

GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of Jan. 23 – 27



Your Weekly Lower and Upper Schools Communication

What parents need to know about this week @ GWA

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

All School Noon Dismissal on January 25
for Staff Professional Development

Release times:

Nursery - Kindergarten 11:45am

1st - 5th Grade 11:50am

6th - 12th Grade Noon



SCHOOL NOTICES & EVENTS

Save the date

Jan. 23 – Feb. 3 [Upper School Art Exhibit @ MPR & Stage](#)

Jan. 25 [All School Noon Dismissal -Professional Development](#)

Jan. 26 [Upper School Solo Recital 5:30 pm @ MPR & Stage](#)

Jan. 27 [2nd Qtr. Ends](#)

Jan. 27 – Jan. 31 [US Solo Ensemble Trip to the Netherlands](#)

Jan. 28 [Boys MASAC-JV Basketball Tournament @ CAS \(Casablanca\)](#)

Jan. 28 [Girls MASAC JV Basketball Tournament @ RAS \(Rabat\)](#)

Please visit our [Master Calendar](#) or [Facebook](#) to see more events and updates! (ctrl, click on 'Master Calendar')

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ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSCRIPTION 2017-2018: Priorité aux familles de GWA

Familles de GWA, envisagez-vous d'inscrire un nouvel élève de la même fratrie l'année prochaine à GWA ?

Aidez-nous donc à mieux vous servir ! Le bureau des admissions traite actuellement les demandes d'admission de nouveaux élèves souhaitant s'inscrire à GWA l'année prochaine. Nous voulons servir d'abord les familles de GWA de façon à vous éviter tout désagrément- manque de places et listes d'attente. **Vous avez jusqu'au 7 avril pour bénéficier de la priorité d'inscription.** Au-delà de cette date, nous ne pouvons pas vous garantir la disponibilité des places. Pour toutes vos questions, ou pour plus de détails, veuillez prendre contact avec le bureau des admissions en personne, par téléphone au 0522 95 30 34 ou par email à admissions@gwa.ac.ma.



ENROLLMENT 2017-2018: GWA sibling priority

GWA families! Are you planning on enrolling a new GWA student sibling next year?

Then help us, help you! The admissions office is currently processing application files for new students applying for GWA next year. We want to serve our GWA families first! And spare you unpleasant surprises with space unavailability and waiting lists. **GWA sibling priority enrollment is in effect until April 7th.** Space availability cannot be guaranteed after the said deadline. Please contact the admissions office for any questions or if you need any further details, in person, by phone 0522 95 30 34 or via email: admissions@gwa.ac.ma



Admission Testing Dates-2017-2018

February 1, 2017	Wednesday	Preschool/1st-5th
February 3, 2017	Friday	Upper School
February 4, 2017	Saturday	Eng Prep
March 17, 2017	Friday	Disc & Pre-K
March 24, 2017	Friday	1st-5th-Upper School
March 25, 2017	Saturday	Eng Prep



LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know, we believe that building character is an essential component of effective education. In addition to strong academics that equip students' minds, GWA has an intentional



Lower School Office

Principal: Kevin Brenner

Assistant Principal: Lu Edwards

ES Coordinator: Zakia El Harouchi

ES Coordinator: Kaoutar Benkaddi

Preschool Lead Teacher: Amal Hafidi Slaoui

and comprehensive character building approach in all grade levels. Individual character traits are highlighted each month, complete with learning activities, books, and an assembly. This is a key part of our commitment to teaching the whole child, investing in each aspect of all students' education and development.

This month's character trait is self-control. The definition the students have learned is the ability to choose and control one's own actions and wait calmly. Please join us in teaching and modeling this trait with your child(ren). Together we equip minds and build character each day!

All my best,
Kevin Brenner
Lower School Principal

An Event for Grandparents

(Preschool and Kinder Students)

Please come to our class for a visit

School : George Washington Academy
Date : Thursday, January 26th
Time : From 14:00 to 15:00
Comments : We would love to see you!



