

# GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL

*Extended*  
**DAY PROGRAM**



**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS &  
INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES**

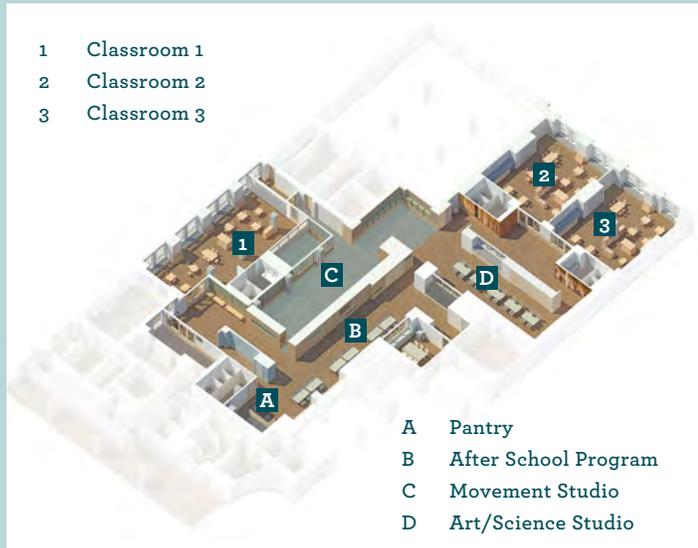
**FALL 2017**

*September–December 2017*

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# NEW THIS YEAR

GFS is offering after-school programming for students in preschool-8th grade at our *new Center City location*. The program will be available from 3:10-6 p.m. daily. This space at the Curtis Center offers greater convenience for families who live and/or work in Center City. Programming will include an array of fun projects, snack preparation, games, and space to do homework.



## TRANSPORTATION

The Philadelphia School District can provide after-school transportation free of charge for Philadelphia residents in grades 1-6 who live more than 1.5 miles from GFS. To submit a new request for drop off at GFS's Center City location, or for more information about other options, please contact [transportation@germantownfriends.org](mailto:transportation@germantownfriends.org).





## **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS & INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES – FALL 2017**

Please enjoy the following descriptions of the enriching play-centered clubs we have planned for the fall term.

All clubs will begin the week of September 18, and end the week of December 4 (save for a few noted exceptions). Make-up classes will take place during the week of December 11.

Instrumental ensembles will begin on Tuesday, September 26.



## >> BALLET: FROZEN

### 1. All-Star Sports with Coach C. and Obvious Choice Athletics

Tuesdays, 3:20–4:20 p.m. (no club 11/21)  
Grades 1–5 | \$235

The All-Star Sports Club with Coach C. and Obvious Choice Athletics offers young athletes the opportunity to play and improve their skills in a wide range of sports, including soccer, floor hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, and dodgeball. In addition to in-depth instruction, participants hone such important individual skills as eye-hand coordination, strategic thinking, and sportsmanship all while having loads of fun playing games under the direction of GFS’s zaniest and most charismatic after-school coach!

### 2. BALLET: *Frozen*

Tuesdays, 3:10–3:55 p.m. (no club 11/21)  
Preschool and Kindergarten | \$265

Journey with fearless Anna and brave Kristoff to search for Elsa the Snow Queen, and liberate the kingdom of Arendelle from eternal winter. Dancers will encounter beloved movie characters like the enchanted snowman

Olaf and the loyal reindeer Sven while performing to a medley of music from *Frozen*, including “Do You Want to Build a Snowman” and “Let It Go.”

GFS is thrilled that professional ballet instructors Fallon Gannon and Jillian Dreusike will return to share their love of music and ballet with our youngest dancers.

The performance of *Frozen* is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 5.

