



**Greater San Diego Academy  
Charter Homeschool**

Where Every Moment is a Learning Opportunity

GSDA will support all students to rise to their personal best to positively impact the world.



**September 2019**

14545 Lyons Valley Road,  
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**Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
Friday  
8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

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**GSDA September Calendar of Events**

**Monday, September 2**

Labor Day – GSDA closed

**Tuesday, September 3**

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Classes and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Learning Experiences begin

**Wednesday, September 4**

K-8 Classes begin

**Thursday, September 5**

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Learning Experiences begin

**Friday, September 6**

LXSE~League of Extraordinary Scientists and Engineers – Animal Survival (*rsvp extended to 9/4/19*)

**Wednesday, September 11**

Spirit Day ~ Red, White and Blue Days

**Friday, September 13**

Project Wildlife Presentation

**Tuesday, September 17**

GSDA Picture Day ~ 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 20**

SD Humane Society Tour ~ Field Trip (*rsvp by 9/13/19*)

**Monday, September 23 through Friday, September 27**

No Classes ~ Scheduled Collection Week

**Friday, September 27**

USS Midway ~ Field Trip (*rsvp by 9/20/19*)

Many events listed have flyers that include event details. To access those flyers, click on the Peachjar button below or go to [www.gsdacademy.com](http://www.gsdacademy.com)



**DIRECTORS LETTER**



Dear Returning and Newly Enrolled GSDA families:

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! We have exciting plans this year to continue supporting you and your students to reach their personal best. We are excited to welcome many new students to GSDA!

Thank you to all who came out to the GSDA Celebration and Open House. We are so excited to share our new campus with you. Enrichment and support classes begin this week. Students are sure to have a great time reconnecting with their GSDA friends.

Have questions about how to maximize your enrichment units? Chat with your consultant or email me at [cbowes@jduisd.org](mailto:cbowes@jduisd.org) to get your questions answered. We want our students to make the most of what GSDA has to offer!

As always, we have some terrific field trips scheduled this year and will continue to add field trips and special presentations as the year continues. You can find all these in your newsletters, on PeachJar, and on our website, [gsdacademy.com](http://gsdacademy.com). Do you prefer to text? All of our consultants now have cell phones and can receive text communication. Look us up on social media as well!

Save the date: Friday, October 11 is Parent University! Last year's sessions were a huge success and we are happy to bring you more free workshops with homeschool tips, trainings in all subject areas, educational activities, and more!

We look forward to seeing all your shining faces! Here's to a fantastic school year!

Catherine Bowes

## School Communication

Throughout the school year GSDA will electronically be sending to your email monthly Newsletters and Weekly Updates to keep you up to date on all events.

We also will be sending you flyers with details on those events through a program called Peachjar



Please let us know if you are not receiving the emails or flyers. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Frequently check our website [www.gsdacademy.com](http://www.gsdacademy.com)



**SAVE THE DATE**

<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 LXSE - Making Waves</li> <li>11 Parent University</li> <li>16 Make up Pic Day</li> <li>18 Martial Arts</li> <li>25 Oma's Pumpkin Patch</li> <li>30 Spirit Day ~ Halloween Dress up!</li> </ul>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Spirit Day ~ Pajama Day</li> <li>6 LXSE - DNA</li> <li>11 Winter Showcase &amp; Nutcracker ~ Field Trip</li> </ul>
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**NOVEMBER**

- 8 JMC Civil War ~ Field Trip
- 13 Spirit Day ~ Crazy Hair/Socks
- 15 On Campus Presentation - TBD

GSDA closed :  
 Veterans Day, November 11 and Thanksgiving Break, November 25 - 29  
 Winter Break, December 19 through January 3

## Greater San Diego Academy Learning Experiences September 2019

*"Where every moment is a learning opportunity"*

### Grades 5-8 Field Experience

Tuesday, September 3  
Heritage of Americas Museum/ Water Conservation Garden

Tuesday, September 10  
Heritage of Americas Museum/ Water Conservation Garden

Tuesday, September 17  
Cabrillo National Monument

### Grades 1-4 Field Experiences



Thursday, September 5  
Heritage of Americas Museum/ Water Conservation Garden

Thursday, September 12  
Heritage of Americas Museum/ Water Conservation Garden

Thursday, September 19  
Cabrillo National Monument




\*\*Please note that locations are subject to change due to weather or circumstances beyond our control. We will contact families regarding changes. Please make sure your contact information with GSDA is current.

