

WEEKLY FALCON NEWS

FOR THE WEEK OF 11/14/2021

ROTATING RESIDENCE HALLS SCHEDULE UPDATE

Good news! The public health situation in DC is improving. We are hopeful that the trend continues and that we get to a point where all students can return to full-time boarding (with two students to a room). However, we aren't quite there yet. For the next two weeks, we will continue our current overnight schedule. The check-in details are provided below:

Check-in Times for Sunday, 11/14:

10th Grade: 8:00-8:45 p.m.

12th Grade: 8:45-9:30 p.m.

9th & 11th Grade approved for full-time boarding: 8:45-9:30 p.m.

Check-in Times for Sundays, 11/21 & 11/28:

9th Grade: 8:00-8:45 p.m.

11th Grade: 8:45-9:30 p.m.

10th & 12th Grade approved for full-time boarding: 8:45-9:30 p.m.

*If you are interested in full-time boarding but have not been approved yet, please reach out to Mr. Rooks (crooks@seedschooldc.org).



Does your scholar need a new SmarTrip card or a replacement?

Please email Ms. Holloway at aholloway@seedschooldc.org.

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**2021 SPIRIT WEEK
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Monday, 11/15 - Friday, 11/19

SPIRIT WEEK DAILY THEMES*



Monday, 11/15: Twin Day
(You & a friend dress like twins)

Tuesday, 11/16: HS Cliches Day
(Preppie, Goth, Jock, Nerd)

Wednesday, 11/17: 90s/Early 2000s Day
(Come dressed in your best 90s/early 2000s fit)

Thursday, 11/18: Sports Teams Day
(Favorite team jerseys)

Friday, 11/19: Spirit Day
SEED Network Colors

9th- Maroon

10th- Teal

11th- Yellow

12th- White



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Kahoot! competition during lunch



*Students that do not participate in the daily themes must be in school uniform.

WE ARE THE SEED!

Student Athlete Vaccine Mandate: Exclusions Start 12/1

On Sept. 20, 2021, Mayor Bowser signed Mayor's Order 2021-109 requiring that effective Nov. 1, 2021, no student age 12 or older shall practice, compete, or otherwise participate in school-based extracurricular athletics (including both interscholastic and intramural sports), unless the student has received a full course of vaccination against COVID-19, or unless the student has received an approved religious or medical exemption. A full course of vaccination means individuals must have received the second dose of a two-dose series, or one dose of a single-dose series. We must continue to encourage our eligible student athletes to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible in order to meet the requirements set out in the Mayor's Order.

In order to ensure that we have a strong implementation process and a window to operationalize these important safety and health concerns, the City Administrator's office has established an implementation window from 11/1-12/1 before full exclusion of student athletes from school-based extracurricular athletics is required. This additional period will enable school personnel to establish and execute systems to collect, review, certify, and record proof of COVID-19 vaccination and medical and religious exemptions.

To operationalize the student athlete vaccination requirement, student athlete exclusion from participation in school-based extracurricular athletics will not be required to be implemented before 12/1/2021. This additional period applies only to student athletes, and not adult school employees, contractors, interns, or volunteers, including athletic directors, coaches, trainers, and game officials.

Starting Dec. 1, 2021:

Student athletes who have not received a full course of vaccination against COVID-19 are to be excluded from all school-based extracurricular athletics, including tryouts, practices, drills, conditioning, and competitions (including fall playoffs and championships) until they provide proof of a full course of vaccination. This applies to student athletes participating in both fall sports and winter sports. Note: this means that to receive a full course of vaccination by Dec. 1, student athletes must receive their first dose of a two-dose series no later than 11/9.

Between 11/1 and 12/1 all student athletes who have not received the full course of vaccination will be required to wear a mask in athletic events (even if the current indoor masking order is rescinded or superseded) and are strongly encouraged to participate in weekly testing for COVID-19. Schools are encouraged to collect proof of a weekly negative test in order to allow these student athletes to continue participating in their school-based athletic activity.