*Please note: Preschool students of any age may enroll. This class is open to dancers of all genders. Students will need their own ballet attire and slippers. Slippers, a leotard and tights, or a T-shirt with black leggings are recommended. Dancers should wear the attire they feel best suits them.*

*Dancewear can be purchased through [discountdance.com](http://discountdance.com) or at a local dance store.*

### 3. Basketball with Coach C. and Obvious Choice Athletics

Fridays, 3:20–4:20 p.m.  
(no club 10/6, 11/3, 11/24)  
Grades Kindergarten–5 | \$225

Under the expert instruction of the Obvious Choice Athletics coaching team, Basketball



**>> BASKETBALL WITH COACH C. AND OBVIOUS CHOICE ATHLETICS**

Club participants will hone essential skills such as shooting, passing, dribbling, and defense. Game concepts such as identifying opponents' strengths and weaknesses and understanding basic defensive strategies will also be incorporated. In addition to developing players' conditioning, flexibility, and speed, Coach C. will work with players to build self-confidence and physical endurance, while strengthening their teamwork and sportsmanship skills.

**4. Bread Making**

Tuesdays, 3:20–4:20 p.m. (no club 11/21)  
 Grades 2–6 | \$245

Every culture boasts a special kind of bread from the French baguette or the Iranian *nan-e barbari*. Participants in this flour-filled club will love kneading their way around the world as they prepare such delights as pão de queijo (cheese bread) from Brazil, naan from India, pretzels from Germany, injera from Ethiopia, pumpkin bread from the Basque Region, challah from Israel, pan de los muertos from Mexico, and even good ol' American

corn bread! Join GFS's own head chef Steve Baumann in learning about different cultures through the breads they eat!

**5. Ceramics: The Clay Club**

Wednesdays, 3:20–4:20 p.m. (no club 11/22)  
 Grades 1–4 | \$285

This fall, Ceramics: The Clay Club will focus on seasonal motifs and will include a variety of projects such as apple or acorn bowls, Halloween-themed objects, Día de Muertos sugar skulls, a Thanksgiving-themed project, and other items that participants might wish to give as holiday gifts. There also will be some days for “free” clay play. In addition, students will participate in the “Empty Bowls” service project, making and donating bowls for a dinner that raises funds for Philadelphia families with food insecurity. Expert ceramicist Lynne Dorman, who has been teaching ceramics to children for nearly a decade, will be bringing her love of clay and art to this fun-filled after school club.



## >> CHESS WITH ROSS COLBY

### **6. Chess with Ross Colby — Lower School**

Wednesdays, 7:20–8:05 a.m. (no club 11/22)  
Grades 1–5 | \$215

Although the Lower School Chess Club is designed to be the continuation of Chess from last year, newcomers are welcome to join (though they may wish to arrange an individual lesson or two with Ross beforehand). This group will continue their study of center control, development of knights and bishops, and king safety. As always, the focus will be on thinking BEFORE touching and on asking ourselves, “What is my opponent trying to do?” and “What is going to happen to my piece if I go there?” The emphasis is not on winning, but on having fun while learning one of the world’s oldest and most popular games.

### **7. Chess with Ross Colby — Middle and Upper School**

Wednesdays, 8:05–9 a.m. (no club 11/22)  
Grades 6–12 | \$235

Middle and Upper School Chess Club is geared toward students who have had at least a full year of chess instruction. This group will continue learning about forks, pins, skewers, discovered attacks, and removing the defender. Concepts such as “zugzwang,” “opposition,” “backwards,” and “isolated” pawns, and “holes” will also be introduced. Recording and playing on the clock are encouraged but are not mandatory. Ross will delve deeper into opening and middlegame traps, plus all basic endgames will be mastered, including: 2-Rook (step ladder) checkmate, Queen/King and Rook/King (boxing) checkmates, and king/pawn endgames.

The goal is to form a team of tournament-level players who will compete in the Pennsylvania Area Private School Chess League matches as well as The Liberty Bell Tournament (January), States (March), and ideally Nationals (May).



## >> COLOR & DESIGN STUDIO

### **8. Color & Design Studio: Floral Arrangement, Landscape Painting, and Model Building**

Wednesdays, 3:10–4:10 p.m. (no club 11/22)  
Grades 4–8 | \$285

This exciting new club offers students a unique opportunity to explore and express their creativity through a sequence of three art-related mini-clubs: floral design, painting, and model building.

