Dear Upper School Parents, October 5th, 2026

Octoberfest and PSAT Week

This looks to be a busy and slightly disjointed week. Students will be looking at a four-day week, as teachers will have in-service on Friday, with no students on campus. In addition, Wednesday will be PSAT's for all 8th-11th grade students. The test lasts from 8:30-11:30, which is followed by our PA Octoberfest lunch, organized for the third year by Stephanie Heller. The PSAT's are an excellent way for students to start to monitor their academic growth from middle school to their junior year in high school. The test is a practice for the SAT's students will take as seniors and gives reliable and predictable results showing them grow towards goals ahead of college. Joe Connolly sent out some sage advice about taking the test seriously and to arrive on time after having a good night's sleep.

As a way to celebrate and to work off the test anxiety and bratwurst lunch, we will be having our third annual "Dragon Games" in the afternoon, where teams/houses of 6-12th graders battle to win the Dragon cup in a variety of physical and mental competitions. Shout out to Coach R for organizing and emceeing the games. This a great time for our students to have catharsis after testing but also to do some excellent team building across grade levels. We are excited to honor a new House Cup winner this year!

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."

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

Everyone is invited to bring a dish, from any culture, to share with the Upper School students and staff. This has been a phenomenal event in the past, and we are excited to bring it back this year, thanks to Ellah's leadership.

Use the QR Code to RSVP your dish and be ready to share and eat together on the 13th.
Upper School Fall Conferences October 22nd and 23rd

This year, following the popularity of last year's format, we will again be using the same structure to encourage all parents and students to attend, and ensure that everyone has access to all of their teachers. For freshmen parents and new parents, the Upper School conferences are a bit different than you are used to.

You will rotate to all available teachers, first come, first served. There are chairs outside of all classrooms if you would like to wait. You will have plenty of time to see all teachers.

•We encourage every student to attend with their parents. This will allow for structured conversations and reflection on progress.

• Parents will sign-up for one of four sessions. The session will be one hour and forty-five minutes in length.

• Sessions will have a limited number of slots, so that parents can see all teachers.

• Conferences will be limited to 8 minutes per teacher and then they'll rotate to the next available teacher.

• The goal of the conferences will be to share progress for each student mid-term, with advice and feedback on how to improve and grow by the end of the semester.

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 Night for Juniors

October 8th –Junior Night 6-7:30pm (Department Chairs, Nathan, Joe, and Jamie B.)

This is a meeting to give a detailed overview of the next couple of years, share a combined calendar for parents to navigate, preview college applications an considerations, and answer questions regarding our program and student preparation.

2026 Saint George's School Grandparents' Day

We're bringing back a beloved event at Saint George's! Please mark your calendars to join us for **Grandparents' Day 2026 on Friday, October 16th starting at 8:30 am** for a morning of connection, conversation, and classroom memories with the students who make your family proud. This special event for grandparents gives them the opportunity to spend time on campus, visit classrooms, and experience a meaningful part of their grandchild's school day.

Current parents are welcome to complete the registration form on behalf of the grandparent(s) who plan to attend, or you may simply share the registration link directly with them. Please note that the **name, mailing address, and email entered for registration should belong to the attending grandparent(s), not the current parent**, so we can ensure all event communications and materials are sent correctly.
Link to register: https://boostmyschool.com/sgs-2026-grandparents-day

Week 7 of our Academic Year

Important Events in Upper School this Week:

Monday, October 5th

9:50-10:10 US Morning Meeting
4-6pm SGS Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th

10:20-10:40 Advisory

Wednesday, October 7th

8-12pm PSAT (8th-12th Grades)
12-1pm Octoberfest PA Luncheon
1-3pm Dragon Games on the Grad Lawn (6-12th Grades)

Thursday, October 8th

6-7:30pm Junior Parent Night in the US Courtyard

Friday, October 9th

Teacher In-Service Day—**NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS!**

This week in Dragon Athletics:

Date	TEAM	OPPONENT(S)	LOCATION	TIME	DISMISS	DEPART
10/5/2026	MS Volleyball	Chewelah	Away	4/5/6:15pm	2:15pm	2:30pm
10/5/2026	Varsity Soccer	Post Falls	Away	4:00pm	1:45pm	2:00pm
10/6/2026	JV Soccer	Post Falls	Home	4:30pm		
10/6/2026	US/MS XC	League Meet	Harrington GC	**3:00pm**	12:25pm	12:40pm
10/6/2026	Var Volleyball	Davenport	Away	6:30pm		4:15pm
10/7/2026	MS Volleyball	Kettle Falls	Home	4/5/6:15pm		
10/7/2026	Varsity Soccer	Chesterton	Home	4:00pm	2:45pm	
10/9/2026	LS XC	Meet # 4	Home	4:00pm		
10/10/2026	US/MS XC	Battle of 509	Polo Grounds	9:00am		

Important Upcoming Dates

October 13th 12:40-1:10 Diversity Club all Upper School Pot Luck
October 14th Math is Cool Regionals
October 16th All Day Event—Grandparents' Day 8:30-10am in the Upper Schol
October 16th 7-9pm US Scary Movie Night
November 4th **5:30-6:30pm PA Book Club in the Library**
November 4th-5th 7-8:30pm Upper School Play—Founder's Theater
November 10th 5:30-8pm Ski Movie Night in the Theater
November 24th 6-11pm Upper School Casino Night in Metter's

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

Sincerely,

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