



# Weekly Updates

## Community Newsletter

FEBRUARY 8, 2026



## Hello GIS Community,

As we enter the second week of February, we look forward to a busy and exciting month ahead. Please take a moment to review all school communications and add important dates to your calendars so you can stay informed and participate in our upcoming events.



As we observe **Black History Month**, we take time to reflect on the importance of learning from history and honoring those who have worked toward equality and justice. The fight for civil rights in the United States is not distant history — milestones such as Ruby Bridges integrating an all-White school happened within our parents' or grandparents' lifetimes. This reminds us how recent and relevant this history truly is. (*Adapted from: Reader's Digest, "Black History Month Quotes"*)

As an IB school, we strive to be inspired by these individuals and their stories. We aim to stand up for what is right, be fair and principled, encourage one another, and persevere even when challenges arise. We acknowledge the achievements of Black leaders, celebrate their successes, and reflect on how their courage continues to shape our world today. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wisely said, *"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."*

May this month encourage our community to continue learning, reflecting, and working together to build a more just and compassionate world for all.

Ms. Svitlana | Parent Liaison



## Thank You, Mrs. Olson, for Making a Difference Every Day

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to **Mrs. Samantha Olson, our School Counselor**, for her outstanding dedication and commitment to our school community. Through her leadership in **Student Council**, guidance in **Social Emotional Learning**, management of the **PBIS Store** and **Snack Shack**, and so much more Mrs. Sam continues to create meaningful opportunities that empower and support our students. Her advocacy for student equity and well-being, along with her ability to connect with students and families, truly makes a difference. Mrs. Sam is a wonderful role model of the IB Learner Profile

— *Knowledgeable, Communicator, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, and Reflective* — and embodies these qualities in her daily work.

**We are incredibly fortunate to have Mrs. Olson as part of our GIS community!** Thank you for everything you do for our students!

# Open Enrollment 2026–27: Sibling Applications Due by March 2

Open Enrollment for the **2026–27 school year** at **Gateway International School (TK–8)** is now open! We encourage our current GIS families to take advantage of this opportunity and submit applications for any younger siblings who wish to attend GIS. Families may apply between **December 19, 2025, and March 6, 2026**.

All new students interested in attending Gateway International School for the 2026–27 school year must submit an application during the Open Enrollment period. Submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance. Admission will be determined by a random public lottery if there are more applicants than available space.

**The Enrollment Lottery** will be held **on March 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Inquiry Center and will be streamed live on the GIS YouTube channel. Families will be notified of acceptance or denial via email once the lottery is completed.

If accepted, families must provide proof of residence, proof of birthdate, and immunization records. Applications containing false or incorrect information (including address) will be disqualified and may void acceptance. For more information or to apply, please visit [www.gischarter.org](http://www.gischarter.org) or scan the QR code on the flyers.

Sincerely,

**Yuliia Dubova** | Registrar



**GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TK-8**

**ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN**

*December 19th - March 6th*

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

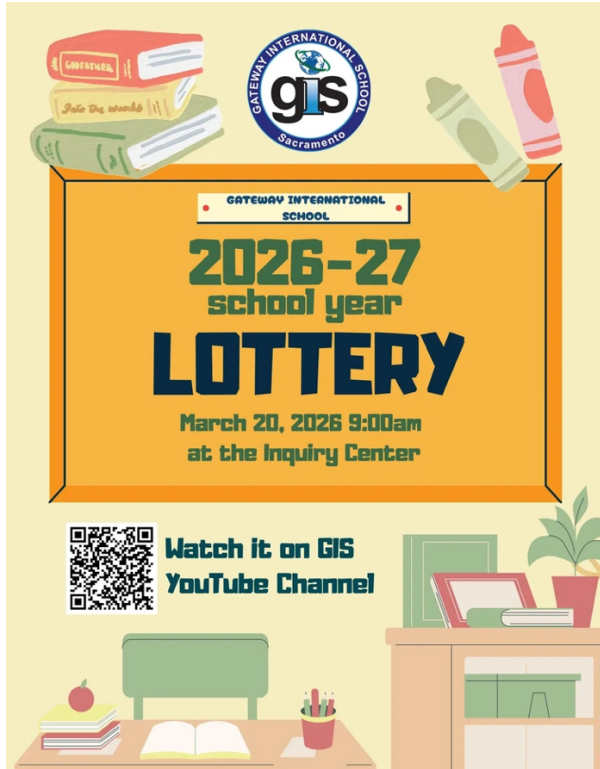
- ✓ International Baccalaureate (IB) World School
- ✓ Rigorous college-preparatory curriculum
- ✓ Safe learning environment
- ✓ Bilingual staff
- ✓ World language classes
- ✓ 21st Century learning skills
- ✓ Free after-school program open to all students

