

GWA PARENTS WEEKLY

Week of Mar 10 – 16



Your Weekly Lower and Upper Schools Communication

What parents need to know about this week @ GWA

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GWA's 2018 School Climate Survey is open for responses from parents, employees, and students. Parents and GWA employees, please check your email for invitations sent by Jenna Pingatore at ISM (sent on March 5). Open the email and click the included survey link in order to share your responses. If you have trouble opening the email or connecting with the link, please contact Jenna Pingatore at jenna@isminc.com and she will assist you. The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. The survey will close on Friday, March 16. Please share your perspectives on GWA to help us make our school even better!



The character trait for March is "Fairness"

SCHOOL NOTICES & EVENTS

Save the date

Mar 12 [NHS Healthy Breakfast Sale @ 9:30am in the MPR](#)

Mar 12 [MASAC All Star Soccer Games @ 3:30pm at the GWA field](#)

Mar 15 [Lower School Concert @ 6:30pm in the MPR](#)

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

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GWA IS NOW ACCEPTING 2018-2019 APPLICATIONS FOR ALL GRADES

Testing dates and registration deadlines:

TEST DATE	REGISTER BY...
March 24	March 16
April 18	April 11
May 12	May 4
June 23	June 15
June 25	June 18



- SPACE IS LIMITED -

For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@gwa.ac.ma by phone at 05.22.95.30.34, or in person.

INSCRIPTIONS 2018-2019 OUVERTES POUR TOUS LES NIVEAUX



Dates disponibles pour les sessions
d'évaluations et dates limites d'inscription :

JOURNEES D'EVALUATIONS	INSCRIPTIONS AVANT LE ...
24 mars	16 mars
18 avril	11 avril
12 mai	4 mai
23 juin	15 juin
25 juin	18 juin

- PLACES LIMITEES -

Pour plus d'informations, veuillez contacter le Service des Admissions, en ligne à admissions@gwa.ac.ma, par téléphone au 05.22.95.30.34, ou sur place.



ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARE TO BE WOWED AT THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

SPRING FESTIVAL FOR CANCER AWARENESS

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 FROM 11-4
GEORGE WASHINGTON ACADEMY

Pre-sale for
discounted tickets
March 26-30

Tickets
sold at the
door!



FOOD
GAMES
ENTERTAINMENT
BAZAAR
SPONSORED RUN
& MORE



ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nurse:

March is National Nutrition Month



Healthy eating is important no matter how old you are. This National Nutrition Month®, MyPlate is here to help you “spring” into the new season with a variety of tools and resources to help you find a healthy eating style that works for you at any age. Whether you need to [find a MyPlate plan](#) that fits your needs or just need some [tips](#) to help you on your healthy eating journey, ChooseMyPlate.gov is here to help.

Tips to Add More Vegetables to Your Day!

1. Be ahead of the game

Cut up a batch of bell peppers, cauliflower, or broccoli. Pre-package them to use when time is limited. Enjoy them in a casserole, stir-fry, or as a snack with hummus.

2. Choose vegetables rich in color

Brighten your plate with vegetables that are red, orange, or dark green. They are full of vitamins and minerals. Try acorn squash, cherry tomatoes, sweet potatoes, or collard greens. They not only taste great but are good for you, too.

3. Sip on some vegetable soup

Heat it and eat it. Try tomato, butternut squash, or garden vegetable soup. Look for reduced- or low-sodium

4. Savor the flavor of seasonal vegetables

Buy vegetables that are in season for maximum flavor at a lower cost. Check your local supermarket specials for the best in-season buys. Or visit your local farmers market.

5. Vary your veggies

Choose a new vegetable that you’ve never tried before. Find recipes online at WhatsCooking.fns.usda.gov.

For a healthy GWA,
Miss Hannah Hair, RN, BSN

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear GWA Parents,

Here at GWA, we are in our Candidacy phase of becoming an official International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, with the aim of offering the IB Diploma Programme to Juniors and Seniors. It is an extensive process as we prepare our teachers, facilities, and overall infrastructure to become an authorized school. With that said, the current 8th-grade students here at GWA are the first eligible students to take official IB classes in the fall of 2020. That select group of 8th graders will graduate in 2022 with an IB Diploma, giving them a significant advantage for succeeding at the university level.

The Diploma Programme (DP) provides a challenging, internationally focused, broad and balanced educational experience for Junior and Senior students. Students are required to study six subjects and a curriculum core concurrently over two years. The programme is designed to equip students with the basic academic skills needed for university study, further education and their chosen profession. Additionally, the programme supports the development of the values and life skills needed to live a fulfilled and purposeful life. A distinguishing characteristic of the DP is a concern with the whole educational experience of each student. The curriculum framework (see figure 1), and the supporting structures and principles, are designed to ensure that each student is necessarily exposed to a broad and balanced curriculum.