Dear Grandparents,

Grandparents hold a very special place in our lives. We would like to take time to show you how special you are to us. Please join us in celebrating your role in our family! If no grandparents are available, then one other family member can come.

See you there!

LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

Students are required to GWA outerwear in addition to the uniform components they wear year-round. The school store is re-stocked with GWA hoodies, warm jackets, raincoats, scarves, and more. Please make certain your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and in GWA uniform attire.

While the outside layer must be GWA uniform attire, students can wear non-GWA clothing items as under layers.

Reminder to parents to come to the LS office to sign their child(ren) out when picking up before dismissal time.

After Care classrooms from January are 105 and 305.

Reminder: Second through fifth graders have until 27 January 2017 to compete second quarter AR and RL goals.



We will host our 2nd parent conference day of the year on Wednesday, February 1st. Teachers are scheduling specific times for **some parents** to discuss their child's academic performance during the winter session of 2016-2017. This is an opportunity to discuss the highlights or concerns from this period of the year, so please be on time for your meeting.

This is not a required conference for all parents unless you get an invitation form your child's teacher.

However, if you have concerns and would like to meet with your child's teachers, please call Zakia or Kaoutar at 0522953043.

Birthday celebrations in Preschool - Elementary students are not allowed to be pulled out of class.



Parents and drivers are not permitted inside the 1st-5th grade dismissal area on the MPR. Please honor this procedure by standing by the security gates and make eye contact with your student(s) and teacher(s). Parents and drivers must enter and exit the MPR from the door closest to the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation!

UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Parents:

We have made it through our first five day week of school in sometime. The students in the high school are preparing for exams next week. The middle school students are winding down for the end of the semester. We have had a fruitful week.

Upper School Office

Principal: Dr. Audrey Menard

HS Vice-Principal: Dusty Smith

MS Vice-Principal: Luke Kollasch

HS Coordinator: Badiaa Benchekroun

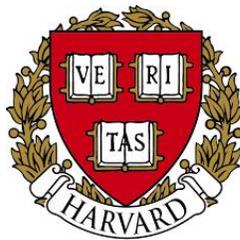
MS Coordinator: Rim Aboudane

On January 17th, Mouad Ibno Bachir, a member of Harvard's Hometown Ambassador Program, gave an informational presentation and Q&A to GWA students about life at Harvard College. As a Harvard Ambassador, Mouad's goal is to make Harvard more accessible to high school students from his home country by providing a sense of what it is like to be an undergraduate at Harvard including:

- Harvard's diverse academic opportunities
- The unique aspects of student life at Harvard
- Harvard's generous need-based financial aid program

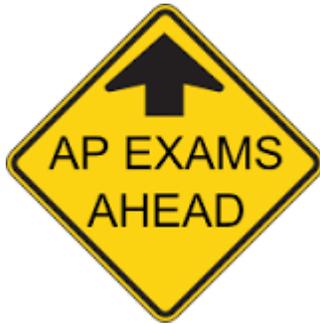
Our students were very engaged and asked a lot of questions. Thank you Ms. Casey for setting up so many college opportunities for our students!

Respectfully,
Dr. Audrey Menard
Upper School Principal



UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention AP students: You will be charged about 1200 dirham per AP exam.



High School Exams are next week - Jan 25, 26 and 27. High School students only need to attend for classes with exams. Students are dismissed at 12:00 noon. However, they may stay on campus until 3:30. Lunch will be served but not until 12:40 for high school students. Make sure the students get a great breakfast and a good night sleep!



Jan 25, ALL school noon dismissal. Teachers have professional development for the afternoon.

