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## JANUARY RETURN

*January 14, 2021*

**Returning to School in January.** In-person sessions begin on Monday, January 25. Please review the [January Return webpage](#) for more information.

**Attention Day Student Parents:** All day students returning to campus are **required** to present a printed hard copy of their negative COVID-19 test taken no more than **72 hours prior** to their arrival. All students also need to complete their self-screenings for two weeks prior to their first day on campus. Additional information about testing is available on our [January Return webpage](#).

**Day Student Arrival Time Survey.** Day students must complete the [Student Arrival Time Survey](#) to let us know your plans if they have not done so already. This survey information is critical for planning the start of in-person sessions. Day students may only arrive on campus at two times—between 7:15 and 8:30 a.m. or between 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. All day students must stay on campus through their final obligation of the day once they arrive.

**COVID-19 Testing Program.** As a condition of being an on-campus learner this winter, parents must agree to their student undergoing periodic COVID-19 testing conducted by the School. This new testing program will be an important part of keeping our community as safe as possible. **Please proceed to the [Parent Portal](#) to review and complete the permission form prior to your child arriving on campus.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.** Beginning this Sunday, we will honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy with two days of programming. Rosetta Lee will join our community on **Sunday, January 17** for a Zoom conversation titled, “Safe to Brave Conversations” to discuss ways of engaging authentically, respectfully, and effectively across differences. The event will be from **4:00 - 5:00 p.m. EST**. All students, parents, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate. [Here is the event link](#).

**MLK Schedule of Events.** On **Monday, January 18** students will follow a special schedule for MLK Day. Students were emailed Zoom links for this virtual celebration. [Learn more](#).

- **8:30-8:45 a.m.** – Gathering
- **9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.** – MLK Keynote Assembly Speaker: Daniel Hunter
- **10:15-11:15 a.m.** – Breakout Rooms
- **11:20-11:50 a.m.** – Meeting for Worship

- **1:00-1:45 p.m.** – IB Arts Groups (All Remote)
- **4:00-5:30 p.m.** – Theater Production (All Remote)

**Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) Workshops.** On Friday, January 15 and Saturday, January 16, FCD Workshops will be offered by Hazelden Betty Ford representatives online via Zoom for George School students. Questions? Contact [Susan Ross](#).

**March 13 SAT Update.** Boarding juniors may only take the March 13 SAT at Council Rock – North or Neshaminy HS. Transportation will be provided for boarders who are registered to take the test at one of these two sites. If a student has already registered to take the test at a different site, they should make it a priority to switch their site. Boarders will not be permitted to leave campus to go to another site using alternate transportation. Contact the [Deans' Office](#) with any questions.

**Attention Boarding Parents:** Boarding students may order groceries from Giant for weekend pick-up and delivery starting Friday, January 15.

**Attendance Policy.** Attention parents of all students: If your child is ill, has a doctor's appointment, or will miss a class or classes for any reason, you must email Attendance Supervisor Laurie Moyer at [lmoyer@georgeschool.org](mailto:lmoyer@georgeschool.org), or call 215.579.6593, to notify her of the excused absence. Failing to notify Laurie will generate a cut for your child's missed class.

## COLLEGE COUNSELING

**Parents/Guardians of Juniors: CIALFO Sign-In (Juniors Only):** Your student should complete their Junior Student Survey in Cialfo and parents/guardians should complete [this questionnaire](#) (also found on the portal). Be sure to read the "Month Ahead," emailed to families on Sunday, January 10, which includes important information about what's next for juniors.

**The Week Ahead with College Counseling.** Parents of seniors: Please refer to the Week Ahead To-Do list dated Sunday, January 10 [located on the portal](#). Remind your senior student to follow the steps for completing the application process. Students must complete the "**College Application Submission Confirmation Form**" after they submit every application.

**College Counseling Recommends: A Book Discussion on College Admissions.** Join George School's College Counselors, all former college admission officers, for a book discussion on Jeffrey Selinger's *New York Times* best seller, *Who Gets In And Why: A Year Inside College Admissions*, via Zoom on **Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.** Registration details will be available soon.

## IB ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Students should complete and submit assigned IB work for their classes while adhering to deadlines, and prepare for IB assessments as instructed by their teachers. Given the circumstances and in the event of any further modifications to assessment protocols, the Internal Assessments (IAs) may be weighted more significantly than in non-Covid years.