The learner profile and the core are positioned at the center of the programme, reflecting the priority given to affective disposition as well as cognitive development, and a concern with developing competent and active citizens as well as subject specialists. The core requirements of theory of knowledge (TOK), the extended essay and creativity, activity, service (CAS) broaden the educational experience and challenge students to apply their knowledge and understanding in real-life contexts.

Diploma Programme model ->

Students study six subjects concurrently. These include two languages, one subject from individuals and societies, one science, one mathematics subject, and one subject from the other groups. Please see the attached documents for an even more detailed description of what is involved in an IB education.

How is IB Diploma Programme different than Advanced Placement (AP) courses? Here at GWA, we will still be offering AP courses as an alternative route to the IB program. IB will be a good fit for some students, and AP will be a good fit for others. Please watch the following video and see how it compares both programs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azrPDPAr9ml>



Sincerely, Mason Grine

LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Winter Break. It was wonderful to see everyone back on campus this week. Students worked hard to demonstrate self-control despite several rainy days that kept us inside during recess. We learned that sometimes it takes extra effort to demonstrate strong character!

I invite you to take time to visit the library with your child(ren). Hours are from 7:30am until 5:00pm, and there is much to explore! Please remember to remain with your child as all Lower School students must be with an adult before and after school hours.

Bon weekend,

Kevin Brenner

Lower School Principal



- First through fifth graders are permitted to wear a warm and/or dry non-GWA uniform layer over their uniform on their way to the classroom and after dismissal on cold and/or wet days. As long as their outer layer is GWA between 8:00am and 3:10pm they are considered in uniform.
- All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents should have access to PowerSchool. We no longer send paper progress reports for these grades. If you are not able to access PowerSchool please contact the Lower School office.
- Progress reports for 1st and 2nd graders will be sent home on Friday, 16 March.

LOWER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

The Carnival is coming to town!

On March 15 and 29, GWA Lower School students will present a musical performance of Camille Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals. All students in 1st through 4th Grade will be performing! Come and see the show!

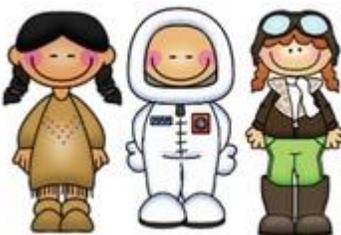
3rd and 4th Grade: March 15 at 6:30pm

1st and 2nd Grade: March 29 at 6:30pm

The children will meet in their classrooms at 6:00pm. Parents, please watch for an announcement from your child's homeroom teacher for details!



- Please encourage your child to read at home. All of our teachers have a structure for promoting reading at home (in all languages). It is important that students have an opportunity to read to you and to have you read to them!
- Preschool will have Special Guest Day on 22 March 2018. More information is coming.
- Preschool report cards will be sent home soon. Preschool conferences for spring are by invitation.
- The 5th grade Living Wax Museum will be on Thursday, 29 March at 8:15am in the MPR.



UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

US Teacher Profile:

Before becoming a principal, I spent nine years as a high school math teacher. One of the things I enjoyed about math is that there was usually one answer to a problem and that it was easy to see if a solution was right or wrong. Unfortunately, in real life, this is not always the case. Answers to problems usually fall on a spectrum from right to wrong, and there is no answer key to explain. When posing a solution to a problem I need to be sure it will work. The GWA student profile states, "The GWA student will be confident in their ideas and abilities."



When students take classes in the arts, they are exposed to a curriculum where there are no right and wrong answers. They are taught to formulate an idea and express it visually. Having to submit and display their finished product builds confidence in their skills and abilities.

This week I would like to focus on an art teacher at GWA who is doing just that, Mr. Joel Unruh. For the past several years Mr. Unruh has been responsible for working with the Yearbook class at GWA. Without a doubt, the Yearbook is the most heavily scrutinized piece of student work at GWA each year. We are very proud of the many hours that Mr. Unruh and his students dedicate to creating a beautiful product. Mr. Unruh and his students have always done great work and I am sure that the same will be true this year because this year's edition is going to "CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES, C'MON!"

Earlier this week Mr. Unruh said that, *"The production of the Yearbook is underway and this year's theme is CELEBRATE! We at GWA have a lot to CELEBRATE; the 20th Year Anniversary, the opening of the brand new LMTC building, which brings with it opportunities for courses in Maker Space and Robotics. As well, the book will be featuring the most number of Clubs GWA has ever had, a little insight to new and returning Staff, and of course a whole section celebrating our new Graduates! One of the exciting new features in this year's book is a section showcasing the History of GWA: Past vs. Present. So c'mon CELEBRATE! with us this year by Pre-Ordering this limited edition."*

Pre-Sale begins April 30th for 350 dhs. After June 1st price goes up.

