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OUR MISSION:

BUILDING FINE YOUNG MEN. ONE BOY AT A TIME.

OUR VISION:

CANADA'S WORLD SCHOOL FOR BOYS.



THIS IS WHO WE ARE

OUR CORE VALUES:

EMPATHY is the ability to move beyond ourselves, to identify with others, to walk a mile in another's shoes.

HUMILITY is the ability to be humble, not to be big-headed or boastful, and to recognize that we all still have a lot to learn.

INTEGRITY is an extension of honesty; it is doing the right thing even if no one is watching.

RESILIENCE is an extension of courage. It's the ability to recover quickly, and to not give up when beset by setbacks and disappointments.

RESPECT is feeling regard and even admiration for yourself and for others; it is being thoughtful and considerate of others.

RESPONSIBILITY is being accountable, doing our best to meet our commitments, and to keep our word.

WELCOME FROM THE HEADMASTER



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To Parents, Guardians, and Friends of St. George's School:

Anticipating the start of the new school year, I would like to welcome back all of our returning families, while providing a warm welcome to all new members of the St. George's community. I hope that you had an enjoyable and reinvigorating summer and are excited at the prospect of beginning the 2019-20 academic year.

As always, one of my top priorities this year is to work with faculty and staff in advancing the School's Strategic Plan. We continue the process of renewing our programs and instructional practices, and our overriding goal continues to be that every boy will be known and loved, engaged and achieving, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Our commitment to building world-class facilities takes a huge step forward this year as we anticipate breaking ground for construction of the new Senior School buildings. Two L-shaped academic halls and a new "Saints Hall" will be grouped around an academic quadrangle to create a new heart for the Senior School. Features include a student centre occupying an entire floor, departmental neighbourhoods with flexible learning spaces that are bright and spacious, and an enhanced connection to the outdoors. Work on the north field has been taking place over the summer to ensure there are no interruptions to the Athletics Program during construction. The number of school families that have already supported the ONE+ Campaign for this major project is inspirational, and I encourage you to respond favourably when you are invited to a meeting in order to learn more about our plans for the future and how you can help bring them to fruition.

In keeping with our commitment to environmental stewardship, we are encouraging as many students, faculty and staff to walk, bike, or ride the bus to School. In particular, please take advantage of the School's extensive and free transportation system and refrain from driving your son to School. More information on bus routes can be found on the School's website.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Key Dates for the coming school year and ask that you plan so that your son does not miss class time unnecessarily. Such absences can seriously compromise a student's success and, ultimately, his grades.

To ensure clear communications with the School, I remind you to make sure you have provided a stable email address that will not filter out our email communications. (You may log in to update your profile via the Parent/Student Portal on the website.) The September eNews will introduce our new faculty and staff members and profile the student leaders in the Junior and Senior Schools. The St. George's School website also contains valuable and interesting information, and I encourage you to refer to it on a regular basis, as it is frequently updated.

Most importantly, I look forward with pride and great enthusiasm to welcoming both returning and new students to St. George's School in September. Each year is busy and exciting, and 2019-20 will be no exception.

Please feel free to contact me at tmatthews@stgeorges.bc.ca should you have any questions or suggestions.

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KEY DATES



For the most up-to-date information please check our online calendar at: www.stgeorges.bc.ca

SENIOR SCHOOL

AUGUST 28 -29

- Textbook pick up for Math, Science and Languages (Grade 8-10) in Wallace Gym

SEPTEMBER 2

- New Boarders arrive 12:00 - 4:00 pm
- New Boarding Parents Orientation, 4:00 pm
- New Boarding Families Dinner, 6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 3

- Textbook pick up for Math, Science and Languages (Grade 8-10) in Wallace Gym

SEPTEMBER 4

- Textbook pick up for Math, Science and Languages (Grade 8-10); Wallace Gym
- Grade 8 Student Orientation with Head of Grade and Advisors, 1:00 - 4:00 pm; Auditorium
- Grade 8 Parent Meeting re: Camp Squeah, 4:00 - 4:45 pm; Auditorium
- Grade 9 - 11 New Student Orientation with Heads of Grade, 1:00 - 4:00 pm; McLean Hall
- Grade 12 Team Building with Head of Grade and Advisors, 1:00 - 4:00 pm; Dixon Gym
- SGPA Welcome Back BBQ, 5:00 - 7:00 pm; Senior School Fields
- Grade 10 Parent Meeting, Sea to Sky, 7:00 - 8:00 pm; Auditorium

SEPTEMBER 6-8

- Harker Hall Anvil Island Retreat

SEPTEMBER 9

- Co-Curricular activities begin

SEPTEMBER 10

- Photo Day

SEPTEMBER 11-13

- Grade 8 Camp Squeah

SEPTEMBER 17

- Grades 8 and 9 Parent Meeting, 5:45 - 6:30 pm
- Meet the Teacher, all grades, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Grades 10 and 11 Parent Meeting, 8:30 - 9:15 pm

SEPTEMBER 18

- Terry Fox Run

SEPTEMBER 20

- Professional Development Day - NO CLASSES

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4

- Grade 9 Explorer Outdoor Experience (½ Grade)

JUNIOR SCHOOL**Please note:**

Every Monday is a late start of 8:25 am

AUGUST 28

- Grades 3, 4, and 5 Orientation 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Grades 6 and 7 Orientation 1:00 - 3:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 4-6

- Grade 1 Orientation

SEPTEMBER 4

- Grades 2- 7 First Day of Classes
- Grades 2 -7 Tie Ceremony (Students Only) 2:30 - 3:00 pm
- SGPA Welcome Back BBQ, 5:00 - 7:00 pm; Senior School Fields

SEPTEMBER 5

- Grade 6 Parent Meeting - Outdoor Education 6:00 pm; Grade 7 Neighbourhood
- Grade 7 Parent Meeting - Outdoor Education 7:00 pm; Grade 7 Neighbourhood

SEPTEMBER 9

- Grade 1 First Day of Classes

SEPTEMBER 10

- Grade 5 Parent Meeting - Music 6:30 - 7:30 pm; Music Room
- Grade 6 and new Grade 7 Parent Meeting - Music 7:30 - 8:30 pm; Music Room

SEPTEMBER 11

- Junior School Photo Day 8:30 am

SEPTEMBER 12

- Meet the Teacher 7:00 pm Devenish Gym

SEPTEMBER 13

- Junior School Terry Fox Run 2:00 pm
- Grade 6 and new Grade 7 - Instrument Rental/Purchase 3:15 - 5:00 pm; Blackmore Gym

SEPTEMBER 16-18

- Grade 6 Loon Lake Trip

SEPTEMBER 20

- Professional Development Day - NO CLASSES



HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

This publication provides an overview of the School and what to expect in September. More detailed information, including regular updates about the upcoming year, key dates, the online school calendar, and links to important school publications are available at stgeorges.bc.ca/BackToSchool

E-COMMUNICATIONS

As part of our environmental stewardship efforts, and to provide the most up-to-date information, St.George's relies heavily on electronic communication. **It is vital that we maintain reliable email addresses for you at all times.** Any electronic communications we send to you (including information from teachers and the Headmaster, as well as news bulletins) will be sent to the email address we have on file.

To update your email at anytime, please log in to the Parent Portal at stgeorges.bc.ca/app

All students in Grades 5-12 have access to an @stgeorges.bc.ca email account, and are expected to check it regularly (particularly Senior School students). Students in the Senior School **must** use their @stgeorges.bc.ca email accounts to communicate with teachers.

Each staff member has an email address, which (with some exceptions) is the first letter of the person's first name, followed by the person's last name. All school email addresses end with @stgeorges.bc.ca.

eNEWS

This is the School's primary and most important form of communication. It is emailed to the entire school community and contains highlights of upcoming events and profiles of interesting stories at the School.

The eNews is delivered each Friday at 3:00 pm. The deadline for the eNews is Thursday, at noon, and submissions can be sent to communications@stgeorges.bc.ca.

If you haven't started receiving our eNews in early September, please contact us at: communications@stgeorges.bc.ca.

OUR WEBSITE

The School's website contains the most up-to-date details of all upcoming events, teacher and administration contact information, and information on school programs and services. There are several tools within the site, which will help you find relevant information. These include:

1. **Events:** Here you will see all of our upcoming events, including big events like School Fair, Dragons' Lair, and the Global Stewardship Conference.
2. **Athletics Calendar:** This Senior School calendar houses all home and away game schedules, locations, and scores.
3. **Contact Us:** This contains key school phone numbers as well as a faculty search engine that allows you to find faculty contact information.
4. **Parent Portal:** Login at stgeorges.bc.ca/app and explore! There are calendars, report cards, and schedules (for Senior School students), as well as downloads, forms, and other frequently needed items. This is also the place to update your contact information, should you change addresses, phone numbers, or email accounts during the year.

