



George Washington High School
701 Broad Street
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Dear George Washington Parents, Families and Community,

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 to expand our rich tradition of academic and extra-curricular excellence. Last school year, we were able to open our newly renovated track facility, hosting our first regional track meet at GW. Our performing arts (choir, band, and orchestra) received superior ratings in district assessments and our NJROTC unit was recognized as one of the best in the area. This year we are transitioning to a seven period yearlong schedule to increase classroom instruction time and improve scholar/teacher relationships and engagement. We are also offering a Sunshine Period with selected course offerings to provide our scholars more academic opportunities. I want to encourage you to read the updated DPS cell phone policy and discuss with your scholar the importance of being present and engaged in their learning. If you have a senior at GW this year, be sure they have the Meningococcal vaccine before the first day of school.

Change is one constant in education and this year several changes have taken place at George Washington. Renovations to our upstairs are near complete and our downstairs, NJROTC building, and gym area renovations will continue through the school year. These 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 #8. The Broad St. entrance for bus riders will not be utilized. Scholars will not have access to the courtyard entrance to the CTE building.

Your scholar's schedules are being finalized and will be ready to distribute at GW's Open House, Tuesday, August 1 from 12-3:30pm for all seniors. Rising 10-11 grade scholars will attend Open House Wednesday August 2, from 12-6pm. Incoming freshmen will have their orientation on Thursday, August 3. To accommodate instruction during renovations, 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. With the closing of the cafeteria courtyard, this temporary change is necessary to accommodate our lunch schedule during construction. This change will also provide scholars with 30-minutes during fourth or fifth period for remediation, enrichment, and writing support. Upon completion of the new cafeteria, GW will utilize a three lunch period schedule and return to a 3:30pm dismissal time for scholars. Included in this letter is a copy of both schedules.

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

Love Always,

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