This club will kick off with a professional florist teaching students how to express their creativity through flowers. During her three-week module, Jennifer Torpie—GFS alumna, parent, and founder of Jennifer Greer Flowers—will teach the fundamentals of floral design using local, sustainably grown flowers. Beginning with simpler projects and moving to more elaborate ones, students will be encouraged to develop their own style as they simultaneously learn proper flower care and the relationship between flowers and the environment. The cost of all materials is included in the club fee, and the group will collaborate on a final group project.

Have you heard about those fun directed painting nights? Lower School art teacher Heather Chu Marvill will teach the Design Studio's second, four-week module, Directed Landscape Painting. Students will create their own painting based on a series of instructions, which will guide them in blending, mixing and creating perspective. Students also will develop their skills as they learn about different brushes, color mixing, and acrylic painting as they create their own canvas masterpiece. This session will include both directed and free choice painting.

Design Studio's final, four-week session will focus on model building through the creation of miniature tree houses. Under the direction of GFS Woodworking teacher, Eli Searce, students will begin by selecting a branch and setting it upright in a plaster base. Students then will sketch a design for their miniature tree (or fairy) house and then get to work creating it using a variety of found materials. Who knows, the resulting models may become the templates for a future treetop community!



## >> COMPUTER CODING + LEGO® MINDSTORMS ROBOTICS

### **9. Computer Coding and LEGO® Mindstorms Robotics**

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (no club 11/22)  
Grades 3-8 | \$255

During the fall term, participants in Matt Zipin's Wednesday Technology Club will have the option of focusing on either LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 Robotics or coding projects using Scratch and Python. In other words, participants will be free to choose the area into which they wish to dig more deeply. Of course, newcomers are welcome to join the club as well!

*ASpire or MSAS coverage from 3:10-3:30 p.m. is included in the cost of this club.*

### **10. Crime Scene Investigation with Police Detective Donna Jaconi**

Mondays, 3:20-4:20 p.m. (no club 10/9, 11/20)  
Grades 4-6 | \$265

Join expert Philadelphia Police Department's Crime Scene Investigator, Donna Jaconi, on an adventure through the fascinating forensic world of CSI. Students will learn about the fundamentals of fingerprinting, DNA analysis, crime scene photography and evidence collection, along with court presentation (mock trials). Students will participate

in a hands-on Mock Crime Scene and be challenged to solve the crime. So join us and discover for yourself that "there is no such thing as the perfect crime!"

### **11. Environmental Action Club**

Thursdays, 3:10-4:30 p.m. (no club 9/21, 11/23)  
Grades 4-5 | \$30

Because Earth Day is every day, what can we do to help our community become more environmentally aware and to take action on issues related to sustainability and climate change? These and other vital questions will be addressed in the Environmental Action Club under the direction of Lower School science teachers Karen Cherubini and Jeffrey DeHart. At the beginning of the term, participants will brainstorm ways to reduce our carbon footprint and then implement one or more plans using the Earth Force paradigm. This program encourages students to research and direct their own ideas—including prior EAC projects—and to report back to the community. In addition, Environmental Action Club members will tackle composting and planting projects on the GFS campus. So join us in helping everyone to *think green!*

# INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

*Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra and World Percussion  
will begin on Tuesday, September 26.*

- **JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

Tuesdays, 3:10-4:30 p.m.

Grades 3-5

The Jazz Ensemble, led by Debbie Stahl, is for wind and brass instruments as well as guitars. There may also be opportunities for drummers.

Interested students should speak to their classroom music teacher (Debbie Stahl, Taia Harlos or Renee Warnick) before enrolling. Students are expected to have been playing their instruments for at least one year, and to currently be taking private lessons. Students new to the Jazz Ensemble will need to demonstrate a level of play before joining the group. The Jazz Ensemble will perform for the Lower School community on December 12.

