

THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

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Dear Commonwealth Governor's School Students and Families,

I hope you are enjoying your vacations, camps, and summer experiences. Soon you will be embarking on a new journey as a Commonwealth Governor's School (CGS) student. One of our goals is to help all of our new students make a smooth transition into the CGS program. Over the years, the staff has developed a number of different support systems to assist new students including orientation opportunities.

The CGS staff is planning to start your 2018-19 school year with a new student orientation. It will be held Tuesday, August 7, for all new students, and Wednesday, August 8 for Stafford County CGS students. The hours for Tuesday are 1:00 – 7:30 p.m. A regional parent meeting will be held on August 7th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Riverbend High School auditorium. Stafford County CGS students will also have an onsite orientation on Wednesday, August 8th, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Spotsylvania and King George CGS students will continue their orientation activities during the first week of school.

Orientation provides students and their families with important information about CGS, so your attendance is strongly encouraged. To help alleviate any conflicts with your school activities, coaches and sponsors will be requested to honor your commitment to CGS.

On August 7th students will be required to bring the enclosed Transportation Permission Form signed by a parent or guardian. Students may bring a bagged lunch and/or snacks if desired. ***Please do NOT bring any peanut products.*** CGS will provide water and dinner to all students. If your student is gluten-free, we encourage your student to bring a bag dinner. A microwave will also be available to those that need to heat their dinner.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions. The CGS phone number is 540-548-1278.

Sincerely,



Merri Kae VanderPloeg, Ed.D
Director

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2018-19 New Student Regional Summer Orientation

Dates: Tuesday August 7, 2018

Hours: 1:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Transportation:

Parents may transport students directly to their CGS site or utilize their school division's shuttle bus transportation. Buses will pick up and drop off students at their designated home high schools. Attached you will find the shuttle bus schedule.

Purpose:

- To begin team-building and creating a sense of a regional community of learners
- To provide information and answer questions about CGS expectations and procedures
- To actively engage students in decision-making, cooperative learning, and creative problem-solving
- To provide an orientation program for new CGS parents
- To have fun as a new CGS student

Locations and Schedule:

Date and Times	Meeting Sites
August 7 (1:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)	Students will meet at their CGS site and be transported to Riverbend High School <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will meet with their site CGS teachers/students• CGS regional activities• Dinner• Additional CGS activities• Regional Parent Orientation (6:00 – 7:30) Stafford High Auditorium

Dress:

Students should wear loose, comfortable clothing including tennis shoes since some of the activities planned on this day will take place outdoors.

Travel Permission Form:

Enclosed you will find a travel permission form. **Students are to return the signed transportation permission form on Tuesday, August 7. Please do not mail...bring this form with you on the day of Orientation!**

**Riverbend High School
12301 Spotswood Furnace Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22407**

Take Route 3 West, go approximately 5 miles, turn right onto Spotswood Furnace Road

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New Student Orientation

August 7, 2018

King George/Caroline County School Divisions

Daily Transportation Schedule

August 7, 2018

Orientation will begin at the individual CGS sites. Shuttle buses will be provided from home base high schools to CGS sites. Parents have the option of providing their own transportation to the CGS sites or using the shuttle bus.

Students may bring lunch and water to the site. Dinner will be provided in the evening at Riverbend High School.

King George students report directly to King George High School CGS site at 1:00 p.m.

Caroline students shuttle by the awning behind Caroline High School

12:00 p.m. Depart Caroline High School.....12:45 p.m. Arrive King George High

2:00 p.m. Depart for Riverbend High School

Shuttle Bus schedule for all King George CGS students:

2:00 p.m. Depart King George High.....2:55 p.m. Arrive Riverbend High School

7:30 p.m. Parents to provide transportation home

After site introductions and a team building meeting, Buses will be picking up students at their site and transporting them to Riverbend High School for the regional orientation. Because parents are expected to join the students at Riverbend High School at 6:00 p.m for parent orientation, there will be NO shuttle buses making a return trip. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation from Riverbend High School home on this day.

