



September 14, 2022

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Parent and Guardian Association - Virtual Meeting Tonight! Join us for our first meeting of the year tonight **September 14** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. [virtually via Zoom](#) (Passcode: 967758). Head of School Sam Houser, Associate Head of School Scott Spence, and Dean of Students Pippa Rex will be available for a Q & A Session. Please send questions in advance to Director of Parent Engagement [Ginny Waller](#). All meetings are recorded and can be found on the [Parent Portal](#).

Grades and Comments. Midterm grades and comments will be available on both the Student Portal and the [Parent Portal](#) early this Sunday evening, **September 18**. If you have questions about your child's midterm grades or the comments associated with them, your child and their advisor are your best initial resources. Midterm grades are informal touchpoints and do not go on transcripts. End-of-term grades will be available the evening of Tuesday, October 4. End-of-term grades will appear on transcripts. Please note, however, that multi-term courses will show only the most recent cumulative grade for the course at the end of each term.

All-Community Event. On **Sunday, September 18 from 2:30-3:45 p.m.** the all community event in Walton Auditorium will be magical as George School hosts [Magician, Ran'D Shine!](#) Check out Ran'D in action [here](#). There will be popcorn, candy, drinks, gift cards, door prizes, and other fun surprises. This event is appropriate for all ages, and open to all students and GS families. We hope you will all come out and join the fun!

WIN Day on September 30. There are **no classes on Friday, September 30**. WIN days are times for students to rest, socialize with friends, visit colleges, and work on long-term projects in between terms. Boarding students may leave campus on Thursday, September 29 after their last school obligations (academic and sports) are complete. If they live locally and have a sports competition on Friday, they may go home on Thursday afternoon and return to campus on Friday for their competition. Boarding students cannot leave campus until after their practice or game is finished. They are required to return to campus by 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 2. If you know your plans, please have your child enter a "Reach Weekend Leave Request." Contact the [Deans' Office](#) with questions.

NEW - Report Absences on the Parent Portal! Parents can now [report a student's absence or lateness in advance via the Parent Portal](#). After completing the form be sure to hit submit. You will then be notified that your report has been received, and again when it has been approved. **Please note that this form should not be used if:**

- You are reporting an absence due to a college visit (students must submit a "REACH request" for college visit approval).
- It is after 9:00 a.m. on the day of your student's absence/lateness. To report after 9:00 a.m., please contact [Laurie Moyer](#) 215.579.6593.



HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

George School currently requires masking indoors (in public areas and classrooms). We will reevaluate on Friday, September 16; if we are not able to end the requirement then, it will be extended for no more than one additional week, ending on September 23. The weekly total of cases on campus, as well as the number of students isolating at home and on campus, can be found on our [Health and Safety page](#) and will be updated weekly on Thursdays.



FALL OPEN HOUSE

Do you know any families interested in George School? Encourage them to attend our Fall Open House on **Sunday, October 23!**

Students and families planning to apply for the 2023-2024 school year are also invited to schedule their interview by calling 215.579.6547. Interviews will begin in October and run through February. Families can either come to campus or meet with our Admission Team via Zoom. [Learn more.](#)

[Register for Open House](#)

COLLEGE COUNSELING

College Representative Visits. George School will host in-person and virtual visits from college representatives beginning **Monday, September 12 through Friday, November 4**. Seniors must sign up in CIALFO to attend. If juniors are free and want to attend a meeting, they must email [Terry Tuttle](#) to be placed on the attendance list. Space is limited and preference goes to seniors. A list of visiting colleges will be emailed to students and their families weekly.

PSAT Updates. College Counseling will meet with the Class of 2024 during Assembly on **Friday, September 23** to discuss the PSAT and other important information.

The Testing Landscape Virtual Event. On **Tuesday, September 27** from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Compass Education Group will present *The Testing Landscape* during a virtual event. Families of sophomores and juniors are invited to attend. [Register here.](#)

Paying for College: What You Need to Know? [Watch a recording here](#) of last week's event from Thursday, September 8.

IB ANNOUNCEMENTS

IB results for the May 2022 session were released back in July and we are proud to announce spectacular results, which maintain our standing as one of the top performing IB schools with an excellent diploma success rate. We look forward to this year's upcoming exams!

- **Students enrolled in IB courses are required to take IB exams.** Junior and Senior IB Diploma Candidates have been registered for their subject exams. For Junior and Senior IB Course Candidates (students that are taking individual IB courses but are not full diploma candidates), registration will begin in the next few weeks and Val Fusco (Registrar), Kim McGlynn (IB Coordinator), and their IB teacher(s) will be in communication about the registration process. The cost for each subject exam is \$119 and the **deadline for registration is November 1** after which there are no refunds and any changes will incur additional costs. [Learn more.](#)
 - **Students with learning accommodations must communicate with Minnie Lee** (Director of the Learning Center) and Kim McGlynn. Please note that IB will not guarantee the same accommodations offered by George School. All paperwork on learning differences and the request for inclusive access **learning accommodations must be submitted to IB by October 1.** [Learn more.](#)
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 14: [Parent and Guardian Association - Virtual Meeting](#)

September 17: Cross Country Invitational

September 18: All Community Event

September 21: [PGA Lunchtime Zoom Chat for New Families](#)

September 27: [The Testing Landscape - Virtual Event](#)

September 30: WIN Day; No classes

October 5: [PGA Inclusion Committee - Virtual Meeting](#)



October 15, 2022



November 4-5, 2022



PARENT & GUARDIAN ASSOCIATION

The Parent and Guardian Association (PGA) provides programming and volunteer opportunities for parents to contribute to the GS experience. Please fill out [this Google doc](#) to indicate if you are interested in volunteering and your area of interest.

Calling all New Parents to GS! The PGA is inviting you to a lunchtime Zoom chat on **Wednesday, September 21** from 12-1:00 p.m. (EST) to get to know other new faces at

George School. Pop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time - we look forward to meeting you and learning more about your students. [RSVP here](#).

The **PGA Inclusion Committee** will hold its first meeting on **Wednesday, October 5** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The meeting is open to all GS parents/guardians. [Here is the link to join](#).

Join the [PGA Facebook Group](#) for updates and sharing ideas, and [sign up for PGA emails](#) to learn about requests for volunteers, meeting announcements, and more!



College Counseling

Learn about George School's [College Counseling Program](#).



IB Diploma Program

Review [IB information](#) including exam updates, deadlines, and meetings.



Athletics News

Visit the [Athletics website](#) to view schedules, highlights, and team information.

GEORGE SCHOOL

Looking for something? Visit [Parent Resources](#) and [Parent FAQs](#).

Questions or concerns? Contact Director of Parent Engagement [Ginny Waller](#).

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](#).



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