

You know when
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS.
We open the door.

JOSIE TIDMORE '20

- Boarder from Valdosta, Georgia since 9th Grade
- Jenkins Community Service Fellowship in Costa Rica, coded game to teach English using skills from her sophomore Game Design Class
- Varsity tennis player
- Dorm prefect
- President of the School, 2019-2020
- Organized an annual Water Run to benefit an organization that supports research for a rare kidney-liver disease
- WISE student, researched kidney sensory receptors
- Created Water with Friends Research Study, presented findings at international conference
- Chemathon, Model UN, Orientation Team, Service League, academic mentor, Yearbook Club Photographer, 2016-2019
- Grizzly Tour Guide from 2017-2019; head Grizzly Tour Guide in 2019-2020
- Legacy Scholar
- National Classical Etymology Exam Medalist, 2018

“I love that Garrison encourages growth in all aspects and in all interests. Because of the love and support the Garrison community provides, I have been able to seek out opportunities I would not have otherwise considered.”



The GFS Boarding Advantage

High school prepares you for what happens after. While our college-prep curriculum challenges you to push yourself intellectually, your experience as a boarder will help you grow personally and develop life-long skills.

Your independence and confidence will flourish and deepen, enhanced by connections with friends and on-campus faculty families from around the country and world. Garrison Forest is a safe, welcoming place to discover who you are and what you can do. Our family-like atmosphere gives you the structure and support you need to grow into the leader you know you can be.



OVER 100 YEARS

boarding expertise since our founding in 1910

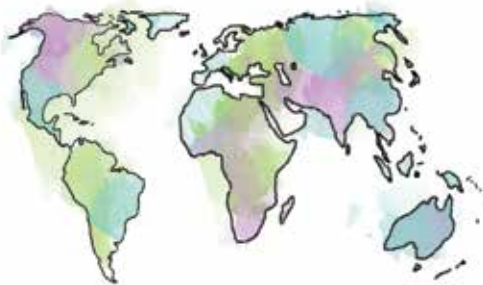


GFS at a GLANCE



CLOSE
to other East Coast cities

4 dorms and
24 faculty residences



Students hail from

**ACROSS
THE US AND
AROUND
THE GLOBE**



110-ACRE wooded campus with
24/7 security



**NATIONALLY
RANKED**

riders and teams
and collegiate-level
facilities



40

teams in 16 sports
in the highly
competitive
IAAM League



GFS GRADS CURRENTLY ATTEND

Boston College, Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Penn, Swarthmore, Tufts, University of California-Berkeley, UVA and Vanderbilt, among other top colleges and universities



GFS WEEKEND ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The fun is just getting started when the weekend comes. Every Upper School day and boarding student (8th-12th) participates in the school-sponsored weekend activities program. With lots of input from students, our Director of Residential Life plans a full slate of social, cultural, athletic and travel activities from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon.

Faculty and staff from across the school serve as chaperones to extend the deep connections you have with our community. Our mini-buses and vans make it easy to get around Baltimore and the Mid-Atlantic region. Feel like just hanging out with friends? The art and music studios, student center, fitness center and library all have weekend hours. And the many Adirondack chairs scattered around campus are always open – perfect for a latte from the nearby Starbucks.

Just a few of our weekend activities

- Tubing down the Gunpowder River
- Visits to a pumpkin patch
- Indoor rock climbing
- Mixers and dances including nearby boys' schools
- Shopping in Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and New York
- Gingerbread-house decorating
- Baltimore Inner Harbor and Potomac River boat trips
- International grocery store trips and cooking in dorm kitchens
- Outdoor movie nights and s'mores on campus
- Skiing, snow-boarding and tubing
- Go-kart racing
- Jewelry making workshops
- Junior/Senior ring dance, Snoball and Prom with dates
- Trips to Hersheypark and New York Maker Faire
- Special GFS-only Sunday yoga class at Baltimore studio
- Hiking
- Museum trips to Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and New York
- Service projects around Baltimore
- Baltimore Orioles baseball games

A Day in the Life OF A BOARDER

7:00 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.
Breakfast in the Dining Hall

7:50 A.M.

Daily check-in with your class advisor in Marshall-Offutt

8:00 A.M.
1st Period Class

Classes are 60 minutes.

9:05 A.M.
2nd Period Class

10:10-10:25 A.M.
Break

Hang out in your dorm room or O'Zone Cafe!

10:30 A.M.
3rd Period Class

Choose from hot entrees, salads, soups, sandwiches and vegetarian options or get food at the O'Zone.

11:35 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.
Lunch and 4th Period Class

1:20 P.M.

X-Block: Afternoon Meeting for Upper School, class or advisory meetings or speakers.

2:00 P.M.
5th Period Class

Decision-Making and tech classes are once/7-day cycle.

Advisory groups are 8-10 students and an assigned faculty member for bonding and service activities.

3:00 P.M.
Meet with teachers, take P.E., go to club meetings and enjoy open studio time in the Hathaway Fine and Performing Arts Center

4:00 P.M.

Sports practice or games, riding lessons, play/musical or dance practice.

6:00 P.M.

Family-style or buffet dinner with on-campus families.

7:30 P.M.
Study Hall

Teachers create online tools tailored to your class.

9:00 P.M.
Free time

GFS has 24/7 security personnel.

10:30 P.M.

Lights out for 8th and 9th Grade

11:00 P.M.

Lights out for 10th and 11th Grade



Home Away from Home

We've been a boarding/day school since our founding in 1910, so we know how important it is to give our boarders a warm, supportive home away from home. Dorm life and weekend and evening activities give you dozens of close friends with fellow boarders from around the United States and the world. And because you have plenty of day-student friends, you can enjoy visits to their homes, home-cooked meals and more. Many day students also stay in the dorms throughout the year, adding to the fun and friendship.



Women in Science and Engineering Program at Johns Hopkins



Since 2005, Garrison Forest Juniors and Seniors have spent two afternoons per week for a semester or two in a lab at Johns Hopkins University, where they conduct worldclass research side-by-side with professors and graduate students. It's a customized experience that takes your interest in STEAM and the humanities to a graduate school level – something few students get to do while in high school.

GFS was the only high school invited to participate in a Johns Hopkins' three-day "hackathon" to brainstorm innovative solutions to a public health crisis.



20,000+

research hours in Johns Hopkins labs through the GFS Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program

Garrison Forest School.
You Can. You Will.

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Empowering girls to realize their full potential and live lives of purpose