



Invest in New Resources

Bee Bots for our Youngest

We've introduced Bee-Bots into our curriculum, enhancing our technology resources with these engaging, bee-shaped robots. These tools help teach our preschool and elementary students their first coding and programming concepts through hands-on learning, encouraging computational thinking and problem-solving skills from an early age. This early exposure to programming lays a strong foundation for future digital learning and exploration. We are grateful to our donors for making these innovative educational experiences possible.

iPads for Grades 1, 2 and Beyond

We've introduced iPads across various grade levels to support a smooth transition to technology, starting with our youngest learners in Grades 1 and 2. These devices enhance interactions and exploratory learning. Students in other grades also benefit from learning apps, with Grades 10 and 11 using iPads for testing, and middle schoolers engaging in creative projects with apps like GarageBand and Puppet Pals. Initiatives like ASP programming and Scratch Junior introduce programming and digital skills. These iPads foster curiosity, creativity, and technological literacy, all thanks to the generous support of our donors.

Chromebook Upgrade for our Middle School students

We enhanced the middle school learning experience by switching to faster and more versatile 2-in-1 Chromebooks. Not only are these devices more powerful, but they can also be used seamlessly as tablets, allowing our students to participate more dynamically in their studies. This upgrade ensures that our students have the tools they need to explore, create and learn effectively in today's digital world.





Enhance Programs & Support Faculty

Symphonic Success: Empowering Students Through Music

A generous donation has allowed our school orchestra to double in size and become free for all students. This growth allows students from Grades 2 to 11 to enhance their musical skills and collaborate across various programs, including the After-School Program Symphony (ASP). The inclusive environment boosts confidence and fosters teamwork, with performances like our recent Haydn Children's Symphony concert highlighting these achievements. We are deeply grateful for the support that enriches our students' experiences and elevates our school's cultural impact.

Harvard Medical Program (High School)

Hands-on learning meets real-life medical experience: As part of a unique partnership with Harvard Medical School, our Grade 10 students embark on a transformative journey. The nine-module program immerses students in the exciting world of emergency room care in a simulation lab. Through teamwork and critical analysis, students manage complex cases and apply classroom biology to real-life medical scenarios. The program not only deepens their understanding, but also promotes culturally appropriate approaches to healthcare. Your donation empowers our students to excel as compassionate, problem-solving leaders in the medical field.





Embark on 'Pirate Adventure': GISB Introduces Innovative Pre-K Curriculum for 2024/25

We are thrilled to launch our new "Pirate Adventure" curriculum for Pre-K starting in the 2024/25 school year. Each week, children will embark on a pirate journey to explore eight "islands," each focusing on key developmental themes such as Body Awareness, Senses, Colors and Shapes, Rhythm and Patterns, Rhymes, and Language Games. Through solving puzzles, discovering treasures, and engaging in movement activities, this innovative curriculum replaces traditional learning methods with a playful approach that nurtures curiosity, builds self-confidence, and prepares students for academic success.

Annual Author Visits

At GISB, enriching educational experiences go beyond the classroom and leave a lasting impact on students' literary journeys. Every year, the school looks forward to visits from famous authors and illustrators thanks to the commitment of the English department. In the 2022-23 school year, we had Gregory Christie as our guest. He is an award-winning illustrator and the children (and teachers) loved him. In 2024, Jacqueline Davies, a well-known author who lives in the region, visited GISB. These enriching encounters not only spark creativity, they foster a deep appreciation for literature among the students.

Enhancing Academic Success: GISB Launches Free AP German Prep Class

Last year, we launched an after-school AP German Exam preparation class, available to 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. While all GISB students are fluent in German and English, achieving a high score on the AP German Exam requires specialized preparation. Led by an expert in AP German, this class was provided at no cost to students. Successful completion of the AP German Exam not only strengthens students' U.S. college applications but also allows them to earn valuable college credits.

Meaningful Professional Development with Impact

Your generous donation will empower our teachers to enhance their skills and better serve our students. Through meaningful professional development workshops, the faculty can explore the latest teaching methods and classroom strategies.

Last year, our teachers participated in an inspiring workshop with the Idioma Institute. This expert team of language educators equipped our language teachers - in English, German, French, and Spanish - with the latest techniques to engage our diverse student body. Teachers gained mastery of fun and innovative ways to teach vocabulary and grammar in context in a variety of subjects.

Our teachers are always eager to put into practice what they learn at these workshops. With your support, they can continue access to the training to prepare our students for success in multilingual environments.



Expand and Upgrade Facilities

GISB is growing! [Watch our Expansion Updates blog](#) to stay up to date on facility improvements at Holton Street in Boston and our new building on Belmont Street in Watertown.

Our existing 57 Holton Street campus, currently home to grades 1-12, will be a dedicated space for middle and high school students, offering them an even more focused and tailored learning environment. The new campus on Belmont Street will be the future home of GISB's preschool, pre-k, kindergarten, and elementary school programs, giving the school a unique opportunity to have all younger students at one campus.

GISB's Board of Trustees anticipates that by summer 2025, the Belmont Street campus will be ready to welcome preschool, pre-k, kindergarten and elementary school students. Both buildings will undergo strategic renovations, ensuring that they are equipped to support our evolving educational goals and aspirations. The updated spaces will support modern teaching methods, improve student well-being, and provide dynamic spaces for both academic and extracurricular activities.

Transforming Play at GISB: Enhanced Turf Area Delivers Safe and Joyful Recreation

We were able to swiftly respond to a critical need by completely resurfacing and enlarging our turf area, one of the most beloved and essential recreation spots for our students. Used daily, rain or shine, primarily for soccer during breaks, this upgrade ensures our students have a safe and enjoyable environment to play and socialize. Thank you for your support!





Tuition & Financial Aid

We deliver a world-class international education that's within reach for families seeking academic excellence. Our commitment to accessibility is reflected in our tuition rates, which are approximately 50% lower than other private schools in the Boston area, as well as in our substantial tuition reduction and need-based financial aid programs. Currently, **over 47%** of our students benefit from either tuition reductions or need-based financial aid. Your gift helps expand need-based financial aid for families who are otherwise unable to afford this enriching educational experience.