Dear Upper School Parents, October 26th, 2026

Happy Hallo-week!

The 12-foot skeleton displays and blow-up yard decorations are fully in effect throughout the city—Halloween is upon us. It seems like every year, the effort and intensity of Halloween preparation is beginning to rival that of the winter holiday season. What this week means for us at Saint George's is that the month of November is coming with Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and a slippery-slope toward semester finals and the Winter Break. It has been a beautiful and dry autumn thus far and potentially has lulled us into a denial that winter is coming. This is a good week to ground ourselves into Quarter 2 and to prepare for the shortest academic months of the year. In a year of busy scheduling, these next weeks are the busiest. We will talk about the convergence of our sports, theater and academic calendars below, but it is important to start looking ahead.

A note on the potential effect of our Super El-Niño on our upcoming winter weather: Last week, Jamie Tender and I, attended a virtual presentation from climatologists on the upcoming implications of a powerful climate dynamic. California is already dealing with King Tides and beach erosion and there have been some atypical typhoon dynamics in the Pacific Ocean. Ultimately, scientists cannot predict where and when these climate effects will manifest in the PNW, but their message is to be prepared. Suggestions are that the weather will be dramatic, shifting week to week. As a school, we are going to make sure that our communications' protocols are firmly in place and to ensure that we have weather-related impacts in mind throughout the Winter.

Sports and "Treasure Island" Performances

This week and next are incredibly important games and events for our Fall sports teams, as we head into Districts and Playoffs. Come out and support our teams and theater programs over the next two weeks!

Soccer:
This Tuesday, Soccer Senior Night will be a home game against Prescott. This will be followed by a single-elimination playoff game against WWVC on Thursday. Should they win, they will have another playoff game on Tuesday.

Volleyball:
Our VB girls will be playing an away game at Newport, followed by a home game on Thursday against Asotin. This game will determine who they play on Tuesday of next week, with another possible playoff game on Thursday the 5th. These are some tough games and it would be great to get a good turnout for this playoff run.

Cross-Country:
Our boys and girls cross-country teams will be racing on Halloween, in regionals. We have some very competitive runners and several are likely to qualify to compete in the state finals the following weekend. If you would like to support them on Halloween, they will be racing at the Reardan Course.

Upper School Theater Performances of "Treasure Island":
Opening night will be Wednesday, November 4th. We are looking for a huge turnout for this performance as it lands in between playoff sports. This production will be fantastic, and the US Theater class has been preparing for months to take audiences on a journey to the high seas and piratic intrigue. The second performance for November 5th is set for Thursday night, unless there are playoff sports impacts. If there are, we will be doing a matinee performance on Thursday morning. Come out and support our theater students and arts program!

Notre Dame's Ella McKiernan Memorial Fellowship—Applications are Open!

Dear EMMF School Partners,
I hope you are all doing well! We are excited to work with each of you again this year as we begin recruiting for the 2027 Ella McKeirnan Memorial Fellowship (EMMF) at the University of Notre Dame.

The application is officially open! Students can learn more and apply here: Ella McKeirnan Memorial Fellowship
A few important dates to keep in mind:

- Application Deadline: January 6, 2027
- Program Dates: June 7 – July 30, 2027

One important change this year: We will only consider applications from students who are currently sophomores or juniors in high school. Please keep this updated eligibility requirement in mind when sharing the opportunity with your students.

I have also attached our updated EMMF informational flyer, which provides additional information about the program, eligibility, and the student experience. Please feel free to share the flyer and application information with your student body, particularly current sophomores and juniors interested in science, research, medicine, or related fields.

We appreciate your continued partnership in helping us identify students who could benefit from this experience. I am also looking forward to visiting and speaking with students at each of your schools again this year. I will reach out individually as we coordinate dates and opportunities to present the program.

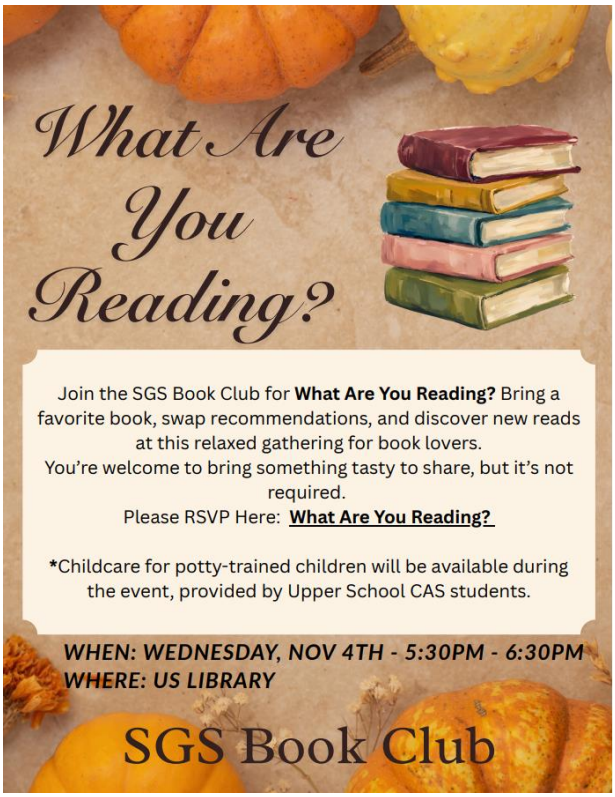
Thank you again for your support of EMMF and our students. I am excited for another great year and look forward to working with all of you.

Warm Regards,

Khoa

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 10 of our Academic Year

Important Events in Upper School this Week:

Monday, October 26th

9:50-10:10 US Morning Meeting—Special Guest: Khoa Huynh, Notre Dame Ella McKiernan Scholarship Presentation

Tuesday, October 27th

10:20-10:40 Advisory—Houses: Core Day Kick Off

Wednesday, October 28th

7:45-8:20 AM Waffle Wednesday

Thursday, October 29th

Friday, October 30th

Special Schedule

12:10-12:50pm Mentor Halloween Costume Contest

2:35-2:50 Lower School Costume Parade

This week in Dragon Athletics:

Date	TEAM	OPPONENT(S)	LOCATION	TIME	DISMISS
10/27/2026	Var Soccer	Prescott	Home	4:00pm	2:45pm
10/27/2026	JV Volleyball	Newport	Away	4:45pm	2:45pm
10/27/2026	Var Volleyball	Newport	Away	6:45pm	2:45pm
10/29/2026	Varsity Soccer	Walla Walla Valley	Home	3:00pm	1:45pm
10/29/2026	Var Volleyball	Asotin	Home	6:00pm	
10/31/2026	US XC	Regional Championships	Reardan Course	11:00am	

Important Upcoming Dates

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 6th -12th

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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