Exemptions:

This additional time provides schools with sufficient time to collect, review, and approve or deny requests for religious and medical exemptions. Schools are expected to set strong internal deadlines to ensure these exemptions can be reviewed and processed by 12/1. As a reminder, LEAs and schools are responsible for reviewing and processing religious exemptions. A template for religious exemptions can be found [here](#), and schools are strongly encouraged to use it in order to promote consistency across schools and the District. Guidance on the COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate for Student Athletes can also be found on the OSSE Guidance and Resources page [here](#).

If an exemption is denied before 12/1, the student athlete will have five days to show proof of receiving the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, at which point they will remain eligible to participate in school-based athletics.

After 12/1, student athletes will need to have exemption requests processed and approved BEFORE beginning to play, or they are to be excluded from playing until either their exemption request is approved, or they show proof of a full course of vaccination.

Be reminded that it is illegal to make false statements on government forms, and that includes filing applications for exemptions in bad faith.

Student athletes that have an approved medical or religious exemption will be required to wear a mask in athletic events (even if the current indoor masking order is rescinded or superseded). Starting 12/1, student athletes with an approved exemption must be tested weekly for COVID-19 and provide a negative COVID-19 test result on a weekly basis in order to participate in their school-based athletic activity.

Attendance Alerts



Attendance alerts go out daily to the parent/guardian(s) of all scholars who are marked absent in their first and second period classes. We understand that some absences are unavoidable, but please remember to send an email to attendance@seedschooldc.org in all cases. Please see below for some more reminders:

School starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. each morning and scholars are allowed to start entering the building at 7:30 a.m. to check temperatures, show proof of passing daily health screening and grab breakfast before heading to class.

Scholars should be in complete uniform which includes the maroon polo (5 provided for all scholars), khaki pants and any closed-toe appropriate shoe.

Teachers' complete attendance within the first 10 minutes of class, any scholar who arrives after 8:10 a.m. will be marked absent until the Attendance Coordinator goes back at the end of the day to rectify attendance.

Please try your best to get your scholar here on time. If you have any questions and/or concerns, don't hesitate to contact Ms. Holloway (202.381.8065) or Mrs. Holman Jones (202.329.8961).

ACADEMIC ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

EARLY DISMISSALS AND PLANNED ABSENCES

In the event, a scholar needs to leave campus during the school week and will miss any part of the school programming (academic or student life), including Sunday check-in, families should send an email to attendance@seedschooldc.org. The email should include the following:

1. Scholar's name
2. Date(s) of absences
3. Date and time of pick-up and drop off
4. Name of an adult who will pick up the scholar (proof of identification will be required)
5. If student is departing on their own, please indicate the mode of travel (Uber, Lyft, Metro, etc.)
6. Reason for absence/appointment

Please note: All communication regarding absences must be submitted in written form by the parent/guardian/caregiver on file. SEED DC will not allow a scholar to leave campus without a prior written communication from the parent/guardian/caregiver on file. Scholars must be signed out at the front desk in the lobby for early dismissal and signed in when returning to campus. All written communication should be sent to attendance@seedschooldc.org and should include the time the student will depart and return, mode of transportation, and contact information for an adult authorized to pick the student up. This includes transportation via Metro, Uber, Lyft, or riding with other families. Staff may be directed to conduct a follow-up phone call, to confirm details or ask clarifying questions. When a scholar returns to campus following a medical visit, a signed medical note from the medical facility must be presented to the receptionist stating the reason for the absence.

If a scholar needs to leave early on a Friday, families should send an email to attendance@seedschooldc.org no later than 8 p.m. on Thursday evening. Student Life staff will be notified to have scholars bring their belongings from the residence halls in the morning to place in the academic building. Please note that emails sent after 8 a.m. will not be honored, as the residence halls are closed from 8 a.m. until student life staff arrives for check-out, 4 p.m. If you still have to pick-up your scholar, you will have to return to pick up their belongings between 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Absent for three (3) or more days? Please contact the Attendance Coordinator at (202) 248-7773 x5116.