**K-8 Science Labs!**

"League of Extraordinary Scientists and Engineers with Makerspace"



**Friday, September 6, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**  
**League of Extraordinary Scientists and Engineers**  
**K-8 Science Labs with MAKERSPACE**

**“Animal Survival”**

Limited space available ~ Sign up today with your Admin!  
**20 EU per session**



**SPIRIT DAY**

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
 “Red, White and Blue Days”




2019 - 2020 GSDA Yearbook Orders

**Don't wait order yours today!**

**ONLY \$20 Until December 18, 2019**

Yearbooks are a great way for students to remember their school experience!



**PICTURE DAY!**

**September 17, 2019**  
**October 16, 2019 – Makeup Picture Day**  
**10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Drop by between 10am to 1pm when it is convenient for you.  
 It's free to get your picture taken and you will receive a free GSDA student I.D. card.  
 If you would like to order an individual photo package, ordering and payment information will be provided in the coming weeks. Of course your picture will be included in the GSDA yearbook at the end of the year!



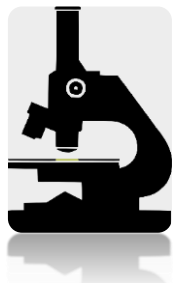
**Let's tour the San Diego Humane Society!!**

WHEN:	Friday, September 20, 2019 <i>rsvp by 9/13/19</i>
WHERE:	<a href="#">San Diego Humane Society</a> 5500 Gaines St. San Diego, CA 92110 (619) 299-7012
CHECK IN TIME:	10:00 a.m. (Late arrivals may not be admitted)
TOUR BEGINS:	10:30 a.m. <b>**Rain or Shine**</b>
WHO:	6-18 year old <b>**Space is limited**</b>
COST:	\$8.00 ~ suggested donation for GSDA Student(s) 6-8yrs \$8.00 ~ each additional sibling (6yrs & older). Free ~ for adults





WHEN:	Friday, September 27, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. <b>**Rain or Shine**</b> <i>rsvp by 9/20/19</i>
CHECK IN:	With GSDA Representative by 9:45 a.m. ~ We must enter as a group. Late arrivals may not be admitted and will need to purchase a full priced ticket to enter.
PARKING:	SEE FLYER
WHERE:	<a href="#">USS Midway Museum</a> 910 North Harbor San Diego, CA 92101 (619)544-9600
WHO:	All ages ☺ <b>**Space is limited**</b>
COST:	\$6.00 ~ suggested donation for GSDA Student(s) (6yrs-18yrs) \$6.00 ~ sibling (6yrs & older) \$10.00 ~ Adults Free ~ for 0-5yr olds



## High School Biology Labs

September 17<sup>th</sup>,

October 8<sup>th</sup>,

November 5<sup>th</sup>,

December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Chemistry Labs to be scheduled soon**



## Counselor's Corner September

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and College Bound Planning Guide

- ✓ Meet with your Consultant to review course plan for the semester/year.
- ✓ Clarify your college and career plans; explore our College and Career Readiness and Scholarship Information links for career planning, college, and scholarship/financial aid at [www.gsdacademy.com](http://www.gsdacademy.com)
- ✓ Make sure your high school classes meet college entrance requirements.
- ✓ Get involved in school activities
- ✓ Register for the ACT at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- ✓ Register for the PSAT at [www.collegboard.com](http://www.collegboard.com)

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and College Bound Planning Guide

- ✓ Meet with your Consultant to review course plan for the semester/year.
- ✓ Identify colleges you would like to apply to and request applications.
- ✓ Begin working on college applications and be aware of deadlines.
- ✓ Register for any additional SAT I or SAT II tests.
- ✓ Register for the ACT exam if it is required by colleges of interest to you.
- ✓ Plan college campus visits and interviews, or take "virtual tours" and make appointments to have interviews locally.
- ✓ Look for and attend college fairs.
- ✓ Request letters of recommendation.
- ✓ Prepare your resume.
- ✓ Submit a written request for transcripts to include in college applications.

## [San Diego National College Fair](#)

Thursday, April 21, 2020

Free and open to the public, the San Diego National College Fair allows students and their families to interact one-on-one with college admission representatives from a wide range of postsecondary institutions.