



George Washington High School

It is hard to believe the first semester of the school year is coming to a close. Many faculty, staff, scholars, and community members have commented on the improved culture at George Washington High School. Our scholars were active participants in community events recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month, volunteering at the Danville History Museum, and passing out candy at the Monster Market Mash. Band and NJROTC won numerous awards and recognitions. Our fall sports teams demonstrated tremendous sportsmanship and competed through very challenging schedules. Eagle Pride was on display during our Homecoming spirit week activities which included a very entertaining pep rally. Scholars also dressed up to party the night away at the Sneaker Ball Dance. I want to thank you for the tremendous support you have shown as we continue to improve.

Below please find important information about transportation, administrative updates and attendance.

Renovations

We are excited GWHS will begin the renovation process this spring.

- January 2, 2023 - Gym parking lot will be fenced off and closed. Any staff member who parked in the gym lot will park on Christopher Ln.
- January 5, 2023 - New traffic pattern for Cars and Buses. Car riders use the CTE Loop for student drop off and pick up. CTE buses will stage on the access road to the football field, loading and unloading in the front loop.

Administrative Changes

GWHS added three new staff members to our administrative team. Dr. Rosie Spann-Johnson and Krystal Churchill have been hired as Assistant Principals. Mr. Terrance Draper has been hired as our Dean of Students. We have also reorganized administrative responsibilities so that each AP, paired with a school counselor, will oversee a grade level. Below is a breakdown of new administrative responsibilities:

AP of Instruction: Dr. Amber Spencer	AP of Facilities: Dr. Rosie Spann-Johnson	AP of Student Services: Dr. Susan Badger	AP of Exceptional Children: Krystal Churchill	AP of Testing: Deanna McLaughlin	Dean of Students: Terrance Draper
School Counselor: Carla Davis - Freshmen	School Counselor: Gia Crews - Sophomores	School Counselor: Cody Perdue - Juniors	School Counselor: Brittany Goods - Seniors		

Attendance

Scholars who attend school regularly, and on time, achieve at higher levels. Chronic attendance is also one of the measures that will affect GW's accreditation. Scholars who are absent will receive notice after the 3rd, 5th, and 7th absence. At the 9th absence, scholars and their families must attend a district level/pre-court meeting. Please ensure that your scholar is present and on time every day.

Skipping

Along the same line as chronic absenteeism, scholars who are in the building and do not attend class will not achieve academically. Scholars who are not in the correct location also present a potential risk in a crisis situation. In an emergency situation it becomes difficult to locate scholars if they are not in the correct location. Scholars are required to have a written pass from their teacher if they receive permission to leave the room. Any scholar in the hall who does not have a written pass will be considered skipping. GWHS skipping policy provides progressive discipline for those caught skipping class. The consequences range from period ISS, full day ISS, 1 day OSS, referral to mentoring services (Life Push), and 2 days OSS. Please communicate with your scholar about the importance of being present and on time for every class. This is important for their safety and academic success.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your scholar. It is a job we take seriously at George Washington High School. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

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