**ENROLL TODAY!**

SCAN THE QR CODE

**TUITION FREE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**  
900 Morse Ave,  
Sacramento, CA 95864  
(916) 286-1985  
[www.gischarter.org](http://www.gischarter.org)

**GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHARTERS**



**GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

**2026-27 school year LOTTERY**

**March 20, 2026 9:00am**  
**at the Inquiry Center**

Watch it on GIS YouTube Channel

# Upcoming Events

## Monday, February 9th

- "Girls on the Run" Registration begins **HERE** \*Use Code GOTR30
- MYP Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30 pm

## Tuesday, February 10th

- Advisory Council Meeting, 3:30 pm
- MYP Boys & PYP Basketball Practice, 3:30 pm

## Wednesday, February 11th

- MYP Boys & PYP Basketball Practice, 3:30 pm

## Thursday, February 12th

- Promotional Picture Day (Kinder & 8th Grade ONLY)
- MYP Boys & PYP Basketball Practice, 3:30 pm

## Friday, February 6th

- Friday "B"
- Snack Shack

# Important Reminders

- **NO SCHOOL**, President's Week Recess - February 16th-20th
- **Spring Picture Day** - February 25th
- **Family Literacy Night** - February 26th
- **Open Enrollment Due Date** - March 2nd



# Big Opportunity for 8th Graders: Paid Summer Internship at the Arcade Library!

We're excited to share some amazing upcoming and ongoing opportunities for our students through the **Arcade Library in Sacramento**. These are great ways for youth to get involved, gain experience, and have fun in the community!



## 1. Paid Summer Internship for Teens

The application is now open for the **Arcade Library's paid summer internship for teens!** This is a wonderful opportunity for students to build skills, gain work experience, and earn money.



**Incoming freshmen qualify to apply — that means our 8th graders!** 🌟



**Deadline: Wednesday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m.**



Apply here: [www.surveymhero.com/c/summer2026](http://www.surveymhero.com/c/summer2026)

Mrs. Olson | School Counselor



### Summer 2026 Teen Internship @ the Arcade Library

**Apply online at [www.surveymhero.com/c/summer2026](http://www.surveymhero.com/c/summer2026)**

Application will close on **Wednesday April 1, 2026 at 9 a.m.** Please contact librarian Molly Lazzo at [mmilazzo@saclibrary.org](mailto:mmilazzo@saclibrary.org) or 916-575-2163 (calls only, no texting) with any questions for the deadline.

#### Qualifications

- No previous work experience necessary!
- In grades 9, 10, or 11 (incoming freshmen are eligible to apply)
- Able to arrive on time for scheduled shifts
- Comfortable with technology (using laptops/Internet) and working with people of all ages
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Enthusiastic, open-minded, and willing to learn and ask questions
- Able to work independently and as part of a team
- *Preferred*
  - Comfortable communicating in at least one of the following, as well as English: American Sign Language, Dari/Farsi, Pashto, Russian, Spanish, or Ukrainian

#### Time Commitment

- Wednesday June 17 and 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; and August 5 from 1:30—5 p.m.
- Must work at least 30 hours during the summer to receive the stipend
- Each shift will include a fifteen-minute break

A selected intern who successfully completes this opportunity will receive a \$500 stipend in the form of a check.

#### Organization Profile and Position Overview

The Sacramento Public Library is the fourth-largest public library system in California, with 28 branches located throughout the greater Sacramento region. Our Arcade branch is home to the Library of Things, which checks out musical instruments, sewing machines, cameras, and more, as well as the Tom Sanderson Design Spot, SPL's first comprehensive 3D printing lab. We're committed to providing meaningful opportunities to local teens and reaching all areas of our communities.