EMAIL BLASTS

Specific emails are sent out, above and beyond our regular eNews, to keep parents informed of urgent information such as school closures due to weather. We use MailChimp to coordinate these emails. Please make sure your email account does not channel this mail to your junk email box.

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As the Admissions Office prepares for the next admissions cycle and a new group of applicants, please know that our doors will always be open to you throughout your time at Saints. We always welcome the opportunity to hear how your son is doing, so please drop in anytime. We also know that our best candidates are often referred by our current families, so if you have another son or friend who plans on applying for next year, please send us an email or visit our website for up-to-date information on our admissions process: www.stgeorges.bc.ca/admissions

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As many of you know, the past few years have seen great change throughout the Saints community. One of the areas we strive to continually change and refine is Technology. By ensuring the integration of various technologies both in and out of the classroom, including the networks, various databases and applications, and day-to-day support of student specific technologies such as tablets, notebooks, etc. Additionally, the IT department ensures the School's systems remain both highly available and secure by working closely with industry leaders, both in and outside of the academic environment.

As with the start of any new year, there are bound to be a number of questions from new and returning students and parents related to technology and its use at St. George's. To help address these questions, we have created a space on the parent portal called Technology Resources. There you will find the documents required to get you started, specifically the Technology Use Policy—which we encourage all parents to review with their son(s).

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The Business Office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. For the start of school, parents and students should be aware of the following:

- **Tuition fees** must be paid in accordance with your contract (as selected during enrolment).
- **E-billings of student accounts** are issued around the 15th of each month.
- **The Junior School Lunch Program** is very popular. The program is currently full and some students have been placed on the wait list. Students who have already obtained a spot in the program will be billed in August and students on the wait list will be contacted if a space becomes available. For the Junior School only, boxed lunches are also available for purchase via the website. These lunches must be pre-ordered the week before and will be billed to the student's account. Visit the website for more information.
- **The Senior School Lunch Program** is available to all students at \$475 per term or \$9.50 per meal. Lunch Cards: This year, both returning students and new students will receive new lunch cards in their Advisor Groups on the first day of school.
- In order to obtain lunch at the Senior School, students must scan their lunch cards. Please note that the first card is issued free of charge; replacement cards will cost \$10.00.
- This lunch card can also be used for the Saints Café at the Senior School. The card can be pre-loaded up to a maximum of \$100.00 to purchase food at the Café so that students are not required to carry cash. We encourage parents to consider this option.
- There is a \$25.00 replacement cost for lost cards.
- Charges for tours and competitions outlined in the information letters will be automatically charged to the student accounts.

OPERATIONS



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The Operations portfolio comprises the following departments: Buildings (repair, maintenance, and new capital projects); Grounds; School Stores; Transportation; and Food Services. Each department has a Head of Department who manages their department's day-to-day operations. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to the appropriate Head of Department and they will do their best to assist. If I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me directly.

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The management of risk is a shared responsibility between the Board of Governors, staff, students and parents at St. George's School. The Risk Management portfolio advises the School's Leadership Team in the areas of Off-Site Learning, Transportation, Emergency and Critical Incident Management, Business Continuity Planning, Safety and Security as well as other areas of school operations as necessary. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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We are living in a time of great change, and our educational program needs to reflect this shift to prepare our students to take on the world outside of St. George's. This has meant rethinking the way we understand teaching and learning. An education is no longer about how much information you can absorb, but what you can do with that information. In that regard, we have shifted our focus to competencies that cut across the curriculum: critical inquiry, creative problem solving, communication, and global perspective. We emphasize interdisciplinary skills, which will help our students be successful in school and in life.

At St. George's we continue to enhance teaching and learning across both campuses, Grades 1 through 12, focusing on innovative and engaging curriculum, a variety of instructional strategies, effective assessment that is focused on improvement. The shift to emphasizing skill development is an important one. Learning is a process much more than a product. It is rewarding to see this evolution of teaching and learning that invariably puts our students at the centre of all we do. Our faculty is working hard to create meaningful learning experiences that will cultivate student curiosity through guided inquiry and problem-based learning.

As you know, there is a strong commitment to the growth and development of all students who come to St. George's. We strive to meet the needs of all of our learners, and we are fortunate to have a talented group of individuals in both our Senior and Junior Schools who are devoted to the nurturing and development of all kinds of minds.

If you have any questions about how your son could be supported in his learning, please inquire.

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The Advancement Office connects the School to its constituents by way of effective communications, the encouragement of broad-based engagement and participation in the life of the School, and by fostering a strong culture of philanthropy. This external relations role is fulfilled through the use of a wide variety of communications channels with parents, Georgians (Alumni) and others. If you are looking to get involved as a volunteer, partake in broader aspects of school life and help advance the Mission of the School, please reach out to the Advancement Office.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL

STUDENT ABSENCES

When your son is absent, it is important you notify the School by 8:15 am, either by email: junior_attendance@stgeorges.bc.ca or by phone: **604-221-3901**. (NOTE: email is preferred.) All absences need to be accounted for by note, email, or phone message. The School's policy is that a child should attend school every day unless there are medical issues, bereavement in the family, or celebration of a religious holiday.

LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DEPARTURE

When a boy arrives after 8:10 am he must sign in at the Front Office. If a parent wishes to take their son out during the day, it is important that the boy is signed out at the Front Office. This procedure is in place to ensure the School has an accurate record of who is in the building in case of emergencies that require evacuation, such as fire alarms and earthquakes.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Attendance is a key indicator of student success and all students are expected to arrive on time, ready to learn. Attendance records are audited by the Ministry of Education on a yearly basis.

The Senior School categorizes each absence as Excused, Acknowledged, or Unexcused. Excused Absences are student illness (verified by a doctor if longer than three days), bereavement, religious holidays, and family emergencies. Acknowledged Absences are those that do not fit in the category of Excused but have been communicated to the School by the parent. Unexcused absences occur when there has been no communication from home regarding the absence and may be treated as a skipped class. Students that accumulate unexcused absences are subject to disciplinary action.

ATTENDANCE PROTOCOLS:

We are required to know where our students are at all times; therefore, parents must communicate in a timely manner their son's absence from school. If parents fail to communicate by the day of the absence, they will be notified to update the School within 24 hours, otherwise the student absence will be treated as a truancy.

- When a student is going to be absent (due to illness, injury, leaving early, other commitments), a parent/legal guardian must communicate to the School in advance via email: senior_attendance@stgeorges.bc.ca, by phone: **604-221-3636**, or by submitting a note from a parent/legal guardian, doctor, or school nurse. Please include the student's name, student number, the date, and the reason for the absence.
- Students are considered late if they are not in class by the time the bell rings for the start of each block (second bell).
- Any student leaving the school for any reason during the school day **MUST sign out** with the Attendance Clerk.
- Students are expected to inform teachers in advance of any planned absence of more than one day. When requesting extra time off for your son, your son must ask permission from their Head of Grade prior to the absence and fill out a Student Absence Form, which needs to be signed by his teachers prior to the absence.

Remember that even two days a month adds up to missing 20 days of class over the school year.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

The Academic Program at the Senior School is designed to be engaging, relevant, and challenging. Students are expected to engage with their course material, to keep up with the various assignments and projects, and to be prepared for tests and quizzes.

Work completion is a key indicator of student responsibility and we expect students will complete assignments and projects by their due date. If extenuating circumstances occur, students must inform their teacher prior to the due date to request an extension. If students do not communicate with their teacher and work is not completed, the assignment will be considered "Incomplete" and the student will be referred to 5th Block with a second due date. If the work is still not completed by that second due date, it may be assigned a zero and the student becomes subject to potential discipline. It is our goal that students take responsibility for their assignments and communicate with their teacher whenever they are unable to meet expectations as outlined by the teacher.

Tests are an important part of the learning process and a key indicator of understanding. Test dates are identified by the teacher a minimum of three days prior to a test. Students must attend class on test dates, and only in extenuating circumstances is a student permitted to miss a test date. Similar to assignments, if a student is to miss school on the day of a test they are expected to communicate with the teacher prior to the test and will be referred to 5th Block for an alternate date. The student must complete the test on the alternate day, or risk being assigned a zero and subject to potential discipline.

5TH BLOCK

During 5th Block (3:30-4:45 pm) time and space are dedicated to support student learning in the Learning Commons. Students are able to access support for academic programming (writing, math, science, research, test preparation) by dropping in or signing up for specific support. In addition, students may be assigned 5th Block by their teacher for incomplete assignments or missed tests. Students assigned 5th Block must attend on the dates identified to complete the identified work.