- **ORCHESTRA**

Tuesdays, 3:10-4:30 p.m.

Grades 3-5

This ensemble, led by Music Department Head Taia Harlos, is open to all string, woodwind, brass and piano players.

Interested students should speak with Taia Harlos before enrolling. Students are expected to have been playing their instruments for at least one year, and to currently be taking private lessons. Students new to the Orchestra will need

to demonstrate a level of play before joining this ensemble. The Orchestra will perform for the Lower School community on December 12.

- **WORLD PERCUSSION**

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Grades 4-5

The Lower School World Percussion program, under the direction of professional musician Shawn Hennessey, is a communal drumming experience that is both fun and educational for students, and for the GFS community as a whole. During each term, students in the fourth and fifth grades will be exposed to rhythms and techniques from Ghana, Cuba, Brazil and the Middle East, played on authentic drums. Djembes, Doumbeks, Congas, Surdos, and various bells and shakers are just some of the instruments that will be used. Specific activities will include polyrhythmic games, South Indian vocables, body percussion, drum language, and circle songs focusing on West African and Afro-Caribbean secular and spiritual songs. Singing while playing is encouraged, as is improvisation and dance.

This program is sure to get hands grooving, blood pumping and bodies jumping! *Axé!* Interested students should talk to their classroom music teachers (Debbie Stahl or Taia Harlos) before enrolling.

**Note for Parents and Guardians:** *Although there is no fee for Instrumental Ensembles because they are part of the Lower School music curriculum, we ask that you please enroll your child through Active Network once you have received word from Debbie Stahl or Taia Harlos that your child is eligible to participate. This will enable us to maintain up-to-date attendance lists and to communicate with you as efficiently as possible.*



## >> JEWELRY MAKING WITH SHANISE

### **12. Hip-Hop with Movemakers Philly**

Thursdays, 3:20–4:20 p.m. (no club 9/21, 11/23)  
Grades 1–3 | \$245

Movemakers Philly’s renowned hip-hop classes combine martial arts-like technique with fast, energetic choreography. Participants will not only learn the evolution of hip-hop as a dance form, they will also study choreography from the latest music videos. Each session will begin with warm-up exercises before the music starts and the class begins learning and creating their own complex dance moves. Students will be encouraged to find their own identities through movement and to explore “the choreographer within,” by creating portions of the final routine themselves. At the end of the fall club session, students will perform a choreographed routine.

### **13. Jewelry Making with Shanise**

Mondays, 3:20–4:20 p.m. (no club 10/9, 11/20)  
Grades 1–6 | \$135

What do zippers, bobbins, buttons, keys, dice, dominoes and game pieces all have

in common? They can be transformed into wearable art! Join experienced jewelry maker Shanise Hames for an after-school club for kids who want to use their imaginations to create upcycled jewelry for themselves or give as gifts to loved ones. Shanise will not only introduce basic jewelry-making techniques, but she also will take club participants on an expedition to a local thrift store to search for hidden treasures just waiting to be transformed!

*If you have any old jewelry (especially costume jewelry) you’d be willing to donate, please drop it off in the Lower School Office or the Auxiliary Programming Office.*

### **14. Karate I**

Mondays, 3:10–4 p.m. (no club 10/9, 11/20)  
Preschool and Kindergarten | \$245

### **15. Karate II**

Mondays, 4:05–5 p.m. (no club 10/9, 11/20)  
Grades 1–5 | \$245

Under the direction of expert martial artist Mr. Edgard Velez, Karate I and II students will learn and practice drills designed to condition their minds and bodies while also emphasizing fun. Mr. Edgard specializes in



## >> MANDARIN

teaching children of all ages, experience levels and backgrounds, and he is dedicated to instilling the benefits of hard work, respect, compassion and drive both in and out of class.

The Karate Belt Ceremonies will take place on Monday, December 4.