One (1) intern total will be selected to work at the Sacramento Public Library's Arcade branch (2443 Marconi Ave., Sacramento). The intern will report directly to the Librarian and/or Branch Supervisor. The internship is designed for a teen with little/no work experience, and the intern will receive training on customer service, teamwork, and supporting the development and delivery of library programs and services. They will also have the opportunity to apply this knowledge in the library environment.

Candidates must be interested in and committed to providing excellent customer service to people of all ages and backgrounds, as well as working independently and as part of a team. The internship will provide opportunities to develop valuable, transferable skills working with patrons using the library, staff, volunteers, and the latest library technology.

#### Responsibilities

*Working under the direct supervision of a Librarian or Branch Supervisor, responsibilities will include:*

- Helping patrons using the library sign up for the library's Summer Reading Program (SRP)
- Helping library staff run events related to the SRP
- Taking initiative to learn new skills from provided options (ex., taking a self-paced course through one of the library's online resources)
- If multilingual, connecting patrons not fluent in English with library programs and services

#### *As an intern, you'll learn:*

- How to work as part of a team
- How to engage with groups of, and provide customer service to, people of all ages
- What the library offers the community
- What a structured, non-school work environment can look like

#### *You'll do this by:*

- Learning about the SRP, the library's services, and library events
- Providing feedback on the SRP and your experiences
- Getting a behind-the-scenes look at how the library operates
- If multilingual, interpreting for patrons using the library as needed

**Applicants will be contacted via email after the application deadline**, with interviews to take place after that. Not all applicants will be selected for interviews, but all will be notified about the status of their application.

If you have questions in the meantime, please email Molly Lazzo at [mmilazzo@saclibrary.org](mailto:mmilazzo@saclibrary.org) or call 916-575-2163.

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## Teen Service Saturdays

Drop-in volunteer hours! On the second and fourth Saturday of every month, teen participants will work on a variety of projects to support the library.

Please bring any paperwork you will need signed to verify your volunteer hours.

No registration or payment required; just go to the Arcade library's community room after you arrive.

**Second and fourth Saturdays from 4 - 5:30 p.m.**

### Arcade Library

2443 Marconi Ave., Sacramento, CA 95821

[saclibrary.org](http://saclibrary.org)



## Kpop Freebie-Making for Kids and Teens

Love Kpop? Want to make giveaway items for your next concert or get-together?

Join us at the Arcade library for a freebie crafting session! Use our supplies to make bracelets, keychains, bookmarks, pins, and more that you can share with fellow fans. No registration required.

**This event is designed for kids and teens aged 8 and up.** We will hold the same event for adults on Saturday April 25 at 11 a.m.

**Saturday May 16 at 11 a.m.**

### Arcade Library

2443 Marconi Ave., Sacramento, CA 95821

[saclibrary.org](http://saclibrary.org)



# Yearbook & Spring Pictures Pre-Order Now Open!

Yearbook Online Order -> Click [HERE](#)

Spring Picture Day Pre-Order -> Click [HERE](#)

## Lifetouch

**Gateway International School**

**Grades Eligible to Purchase:** PRK - 8

**Yearbook ID:** 11220726

### Your Yearbook is now available!



**Have you already ordered your yearbook?**



PRE-ORDER NOW TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD IS PHOTOGRAPHED

## Attention!

**Pre-order your photo package to guarantee your child is photographed.**

Regular pricing online after picture day.



**Gateway International School**

**Picture Day: February 25, 2026**

Grades Photographed: K - 8

Order with your student's Student ID or this

Picture Day ID: EVT2TT3FJ

## Winter Celebration & Cultural Night Fair Photos Are Here!

The photos from our *Winter Celebration* and *Cultural Night Fair* are now live on the GIS website! We encourage families to check them out and relive these wonderful moments with your children. It was truly a joy to celebrate together as a community. Click [HERE](#) to view.



## Launch

Growth happens when we try something new, ask questions, and step beyond what feels familiar. Later this month, our **Family Literacy Night** will offer just that opportunity. Led by our Reading Specialist, families will explore the foundations of reading and comprehension through **Scarborough's Reading Rope**, discover practical strategies, and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

We encourage all families to join us — more details will be shared soon, and we look forward to seeing you there!



## Contact info

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach out via the following links:

- 916-286-1985
- [gis@gcccharters.org](mailto:gis@gcccharters.org)
- [www.gischarter.org](http://www.gischarter.org)