



Dear Upper School Parents,

October 19th, 2026

Quarter 1 is Officially in the Books!

We are officially 1/4th of the way through the school year! Parents will receive an email when the progress reports are available on Wednesday at 3pm. We then look forward to hosting parents and students at conferences on Thursday and Friday. This first quarter always comes quickly in the school year, but it is important to note that this is a progress report and meant as a check-in ahead of the end of the semester in December. For those new to Upper School, please note that we have a finals week from December 14th through 18th. These exams are the official end of Semester 1.

Senior Parents' stocking the Faculty Lounge—Sara Wolff

Once again, we owe a huge thank you to the Senior Parents and Sara Wolff, who stocked the faculty lounge with snacks and beverages. This is a huge boost and teachers appreciate the gesture ahead of the quarter grades and conferences. Thank You!

Diversity Club Upper School Potluck—October 13th 12:30-1:10pm



Kudos to Ella Teklah and the Diversity Club for the US potluck. It was a huge success and students were able to eat food from the multitude of cultures in the Upper School. Look for details for #2 in March!

2026 Saint George's School Grandparents' Day



Grandparents' Day was a huge success, last Friday, and we had a blast having a group in the Upper School!

Cell-phone Policy Forum, Monday, October 19th 3:25-4:15pm in the Library

At the beginning of the year, Ian Townley and I, met to discuss the Cell-phone Policy. Since its inception, it has been difficult to enforce the policy outside of the classroom. There had been some challenges from a student and teacher perspective, when it came to acceptable use. Dr. Townley worked with ASB and advisors at the beginning of the year, in an effort to revise the policy with feedback from all stakeholders. Below is a summation of the effort:

Saint George's School Upper School Cell Phone Policy Forum

At the beginning of this year our community took on the process of updating the cell phone policy for the upper school. Our current policy was not being adhered to and thus needed updating to some degree. We began with having students and faculty answer questions around how they are using cell phones and how they think of them in the context of school. We also read a concise article that highlighted many of the issues that are being raised nationally, about the use of cell phones. This all led to small group discussions and then suggestions about how we should rewrite our cell phone policy.

The next step is to get agreement between faculty, students, administration, and parents on what our updated policy should be. We have run a rough draft of the proposed policy by students and faculty and are now hoping to hold a forum where all constituents of our community can come together to find consensus.

We are looking for some parents who would be interested in the next stage of the process. We will be hosting a "Cell-phone Policy Forum" where students, teachers, and parents can come together to discuss the policy and propose revision. We would love to have parent-involvement in the process. If you are interested, please

email ian.townley@sgs or Nathan.lill@sgs.org to let us know if you'd like to be involved. The forum will take place next Monday, October 19th at 3:25-4:15pm. We would love to have you there.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP--Upper School Fall Conferences October 22nd and 23rd

We are down to our last two days for sign ups to our Fall Conferences. So far 81 families have signed up. I will be following up with the remaining families today.

Please use the following links to sign up for the session that works best for your son/daughter and your family. Seats are limited, so sign up ASAP

[Upper School Conferences - Thursday, October 22nd](#)

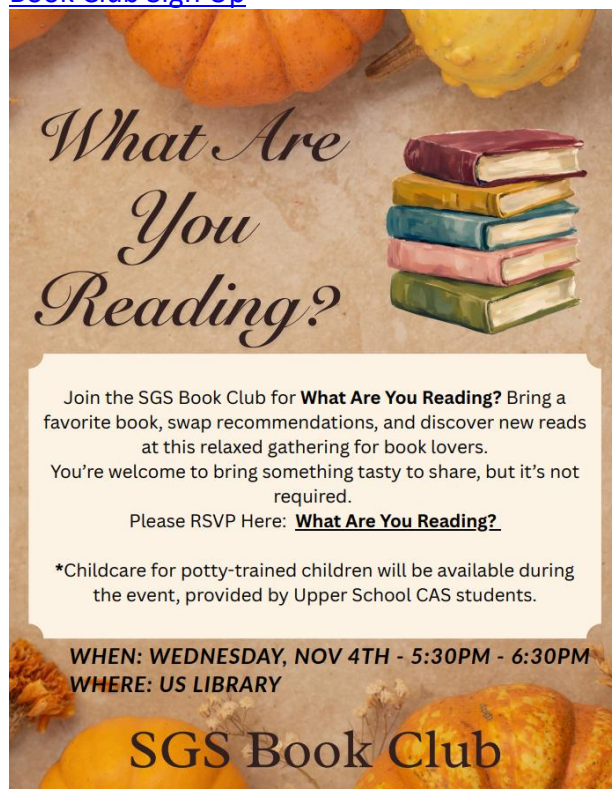
[Upper School Conferences - Friday, October 23rd](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me directly.