LOST AND FOUND

IF YOU LIKE IT PUT YOUR NAME ON IT

If there is a first and last name on items coming into the Lost and Found, SGPA volunteers will contact you and leave it at reception for pick up.

Enquiries can be emailed to:
srlostandfound@stgeorges.bc.ca



DRESS CODE AND STANDARDS OF APPEARANCE

St. George's School's Dress Code and Standards of Appearance exist in order to cultivate an educational setting where students are able to concentrate on learning in a safe and respectful environment. The dress code reflects our high standards of presentation and complements our expectations for work and behaviour. Students are required to be in compliance with all aspects of the School Dress Code throughout the school day, including before classes, during the lunch hour, and at the end of the school day.

GRADES 1-3

- On a daily basis, boys in Grades 1 to 3 have the option of wearing the #1 Uniform, or they may choose to wear the school golf shirt with the school sweater.
- Primary students must, however, wear the #1 Uniform on special occasions, such as the first day of school.

GRADES 4-12

- On a daily basis, boys in Grades 4 to 12 must wear the #1 Uniform.
- An optional crested school sweater may also be worn during cooler months. The complete #1 Uniform, including blazer, is compulsory for all school assemblies, photographs, and formal occasions.

NUMBER ONE/FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM

The #1 Uniform (Formal Dress Uniform) consists of school issued grey slacks, white dress shirt, school tie, and blazer worn with a black belt, grey socks and polishable black dress shoes. With the exception of shoes, all uniform items should be purchased at the School Store. For more information on the School Uniform, please visit: stgeorges.bc.ca/store.

SCHOOL SWEATER

Only official school sweaters may be worn in class. You can purchase the crested navy sweater or vest from the School Store. **Winter coats and unofficial sweaters must be stored in lockers and should not be visible during the school day (8:30 am - 3:05 pm).**

SUMMER DRESS

- Summer dress is allowed in Term 3 at the discretion of the Headmaster, and a formal announcement will be made to the entire community.
- For Grades 1 to 3, there is no change in uniform.
- For Grades 4 to 12, the dress shirt and tie may be substituted for a school issued collared golf shirt. School issued grey shorts may be substituted for the grey slacks.
- For all school assemblies, photographs, and formal occasions, a blazer must be worn. For very special occasions, as determined by the Principal and/or Headmaster, the complete #1 Uniform may be required.

PE/GAMES WEAR

- All students are required to wear school PE shorts, school t-shirt, white socks (no visible logos), sneakers, and to have available a school track suit for colder weather activities and travel.
- Students in Grades 2 to 10 will also need a bathing suit, towel, and goggles for swimming. *Note: Only students on the Swim Team are required to wear the school bathing suit.*

TEAM/SPORTS UNIFORMS

- If your son joins a competitive sports team, he may be required to buy a full Team Uniform, including the appropriate warm-up /travelling jacket, pants, and sports bag.
- The Team Uniform does not need to be purchased until your son has made the team.
- The Senior School Term I Games sign-up happens after classes begin, so your son has time to decide what sports he wants to try out for, and the respective coaches will let him know if he makes the team.

SPECIAL DRESS DAYS

Deviations from the dress code for special events (such as Jeans Day, Spirit Shirt Day, Casual Dress Day, etc.) may be authorized by the school administration.

GROOMING STANDARDS

Hair should be kept neat and off the collar, shaped close to the head and away from the face and ears. No peculiar, extreme, radically cut, or dyed hairstyles will be allowed. Facial hair such as beards, goatees, and mustaches are not permitted and students must be clean-shaven.

PIERCINGS

Students are not allowed to wear earrings and may not have any object in the ear or earlobe. Body piercings of any type, including face and tongue piercing, are not permitted on campus or at any school-sponsored activity.

THE SCHOOL STORE

NEW UNIFORMS

- There are two School Stores, one on each campus. The Senior School Store is located in Room 117, near the Lower Music Room. The Junior School Store is located on the main floor of the Junior School, near the Admissions Office.
- Both stores also sell school-crested clothing and gifts.
- All proceeds from the School Stores help fund bursaries and scholarships for St. George's students.

USED UNIFORMS

- Used uniform items, including band sweaters and blazers, can also be purchased throughout the year from the St. George's Parents Association (SGPA) at regularly scheduled Used Uniform Sales.
- Sales are generally held the day before classes begin in September and then monthly throughout the school year.
- Check the calendar on the website or contact the SGPA to find out dates for this coming year at: sgpa@stgeorges.bc.ca or by phone at: 604-222-5812.

REQUIRED ITEMS

THAT MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCHOOL

NEW (SCHOOL STORE) OR USED (SPGA)

- Navy blazer with current crest
- Grey uniform dress pants
- School tie
- PE t-shirt
- PE shorts
- Crested golf shirt (grades 1 to 3)
- Lock for main locker and a lock for the PE locker (grades 8 to 12)

OPTIONAL ITEMS

THAT MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCHOOL

NEW (SCHOOL STORE) OR USED (SPGA)

- Crested navy sweater or vest.
- Crested burgundy sweater (Senior School band students)
- Crested golf shirt summer uniform (grades 4 to 12)
- PE track jacket with current logo *
- PE track pants with current logo *
- Athletic bag
- Swim suit and red swim cap both with current logo (if the student is on the Swim Team*, otherwise any swimsuit) (Senior School) *
- Lock for the PE locker (Junior School) *
- Locks (series 117) for instruments (Junior School Music) *

To ensure the safety and security of our community, we ask that you do not use your own locks or use a Junior School lock at the Senior School.

ITEMS THAT MAY BE PURCHASED ELSEWHERE BUT ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL

(* Indicates required):

- School overcoat
- Grades 2 to 7 require safety goggles and Swim goggles for PE *
- White socks for sports without any branding *
- White dress shirts (either short-sleeve or long-sleeve) *
- Dark grey socks for dress uniform *
- Black leather belt without any logos or branding *
- Gym bag *
- Towel *

OTHER ITEMS

NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE SCHOOL

(* Indicates required):

- Running shoes for use inside only with non-marking soles *
- Polishable, black leather dress shoes (not black running shoes) *

NOTE:

Rackets and Runners at 3880 Oak Street will offer a minimum discount of 10% on shoes and sports equipment to any parent or student from St. George's School: 604-733-9211.

2019-2020

SENIOR SCHOOL



WHAT YOU NEED
TO KNOW FOR
THE YEAR AHEAD

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Welcome to the 2019-20 School Year. We are looking forward to all of our new students joining the Senior School and welcoming back those returning.

The focus for the coming year is the continued growth of our community and the development of each boy academically and socially. Community matters at St. George's, and we will be encouraging all members of our community to find ways to work and play together. To support our interactions we are introducing "Tech-Free Lunches" which will see all technology (cell phones, laptops) put away during the lunch period. It is our hope that by reducing our use of technology our school community will find opportunities to build new friendships, engage in hands-on activities, and ultimately strengthen our community. More information on our revised Technology Use Guidelines is available on our website.

The Senior School is fortunate to have a talented and committed team of educators. We welcome Ms. Sarah Coates as our incoming Associate Principal, Academics. She will be joined with an academic team including Mr. Stephen Ziff, Deputy Associate Principal of Academics; Ms. Jessie Bahai, Registrar; and Ms. Christine Wessler, Head of University Counselling. Mr. Brian Lee will continue to lead our Student Life team which includes Ms. Hayley Jacobs, Deputy Associate Principal of Student Life; Mr. Chris Webster, Head of Personal Counselling; Mr. Paul Workman, Head of Student Success; and Ms. Kelly Bodutch, Head of Health Services. Mr. Courtney Klassen (Head of Grade 8), Ms. Amanda Ainsbury (Head of Grade 9), Mr. Wesley Paul (Head of Grade 10), Ms. Ember Konopaki (Head of Grade 11) and Mr. Steffen Tweedle (Head of Grade 12) will lead our grades for the upcoming year. The Director of Boarding, Mr. Alan Hesketh, is connected to all aspects of the Senior School through his support of more than 100 boarding students. Our Head of Athletics, Mr. Chris Blackman, provides leadership to our renowned Athletics and Co-Curricular Program. Details about each of these areas are found elsewhere in this publication.

In the coming year, your son will be challenged in many ways. We encourage all students to take ownership over their learning; there are many opportunities for our students to engage in activities inside and outside of the classroom. It is our hope that the coming year will be rewarding and full of growth for each of your boys.

