

Horoscopes

by TK Cornish

SCORPIO: It's Scorpio season! I know it is your time to shine, but put your ego to the side for the time being. Some of your friends may need a shoulder to cry on, so be there for them in their time of need.

SAGITTARIUS: Remember not to let this place get you down. Before you know it, Christmas will be here, and you can enjoy some much needed free time.

CAPRICORN: Calm Down! It's not your time yet. I'll let you know when you can have the spotlight, but until then have several seats... NEXT!

AQUARIUS: Do not get caught up with everyone else. You care so much about everyone's feelings that you often forget about your own importance.

PISCES: I'm sorry to tell you, but the worst is yet to come. Drama is headed your way, and you'll have to act as a mediator between two close friends. You can either help your friends overcome their conflicting views, or run while you can.

ARIES: Keep the energy and stay positive. The best way to get through this school is positive thinking, so keep it up. Try to get your friends to think like this.

TAURUS: The key in this school is compromise, so adapt to the surroundings. When things don't go your way, take an optimistic point of view. Believe me, this will make your life at GSSM much more enjoyable.

GEMINI: Use your time wisely. If you often skip out on study time to hang out with friends, maybe you should reconsider. It's time to focus on your grades.

CANCER: Remember, you are only human so lean on the people around you. It's OK to show your emotions. If you have something on your chest, let it out. We're all here to comfort you.

LEO: Try to branch out and make some new friends. A simple "hello" when passing someone in the hallway can go a long way.

VIRGO: Love is in the air for you. If you've been thinking about a special someone, it's time to make a move. Tell them how you feel; you won't regret it.

LIBRA: Always trust your instincts. If you find yourself feeling uncomfortable about a situation, listen to your instincts and get out while you can.

Final Serves Made by Jacqueline Tobin

The Lady Eagles' Volleyball season ended October 27th in the second round of playoffs against Southside Christian. On Senior Night, October 20th, the girls played a tough match against Emmanuel Christian School. The game was out of region and was scheduled to give the team competitive practice in preparation for playoffs. The Eagles won over Emmanuel 3-2 after falling in the first and third sets 15-25 and 17-25. The last tie-breaking set was extremely close, and each team fought to get two points ahead of the other in order to secure the win. In the fifth set to fifteen points, the Eagles won 19-17.

The momentum from this win carried over into the first round of playoffs two days later on October 22nd against Williston-Elko. Thanks to the girls' hard work and supporting GSSM fans, the Eagles won over Williston-Elko in three sets.

In the second round of playoffs against Southside Christian, the Eagles lost in three sets. They ended the season fighting strong and hope to excel even further in the playoffs next year. Overall, the girls had an extremely successful season and remained undefeated before playoffs.

Seniors recognized on Senior Night:
Austin Gibbs (manager)
JaLisa Decker
Leslie Galvez
Trina Dinh
Sydney Hart (captain)
Julia Daniels (captain)

Teacher Profile:

by Emily Babb

Dr. Culbertson is the newest addition to GSSM's English department. His students know him as the man with a good sense of humor and a lot of energy. There is, however, a lot that they do not know about him. Culbertson grew up in Gainesville, Florida, but his family moved to Charlotte for middle and high school. It was not until college that Culbertson found his passion for learning. It was there that he was able to direct his own learning. He went to USC

for his bachelor degree and UNC Chapel Hill for his masters and Ph.D. in 19th and 20th century English literature. At USC, Culbertson wrote for the school newspaper, the Daily Gamecock, in the opinion column as well as the arts and film review section.

Prior to finding work at the Governor's School, Culbertson taught classes such as composition, public speaking, and science fiction at UNC, Pittsburgh, and Robert Morris. When asked why he decided to teach here, Culbertson said that he wanted to work with really good students. Also, his family is from South Carolina, and the majority of them are still living in this region.

Contrary to popular belief, teachers do have a life outside of school. One of Culbertson's most obvious hobbies is reading.

He, excitedly, named Infinite Jest by David Foster Wallace as his favorite book. His face glowed as he began describing the book, saying it is the best-written, funniest, saddest, most sublime book. He admits, however, that on any given day his favorite book is subject to change, as there are so many great ones to choose from. Culbertson also loves videogames and movies. He loves Woody Allen and Martin Scorsese movies, as well as the Star Trek series. Culbertson also enjoys more physical activities such as running and soccer. He has completed several half marathons as well as a full marathon. Often times, he will go running with his dog. Dr. Culbertson is a great addition to the GSSM family, and we are very lucky to have him!

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State Dive



by Karan Kermit Sah

On October 11th 2014, Governor's School swimmers took their talents to the Carolina Aquatics Center for State Finals.

"It was energizing," Joel Fonseca remembers, "and wet."

The Carolina Aquatics Center, Sam Sisney remembers, was quite different from the YMCA's swimming facilities, where the team usually practices. "It was a lot different, a lot bigger compared to the pool here. The pool there was Olympic-sized." Sisney swam the 200 IM and 100 fly.

Zachary Laprise described the entire event as, "exciting".

The Governor's School swimmers included Joel Fonseca, Meredith Hammer, Claire Bernardo, Bailey Fallon, Sydney White, ChaCha Amphan, Sam Sisney, Zachary Laprise, and Brooks "Brushstroker" Digh. Individual events that they participated in included the 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard freestyle, 200 yard freestyle, 200 IM, 100 yard breaststroke, 100 yard butterfly, 100 yard backstroke, 200 freestyle relay, and 400 freestyle relay. All of our swimmers performed well. Digh, for example, swam in the 100 yard breaststroke event and finished with a 1:11.30 min time.

All these great times, however, would not be possible

without the tremendous sacrifice that these athletes gave to the sport.

