

George Washington High School

July 27, 2015

Dear Parents and Students,

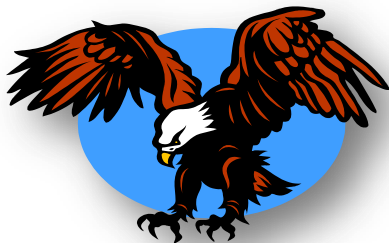
*Welcome to Eagle territory!* On behalf of the George Washington High School administrative team, I hope this letter finds you and your family in the middle of a safe and restful summer. As always, it is hard to believe that the summer break is quickly coming to an end and within a few short weeks, our classrooms will be filled. We hope that you have enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating summer spending time with family and friends.

Our motto is, *“Expect the Best!”* Our best work is yet to be done. Let us join together to create an environment full of enthusiasm, energy, exuberance and academia. I look forward to being your Principal and working for the betterment of all students. Please aspire to: (1) being on time, (2) not making excuses, (3) protecting our school family, (4) being confident, and (5) having fun when learning.

Best wishes for a great year,

*Randall K. Stokes*

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Principal



**Achievements – “Expect the Best!”**

**Cavalier Yearbook**

2014 VHSL Trophy Class Award  
Gold Medal, Columbia Scholastic Press Association  
First Place, National Scholastic Press Association

**Class of 2015**

- ✓ **50 Graduates of Distinction**
- ✓ **42 National Honor Society**
- ✓ **54 Advanced Studies Diplomas**
- ✓ **31 Career and Technical Education Seals**
- ✓ **21 Health Careers Academy**
- ✓ **\$2.8 million awarded in scholarships**

**GWHS Marching Band**

2014 State Concert Superior Ratings – Symphonic Band  
2014 State Concert Superior Ratings – Wind Ensemble  
28 students selected – All District Band

**Euentes Creative Writing Magazine**

Gold Crown Award, Columbia Scholastic Press Association  
American Scholastic Press Association Recognition (ASPA)  
ASPA First Place (Special Merit)

**GW Varsity Basketball Team**

State Semi-Final Participants

**CTE Robotics**

State Competition Participants

**GWHS Symphonic Orchestra**

2014 Superior Ratings

**ACE (Academic Competition for Excellence)**

**GWHS Concert Choir**

District Competition Participants

**GW Varsity Football Team**

State Semi-Final Participants

## Open House – Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

Student schedules will be handed out in the cafeteria dining hall between the hours of 2:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Open House will conclude promptly at 7:00 p.m. There will be no schedule changes made during Open House.

- Meet your new Principal, Mr. Randall K. Stokes.
- Pick up your schedule from your school counselor. If you're unable to attend, you will be able to pick up your schedule on the first day of school. Or, you may download a copy of your schedule by using Parent Portal.
- Use this time to meet with your new classroom teachers.
- Obtain a supply list for each of your classes.
- Take some time to learn your way around the campus and discover information about our band, orchestra, robotics program, career and technical classes, and so much more!

## Parent Portal

Parent Portal is a means of communication to keep you up-to-date on your student's school attendance/performance. Through parent portal, you can see your child's grades, assignments, and attendance. This is also a means of communication for happenings within the school. If your child is a returning student, your parent portal information remains the same. If you are new to GWHS and did NOT set up your parent portal account when completing the enrollment process, please stop by our Guidance & Counseling Department and we will help you get set-up!

