

Fundraising FAQs

Who fundraises at GISB?

GISB Advancement and the Parent Council raise funds throughout the school year. In addition to the events listed below, students and other community groups might raise funds for specific purposes as well; for example, grades 11 and 12 usually raise money for their graduation activities. Events are subject to change.

When	Organizer	Fundraiser/Event	In support of the
October/November	Parent Council	Teacher Appreciation	Teacher-Appreciation Fund
November	12 graders	Advent Wreaths	Graduation Celebrations
December	Parent Council	Book Fair	Library Fund
December	GISB	End-of-Year Ask	Annual Fund
March	GISB	Spring Campaign/ Day of Giving	Annual Fund

We already pay tuition. Why should we give to the Annual Fund?

GISB is dedicated to making its rigorous, globally-minded education accessible to families through affordable tuition, substantial reductions, and a need-based financial aid program. This commitment requires operating on a lean budget, making additional support essential.

Your gift to the Annual Fund enables GISB to adapt to emerging needs, enhance its programs, and sustain a vibrant, innovative learning environment. Additionally, U.S. tax laws encourage donations to nonprofit educational institutions like GISB, offering tax-deductible benefits for contributions beyond tuition payments.

Who gives?

We invite all members of the GISB community to contribute to the Annual Fund, no matter the amount.

I receive tuition assistance. If I give, won't that jeopardize my ability to receive financial aid in the future?

No, donating money to the school does not in any way affect a family's grant of tuition assistance. GISB's financial aid award algorithm determines a family's "discretionary income" and how much of that would be available for tuition. The decisions a family makes in allocating its remaining income are beyond the purview of the financial aid determination. We are deeply honored to receive a donation from a current family, but even more so when we know that a family has constrained financial resources. Moreover, we are committed to protecting the



privacy of all our families. Financial information is not shared beyond the financial aid committee that makes decisions about tuition assistance.

How much should I give?

Every gift makes a difference, whether you give \$5 or \$50,000. The amount you decide to give is entirely up to you. We invite you to give a meaningful gift appropriate to your circumstances—every gift counts; every gift matters.

Why does participation matter?

Contributing to the Annual Fund unites our community behind the common goal of supporting our teachers and students. Contrary to what you might think, German companies do not automatically give to German schools. When considering donations and grants, foundations and other organizations from whom we seek support look for high levels of community participation (the percentage of parents giving, not the dollar amount of individual gifts). High participation rates within our community demonstrate to potential external donors both our commitment to our school's mission and the school's short- and long-term financial stability.

I support the Parent Council. Why should I give to the Annual Fund?

The Parent Council “friendraises” to finance community-building events like the Oktoberfest. With these “friendraisers” and the participation of the whole school community, they are able to support small and immediate school needs, such as financing the Bruno costume. Similarly, the Parent Council raises funds to celebrate our superb teachers and administrative staff. The Annual Fund is the best way families can support the school's larger annual financial needs. 100% of Annual Fund gifts are immediately used to enhance the current year's operating budget and benefit all students at the school.

How can I give?

Donations can be made in cash, securities, or in kind. Giving a gift of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds can be financially advantageous since, in many cases, the donor may be able to claim a charitable income tax deduction for the market value of the donation. As a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, donors receive a tax deduction receipt for their contributions.

What are matching gifts?

Matching gifts are a great way to double and even triple the impact of your gift. Many companies will match the philanthropic contributions of their employees. To see if your company participates in matching gift programs, check with your company's HR office.

My family is only here for a short time - Why should we donate?

The GISB community extends across time and space. Although Annual Fund gifts serve the current school year, all donations are investments in the school's future. All GISB students, past, present, and future, benefit from the generosity of the gifts families have made in previous years. Monetary donations have a lasting impact on future generations of students through the development of new academic programs. But they can also redound to the benefit of alumni by securing GISB's national and international reputation for generations to come.