Students should also complete work for the IB core requirements. **Failure to complete these IB core requirements according to the guidelines will jeopardize a student's eligibility for the diploma.**

**Class of 2022:**

- Continue to work on the Extended Essay (EE) in preparation for submission of the 10-page draft due **Monday, February 8**. Students who submitted late work for the 5-page draft, or who have been contacted by Marion Wells, must be in communication with her to ensure that they are able to advance to the next stage of the process.

- On **Wednesday, January 13**, students attended a required IBDP Meeting for the full cohort, "IB Core and EE: Criteria and Writing Workshop."

- The next CAS check is on **Friday, January 15**. Students should continue to regularly complete, document, and confirm their Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) work.

### **Class of 2021:**

- On **Wednesday, January 13**, students reached the halfway point for their CAS work and submitted their CAS Project documentation. Students should continue to regularly complete, document, and confirm their Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) work. The next CAS check is on **Wednesday, February 3**. Students who do not submit these checks must immediately contact Kim McGlynn to ensure that they are on track to complete this core requirement for the diploma, especially as this work must be tracked and authenticated over time.

- The next required IBDP meeting for the full cohort, "IB Core and IB Policies" will take place on **Wednesday, February 10**.

Students should contact EE Coordinator [Marion Wells](#) or IB Coordinator [Kim McGlynn](#) with any questions or concerns.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATES

**Join our Parent Community!** Committee Clerks welcome new members at any time. Please email them directly to join or for more information.

- **George School Fund** - [Meg Peake '03](#)
- **Commencement Flowers** - [Maureen Petrosky](#) or [Kristy Swartz](#)
- **Admission Ambassadors** - [Kimino Rutherford](#)
- **GS Love** - [Kristy Swartz](#) or [Giselle Torres-Toala](#)
- **Bookstore Volunteers** - [Rebecca Mitchell](#)
- **Father's Committee** - [Bradd Forstein](#)
- **Opening Days (August 2021)** - [Giselle Torres-Toala](#) or [Chris Holmes](#)

**GS Book Club.** Beginning in February, the GS Book Club will meet at **7:00 p.m. EST**. We look forward to GS parents joining our lively discussions while having the opportunity to connect with other parents. Please add the below schedule and book list to your calendar. If you have any questions, or want to join the GS Book Club, please email [Erica Crenshaw](#).

- **Thursday, February 11:** *American Dirt* (Jeanine Cummins)
- **Thursday, March 11:** *How To Be an Antiracist* (Ch. 1-9) (Ibram X. Kendi, Ph.D.)
- **Thursday, April 8:** *How To Be an Antiracist* (Ch. 10-18) (Ibram X. Kendi, Ph.D.)
- **Thursday, May 13:** *The Book of Longings* (Sue Monk Kidd)

**Ideas or Questions?** Please email [Stephanie Connolly](#) (PA Clerk), or [Maureen Petrosky](#), (PA Programming Clerk).

## SUPPORT GEORGE SCHOOL

## Volunteers Needed!



The Advancement Office is seeking volunteers for the upcoming **Great Green Give, George School's Giving Challenge, on Friday, February 5.**

Whether you are a day or boarding parent, this is a great way to connect with fellow parents and show your GS love! Volunteers will be part of a community-wide outreach effort, specifically with fellow parents, to encourage participation in the [George School Fund](#).

Please contact Director of the George School Fund [Meg Peake '03](#) for more information or to express your interest.

## PA STATE TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

**Would you like to direct your tax dollars from Harrisburg to George School?**

Through the **PA State Tax Credit Programs (EITC and OSTC)**, businesses and individuals can donate to George School and receive a state tax credit for **90%** of their gift. **It only costs a dime to give a dollar!**

Dozens of George School community members take advantage of this great opportunity each year. If you are interested, join us for a virtual information session on **Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m., or Wednesday, January 27 at 11:00 a.m.**

To RSVP, please contact [Renée Mayo '93](#) in the Advancement Office at 215.579.6574.

## PARENT RESOURCES

Looking for something? Visit our [Parent Resources page](#) and the [Parent FAQs page](#) for more information.

*The Parent Plan-It* is designed to inform parents about campus events and deadlines. Please contact editor Katharine Sipio with comments, suggestions, and news at 215.579.6576 or by email at [ksipio@georgeschool.org](mailto:ksipio@georgeschool.org).

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