STUDENT LIFE PROTOCOLS FOR SY21-22

CHECK-IN PROTOCOLS:

Sunday check-in is from 8 - 9:30 p.m. by grade level. Families are not permitted to enter campus during check-in, except to submit prescription and over-the-counter medication or health-related documentation to the school nurse.

Any overnight on-campus scholar who arrives after 9:30 p.m. will not be permitted access to campus and must check-in on the following morning. Any overnight on-campus scholar who does not check-in on the following morning will not be permitted to board for the remainder of their week.

SIGN-OUT PROTOCOLS:

Overnight on-campus scholars are not permitted to leave campus after 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday, except for pre-approved appointments. If a scholar leaves campus for a pre-approved appointment, the parent/guardian must return with the scholar and provide the appropriate documentation no later than 7 p.m. of the same day. Scholars must also complete the [Daily Health Screen](#) and temperature check **BEFORE** returning to campus or the residence halls. Families must submit all appointments that occur after 4 p.m. for review and approval to Mr. Rooks, Director of Student Life with a minimum of one week in advance of the appointment.

EARLY DISMISSAL PROTOCOLS:

Brown Hall and Marshall Hall are not accessible during the academic day, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Scholars may only retrieve their belongings from the residence halls at the end of the academic day. Although we are aware that emergencies do arise and are inevitable, scholar belongings will remain secured in the residence halls until the end of the academic day. *Residence halls open at 4 p.m.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Rooks, Director of Student Life by email: crooks@dc.seedschool.org or crooks@seedschooldc.org or by phone on (202) 381-8055.

WELLNESS SUITE MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS

Please be reminded that that only parents/guardians/caregivers or authorized adults can bring medication to the Wellness Suite. Medication will not be accepted from students and students are not allowed to carry medication on their person, with the exception of an asthma inhaler.

In order for the school to administer prescription medication, a [medical authorization form](#) must be filled out by the doctor. Parents must also sign the form before school medical personnel can administer medication. Only creams, antibiotics, or medical equipment will be sent home on Fridays during checkout and that no student will be allowed to take medication home. Be sure to request for your pharmacist to divide the medication in two (2) bottles, one to keep at home and one to be left at school. Also we have over the counter medications here and all parents should fill out the form if their student needs to take any over the counter medications. All of the medical forms mentioned here can be found on the [health & wellness suite page](#) of the school website.

Click here to review the full [medication policy](#).

Thank you,

The Wellness Team:
Nrs. Jones & Ms. Faison
202-248-3008 (phone)
202-318-8625 (fax)



PowerSchool Portal for Parents & Families

The SEED School of Washington, D.C. is proud to offer a tool that parents and family members may use to stay connected to their scholar and their school.

The PowerSchool Parent & Family Portal gives you real-time access to valuable information such as grades, assignment details, & messages from teachers.

Through the portal, view your scholar's:



ACADEMIC HISTORY



TEST RESULTS



ATTENDANCE



& MORE!



You can log in any time from any computer, tablet, or mobile phone.

GET ALERTS VIA:



TEXT



PHONE



EMAIL

Receive alerts about attendance, school events, & weather-related closures.

Turn over for more info on how to set up your Parent Portal,

Parent & Family Portal: Getting Started

How do I sign up for the Parent & Family Portal & set up my account? You must have a personal email address to sign up for a Parent & Family Portal account.

You can register for a free email account using Gmail, Outlook, Yahoo, or a similar service..

WHERE DO I START?

Visit <https://seedschool.powerschool.com/public/>

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- Click "Create an account"
- Enter your first & last name and email address
- Create a password - at least 6 characters
- Re-enter password
- Enter student's name (If you have multiple student's @ SEED, each will have their own access ID & password)

2

HAVE YOUR CONFIDENTIAL ID READY

- Enter Confidential ID (provided by school)
- Enter Access Password (provided by school)
- Select appropriate relationship to student

Once completed, you will be taken to the login page of the Parent & Family Portal

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DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE APP

- App Store or Play Store
- Enter district code: **FQGN**
- Click Continue
- Enter Confidential ID
- Enter Password
- You're all set to go!

Still need help?

Contact the registrar:

ctyson@seedschooldc.org