### I. Eagle Facts

1. The principal at GWHS is **Mr. Randall K. Stokes**.
2. There are three (3) assistant principals on this campus. They are **Mrs. Gayle H. Breakley**, **Mrs. A. Michelle Ramsey**, and **Mr. Larry D. Toomer**.
3. The name, mailing address, and contact number for your school is: George Washington High School, 701 Broad Street, Danville, Virginia 24541-2627, (434) 799-6410.
4. City of Danville Police Department representative, **Corporal Clarence Goins** and GWHS security officer, **Mrs. Becky Brower** assist us with campus security and student safety. Please do not hesitate to contact either one of them regarding a safety issue or a potential problem you may be aware of.
5. Your school counselors are **Ms. Frankie Logan**, **Mrs. Genevieve Lyons**, **Ms. Dale McKinnie**, and **Mr. Boyd Pearson**. **Mr. Allen Turner** is your on-campus College Guide, sponsored by the University of Virginia. Please make an effort to visit the Guidance office at your convenience. In addition, **Mr. Karl Staten** will serve as your Career Coach, sponsored by Danville Community College. **Mrs. Lynette Giles**, guidance secretary, performs a variety of tasks. Please contact her regarding appointments, if necessary. The contact number for the Guidance Department is **(434) 799-5108**.
6. The purpose of a school counselor is to:
  - A. Help you learn about yourself.
  - B. Help you learn how to make decisions.
  - C. Help you with any problem(s) that may keep you from doing well in school.
  - D. Registration for course selections.
  - E. College/Career exploration.
7. **Mrs. Charlotte Melton** is our school registrar. She compiles and distributes high school transcripts, report cards, class ranks, and grade point averages. Her office is located in the main office.
8. **Ms. Phyllis Hamlett** is our main office secretary.
9. **Ms. Shelby Martin** and **Ms. Bonita Richardson** are located in the Pupil Accounting Office. They are responsible for monitoring and documenting your attendance and class tardies. Please make every effort to be present every day and be on time.
10. **Mrs. Janet Fesperman, RN** and **Mrs. Jill Woods, RN** are our school nurses.

### II. Eagle Day

1. Your school day begins promptly at 8:20 a.m. You will have 5-minutes between each class change.
2. Time between classes should be used for:
  - A. Getting ready for your next class.
  - B. Going to the restroom and getting water, if needed.
  - C. Talking with teachers and/or friends.
3. Your school day ends promptly at 3:20 p.m.
4. Car riders should be dropped off / picked up in the gymnasium parking lot.

### III. Eagle Life

1. There are many activities at GWHS, which include Student Council Association (SCA), clubs and girls' and boys' athletics, nationally acclaimed *Chatterbox Newsmagazine*, *Euanter Literary Magazine*, *Cavalier Yearbook*. The GWHS Band and Orchestra play Level V-VI music. We have a choral group and drama department. NJROTC, Academic Competition for Excellence (ACE) and the National Honor Society. Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs placed and won regional, state and national competitions. Our high

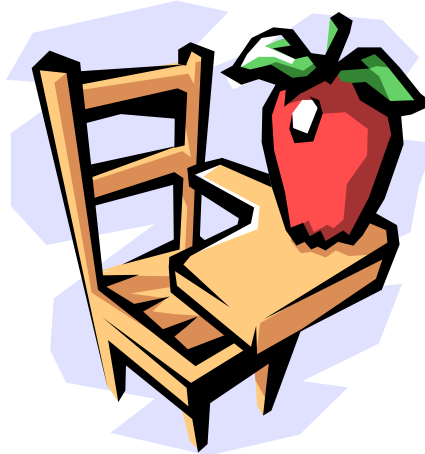
school has been the recipient of the prestigious Wells Fargo Cup (formerly the Wachovia Cup) through VHSL competitions. Get involved! *Expect the Best!*

2. Doing well is important at GWHS. We have Before- and After-School Tutorial programs to assist you with your academic needs.
3. Some things to remember to assist you to do well are:
  - A. Write down your assignments before you leave every class.
  - B. Make sure you have your supplies for each class.
  - C. Study each night. Studying means doing written work, reviewing notes, and working on long-term assignments.
  - D. Be organized.
  - E. Place your homework in the proper notebook.
  - F. Pack your backpack each night before you go to bed.
  - G. Be at school every day and on time.
  - H. If you need help, you should ask your teacher.
  - I. If you are absent, you need to get your homework from each teacher. Also, please bring a written excuse to the Pupil Accounting Office, signed by your parent, explaining each absence.