Welcome back!



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Welcome back, or welcome for the first time, to the Senior School! Learning at St. George's can take many forms—challenging, rewarding, new, familiar, independent, and shared. As you start this new school year, our Academics team is here to ensure you have the tools you need to start off on the right foot. As the year progresses, you'll interact with us through many touch points: parent/teacher conferences, reporting, transcripts, courses for the next school year and any changes needed for this school year. We look forward to working with students, families, teachers, and supporters to foster a love of learning that leans into problem solving, creativity, and thoughtful reflection.

Course schedules will be available through the student portal prior to the first day back to school. For any course change requests, please contact Ms. Jessie Bahai (jbahia@stgeorges.bc.ca). For any other matters relating to Academics, I look forward to hearing from you as we kick off the 2019-20 school year.

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SENIOR SCHOOL OPENING WEEK

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- Textbook pick up for Math, Science and Languages (Grade 8-10) in Wallace Gym
- Grade 8 Student Orientation with Head of Grade and Advisors, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Auditorium
- Grade 8 Parent Meeting re: Camp Squeah, 4:00 - 4:45 pm, Auditorium
- Grade 9 - 11 New Student Orientation with Heads of Grade, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, McLean Hall
- Grade 12 Team Building with Head of Grade and Advisors, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Dixon Gym
- SGPA Welcome Back BBQ, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Senior School Fields
- Grade 10 Parent Meeting, Sea to Sky, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Auditorium

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Classes begin.
Students should bring laptop, binders, and pens to class. PE students should bring gym strip.

Number 1 Uniform Required.

- **8:25 am**
Warning bell
- **8:30 am**
Report to Advisor
- **9:00 am**
Full School Assembly
- **9:30 am - 3:00 pm**
Full Day 2 Schedule

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Students should bring laptop, binders, and pens to class. PE students should bring gym strip.

Number 1 Uniform Required.

- **8:25 am**
Warning bell
- **8:30 am**
Report to Advisor
- **9:00 am**
Grade Assemblies
- **9:30 am - 3:00 pm**
Full Day 2 Schedule
- **1:00 pm**
Harker Hall departs for Anvil Island

SENIOR SCHOOL TIMETABLE

The Senior School begins each day at 8:30 am and completes the school day at 3:05 pm. Co-Curricular programming occurs from 3:30 - 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday. New for 2019-20 will see X Block occurring from 8:30 - 9:30 am every second week (beginning September 29th). These late start mornings will allow time for faculty to collaborate and students are able to arrive late or use the time for self-study or student-led clubs and leadership. On these days, supervision is provided at school but students are not required to be in attendance until 9:35 am. Regular bus routes occur on these dates.

Please note that there is a block rotation every five weeks. The timetable and block orations can be viewed on the website under: [Login/ Senior School Downloads](#).

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30-9:40 Period 1	8:30-9:40 Period 1	8:30-9:30 Period 1	8:30-9:40 Period 1	8:30-9:40 Period 1
9:40-9:55 Break	9:40-9:55 Break	9:30-9:45 Break	9:40-9:55 Break	9:40-9:55 Break
10:00-11:10 Period 2	10:00-11:10 Period 2	9:50-10:50 Period 2	10:00-11:10 Period 2	10:00-11:10 Period 2
11:10-11:15 Break	11:10-11:15 Break	10:50-10:55 Break	11:10-11:15 Break	11:10-11:15 Break
11:20-12:30 Period 3	11:20-12:30 Period 3	11:00-12:00 Period 3	11:20-12:30 Period 3	11:20-12:30 Period 3
12:30-1:20 Lunch	12:30-1:50 Lunch	12:05-1:05 X-Block	12:30-1:50 Lunch	12:30-1:50 Lunch
1:25-1:50 Full School Assembly	1:25-1:50 Grades 10-12 Advisor	1:05-1:55 Lunch	1:25-1:50 Grades 8-9 Advisor	1:25-1:50 Grade Assembly
1:55-3:05 Period 4	1:55-3:05 Period 4	2:05-3:05 Period 4	1:55-3:05 Period 4	1:55-3:05 Period 4
3:30-5:00 Period 5 Co-Curricular Program	3:30-5:00 Period 5 Co-Curricular Program	3:30-5:00 Period 5 Co-Curricular Program	3:30-5:00 Period 5 Co-Curricular Program	

STUDENT LIFE



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Welcome to the 2019-20 academic year! It is with great anticipation that we look forward to teaching and working alongside your sons in our classrooms, on the playing fields, on stage, and throughout the wider community.

Coming off a strong 2018-19 school year, we are well positioned to embark on another productive and meaningful schooling experience for our students. Beginning this past spring and continuing throughout the summer months, members of our Student Life team and administration engaged in several productive planning sessions, discussing ways in which we can continue to enrich student life at our senior campus. We remain committed to the character development and leadership, cultivating a sense of community and instilling a passion for learning in our students. Programs and initiatives such as our Advisory System, Standards and Expectations, Student Learning Success, Personal Counselling, Health Services, and Community Building, will continue to enrich our students' educational experience.

Once of our greatest strengths as a school community continues to be the steadfast support of our parent body and your involvement in the education of your sons. Thank you in advance for leaning in and attending our many events throughout the school year and for your willingness to assist when needed. Most importantly, we value your children and appreciate the opportunity to work alongside you for their betterment. Please never hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have. Looking forward to a wonderful school year!

HEADS OF GRADE

Each grade has a separate Head of Grade (HoG) that is responsible for the overall care of the grade. The HoG is responsible for the day-to-day oversight of their respective grade and supports the academic monitoring of their students, manages day-to-day discipline and standards, and supports the Advisory Program. Through a collaborative process, the HoG actively works in partnership with faculty, staff, administration, parents, and community agencies in fulfilling the strategic priorities and mission of the School.

If you have questions or concerns related to your son's engagement and activity within the school, please contact your Head of Grade.

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Global Stewardship at St. George's School seeks to support our students, our faculty and our staff in fostering an ethic of care for our community. Together, in our professional practice, in our classrooms, in our clubs and teams and through our interactions with one another, we can better take care of ourselves, each other and the world around us. This means developing new relationships across cultures, deepening our sense of place and power in the world, and making a commitment to change, informed with knowledge and understanding, so that we can respond to issues in meaningful ways.

Much of what we do at the Senior School is part of Global Stewardship: encouraging charitable giving, championing causes, and considering the impact of our choices on the environment and on people. Together, we can push those actions and thought processes to the next level. We can think more deeply about our accountability—from what we buy in the School Store to the trips and tours we take to the food that we consume. We can consider more seriously the ethical implications of how we interact with others and commit to more equitable relationships. We can understand more clearly how we experience the world and how that might differ from others. And, we can prioritize our actions to act in and with the support of others.

There are lots of ways that you can get involved in Global Stewardship at our school. Supporting the annual Global Stewardship Conference or the Hamper Drive are great ways that you can have an impact. You may also want to learn more about how you can better integrate principles of Global Stewardship into areas of your life: your work, your learning, your teams and clubs or events you may organize. Please reach out via globalstewardship@stgeorges.bc.ca to talk more about your ideas, connections, interests, and wishes. We look forward to being a support and resource for your ideas and initiatives. Let's talk!

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Registered Nurses are on-site daily to provide care for all the medical, first-aid, and mental health needs of the students at St. George's School. Student Health Offices are located at the Senior School and in Harker Hall Residences; the latter services both the Junior School and the boarding community.

Each year we coordinate with Vancouver Coastal Health Authority to provide immunizations, communicable disease control, programs for health promotion and a healthy lifestyle, as well as sexual health education for all grades. We liaise between students, families, and school staff regarding health issues. Should your child suffer an injury or concussion during the school year, the nursing staff will help guide you through their recovery once they have been cleared by a physician. We follow a comprehensive Concussion Policy that includes baseline cognitive testing for athletes in contact sports, as well as Return to Learn and Return to Play procedures.

Each year, you will be asked to complete the online medical form regarding your child's medical history and past allergies or medical concerns. Please notify the Nursing Staff of any changes to your child's health during the year that may affect their academic or physical performance and participation at School.

SERVICE LEARNING



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What is Service Learning and how does it differ from volunteering or fundraising? This is a question we are often asked. In our Mission to "build fine young men", St. George's recognizes that giving back through time and talent is an important way for our students to develop the six Core Values of the School and engage in the world around them. Service learning is, primarily, about giving back, but also about researching how we best give of ourselves and reflecting on these experiences.

