get to know students, from pumpkin carving to an open office door. Dr. Brockman will truly be missed, and the newspaper staff congratulates him on a successful career.



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Left: A group snaps a picture at Delicious Delites. Middle: Clare DuVal and Austin Gibbs. Right: Another group snaps a selfie at dinner.

## SET UP YOUR ROOMMATE 2014

By: Crystel Sylvester

Set-Up Your Roommate (SYR) has been a GSSM tradition for years, although not much setting-up occurs anymore. The expansion of the school has also complicated SYR, forcing some seniors to take two juniors out for dinner. However, this hasn't made the tradition any less exciting. Some seniors plan and execute their asking for days, while others are spontaneous. Askings ranged from cupcakes that spelled out "SYR?" to scavenger hunts, from fake funerals turned choreographed dances to singing performances, and from videos of sneaky

pictures of the juniors to ice bucket challenges. Seniors were as creative as they could be, and juniors anxiously awaited, and then enjoyed, their askings. Emily Babb, for example, valued the originality of her asking: "I loved my asking. It was hilarious and completely original. I appreciate all of the thought that went into it."

SYR experiences are just as varied as askings. Some juniors had homemade food in the SAC; others enjoyed a picnic; many went out to dinner. Dinner venues included Taco Bell, Bizzell's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Sophia's Pizzeria, etc. Many seniors

also took their SYRs for milkshakes/dessert afterwards; Delicious Delites even extended their hours for the benefit of students.

In general, SYR accomplished its goal of allowing seniors and juniors to mingle, and accomplished it well. Aspen Golden comments, "It's easier to get to know juniors of the same gender, because they're on your hall. SYR is a great way for us to get to know juniors of another gender, since you probably wouldn't get to interact with them otherwise."

## SWIMMING SHOUTOUTS!

By: Crystel Sylvester

Swimming season has begun, and so far our Eagles have swam five meets. The dedicated team began practice almost immediately after school began, and it's shown in the number of swimmers who have qualified for

state. Sydney White has qualified in 50 free and 100 breast stroke, Chanon Amphan has qualified in 200 IM, 100 fly, and 200 free relay, Zach Laprise has qualified in 200 free, 100 free, 200 IM and 200 free relay, Sam Sisney has qualified in 100 fly and 200 IM, Joel Fonseca has qualified in 200 free relay, and last but not least, Brooks Digh has qualified 200 free relay. Congratulations to all of these talented swimmers and to Coach Ross! The next meet is the Florence Re-

## TEACHER FEATURE: DR. GLENN MORROW

By: Hannah Addis

This year, the GSSM population is the largest it has ever been. With this onslaught of new juniors came many new faculty members, too. One such new addition is Dr. Glen Morrow, a biology teacher. Dr. Morrow originates from Canada and grew up wanting to be a teacher, through his undergraduate and graduate programs.



GSSM welcomes Dr. Morrow to its staff of esteemed biology teachers.

He pursued a doctorate on the structure function relationship of glucose insulin tropic polypeptide to be able to teach the students at the high level he wanted to teach. He first worked at the University of South Florida and in Buffalo, New York before joining the GSSM staff. Dr. Morrow states that biology, the evolution and genetics branch specifically, is his preferred subject to teach and that his favorite part of GSSM so far is the students' eagerness to learn and overcome challenges. Outside of teaching, Morrow's favorite hobby is snow skiing. Overall, Dr. Morrow has been confirmed by students and faculty alike as an excellent addition to the GSSM Department of Biology.

## HUMANS OF GSSM

By: Selen Berkman



"So, how does it feel to be dressed like this?"

"Um, these shoes are giving me blisters."

\* Inspired by the popular Facebook page Humans of New York.

## GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL 3 PTS FROM BEATING HARTSVILLE HIGH

By: Jacqueline Tobin

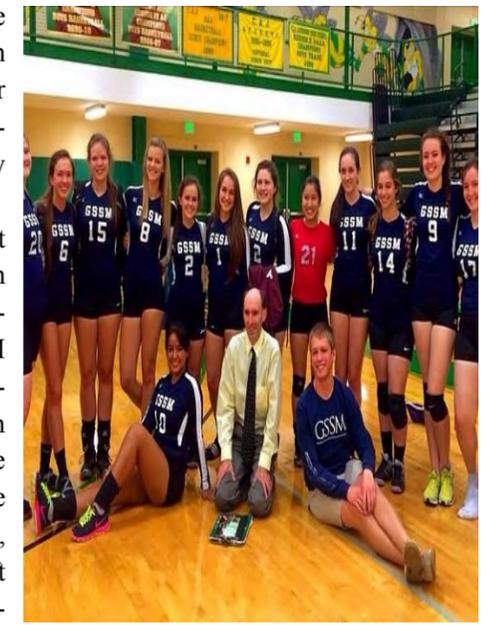
On August 28th, the GSSM Girls' volleyball team scrimmaged Hartsville High's AAA region champion team. The Eagles played possibly their most difficult game of the season, unlikely to see another team of that level again. The girls had only had five previous practices and one previous scrimmage. Two days prior, the Eagles scrimmaged Florence High's JV and varsity teams, defeating the varsity team by more points than their JV team.

