

## YCS George Washington School, 386 Hudson St., Hackensack, NJ 07601 (P) 201-931-1301 (F) 201-931-1305 Dr. Tatum Stein, Principal tatum.stein@ycs.org

July 24, 2023 Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings and share some important information with you. I am thrilled to welcome you all to George Washington School for the academic year 2023-2024. It is an immense pleasure to be a part of such a dedicated community of learners, parents, and educators. Our commitment to personal growth, and character development remains unwavering. As we embark on this new journey together, I would like to take a moment to highlight some key aspects of the upcoming school year.

We are excited that our wonderful Assistant Principal Ms. Jeanine has implemented new technology (new student laptops, new smart boards,) and new curriculum (Envisions, The Body Shop, etc.). Our curriculum is designed to be comprehensive, ensuring a well-rounded education that not only focuses on academics but also emphasizes creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. We believe in fostering students' curiosity and preparing them to face challenges confidently.

We are proud to have a team of passionate educators; teachers, social workers, Speech Therapist, OT, paraprofessionals, etc. who are dedicated to nurturing the intellectual and emotional growth of each student. They will continue to create a positive and inspiring learning environment, encouraging students to achieve their full potential. Over the summer, Mr. Boswell and Mr. JR have cleaned and upgraded our school facilities to provide an even better learning environment. We aim to offer an enriched experience for our students.

The safety and well-being of our students are of utmost importance. We have implemented strict safety protocols, adhering to the guidelines recommended by health authorities, to ensure a secure learning environment for everyone.

We value the role parents play in their children's education and encourage open communication between parents and teachers. Regular parent-teacher meetings, school events, and workshops will be organized to strengthen this partnership further. I urge parents to stay engaged with their child's education by monitoring their progress and involvement in school events. Ms. Sue hosted a parent training and we look forward to monthly parent trainings in person and via Zoom platform.

Our school places great importance on enrichment. Students will have ample opportunities to explore their interests and talents through various cultural activities, photography, etc. We believe that a strong sense of community is essential for the overall growth of our students.

A Back to School event date will be scheduled where we will provide more detailed information about the upcoming year and answer any questions you may have. Until then, please feel free to reach out to me at 908-370-5441 with any questions.

Let us embrace the new academic year with enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination. Together, we will create a positive and enriching learning experience for our students. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I am looking forward to a rewarding school year ahead.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tatum Stein

Principal