Our office aims to connect all students with meaningful service opportunities, whether with one of our local partnerships or with an international experience. As we enter the new school year, we invite students to visit our office in order to learn more about both short- and long-term volunteer opportunities in the School or in the community; initiatives being coordinated within our service club, GPACS; service tie and pin applications; the Duke of Edinburgh Award program; and charitable fundraisers. It is never too late to get involved in this dynamic and rewarding area of school life.

More information about current service and charity opportunities can be found on the school website.

HEALTH SERVICES CONTACT

JUNIOR SCHOOL AND HARKER HALL RESIDENCES

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The Student Health Centre for the Junior Campus is located in Harker Hall Residences. Nursing coverage is provided by Ms. Kelly Bodutch, Mrs. Ravinder Biling, Ms. Gert Lee, Mr. Jon Mislant, and Ms. Veronica Tsang.

Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm and Friday from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. A nurse is on-call 24 hours/day and may be reached via the emergency cell phone.

SENIOR SCHOOL

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The Student Health Centre is located next to the Principal's Office in the Senior School. Nursing coverage is provided by Ms. Kelly Bodutch.

PERSONAL COUNSELLING



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Personal counselling is a support system through which a collaborative, supportive, and confidential relationship is formed between a student and a counsellor in order to assist the student in making decisions that will lead to positive outcomes. Each Senior School student is allocated a personal counsellor in Grade 8 who remains with them through graduation. All students are encouraged to reach out to their counsellor for support and help with questions related to their social, emotional and mental health. Please visit the Personal Counselling page on the website for more information.

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The Outdoor Education department at St. George's is dedicated to educating the minds and hearts of boys through a connection to the natural world. We provide experiential programming for students from Grades 1 to 10 that ranges from day trips to multi-day wilderness expeditions. All our programs focus on four areas of growth: personal and interpersonal development; environmental, social, and cultural awareness; academic integration; and learning outdoor skills.

For primary grade students, we offer day trips and begin overnight programs in Grade 4. For Grades 5 to 8 we have a diverse curriculum of overnight and camp experiences. Our expedition-style trips are for students in Grade 8 (2 days), Grade 9 (4 days) and Grade 10 (5 days). Grade 10 students also have the opportunity to join Discovery 10, an intensive, integrated, full-year outdoor education cohort. This program focuses on developing leadership skills and self-awareness through enriching outdoor experiences that range from day trips to multi-week expeditions. Academic coursework is integrated with the diversity of different trips. Students who are interested in joining Discovery apply to the program in the winter term of their Grade 9 year. We also offer a co-curricular Summit Club that provides student leadership opportunities through a combination of after-school activities and weekend trips.

Information about all the programs mentioned above and detailed Parent Information Packages for each trip (as they become available) is on our website.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING



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St. George's School does so much more than just prepare its students for their post-secondary education. The School is committed to helping students become the most authentic version of themselves by giving them opportunities to enthusiastically engage with life and learning and develop a strong sense of self and purpose.

The post-secondary planning process is considered an integral part of a St. George's education.

University advising formally begins in the Grade 10 Planning classes with an in-depth use of the Naviance™ university planning software and opportunities for personal reflection and exploration. As well, Grade 10 university counsellors are available to meet with students and parents. In Grade 11, each student is assigned his permanent university counsellor who works closely with him until graduation. In addition, the Grade 11s benefit from a post-secondary planning curriculum delivered through a timetabled class. Students attend university fairs and visits, as well as speaker presentations and workshops— more than 75 universities from around the world visit St. George's each year.

The University Counsellors work to the highest ethical and professional standards and are committed to providing current information about post-secondary options, admissions trends, athletic recruitment, gap years, and scholarships. In Grade 12, students work closely with their assigned counsellor in one-on-one meetings. The university counsellors also make regular visits to Harker Hall to provide on-site support to the boarders.

Maya Angelou said, "I long, as does every human being, to be at home wherever I find myself." The university counselling process is indeed a rite of passage, helping students find their next "home" beyond St. George's School, a place where they will be valued for who they are and which will allow them to flourish.

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The 2018-19 year for the Athletics Department—our staff, coaches, student-athletes, trainers, scorekeepers and fans—was another outstanding success. We hosted tournaments as well as visiting International 7s and school rugby teams, our Varsity Basketball team travelled to China, our Junior Rugby boys travelled to England and Wales, some of our boys tried a new sport and a couple broke Provincial and School records! We welcomed new faculty into coaching roles within Rugby, Tennis, Water Polo and Rowing. The hundreds of experiences have helped shape and create relationships and memories that will last many decades.

The year ahead will be filled with new experiences, new student-athletes, new coaches and, for some of our Programs, a new team. The 2019-20 year will also see allow our new Varsity Basketball Coach, a long-time faculty member and highly experienced coach, Guy daSilva, lead our Senior boys' team. Mr. Todd Harkins will be leading an expanded team of CSSHL Hockey coaches as we'll have four teams in that Program for the first time.

I am confident your son will enjoy and learn from his experiences within the Athletics Department no matter the level of competition. The many Athletics options offered at St. George's each have an important place alongside the academic curriculum, the Arts programs, the Clubs, the Science programming and the service expectations. Collectively, the coaches of our numerous competitive and recreational sports teams work to help student-athletes develop their integrity, self-confidence, character, and self-belief through the physical and mental challenges of individual and team sports. It is the process that really matters in sports, not the outcome of each match or tournament.

The School's Core Values remain central to the coach-athlete relationships within all of our programming. Every game, match, race, set, run, or tournament will come to an end, and winning and losing are assured to be amongst the many experiences the boys will face. However, success is not to be measured solely by a team's or an individual's win/loss record. Our athletes and teams are always expected to represent the School and to do so while embodying our Core Values—it is from there that an assessment of the success of a season, a program, or a tournament can be considered.

Each term, St. George's will continue to offer outstanding Competitive Sport Programs and a diverse array of recreational and non-competitive athletics programming for your sons. The Games Program is mandatory and every boy will be encouraged to try new sports to challenge themselves—they should all be multi-sport athletes! Boys will be encouraged to cross-train as the many benefits of taking on a different or secondary sport for a season are well known. Parents are responsible to ensure, please, that their son is not booked into other activities during the time period set aside for their Games Program choices. Please avoid booking music lessons, tutors, or other sports or activities during these times. Students are responsible for attending every Games Program session and are expected to communicate with their coach or sponsor should challenges arise. Participation for every student is tracked by the coach or sponsor.

All athletic schedules and coach profiles will be available on the school website. Online sign-up for Term 1 Games Programs will be open on the first week of September and sign-up for Term 2 and Term 3 Games Programs will open a few weeks before the start of each Term.

On behalf of all coaches and Athletic Department staff at the Senior School, we look forward to seeing you and your sons in September. Please contact me at cblackman@stgeorges.bc.ca if you have any questions.

SENIOR SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

As an essential part of school life, co-curricular activities complement curriculum-based learning and engage students in character building experiences beyond the classroom environment. Co-curricular activities enable meaningful contact time among our faculty, staff, and students, cultivate relationships, and promote both community and school engagement. Engagement in the Co-curricular Program is often a highlight of a boy's time at St. George's and one that we believe leads to happier students.

Being involved in co-curricular activities is a critical part of St. George's experience. The School's mandatory Co-curricular Program requires all Senior School students to select and participate in an activity each term. Boys may also choose a co-curricular club as their commitment for the term. Clubs are composed of activities that have a structure similar to a Games Program and expectations in regards to attendance, reporting, and a culminating performance or activity. The remainder of the co-curricular commitment must be met through the very successful Games Program. The Games Program offers a number of activities, both competitive and recreational, to meet every student's needs.

The activity each boy chooses is viewed as the ninth class in his timetable and thus attendance to each session is mandatory. The activities are held on various days, typically occurring after the academic day. All activities run for at least 2.5 hours per week. All students in Grades 8 to 10 are required to participate in one activity each term. Grade 11 and 12 students can apply to take one term off per year.



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The Physical Education Department is all set for another action-packed, energetic, and fun year of activities. Our department goal is to develop a "Fit for Life" philosophy with all of the students. We focus on activities that they can continue to do for a lifetime. We provide vigorous physical activity and work hard to improve every boy's fitness level, confidence, and leadership potential on the field and in the gyms in multiple sports. PE class also offers a great opportunity to teach positive character traits on a daily basis.

Boys will challenge themselves to develop the core competencies of the new BC Curriculum and to also participate fully in the Health Education Program. Our counsellors deliver the health curriculum in a dynamic and engaging way to cover a wide variety of important topics for young men. One of the unique things about our PE program is that boys choose their class of like-minded students based on their level of competitiveness and comfort. This lets all boys achieve success and challenge themselves each day. We are also excited this year to introduce a "new" course for senior boys - High Performance Training 11/12 - it promises to be a fantastic addition to our curriculum.