Voices were hoarse afterwards,

but feelings weren't hurt. The Eagles played against GSSM's middle blocker's (Rebecca Kerr) twin sister, an outside hitter for Hartsville. Their mother, impartial to either team, refereed the game. Middle blocker Ashley Boone sat out with a knee injury.

Against Hartsville, GSSM lost the first two sets when Hartsville put in their second string. GSSM kept the momentum going, supported by the GSSM cheer section of Residence Life Coordinator Jenna Roberts and juniors Sarah Sheppard and Anna Kulangara. The girls were back and forth with Hartsville High during the third tie-breaking set, only to lose by three points. Girls left the gym chanting, "GPA," after bringing it in as a team and breaking it on "1, 2, 3, FAM," in reference to the family-

like bond that has been formed between



GSSM Girls' volleyball team, their coach Dr. Godwin, and team manager, Austin Gibbs.

## SPOTLIGHT HARTSVILLE: DELICIOUS DELITES

By: Kylie Fletcher

Delicious Delites is a bakery and café, open for both lunch and dinner. Located at 108 South Fifth Street, Delicious Delites is just a short walk

from GSSM. It is close to the YMCA and on the way to the Golden Dragon. Look for a big red sign with their name, a hot dog on one side, and an ice cream cone on the other!

Their sign hints at what they sell: hot dogs, ice cream, hamburgers, milkshakes, cupcakes, pie and more. You can get a combination consisting of two hot dogs, a drink and a choice

between a cupcake or chips for just under five dollars. A popular item is their ice cream sundae, which is under \$3.

Delicious Delites welcomes Govies; they even stayed open late on SYR night. They have a front porch for outdoor dining; the interior, on the other hand, conveys an old-timey diner theme with red-and-white striped walls

## STARTUP GSSM

By: Dixie McCollum

GSSM's StartUp Day proved to be a wonderful, exciting experience for juniors and seniors alike. While juniors bonded over a fun design thinking workshop in GSSM's gymnasium, seniors traveled to three of South Carolina's major cities. One of these cities was Charleston, where seniors toured institutes such as BoomTownROI, Blackbaud, PeopleMatter and blue acorn. In Greenville, another group of seniors had the opportunity to visit the NEXT Innovation Center, CUBEInC and CU-ICAR. The state's capital also provided many interesting locations such as SOCO, Tminus6, and USC's Technology Incubator, where students had the chance to chat with ground-breaking entrepreneurs. Whether at the school or an institute off campus, it's safe to say Startup GSSM Day was a huge success for everyone.



From left: Cayla Odom, Risdan Altman and Garret Buchmann redesign the GSSM Dining experience for a partner, a fun part of the design thinking workshop.

## HOROSCOPES

By: TK Cornish

Hey you **Aries** out there! Be aware of the greatness coming your way. By being nice to everyone around you good things will come your way.

Hey **Taurus!** I'm sad to say that you are FREAKING AWESOME! So you are going to have some fun in these next few days, but remember that work comes from and not to get distracted.

**Gemini:** can I say more than pay attention. Try to stay on top of your classes because in the next few days some classes may seem to be really easy, but don't let them get the best of you.

**Cancers:** Relationships mean everything to you, so make amazing friends while you are here. Also long weekend just passed and I know you miss them, but don't let that lead you to going home.

Alright **Leos!** You are important to this school. You are organized unlike some of us, so we need you to keep your friends in line. Make sure everything goes as planned and that control when you need to.

Heyyyy! It's **Virgo** season. Enjoy your birthdays. Now be open to new friend groups and people coming your way. It is the beginning of the school year so people are still branching out.

**Libras** do your work! I know you can be lazy, but make sure work is done. Also be the outlet to your friends when they want to get away from work unless you have things to do.

**Scorpios,** you might want to calm down. You can come on a little strong so don't scare your friends away. Also make friends you can trust so you don't hold all your problems in like your nature tells you to.

**Sagittarius,** I know you're probably doing amazing here because you naturally love a change. Keep this love for challenge up, but don't take on more that you can chew. This school is a challenge, but beware that it takes a