

# GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of June 22 – Summer



Your Weekly Lower and Upper Schools Communication

*What parents need to know about this week @ GWA*

## ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Registration Days

*Returning families:*

Sept 3 7:30am - 3:30pm

Sept 4 7:30am - 12:30pm

*New families:*

Sept 4 1:00 - 3:00pm

## SCHOOL NOTICES & EVENTS

### Save the date

**Sept 3-4** Registration Days

**Sept 5** First Day of School

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

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### **Nurse:**

Here is a sneak peek at some behind the scenes training this past year! Nurse Hair has been able to teach 4 American Heart Association courses for students (First Aid Mustangs high school club), teachers and staff at GWA and also 1 Basic Life Support class for community members (doctors and dentists in Casablanca).

We wanted to share that Miss Estelle Najem and myself will not be working in the nurse office next year. It has been a wonderful 4 years taking care of this community; thanks for entrusting your children to our care! GWA is currently recruiting qualified nursing staff and we will introduce you to them in August.

Parents of 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th graders - *please have your child see a physician for a thorough medical exam over the summer!* [Mandatory medical forms](#) are due by **September!**

Also check out the new GWA [Student Health Manual!](#) It includes information about -

- contagious illnesses
- medication administration
- concussions
- food allergies
- diabetes
- lice treatment
- and more!

*Please note - nurse office staff do not dispense medication without a doctor's prescription.*

We wish a healthy, joy-filled summer for each one of you!

All the best,  
*Hannah Hair and Estelle Najem*

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## Nurse:

November 13th



January 4th



April 7th



June 13th



## LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

GWA Lower School is sponsoring a Summer Reading Program!

The library is extending book check-out to allow students to check out and read books over the summer and will be open to check out books to students (and parents) June 25th - June 29th from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Here's how the program works: Students (Kindergarten - 4th grade) who have returned all their books can check out up to 5 books to read over the summer and record the pages read in the reading log below. Students who read and log their reading over the summer have a chance to win a coupon to redeem at the next book fair.

I wish you all a restful and fun-filled summer complete with family time, laughter, and plenty of good books!

Bon vacances,  
Kevin Brenner  
Lower School Principal



### **Announcements:**

- GWA is **not** hosting summer camp this year.
- Final report cards will be sent home with students on 21 June if the family account is clear with Finance. For those students who do not have clear accounts, report cards can be picked up upon making final payment.
- Rolling backpacks will **not** be permitted at GWA next year. Please plan accordingly.

# UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A message from Ms. Casey, the college counselor

Your summer vacation is just around the corner. Take time to relax and make memories with family and friends. Also remember that summer is a great time to get ahead on college planning. Here are some suggestions:

### For Seniors -

1. **Register for the SAT.** The next exam is October 6th. It is the most popular test date and will be full by August so register early! [Go to College Board to register.](#)
2. **Study for the SAT.** Khan academy and Naviance are great resources for personalized study plans.
3. **Read and Write.** Spend time writing and revising your personal statement essay. Read it out loud to catch any mistakes. You should have a solid working draft by the time senior year begins. Read blogs like [Prep Scholar](#) for an overview of the personal statement. **Bonus:** *any reading, writing, and speaking you do over summer is practice for the TOEFL and/or IELTS English exams. Win-win!*
4. **Finalize your College List.** By September of senior year you should have a clear idea of what colleges you will apply to in the fall and spring. Your list should be no more than *10 universities*. *Your list should have mostly target schools, some safety schools, and only one or two reach schools.*

### For all high school students -

1. **Visit universities!** See my [presentation](#) on what to do on a college visit.
2. **Talk about Money.** Sit down with your parents and discuss your budget. Take into account the 'hidden' costs for international students such as airfare, books, food, room and board, etc. College Board has several [financial aid resources](#) to help you get started.
3. **Explore your interests.** Summer is a great time to get involved in new hobbies or invest even more time into your current activities.
4. **Read and write.** Find a book (or two!) that you love and keep a journal or blog.



## LIBRARY

Yes, it's true...if you don't use it, you'll lose it! During this school year, our students have grown in many ways, most notably as readers. Over the summer months in order to maintain that growth it is essential your child be provided with time to enjoy a good book...or 5!

The benefits of summer reading are clear. Children who don't read during the summer may lose reading skills, while those who do read are more likely to be successful in school when school resumes in the fall. So how do you combine your child's need for summer fun with the need to keep them reading? It's easy!

GWA Library is providing you with the tools to bridge this summer gap; participate in GWA Summer Reading Program and give your child the opportunity to choose books from the library between June 25 - June 29.

Students (K5-4th grade) and who have cleared their library record can check out up to 5 books to keep during the summer holiday and retrieve their reading log from the library to submit in fall. Students who have read at least 5 books have a chance to win a coupon to redeem at the next book fair.

We are here to support you and your child as you establish a joyful, nurturing reading environment in your home. Please give us a call if we have any questions.

Thank you,  
*Asmaa Rias El Idrissi*