"At state, I really wanted to beat my old high school team, and our GSSM girl's relay team was right beside my old team's. We beat them by a couple of seconds and got a best time. It was great, and the look on my old coach's face was priceless." Bailey Fallon says.

"You learn to endure," Meredith Hammer says of her experience. "Setting three to five hours for meets and one hour to two for practice every day."

"It's a lot of work, but it is worth it when you race," says Claire Bernardo.

Science in the News

by **Hannah Addis**

Invisibility Cloak: According to researchers, the invisibility cloak that you've always dreamed of is closer than ever. The invisibility cloak is based off of the development of metamaterials, manmade substances that react to light and sound in unusual ways. These substances work to bend light around themselves, and, therefore, causing the light to not scatter. If the light does not scatter, then it cannot be transmitted and, thus, seen. Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania have developed a

"digital metamaterial" that uses nano-sized pieces of silica and silver. When these pieces are "digitized", they develop these unique cloaking properties.

New Filters: Researchers at Harvard's Wyss Institute have managed to develop a device coined a "biospleen" that works to externally filter deadly toxins and organisms. Magnetic nanobeads covered in mannose-binding lectin, a protein, are entered into the blood, which can recognize and adhere to a wide range of infectious agents. The blood is then run through the chambers

of the device, which contain a magnet that pulls the beads and their attachments from the blood. Once filtered, the blood is returned to the patient, in much the same way dialysis works. Testing has proven that the device removes up to 90% of toxins in the bloodstream and has significantly improved survival rates of certain diseases. The biospleen is planned to be used chiefly as a treatment for Sepsis, an immune system disease, although there is hope that it can also be used to treat viral diseases like Ebola and HIV.

Quote of the Month

by **Palak Trivedi**

"Believe that you can do it, under any circumstances. Because if you believe you can, then you really will. That belief just keeps you searching for the answers, then pretty soon you get it."

- Wally "Famous" Amos

An amazing quote brought to you from none other than Wally 'Famous' Amos, creator of the Famous Amos cookies that we here at the Governor's School love so much. The quote is straightforward; if you truly believe that you can do something, than it will happen. "That belief" that Mr. Amos refers to will keep you going until you get to what you truly believe in. Make yourself find an interest in whatever you're doing, or something that can keep you going, and go for it! Believing, of course, is just half of the equation. We all know by now that you can't just sit around and wait for the work to get done. You have to work for it and that belief in yourself is what will inspire your work to make it the best that it can be.



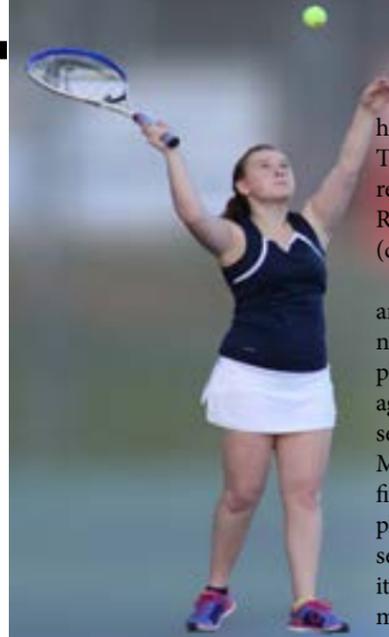
Halloween Dance

by **Selen Berkman**

On Saturday, October 25, students had a fun and frightening time at the Halloween Dance. From Greek gods to superheroes to hotdogs, GSSM students came in all kinds of costumes to the spooky dance, which took place in the dining hall. The Student Activities Board decorated the cafeteria with light-up balloons, glow sticks, and monster faces. The committee also laid out sweet treats and punch on the tables for the students' enjoyment. Meanwhile, RLCs got down on the dance floor, and everybody had a great time

Girls' Tennis Senior Night

by **Emily Babb**



On Tuesday, October 21, the girls' tennis team had their senior night game against McBee High School. Their coach, Residence Life Coordinator Maurice Williams, recognized our senior girls at the match: Olivia O'Connor, Ramsey Coyle (captain), Katie Duchinski, Crystel Sylvester (captain), and Jamison Hite.

The game was the traditional five singles matches and two doubles matches. Rebecca Wang, who played in the number one spot, won her match, as did O'Connor, who played in the number two spot. Coyle played a tough match against McBee's number three player, and lost in the third-set tiebreak. Duchinski lost in another hard match against McBee's number four girl. Sylvester played in the number five spot, and she won her match. Leanna Moser and Hite played another tough match, eventually losing in the third-set tiebreak. However, O'Conner and Wang were able to turn it all around in favor of the Eagles by winning their doubles match. Therefore, overall, the team won the match against McBee. Way to go, Lady Eagles!

Senior and co-captain Ramsey Coyle tosses a killer serve against McBee's number three player Photo by Anna Kulangara

Cross Country

by **Kylie Flecher**

Boys Results:

Jack Collins	24th	18:21
Mehrzad Namaranian	43rd	19:00
Collin Breuning	47th	19:18
JP	48th	19:19
Charles Ison	62nd	20:10
Joshua Dunford	63rd	20:13

Girls Results:

Erin Scott	48th	24:22.64
Emilia Ballou	49th	24:22.71
Mariana Obando-Valez	77th	28:39
Kylie Fletcher	92nd	34:25

Three weeks ago the GSSM cross country team traveled to McBee to participate in the regional meet. After competing against McBee and Great Falls, the boys' team took home the region title and trophy. The girls' team came in second at regions after running against Lewisville and Great Falls. Overall, the GSSM cross country team posted six boys and four girls as All-Region runners. This past Saturday the cross country team participated in the state meet. Overall, boys won 7th place. Congratulations to the team for having a great season!