### School Supply List for Grades 9-12

The following is a generic list of supplies for the school year. Specific supplies for each teacher will be listed in his/her syllabus, which will be passed out during the first week of school. *We are George Washington. Expect the Best!*

- ✓ 3 Ring Binders (1 inch)
- ✓ 3 Subject Notebooks
- ✓ 1 Subject Notebooks
- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Ink Pens
- ✓ Notebook Paper
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Jump Drive
- ✓ Index Cards
- ✓ Graphing Paper



### Administrators – (434) 799-6410

Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal
Mr. Randall K. Stokes	Mrs. Gayle H. Breakley	Mrs. A. Michelle Ramsey	Mr. Larry D. Toomer
	Grade 9: A – F	Grade 9: G – P	Grade 9: Q – Z
	Grade 12	Grade 10	Grade 11



### *Characteristics of Successful Students*

Not surprisingly, successful students attend classes regularly. Moreover, they are on time. If they miss a class, they feel obligated to let the teacher know why, and their excuses seem legitimate and reasonable.

Successful students take advantage of extra credit opportunities if they are offered. They demonstrate

that they care about their grades and are willing to work to improve them. They often do the optional (and frequently challenging) assignments that many students pass up, such as giving a five-minute presentation that substitutes for an essay.

Successful students ask questions that the teacher knows many in the class are bound to have, provided they are listening.

They see the teacher before and after class about grades, comments made on their papers, and upcoming tests.

Successful students turn in assignments that look neat and sharp. They take the time to produce a final product that looks good, a reflection of a caring attitude and pride in their work.

They are attentive in class. They don't talk without permission, distract others, or stare out windows. They don't earn disciplinary referrals. In other words, they are polite and graceful, even if they get a little restless. Lastly, successful students "*Expect the Best!*"

## Promotion Guidelines

1. To be classified as a **tenth grader**, a student must have earned a minimum of five standards units of credit.
2. To be classified as an **eleventh grader**, a student must have earned a minimum of eleven standard units of credit to include English 9 and English 10, and three verified units of credit (SOLs).
3. To be classified as a **twelfth grader**, a student must have earned a minimum of seventeen standard units of credit, one of which must include English 11, have five verified units of credit (SOLs) to include EOC English 11 (Reading) and EOC English 11 (Writing) and one EOC Mathematics.

## Danville Public School Grading Scale

A	B	C	D	F
100 – 94	93 – 86	85 – 77	76 – 70	69 – 0

## School Calendar

October 12	Half-Day Early Dismissal / End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
October 19	Report Cards Issued
November 3	Schools Closed – Election Day
November 25	Half-Day Early Dismissal
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 18	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
December 21-31	Winter Break
January 1	Winter Break Continues
January 4-5	Teacher Workday / Schools Closed for Students
January 11	Report Cards Issued
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / Schools Closed
February 15	Professional Development Day / Schools Closed for Students
March 9	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
March 16	Report Cards Issued
March 25	Half-Day Early Dismissal
March 28-31	Spring Break
April 1	Spring Break Continues
May 20	Half-Day Early Dismissal / End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
May 21	Graduation – “Class of 2016”

## BELL SCHEDULE

8:20 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

8:15 a.m. – Warning Bell | 8:20 a.m. – Tardy Bell

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Period</b> 8:20AM – 9:10AM		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Period</b> 9:15AM – 10:05AM		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Period</b> 10:10AM – 11:00AM		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Period</b> 11:05AM – 11:55AM		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lunch</b> 12:00AM – 12:25PM	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Period</b> 12:00PM – 12:30PM	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Period</b> 12:30PM – 1:25PM	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch</b> 12:30PM – 12:55PM	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Period</b> 12:00PM – 1:00PM
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Period</b> 1:00PM – 1:25PM	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch</b> 1:00PM – 1:25PM
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Period</b> 1:30PM – 2:20PM		
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Period</b> 2:25PM – 3:20PM*		

### WHAT LUNCH DO YOU HAVE?

1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lunch
A-Wing (Downstairs), B-Wing, E-122, Vocational Building, and W-Wing.	C-Wing (Upstairs and Downstairs).	A-Wing (Upstairs), E-Wing, Gymnasium, S-Wing, and Weight Room.

\*5 minutes at the end for announcements.