



George Washington High School  
701 Broad Street  
Danville, VA 24541

Dear George Washington Scholars,

*As principal of George Washington High School, I am excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. I am blessed to serve GW as we continue and expand our rich tradition of academic and extra-curricular excellence. Please read the following information carefully.*

**Schedules** – Classes are still being finalized, but scholars with access to Powerschool may review their course schedule. If you do not have access to Powerschool, we will have schedules available at the open house. Please review your schedule in detail. If you were not assigned a course that you registered for, you have the opportunity to submit a schedule change request during the first two weeks of school. **A schedule change request is merely a request and does not guarantee that a change will be made to your schedule.**

**Freshman Orientation and New Parent Information Session** – We are excited to welcome our new scholars this Fall! We will have a freshman orientation to ensure that you feel fully prepared and comfortable prior to the start of the school year. Freshman Orientation and New Parent Information Session is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3 from 9am-12pm and from 12:30pm-3:30pm. We encourage all new parents and scholars to attend this orientation.

**Open House** - Tuesday, August 1, 2023 12:00-3:00 **Seniors**  
Wednesday, August 2, 2023 12:00-6:00 **Juniors and Sophomores**  
Thursday, August 3, 2023 9:00 - 12:00 and 12:30 - 3:30 **Freshmen**

**12th Grader Meningitis Vaccination**- This is a friendly reminder that all rising 12th graders will need to have the meningitis vaccination to enter school this fall even if they had their first one in seventh grade. No one will be admitted without it unless there is a religious exemption. In all cases for religious exemption for any vaccination will require the Religious Exemption form to be completed and notarized. This form may be found online by Googling "Virginia Religious Exemption Form." For more information please visit: [School Vaccination Requirements](#)

**School Hours**: Please be reminded that school starts, Monday, August 7, 2023. Car riders may arrive at 8:00am and all scholars will be dismissed at 4pm.

**Renovations** – Current renovations will cause changes to our scholar intake and movement throughout the building. Car rider drop off will continue at the CTE building which is accessed from Christopher Ln. Car riders will be directed to enter the main building through door #9. The Broad St. entrance for bus riders will not be utilized. Scholars will not have access to the courtyard entrance to the CTE building. GW has adjusted the dismissal time for scholars. The start time for first period stays at 8:30 but scholars will be dismissed at 4pm. This temporary change is necessary to accommodate our lunch schedule during construction. Upon completion of the new cafeteria, GW will utilize a three lunch period schedule and return to a 3:30pm dismissal time for scholars.

*In closing, I want to welcome you all to the Eagle Family for 2023-2024. Together we will meet any challenge we face and prove that EAGLE PRIDE is still alive at George Washington High School.*

Love Always,

*Reyhan Deskins*

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