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New Student Orientation

August 7, 2018

Spotsylvania County School Division

Daily Transportation Schedule

August 7, 2018

Orientation will begin at the individual CGS sites. Shuttle buses will be provided from home base high schools to CGS sites. Parents have the option of providing their own transportation to the CGS sites or using the shuttle bus.

Shuttle bus schedule for students attending the Riverbend High CGS site:

12:45 a.m. Depart Chancellor High.....12:55 a.m. Arrive Riverbend High

Shuttle bus schedule for students attending the Spotsylvania High CGS site:

12:20 p.m. Depart Courtland High..... 12:35 p.m. Arrive Massaponax High

12:35 p.m. Depart Massaponax High.....12:55 p.m. Arrive Spotsylvania High

2:15 p.m. Depart for Riverbend High School

After site introductions and a team building meeting, Buses will be picking up students at their site and transporting them to Riverbend High School for the regional orientation. Because parents are expected to join the students at Riverbend High School at 6:00 p.m. for parent orientation, there will be NO shuttle buses making a return trip. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation from Riverbend High School home on this day.

Dinner will be provided.

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New Student Orientation

August 7 & 8, 2018

Stafford County School Division

Daily Transportation Schedule

August 7, 2018

Orientation will begin at the individual CGS sites. Shuttle buses will be provided from home base high schools to CGS sites. Parents have the option of providing their own transportation to the CGS sites or using the shuttle bus.

Shuttle bus schedule for students attending the North Stafford High CGS site:

12:40 p.m. Depart Mountain View High.....12:55 p.m. Arrive North Stafford High

Shuttle bus schedule for students attending the Colonial Forge High CGS site:

12:40 p.m. Depart Brooke Point High.....12:55 p.m. Arrive Colonial Forge High

Stafford High School CGS students report directly to the Stafford High School CGS site.

2:00 p.m. All sites will depart for Riverbend High School

After site introductions and a team building meeting, Buses will be picking up students at their site and transporting them to Riverbend High School for the regional orientation. Because parents are expected to join the students at Riverbend High School at 6:00 p.m. for parent orientation, there will be NO shuttle buses making a return trip. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation from Riverbend High School home on this day.

Dinner will be provided.

August 8, 2018

Orientation activities will take place at the CGS sites from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Buses will be picking up students at their home base high school and transporting them to their site. Parents have the option of providing their own transportation to the sites.

Shuttle bus schedule for students attending their site orientation:

12:00 p.m. Depart Brooke Point High.....12:15 p.m. Arrive Colonial Forge High

3:00 p.m. Depart Colonial Forge High.....3:15 p.m. Arrive Brooke Point High

Shuttle bus schedule for students attending the North Stafford High CGS site:

12:00 p.m. Depart Mountain View High.....12:20 p.m. Arrive North Stafford High

3:00 p.m. Depart North Stafford High.....3:15 p.m. Arrive Mountain View High

Stafford High School CGS students report directly to your site at 12:30 p.m.

Students may bring lunch and water to the site.

The Commonwealth Governor's School Summer Orientation – Transportation Permission Form

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO A CGS TEACHER

ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

Please DO NOT return by mail!

I give my daughter/son _____ permission to be transported by school bus to the following locations on the following dates:

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

- Students will be shuttled from their home base high school to their CGS site. CGS will provide water and snacks. Students may bring a bagged lunch and/or snacks. **Please do not bring any peanut products!**
- Students will be transported from their CGS site to Riverbend High School. CGS will provide dinner to all students. If your student is gluten-free, we ask that your child bring a gluten-free dinner. A microwave will be provided.

_____ I will be attending the Parent Orientation and will transport my child home on Tuesday evening from Riverbend High School.

_____ I will NOT be attending the Parent Orientation, but I will provide transportation home for my child Tuesday evening from Riverbend High School.

A nurse will **not** be present to administer medication. Are there any medical conditions the CGS staff should be aware of?

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Home Phone Number

Emergency Phone Number