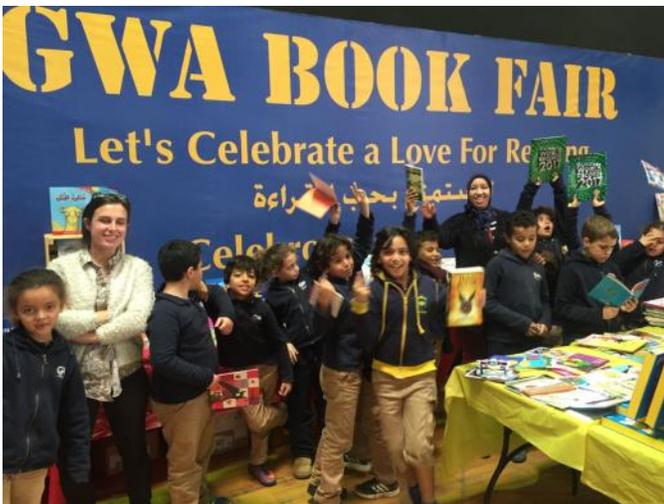


LIBRARY

The Arabic and French Book Fair was a success!

All Elementary and Middle school classes visited the Book Fair. Thank you to all the parents who encourage their children to read in three languages. Students who bought French books, particularly Rallye de Lecture books, need to validate them with the library before taking Rallye de Lecture tests. They can either validate them directly at the library, or parents can send an email to library@gwa.ac.ma including the book titles that need validated.

Asmaa Rias El Idrissi
Library Manager



LIBRARY

***Last day to take
Accelerated Reader &
Rallye de lecture
TESTS!***



January 27TH!

LUNCH MENU GRADES NURSERY – KINDER



Menu for Grades Nursery/Kinder **JANUARY** 2017

Allergy Advice: May contain (gluten, milk, eggs, sesame, fish, nuts, wheat, soybeans, berries, shellfish, mustard, celery....)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23	24	25	26	27		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salad Nicoise *Chicken tagine w/ preserved lemon & olives *Sautéed green peas, carrots & artichokes *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Split pea soup *Meat lasagna *steamed string beans and carrots *Strawberries shortcake *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mexican salad *Seafood Paella *Crudittes vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Cookie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lentils & squash soup *Chicken shawarma *Hummus baba ganoush *Steamed vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mixed green w/ california roll *Thai stir-fried beef *Julienne vegetables *Brown rice *Fruit juice *Tiramisu 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Salade niçoise *Tajine de poulets /citron confit et olives * Légumes sautés * Yaourt * Fruit de saison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Soupe aux petits pois *Lasagne *Haricots verts et carottes à la vapeur * Cake aux fraises *Fruit de saison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salad mexicaine *Paella fruits de mer *Légumes *Fruit de saison *Cookie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lentilles *Chawarma poulet *Hummus baba ghanouch * Légumes à la vapeur *Fruit de saison *Lait 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade verte avec/california roll *Emincé de poulet Thai *Julienne de légumes *Riz complet *Jus de fruits *Tiramisu 		

LUNCH MENU GRADES 1-12



Menu for Grades 1-12 **JANUARY** 2017

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salad Nicoise *Chicken tagine w/ preserved lemon & olives *Lamb tagine w/ Plums *Sautéed green peas, carrots & artichokes *Yogurt *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Split pea soup *Meat lasagna *Grilled lemon ginger chicken *steamed string beans and carrots *Strawberries shortcake *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mexican salad *Seafood Paella *Cheeseburger deluxe *Crudittes vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Cookie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lentils & squash soup *Chicken shawarma *Beef shawarma *Hummus baba ghanouch *Steamed vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Tiramisu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mixed green w/ california roll *Thai stir-fried chicken *Thai stir-fried beef *Julienne vegetables *White rice *Fruit juice *Coffee cake 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Salade niçoise *Tajine de poulet/ citron confit et olives *Tajine d' agneau aux prunes séchées * Légumes sautés * Yaourt * Fruit de saison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Soupe aux petits pois *Lasagne *Poulet grillé *Haricots verts et carottes à la vapeur * Gâteau aux fraises *Fruit de saison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade mexicaine *Paella fruits de mer *Cheeseburger *Légumes *Fruit de saison *Cookie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *lentilles *chawarma poulet *chawarma viande *Hummus baba ghanouch * Légumes à la vapeur *Fruit de saison *Tiramisu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade verte avec/california roll *Emincé de boeuf Thai *Emincé de poulet Thai *Julienne de légumes *Riz blanc *Jus de fruit *Gâteau au café 		