



Dear Upper School Parents,

August 28th, 2023

Let the Year Begin!

This marks the first official weekly newsletter of the 2023-24 School Year! It is wonderful to have our Upper School students all back on campus. The energy of the campus is humming in anticipation of another year of learning, creativity, and competition. The Dragon Community is stronger than ever and there is a palpable excitement in the halls and the walls of the Upper School, again. As is tradition, this week will be the launch of our grade-level overnight trips to build community, to participate in service learning, and to explore future career and college pathways. Thank you for the warm welcome and for making Saint George's the vibrant and thriving community that it is. Let's do great things!

First Week Back-to-school Trips

Monday, August 28th—All students return to Upper School. Modified schedule with Advisory, Grade-level Meetings, and a full academic schedule.

Tuesday, August 29th

9th Grade departs for Upper Priest—two-nights of team building, leadership, and community.

10th Grade heads to local colleges in Spokane

11th Grade "Junior Jump"—Launch into IB and preparation for the final two years of high school.

12th Grade "Senior Boot Camp"—Students work on College Application timelines, personal essays/statements, and Extended Essays

Wednesday, August 30th

10th Grade departs for WSU, Univ. of Idaho, and Whitman overnight.

11th Grade departs for Lake Spokane for service, leadership, and community.

12th Grade departs for Camp Reed for the high-ropes course, Senior leadership, and class bonding.

Thursday, August 31st

All grades return by dismissal, in time for sports practices and busses.

Friday, September 1st

Special Schedule: Dragon Dance

All Parents and Community members are invited to attend our annual Dragon Dance Ceremony on the Grad Lawn at 2:05pm!

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, September 4th—Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)

Tuesday, September 5th—First A Day of Academic Year

Wednesday, September 6th

12:30-1:00—(Optional) Harrison Lake Trip Meeting

3:15-5:15—(Optional) MS/US Little Spokane River Float to Painted Rocks

Saturday, September 9th—Harrison Lake Trip

Please discuss any schedule issues or decisions about classes with your son/daughter. I will be able to help modify schedule heading into the coming weeks. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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