*Please note: ASPire coverage for students in Karate II is available from 3:10-4 p.m. for a modest additional fee. If your child does not already own a gi (uniform), please purchase one and indicate the size at registration.*

### **16. Mandarin I — Little Pandas**

Thursdays, 3:10-4:15 p.m. (no club 9/21, 11/23)  
Grades 1-4 | \$245

The objective of this club is to continue to develop what we hope will be a lifelong interest in a culture that spans millennia and is becoming an increasingly influential player on the world stage. The program will continue to follow the *My First Chinese Words* curriculum, which offers an introduction to key vocabulary words and sentence structures. Students also will read supplementary Chinese story books, watch DVDs about Martial Arts and create arts and crafts related to Chinese holidays and traditions. Lǎoshī Su Abigale will continue sharing her love of language with our Panda class in hopes of deepening their curiosity about foreign cultures.

### **17. Mandarin II — Golden Dragons**

Fridays, 3:10-4:15 p.m.  
(no club 10/6, 11/3, 11/24)  
Grades 1-4 | \$245

In the Golden Dragon group, students will continue to strengthen their Chinese skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. They will review and practice basic terms throughout the class and will read supplementary Chinese story books, watch videos, sing Chinese songs and participate in cultural activities related to Chinese festivals. Lǎoshī Su Abigale will continue to offer the Dragon class a well-rounded experience as they dig deeper into their study of the Chinese language and culture.

### **18. Mandarin III — Jade Tigers**

Thursdays and Fridays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.  
(no club 9/21, 10/6, 11/3, 11/23, 11/24)  
Grades 4-8 | \$385

In the Jade Tiger group, students will continue to hone their Chinese skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. They will follow the textbooks, *My First Chinese Reader, Vol. 2* and *Chinese Made Easy, Vol. 2* to learn the Chinese words and sentence patterns used in daily life. Under the direction of Lǎoshī Su Abigale, the Tiger



## >> MUSICAL THEATER: SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

group will expand their Chinese vocabulary and sentence structures using competitive games and paired or group tasks. Participants are encouraged to practice their Mandarin through storytelling and play-acting. We also will read dialogues in the books and practice writing essential Chinese characters.

*Please note: This club meets twice a week, and for a modest additional fee, students in grades 4–8 who are not already enrolled in ASPire or MSAS are invited to attend from 3:10–4:15 p.m.*

### **19. Musical Theater: Seussical The Musical**

Mondays, October 2–December 18, 3:10–5 p.m.  
(no club 10/9)

Grades 2–8 | \$295

What could be more fun than a musical based on nearly all of Dr. Seuss’s beloved books? Who better to serve as the show’s host and master of ceremonies than the Cat in the Hat? Where better to set such a production than in Who-ville? Why not center the story around Horton, the beloved elephant who must protect the Whos, and guard an abandoned egg that’s been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird? Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship,

loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

The first few meetings of this club will consist of auditions. Director Liz Fredette will send out a detailed email to all participants regarding what to do to prepare for auditions. Some roles will require more work than others. Please come to the first club meeting having thought about your ability to commit time to memorization, practice, and review outside of dedicated rehearsal.

*Please note: This club, unlike other Monday clubs, WILL meet on Monday, November 20. This is a two-season club. Participants will need to be available for both the fall and winter seasons of Seussical in order to be eligible to perform in the final production scheduled for March.*

### **20. Once Upon a Time Prince and Princess Club**

Thursdays, 3:10–4:10 p.m. (no club 9/21, 11/23)  
Preschool and Kindergarten | \$195

This fall, GFS’s own Food Services Director, Jessica Borkosky, will share her love of fairy tales with students who love dressing up, doing crafts, and baking treats. Each week, the Once Upon a Time Club will focus on a different enchanting tale, including Sleeping Beauty, Ariel, Belle, Tiana, Mulan, Merida, and, of course, Cinderella! Participants are invited to dress up as their favorite prince or



## >> ONCE UPON A TIME PRINCE AND PRINCESS CLUB

princess as they venture through stories to the land of make believe where dreams really do come true!