Students are asked to bring their full PE strip (grey t-shirt, black shorts, white socks and running shoes) to their first PE class. We will also assign Games Lockers and locks in the first week. Boys MUST lock up their belongings each class as many lose items and then need to replace them. PE strip can be purchased at the School Store and it is strongly recommended to label all clothing. Cleats are also advantageous and prevent injury when we are on wet fields - please keep a pair in your locker for the year. Lastly, during Aquatics boys will need swim shorts, goggles, and a towel. They will be challenged at whatever swimming level they are at, will make quick improvements with their strokes, and will enjoy some fun pool games as well.

This year we will regularly be referring boys to our PE Canvas Page to read articles, learn rules of sports, watch technique videos, and to complete questionnaires and self-reflections.

Online registration will take place the first week of classes. Schedules, locations, and lead teacher information for each activity will be posted on the School website one week prior to online registration.

Competitive Teams

- Cross-country (Junior & Senior)
- Hockey (CSSHL)
- Rowing
- Rugby (Grades 8 and 9)
- Soccer (Junior & Senior)
- Swimming
- Volleyball (Junior & Senior)

Recreational Activities

- Ball Hockey (Grades 8-10)
- Basketball 3-on-3
- Curling
- Fitness
- Flag Football
- Golf - Learn to play
- Golf Training
- Rock Climbing
- Rowing
- Table Tennis
- Tennis - Skill development
- Tennis - Training
- Trail Running - Beginners
- Volleyball - Learn to play
- Yoga

Co-Curricular Clubs

- Saints Conference (Model UN, Debate, Public Speaking VMUN)
- Opus
- Destination Imagination
- Robotics
- Improv
- Schoolreach
- Theatre - Senior Production
- Art / Portfolio / Ceramics Club
- Beekeeping
- Maker Club

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THE ARTS



The Arts faculties at St. George's School work together to support and promote the importance of contact with, and training in, the musical, visual and theatrical arts as part of each boy's whole education. In accordance with our Strategic Plan, we offer

"A rich and diverse educational experience rooted in the liberal arts tradition and embracing academics, the arts, athletics, outdoor education, service, and leadership"

One Boy at a Time: A Strategic Plan for St. George's School 2011-21

The Arts foster our students' humanity, sense of self-worth, and contribution to our community and to the world. The demand from universities and employers for graduates who are effective communicators, experienced problem solvers, confident risk-takers, creative thinkers, and empathetic leaders provides excellent arguments for an immersive, enhanced experience in the arts, as the arts provide learners an ideal place to explore and discover their unique passion, enhance their sense of self and empathy, develop specific skills, and contribute to the community as they enjoy their time in school.

"...participation in arts projects and programmes advances the development of wide-ranging and profoundly transferable cognitive and/or curriculum-related skills, in addition to developing personal and social skills, which in turn has an overall positive effect on mainstream achievement." Boyes, L. C., & Reid, I. [2005].

"Musical activity involves nearly every region of the brain that we know about, and nearly every neural subsystem." Daniel Levitan, *This is Your Brain on Music* [2006].

"When taught well, the arts provide young people with authentic learning experiences that engage their minds, hearts, and bodies. The learning experiences are real and meaningful. The arts regularly engage multiple skills and abilities. Engagement in the arts—whether the visual arts, dance, music, theatre or other disciplines—nurtures the development of cognitive, social, and personal competencies." Edward Fiske, ed., *The Champions of Change: The Impact of the Arts on Learning* [2002].

"Play is the superfood of the mind." Dr. Shimi Kang

The Theatre Arts Department offers Drama courses at all grades in which students learn about movement, vocal control, and character portrayal, and then practice the actor's craft of artfully communicating their character's story using these tools. Drama offers students a chance to step outside of their comfort zone and take risks, which engenders confidence and character. Many courses offer students a chance to perform in front of an audience in shorter one-act plays, either self-written or written for them. For those interested in the production of film and television, two sections of TVP (Television Production) provide the fundamentals of production. The department also offers courses in Technical Theatre and Woodworking elective courses. Saints Players Theatre Company offers co-curricular involvement in theatre, and these plays are the highlights of our year.

The Music Department offers a variety of credit courses both in and out of the daily timetable. Concert Band 8, Concert Band 9, and Senior Concert Band (10-12) are in-class electives while Junior Jazz Ensemble (8-10) and Senior Jazz Ensemble (10-12) are auditioned ensembles that rehearse before school and receive course credit. Additionally, the Wind Ensemble is a co-curricular club, open to all grades by audition, that rehearses outside the daily timetable. The various ensembles perform throughout the year at festivals, local and international tours, and concerts.

The Visual Arts Department empowers student-artists to investigate their lives through personal inquiry. At the Senior School, the 3D Studios Program offers pottery, sculpture, mold-making, casting, and product design. In the Upper Art Studios, the courses include drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, and digital media.

The highlight of the year for the Arts is always ArtsWeek which culminates in the presentation of the Rigg Scholarships in Theatre Arts, Music, and Visual Arts. ArtsWeek reflects the creative energy of the community and brings artistic thinking to the foreground through interaction with Artists-in-Residence, who share their expertise and passion with our community.

St. George's has a thriving arts landscape and a place for every artist. We hope that every student will take advantage of the many opportunities to get involved in Theatre Arts, Music, and Visual Art during their time here. For further information, please go to www.stgeorges.bc.ca/senior-school/arts or use the contact information below.

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A wise person once said, "A person will not remember what you said or what you did. S/He will remember how you made them feel." Unfortunately, I am not the wise man who said this quotation, but I do try to live its message daily. In my interactions with the boys, teachers, and parents I encounter each day, I would like to believe that I have made them feel listened to and important. I would hope that they feel their opinion is valued and that I respect what they have to say. By no means do I agree with everyone I meet, but I strongly believe that our interactions must be grounded in the core value of respect. It is what I give and what I expect in return.

As you help your son prepare for a year at St. George's, be it his first or his twelfth, help him to learn respect for all. It can be as simple as holding open a door, greeting someone in the hallway, or wishing to learn more about someone else's opinion. Teach your son that those who are different often have the most to teach us. Help him to learn that in order to be respected, we must also demonstrate respect.

My sincere hope for all the students and faculty at St. George's is that they feel like a valued member of the school community. Carrying around a big pocketful of respect can go very far in ensuring that this dream becomes a reality.

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Hands up if you're afraid of heights.

I still remember my first high ropes trip as a sweaty-palmed Grade 7. We strapped on plastic helmets, climbed up telephone poles 100 feet in the air (nearly) and walked across thin wires, with only a delicate harness, carabiner, and our own wits to keep us on our quest to defy gravity. The hardest part was not the height, the physical balance, or the coordination skills required for such daring. It was transferring between initiatives. As soon as I finished one wobbly task of balance and death-defying, I found myself on a small platform, about to start the next initiative (resembling something like a circus performer's trapeze act, if memory serves). Standing on that tiny wooden platform thousands of feet in the air (surely), I clumsily tried to transfer my safety clip from the last initiative to the next one ahead. I was filled with dread. My hands shook and my legs felt weak.

Transitions are often tougher than the thing itself.

As we barrel toward the end of summer and the start of the school year, it would be okay if you're feeling similar wooziness and weak-in-the-knee-ness. In fact, it's normal! You may be wondering, "Will my son do well this year?" "Will he make friends?" "What will his teacher be like?" "Does his uniform still fit?!"

In this transition, may I make a suggestion? Do what I did in Grade 7 when I was standing on that tiny precipice, fumbling with my carabiner: take a deep breath. Look around you and recognize that there are lots of people in the same situation you're in. There are boys and parents ahead of you, behind you, and right beside you. Lean into your community. Remember that on the high ropes course called "St. George's School", there are safety nets, support systems, and leaders who will keep your son safe and help him grow. It's a place filled with teachers and students who will cheer your boy on. "Keep going!" "You can do hard things, don't give up!" This is a place that will let your son make mistakes, but will catch him when he falls and help him reflect on the experience. It's full of coaches, teachers, staff, and administrators who will encourage him to grow in big and small ways.

As you stand at the edge of the transition that is the beginning of the school year (maybe your son's first or seventh), know that we will know and nurture your boy. We can't wait for him to arrive!

So clip in and take a deep breath. Your son is off to new heights, with a cheer squad a hundred rows deep (at least).



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JUNIOR SCHOOL OPENING WEEK

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Students to wear school uniform. New students do NOT wear a tie.