Parent Association Book Club—Year 2

November 4th, 5:30-6:30pm before the US Theater Production of "Treasure Island"

The PA is looking to bring back the Book Club for Year 2. This was a really successful community-oriented opportunity to invite all SGS parents and families to read, eat, and discuss a book around issues involving parenting, modern childhood, and navigating the challenges of raising a family in an unpredictable world. Look for more communication on this in the weeks to come, but the first book club this year, will be an opportunity for participants to share what they are currently reading. It will be really low-stakes and a lot of fun to connect, right before our Upper School Theater performance of "Treasure Island." Sign Up Here: [PA Book Club Sign Up](#)



Week 9 of our Academic Year

Important Events in Upper School this Week:

Monday, October 19th

9:50-10:10 US Morning Meeting

3:30-4:15pm Cell Phone Policy Forum

Tuesday, October 20th

10:20-10:40 Advisory

Wednesday, October 21st

3pm Upper School Q1 Grades Finalized

Thursday, October 22nd

Upper School Conferences—Students attend with parents during their scheduled time

Friday, October 23rd

Upper School Conferences—Students attend with parents during their scheduled time

This week in Dragon Athletics:

Date	TEAM	OPPONENT(S)	LOCATION	TIME	DISMISS	DEPART
10/19/2026	MS Girls Basketball	First Practice	Metter's			
10/20/2026	JV Volleyball	Colville	Away	4:45pm	2:45pm	3:00pm
10/20/2026	Var Volleyball	Colville	Away	6:45pm	2:45pm	3:00pm
10/20/2026	Varsity Soccer	Upper Columbia	Home	4:00pm	2:45pm	
10/21/2026	JV Soccer	SGS Staff	Home	4:00pm	2:45pm	
10/22/2026	Var Volleyball	Davenport	Home	6:30pm		
10/23/2026	LS XC	League Championships	Sky Prairie	2:30pm	1:00pm	1:15pm

Important Upcoming Dates

October 26th 9:55-10:15 Khao Hyunh—Notre Dame Ella McKiernan Scholarship Presentation

October 30th 12:10-12:40am Mentor and Mentee Halloween Costume Contest

November 2nd All Day Rehearsal Upper School Theater

November 3rd 3:20-6pm Optional—Bloc Yard Indoor Bouldering 6th-12th

November 4th 5:30-6:30 Parent Association Book Club

November 4th-5th 7-8:30pm Upper School Play “Treasure Island”—Founder’s Theater

November 10th 5:30-8pm 3rd Annual Ski Movie Night “The Way Out” in the Theater

November 16th	2:30-6:30pm Knowledge Bowl @ East Valley
November 19th	9am-2pm Fall Blood Drive in the Library
November 24th	6-11pm Upper School Casino Night in Metter's
December 3rd	3:20-6pm Optional Wild Walls indoor climbing 6 th -12 th
December 7th	2:30-6:30pm Knowledge Bowl @ LC
December 9th	7-8:30pm MS/US Holiday Concert
December 15th-17th	Upper School Semester 1 Finals
December 18th	9am-12pm Upper School Karaoke Competition
Dec. 19th-Jan. 3rd	Winter Break

Thank you, Dragon Family! Let's have another fantastic week.

Sincerely,

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