### **21. Soccer Shots I**

Wednesdays, 3:10-3:55 p.m. (no club 11/22)  
Preschool and Kindergarten | \$215

### **22. Soccer Shots II**

Wednesdays, 4-4:45 p.m. (no club 11/22)  
Grades Kindergarten-2 | \$215

Soccer Shots is returning to GFS this fall! Soccer Shots is the premier children's soccer experience for children from preschool to second grade. Through quality, high-energy soccer programming with instruction from highly trained coaches, Soccer Shots emphasizes soccer skills and character development with fun, age-appropriate play. Soccer Shots instructors use each session to teach children important character and social concepts, such as teamwork, confidence and

respect. Moreover, their weekly, season-long approach will take children from the most basic understanding of soccer through the ten fundamental skills all soccer players need to know. Finally, Soccer Shots teaches players positive life skills designed to leave a lasting impact on every child who participates.

*Please note: ASPire coverage for students in Soccer Shots II is available from 3:10-4 p.m. for a modest additional fee.*

### **23. Stage Left**

Thursdays, 3:10-4:20 p.m. (no club 9/21 , 11/23)  
Grades 3-5 | \$265

Jenny Hutchison's acclaimed Stage Left Club offers Lower School thespians the opportunity to develop their knowledge of and interest in all aspects of theater arts. Classes promote self-confidence, communication and creativity, and will include such topics as acting, directing, singing, improvisation, set design, and movement.



## >> YOU GO GIRLS™

### 24. Take-it-Apart with Mr. Fix-it

Fridays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

(no club 10/6, 11/3, 11/24)

Grades Kindergarten–5 | \$125

Calling all tinkerers! Pick up your screwdriver and join ASPIre’s own Mr. Fix-it, Rob Johnson, as you take apart devices such as an alarm clock, a vacuum, a radio, a television, and even a computer! Learn how power sources like electricity, batteries, and analog gears make machines work. Club participants will learn not only how machines and mechanisms work, but also how to open them up and put them back together. Ideally, by dismantling a gadget, kids will learn to look at machines differently.

If you have an old alarm clock, vacuum, radio, tv, or other gadget that you’d be willing to donate, please drop it off in the Lower School Office or the Auxiliary Programming Office.

*ASPIre coverage from 3:10–3:30 p.m. is included in the cost of this club.*

### 25. You Go Girls™

Thursdays, 3:10–5 p.m. (no club 9/21, 11/23)

Grades 3–5 | \$255

You Go Girls™ is a club that supports sisterhood and self-esteem in the context of running. Under the direction of GFS parents and running enthusiasts Katie Scrivner and Chris Peterson, as well as varsity GFS track athlete Taryn Barrett, this dynamic group of young women will set and reach goals they never imagined possible! In addition to running, club participants also will build self-confidence, deepen friendships and work on enhancing body satisfaction.

When the weather isn’t suitable for running, YGGirls will practice yoga and mindfulness techniques, learn about accomplished female athletes, and make (and eat) healthy snacks! It is recommended that participants have proper running shoes as well as layers for autumn’s sometimes chilly and blustery weather.



## REGISTRATION

Online registration will begin on Tuesday, August 22, at 5:45 p.m. Visit [www.germantownfriends.org/extendedday](http://www.germantownfriends.org/extendedday) to find the registration button for Active Network. Enrollment is limited, so sign up early!

Upon registering, Lower School parents will need to update dismissal information for their children. The confirmation email will include a link to a Change in Dismissal form. It is essential that parents fill out this form in order to inform the Lower School Office of all changes in dismissal and pick-up plans.

We wish for all students to be able to participate in programming offered by GFS. Financial assistance is available for qualifying families. If you would like your child to participate in an after-school activity and you anticipate needing assistance, please contact Tchet Dorman at [tdorman@germantownfriends.org](mailto:tdorman@germantownfriends.org).

Although clubs are designed for particular grade levels, we may be able to accommodate interested students from outside of the designated grades provided that space is available and the instructor approves. Please contact [afterschool@germantownfriends.org](mailto:afterschool@germantownfriends.org) for further information.

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