- **Boys in Grades 2-3**, please meet on the primary playground. Class lists will be posted on the primary doors. At 8:00 am, please line up, enter the school and proceed to your new homeroom class.
- **Boys in Grades 4-5**, please meet in front of the school. When the bell rings at 8:00 am, please proceed to the front foyer where class lists will be posted and then your new homeroom class.
- **Boys in Grades 6-7**, please meet on the tarmac behind the school. Class lists will be posted on the changing room wall. When the bell rings at 8:00 am, please proceed to your new homeroom classes.

8:00 - 10:00 am: Homeroom

10:00 - 10:30 am: Recess

10:30 - 11:30 am: Homeroom

11:30 am - 12:20 pm: Lunch and Recess

12:20 - 2:30 pm: Regular rotation

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Tie Ceremony – Grades 2 to 7.

New students do not wear a tie to the presentation.

This event is for students only.

3:00 - 3:10 pm: Homeroom and Dismissal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Regular day following the timetable.

6:00 - 7:00 pm:

Grade 6 Parent Meeting

Outdoor Education, Grade 7 Neighbourhood

7:00 - 8:00 pm:

Grade 7 Parent Meeting

Outdoor Education, Grade 7 Neighbourhood

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Regular day following the timetable.

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am
School opens
- 8:10 am
Homeroom
- 8:30–9:10 am
Period 1
- 9:10–9:50 am
Period 2
- 9:50–10:10 am
Recess
- 10:10–10:50 am
Period 3
- 10:50–11:30 am
Period 4
- 11:30–11:50 am
Lunch
- 11:50 am –12:20 pm
Recess
- 12:20–1:00 pm
Period 5
- 1:00–1:40 pm
Period 6
- 1:40–1:45 pm
Transition
- 1:45–2:25 pm
Period 7
- 2:25–3:00 pm
Period 8
- 3:00–3:10 pm
Homeroom
- 3:15–5:00 pm
After-school activities

PLEASE NOTE:

Monday morning schedule:

Homeroom: 8:25-8:35 am

Period one: 8:35-9:10 am

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services at the Junior School are coordinated by Ms. Kelly Boduch, Head of Student Health Services. (See page 19 for more information.)

JUNIOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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HARKER HALL



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Harker Hall hosts more than 100 students from around the world in a collaborative learning community. Our team of House Parents supervises and provides pastoral care for the boys throughout the year. Also supporting the students are our Associate Director, Residential Life Assistant, associate faculty, nursing staff, academic tutors, and housekeepers. Living on campus as part of our Residential Life community provides students with opportunities to learn together with their peers in a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment while taking advantage of the many academic, leadership, and co-curricular experiences available. As boarders, our boys learn about independence and responsibility while forming lifelong friendships with other students from around the world. Our staff team teaches our Residential Life Curriculum to promote developing new skills, experiencing Vancouver, serving others, and staying healthy. In August, residential life families will receive an outline of our programming for the year and a number of forms to be returned at the start of school. We will also be distributing the Harker Hall Student Handbook electronically. The entire Harker Hall team is looking forward to welcoming our new students on Monday, September 2nd and our returning students throughout the following two days. More information about important dates and events is available on the website.

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On behalf of the Board of the St. George's Parents Association (SGPA), we would like to extend a very warm welcome to both new and returning families to the 2019-20 academic year at St. George's School. The SGPA is a busy organization governed by 14 hard-working members, many of whom take on significant volunteer jobs above and beyond their position on the Board. We organize many fun events throughout the year, and are always happy to welcome new volunteers into our ranks.

We encourage everyone to kick off the year by joining us at the Annual Welcome Back BBQ on September 4th on the Senior School Fields. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones while enjoying a burger and ice cream and having some fun.

If you have any questions about the SGPA, or how to get involved, feel free to contact our office by phone: **604-222-5812** or email: sgpa@stgeorges.bc.ca.

We look forward to hearing from you!

WELCOME BACK BBQ

September 4, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

A gathering of Saints families, faculty and staff on the Senior School field to enjoy a BBQ dinner catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. This year there will be a new addition of games for the younger set. Please sign up online.



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EVENING EVENTS**BOYBOY SPEAKER SERIES: INTERNET SAFETY AND DIGITAL LITERACY FOR PARENTS****October 8, 7:00 pm, Senior School Auditorium**

This session will cover the most pertinent aspects of what parents should be aware of when it comes to their kids and technology for 2019 and beyond. The goal is to give families the best guidance on how to manage technology inside and outside of the home. Childminding and Mandarin translation will be provided. Please reserve tickets online.

SGPA AGM / TOWN HALL**October 15, 7:00 pm, Senior School Auditorium**

The Headmaster, Principals from both schools, Director of Advancement, the Head of Health Services, and the SGPA Board will discuss the year ahead. This is an opportunity for parents not only to learn but also to ask questions, make suggestions, and raise any concerns. Childminding and Mandarin translation will be provided. All parents welcome.

THE SOIRÉE**November 15, The Imperial**

This year's theme is SPARKLE. Think glitter dresses, jackets, hats, ties, and pants. A mingle-and-dance party for St. George's parents, staff, faculty, and Georgians. No asks or silent auctions—the evening is purely a FUN-raiser. This year, a portion of the proceeds from each ticket will go towards buying fresh turkeys for the St. George's Hamper Drive. Please buy tickets online.

LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER**January 23, 6:30 pm, The Vancouver Club**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a special St. George's parents' event at the Vancouver Club. Specially curated Lunar New Year inspired multi-course meal with wine pairings. Door and table prizes will add to the excitement of the evening. Tickets will be available online.

READY OR NOT: PREPARING OUR KIDS TO THRIVE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD BY MADELINE LEVINE, PH.D.**April 21, 7:00 pm, Senior School Auditorium**

This presentation is in an exciting partnership with York House School and will be followed with a Parent Social with wine and cheese. Mandarin translation and babysitting will be provided. Tickets will be available online.

SGPA SPONSORED SENIOR SCHOOL GRADE EVENTS

- **Grade 8 Father/Son Breakfast**
McLean Hall | September 27, 7:00 - 8:30 am
- **Grade 9 Formal Dinner (boys only)**
McLean Hall | October 15, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- **Grade 9 Parent Reception**
Location TBD | October 15, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- **Grade 11 Formal Dinner (boys only)**
McLean Hall | December 10, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- **Grade 11 Parent Reception**
Location TBD | December 10, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- **Grade 10 Father/Son Breakfast**
McLean Hall | January 23, 7:00 - 8:30 am
- **Grade 11 Mother/ Son Breakfast**
McLean Hall | May 7, 7:00 - 8:30 am
- **Grade 8 Mother/ Son Breakfast**
McLean Hall | May 8, 7:00 - 8:30 am

DAYTIME EVENTS**FOOD FEST****October 24, 1:00 pm, Junior School Dining Hall**

Potluck luncheon. Parents bring their favourite dish to share. A chance for senior staff and parents new and returning to catch up and connect with others. Please sign up with your dish to share online.

SOCKS FOR SMILES**December 2, 1:00 pm, Senior School Great Hall**

Parents gather to stuff socks with goodies and toiletry items for residents of the Downtown East Side. St. George's boys volunteering for Alley Outreach Project will then take all the socks and hand them out to the many individuals in need in this community.

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY**April 3, 8:00 am, Junior and Senior School Staff Rooms**

Look for notices to sign up to bring in food as the staffrooms are turned into feasting stations for morning break and lunch.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL FAIR**May 2, 10:00 am, Junior School Campus**

The Fair is our biggest event of the year. Everyone must attend! It is fun for all ages with activities and food and great deals on just about everything you can imagine! Fair proceeds support a variety of opportunities for the boys and our School as well as gives back to the greater community. To volunteer or donate prizes, please contact the Head Convenors, Noreen and Tammy, at: headconveyors@stgeorges.bc.ca

USED UNIFORMS SHOP

LOCATION: Junior School, ground level between the locker room and Blackmore Gym. Please enter through the main doors at the front of the School. Directional signage will be available to assist you in finding the location.

NOTE: We can ONLY accept cheques or cash. The Used Uniform does not bill student accounts or accept credit cards.

We are also accepting donations of clean and current uniforms. Please strike out your son's name before donating clothing.

