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2022 INTERACTIVE CALENDAR
CREATEDFOR YOU BY GIRLSPREPARATORY SCHOOL

CAN YOU BELIEVE YOUR SCHOOL YEAR IS HALFWAY OVER ALREADY?!


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We hope you've had an incredible year full of fun and adventure so far, and that you can enjoy some rest and relaxation before heading back to school in January.

- The beginning of a new year is always a great time to get organized, and we want to help you keep track of all the exciting things you have coming up!
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-RACHEL EILENE, AUTHOR

With each new year, it's always nice to look back on the previous year and make mental notes. Are you proud of what you accomplished? Were you a good friend? Did you help your parents around the house? Did you try anything new? January is also a great time to set goals for the new year. Are there books you'd like to read or new foods you want to taste? Is there an activity you've always been interested in but a little nervous to try? GIVE IT A SHOT THIS YEAR!


## JANUARY



February is a big deal at GPS because it's when we have WINTERIM. You may have a winter break at your elementary school-this is kind of like that except we plan lots of activities together! In sixth grade, our students spend time exploring Chattanooga with fun adventures and activities all around town. They may create tessellations (tiles with geometric shapes) at a local pottery studio one day, dig for dinosaur bones the next, and visit a farm for yoga and hiking the next! In Upper School, students can even visit other countries!

SEE HOW MANY WORDS YOU CAN MAKE FROM THE LETTERS IN

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## FEBRUARY

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## GPS fun fact

In recent years, students have visited places as far away as Chile, Spain, and Rome during Winterim. Some adventurous girls have ridden horses at a dude ranch in Arizona or steered dog sleds across snowy fields in Minnesota. Even those who stay close to Chattanooga learn to knit, hike, bake, or balance a bank account during Winterim!

March at GPS means it's time for our MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY and rehearsing for the April UPPER SCHOOL MUSICAL! Boys from McCallie come over after school for practice, which is fun. If you've ever performed in a theater production, you know how much work goes into putting a show together, but it's so worth it! There are roles for everyone-you can sing, act, dance, or even run the lights or help manage the cast and crew behind the scenes if being on stage isn't your thing.

## Use the clues below to solve the purzle!

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You may have heard of MAY DAY AT GPS-it's one of our most popular traditions where seniors get dressed up, carry bouquets, and get introduced in front of friends and family on Smith Courtyard. It's SO much fun! But it's not only the seniors who have a blast that day-girls in every grade can participate in some way. Our sixth-grade students get to dance in the pre-pageant event and show off the skills and creativity they have developed throughout the year!


# APRIL 

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The first May Day celebration at GPS took place in 1914! It was a picnic with a Greek theme. Many years ago, the senior with the longest hair was selected as May Queen so she could braid her hair into a crown! Today we choose our May Queen and Court based on the ideals and values we hold dear such as graciousness, friendliness, and loyalty to friends and to GPS.

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## JUNE

Speaking of changing the world, you don't have to wait until you're a grownup to make a positive impact on the environment. A few years ago, two GPS Middle School students proposed that drinking straws should not be used in the dining hall because they are bad for the environment. They got up on stage during Chapel and presented slides that showed turtles and other marine life with plastic straws making them sick. Hundreds of their classmates signed the petition, and now we no longer use straws on campus!

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## JULY

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## GPS fun fact

First published in 1909, Kaleidoscope is the name of our school yearbook. A group of students, along with faculty sponsors, work on the yearbook all year long, taking photographs, writing stories, and designing the layout. We also have a school newspaper and poetry magazine-both written by students!


## GPS fun fact

When school kicks off at GPS, students get to select which clubs they would like to participate in throughout the year. Clubs are a great way to meet new friends and find new
interests! There are nearly 50 clubs to choose from between Middle and Upper School!
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## Wejveret Spipit!

Halloween is later this month-we bet you have an awesome costume picked out already. We dress up at GPS for Halloween, too! But that's not the only time we dress up. THIS MONTH KICKS OFF WITH SPIRIT WEEK, which is a whole WEEK of dressing up! Each day has a different theme like Decades Day, Holiday Day, Character Day, and more! Spirit Week is always fun because it's a way for us to show our support for our school and each other.


## OCTOBER

 Our brother school, McCallie School, has a big rivalry football game in October, and we like to support them, too. Even though we don't go to school with boys, there are tons of fun activities we get to do together throughout the year!


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|  | 28 |  | 29 | 30 | GPS fun fuct <br> Every sixth-grader gets to take dance, even if she's never taken a dance lessons before. We think dancing is fun and helps girls be active and gain more confidence. If you love danceand many girls discover they do-you can take more dance classes and even one day try out for Terpsichord, one of the longestrunning school dance programs around! |  |  |  |

## When I graveryp.

I want to be sweater days, movies, and Cat-Rat cookies and hot cocoa, there is always something exciting to look forward to. Plus, some special holiday elves stop by to turn our campus into a true winter wonderland! We love providing our students some fun before sending them home for rest, relaxation, and time with family.

HOW I'LL SPEND MY WINTER VACATION

To be honest, I will probably spend my winter vacation staying in bed as long as I can! My favorite thing to wear while lounging at home are my
$\qquad$ . When I'm not catching up on my sleep, my family knows I'll probably be $\qquad$ or $\qquad$ .

Every year we always eat $\qquad$ for a family meal, but if I was in charge, we would eat $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ .
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While it's fun to be out of school, what I miss most when l'm not there is $\qquad$ and my best friend $\qquad$ . I guess I'll be going back soon enough, and then I'll wish I was $\qquad$ instead!



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Middle school is a time for you to branch out and meet new people! At GPS, the friends you make will become like sisters. Sometimes people think because we go to a girls' school there will be lots of drama or gossip, but it's actually the opposite!
At a girls' school, we laugh and sing together, and we just get each other. We all support each other's dreams. Each day is just another opportunity to make memories with our besties!

Middle school is all about stepping out of your comfort zone and learning new things.
You may even fail sometimes, and that's OK! We all do, but that makes us stronger. At GPS, you are encouraged to try anything you want. Whether it's a club, a sport, or an after school activity, there's nothing holding you back! Trying new things helps us learn what we like and what we don't like.

In elementary school, you are probably used to walking in line with your class, eating lunch at the same table, and sitting in assigned seats. At GPS, middle school provides more independence, and girls are encouraged to be themselves and to make their own decisions. Are you ready to choose your own clubs and activities? What about your lunch? Sandwich, salad, pizza-you decide! (Oh, and did we mention our famous chocolate chip cookies?!) You will even get to pick certain classes that interest you!

We look forward to getting to know you!

## Where everything begins and ends with what is best for girls.



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