Written by Dusty Smith, High School Vice-Principal

Announcements:

Upcoming Upper School Events:

- March 12 - MASAC Boys Soccer All Star Game at GWA
- March 14 - NHS "Pi" Bake Sale
- March 14-19 - Model United Nations trip to Prague
- March 16 - REACH Bake Sale
- March 17 - Middle School Soccer Invitational

UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLASS OF 2019
Junior Parents Breakfast

Date: March 20, 2018

Time: 8:30 to 10:00

Location: GWA MPR

11th grade Students and
Parents



LIBRARY

Arabic & French Book Fair!

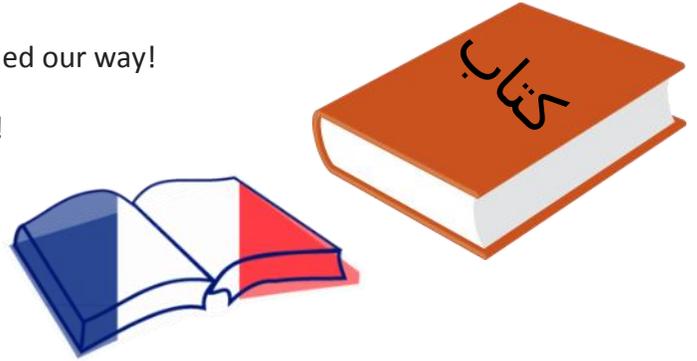
GWA Library is celebrating the Francophonie through its annual Arabic and French Book Fair. We will bring a taste and a new insight of these cultures through this annual Book Fair.

An amazing selection of Arabic and French books is headed our way!

Mark your calendar so the whole family can join the fun!

When: March 20th – 22nd from 8:15am to 5:00pm

Where: Library



This quarter's "Rallye de Lecture" awards will be for students who reached the highest comprehension goal AND read the highest number of books. This is to encourage students to read the texts comprehensively.



Congratulations to Quarter 2 Rallye de lecture winners!

LIBRARY

Join our Library Seminar where Parents are Partners in Reading

*Not everyone is a natural Reader
but anyone can become a better reader*

DATE

When: Tuesday, March 20 th

TIME

8:15am - 9:15am

PLACE

Library

Your host

Mrs. Asmaa Rias El Idrissi



RSVP by email: arias@gwa.ac.ma

LUNCH MENU GRADES NURSERY – KINDER

Menu for grades Nursery/Kinder MARCH 2018

MONDAY/12	TUESDAY/13	WEDNESDAY/14	THURSDAY/15	FRIDAY/16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Carrots soup *Pasta Fettuccini w/ Alfredo sauce *Steamed Vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Yogurt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *White beans soup *Baked chicken finger *Broccoli and carrots *Oatmeal cookies *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Coleslaw salad *Baked fish *Steamed vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Brownie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Chicken noodles soup *Cheeseburger *Roasted potatoes *Julienne vegetables *Strawberry tart *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Moroccan salad *Couscous with beef *Squash,carrots,zucchini, chickpeas, sweet onions and raisins *Seasonal fruit *Macaron
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Soupe aux carottes *Pâtes à la sauce Alfredo *Légumes a vapeur *Fruit de saison *Yaourt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Soupe d'haricots blancs *Nuggets de poulet *Brocolis et carottes *Fruit de saison * cookie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade Coleslaw *Poisson au four *légumes à la vapeur *Brownie *Fruit de saison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * nouilles au poulet *Cheeseburger *Pommes de terre au four *Juliennes de légumes *Tarte aux fraises *Fruit de saison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salade Marocaine *Couscous au poulet *Carottes, courgettes, pois chiches, potiron, oignons et raisins secs *Macaron *Fruit de saison

LUNCH MENU GRADES 1-12

Menu for Grades 1-12 MARCH 2018

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Carrots soup *Pasta Fettuccini w/ Alfredo sauce *Chicken Francaise *Steamed Vegetables *Seasonal fruit * Yogurt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *White beans soup *Beef stroganoff *Baked chicken finger *Broccoli and carrots *Oatmeal cookies *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Coleslaw salad *Baked fish *Pizza *Steamed vegetables *Seasonal fruit *Brownie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Chicken noodles soup *Thai stir-fried beef *Thai stir-fried Chicken *Julienne vegetables *Strawberry tart *Seasonal fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Moroccan salad *Couscous with beef *Couscous with chicken *Squash,carrots,zucchini, chickpeas, sweet onions and raisins *Seasonal fruit *Macaron
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