Please label bag clearly with USED UNIFORM DONATION. You can drop it off during any of the sale dates.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE

- **AUGUST 28 (Wednesday)** 8:30 - 11:00 am
One week before school starts.
- **SEPTEMBER 3 (Tuesday)** 8:30 - 11:00 am
- **SEPTEMBER 4 (Wednesday)** 8:30 - 11:00 am
Morning of the Back to School BBQ and first day of school for Junior School students
- **SEPTEMBER 5 (Thursday)** 8:30 - 11:00 am
First day of school for Senior School students

REGULAR SALE DATES

- **SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23, 30**
- **OCTOBER 7, 21, 28** (closed Oct 14 for Thanksgiving Day)

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St. George's works hard to reduce the collective carbon impact of transportation, reduce traffic, and promote student independence.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR SON TO WALK, CYCLE, OR TAKE THE BUS TO SCHOOL.

TRAFFIC, SAFETY, AND OUR COMMUNITY

St. George's School is located in a quiet residential community and the traffic from our School impacts the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Furthermore, congestion is an unnecessary irritant for our neighbours. Please encourage your son to walk, cycle, take the bus, or carpool to school.

SCHOOL BUSES

The School runs a system of eight bus routes that are available to students at no additional cost. Pick-up points are spread across Metro Vancouver and include UBC, Burnaby, the North Shore, Richmond, New Westminster, and White Rock.

- The pick-ups and drop-offs operate on a 'hub' system to reduce travel time and make the bus system more efficient for everyone.
- There is no additional cost for the bus service, however students must register in order to be eligible to ride the bus. Register on our website –look for 'Transportation' on the website.
- For more information on routes and drop-off/pick-up times, please visit the website and search for Bus Service or contact the Transportation Office at **604-221-3618**.

To Register for Bus Service please visit: www.stgeorges.bc.ca/bus

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

St. George's uses school buses, both owned by the school and by contractors, to operate the school's morning/afternoon bus routes and to take students to/from school field trips and athletic fixtures.

For longer highway trips highway coaches will sometimes be used. All of the school buses are designed to strict Transport Canada school bus design specifications. These rules govern a wide range of safety areas including visibility, signalling, crash performance and passenger restraint, etc.

The buses owned and operated by the school are all equipped with three-point factory installed seat belts, which students are required to wear at all times. Most contractor buses are not seat belt equipped but rather use a Transport Canada approved compartmentalization system to protect the occupants, in the event of an accident.

All buses are inspected regularly by government authorized inspectors and drivers are required to hold a current BC Professional Driver's License and provide a driver's abstract indicating a suitable safe driving record. If you have any questions about school bus safety you will find further information on our website, or feel free to contact Gary Backhouse at: gbackhouse@stgeorges.bc.ca or **604-221-3618**.

TRANSLINK BUSES

The school subsidizes TransLink Compass Card Passes for students who take the TransLink bus to/from school at least three days per week. If you meet this criteria, please submit your Compass Card receipt to the Business Office for a 35% reimbursement.

BIKING AND WALKING

We encourage students to commute to school by walking or bicycling, both of which promote a healthy use of our bodies. The School provides covered bicycle storage at both campuses. Pumps and tools for minor bike repairs are also available at the bike parking area at each campus. Students have access to end-of-trip facilities (showers and lockers) in the gym change rooms.

Electric motor-assisted cycles with pedals, and electric scooters with motors of less than 500 watts and a maximum speed of 32km/h or less, may be ridden to school by students 16 years of age or older, in accordance with ICBC regulations. More information is available at www.icbc.com.

CARPOOLING

Students who are unable to walk, cycle, or take the bus are encouraged to arrange carpools with multiple students. High Occupancy (HoV) vehicles are invited to drop off on the Senior School Campus.

IF YOU MUST DRIVE YOUR SON TO SCHOOL

If you must, on occasion, drive your son to school, please abide by the following:

DRIVING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Please be respectful of other road users and pay particular attention to the safety of cyclists and pedestrians. Note the following:

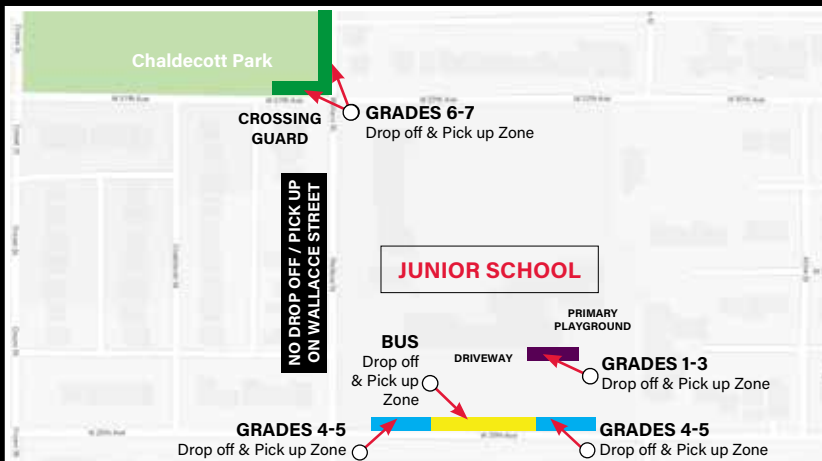
- **A 30 km/h speed limit** applies on West 29th Avenue, around Chaldecott Park, along West 33rd beside Memorial West Park, and along Camosun Street beside Southlands School.
- Abide by all street signage. Note: **3-minute stopping only** in front of schools—no parking or extended waiting.
- **No u-turns** on West 29th Avenue—use the roundabout west of the Senior School at Kevin Place.
- **Always stop for pedestrians.**
- Be aware that West 29th Ave is a designated bike route and use extreme caution.
- Be courteous to other drivers on narrow roads that only accommodate a single lane of traffic—please pull over and wait your turn.

AUTOMOBILE DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

The following drop-off and pick-up areas have been designated to maximize student safety and minimize traffic congestion.

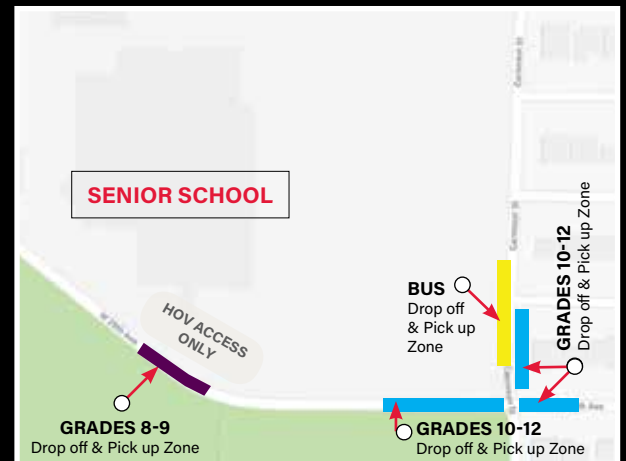
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- **Grades 1-3:** Drop off and pick up in the driveway loop, adjacent to the primary playground. Or, park on street, where signage permits, and walk in.
- **Grades 4-5:** Drop off and pick up on West 29th Avenue. Note there is “3-minute stopping only” zone in front of the school.
- **Grades 6-7:** Drop off and pick up at Chaldecott Park. A crossing guard is provided to assist students across West 27th Avenue and Wallace Street. Students who have not been picked up by 3:45 pm will be walked back to the main school entrance.
- Please do not drop-off and pick-up on Wallace Street!



SENIOR SCHOOL

- **Grades 8-9:** Drop off and pick up on West 29th Avenue, in front of the school. It is preferred that you drop off 1-2 blocks away and allow your son to walk to school.
- **Grades 10-12:** Drop off and pick up along Camosun Street or West 29th Avenue, east of the School.
- Access to the Senior School campus driveway is reserved for permit-holders or carpool (2 or more students) drop-off only.



STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

AUTOMOBILES

Driving an automobile to school is a privilege reserved for students in Grades 11 and 12, subject to the restrictions of the Province's graduated driver program.

- Any student wishing to drive to school must follow the vehicle registration procedure with the Associate Principal, Student Life.
- Student vehicles must be parked on the street, not in the school parking lot.
- Students who drive or park irresponsibly will have driving privileges revoked.

MOTORCYCLES AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS/SKATEBOARDS

For student safety, motorcycles, including Limited Speed Motorcycles requiring a driver's license, may not be driven to/from School. Motorized scooters, skateboards, and pocket bikes are not legal on BC roads or sidewalks and therefore may not be driven or ridden to School.

PARKING

Please follow City of Vancouver parking regulations and be courteous to our neighbors. Please abide by the following:

- Do not park in front of our neighbours homes for more than 2 hours.
- Do not park in the school parking lots from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- School parking lots are available for parent use for evening and weekend events.

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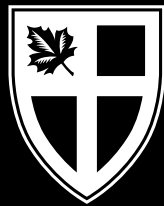
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St. George's School acknowledges that we are situated on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation.