

WEEKLY FALCON NEWS

FOR THE WEEK OF 2/14/2021

Meal Distribution Time Change for Valentine's Day Sunday



On Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, 2021,
Meal Distribution will take place from 1-4 p.m.

**There will be NO MEAL DISTRIBUTION
from 4-7 p.m.**

**Sunday's meal boxes will only include meals for
Tuesday & Wednesday. Meals are only provided
for days that school is in session.**

We will return to the regular 4-7 p.m. distribution time
on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

This Week in Student Life (TWiSL) for the Week of February 14th

Scholars can use this link to register for next weeks sessions:

<https://forms.gle/Sr4E26N1dskB1TmV8>

SEED DC, we're ready for another week of TWiSL!

Be sure to complete your selections for next week

by Tuesday, February 16th 10am.

We can't wait to see you next week during SL programming!

Students, check your email on Sunday for the schedule of virtual student life activity options and we look forward to seeing you in the Student Life Zoom next week!

Join the Student Life Zoom Meeting for all programming:

<https://zoom.us/j/6780396877?>

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Meeting ID: 678 039 6877

Passcode: SEEDSL

The word "SPARKS" is written in a large, stylized, pink, double-outlined font. The letters are bold and have a slight shadow effect, giving them a 3D appearance. The 'S' at the end is also double-outlined.

The SEED School is a MBSYEP Worksite!

The **2021**
MBSYEP APPLICATION is
NOW OPEN!

Apply for summer youth employment Today! Visit summerjobs.dc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  GOVERNMENT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

The 2021 Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP) application is available at www.summerjobs.dc.gov. Please encourage youth and families to apply early and before February 27.

Last year, youth were able to participate in a variety of new programs such as the Public Safety Initiative where 100 participants east of the river were provided employment, mental health awareness, increased civic responsibility and financial literacy training. MBSYEP participants tutored school-aged youth providing refreshers on curriculum from the current school year to bridge the gap between distance and in classroom learning and help prepare youth for the next grade level. In partnership with On-Ramps to Careers, MBSYEP developed a new call center for youth, ran by youth, providing first-hand training in call center techniques and help desk operations. Through OSSE, MBSYEP offered online Microsoft Suite training courses where participants received nationally recognized credentials.

Nearly 100 MBSYEP participants will have the opportunity to gain valuable professional experience in the financial regulatory industry. The FIRREA agencies have expanded their intern cohorts to 11 DC high schools—Eastern, H.D. Woodson, Anacostia, Ballou, Caesar Chavez, Columbia Heights, Roosevelt, Cardozo, Ron Brown, Dunbar, and McKinley Tech. We will continue to work with hundreds of community partners and employers to continue this amazing program!

MBSYEP 2021 program runs from June 28 to August 6. For more information, contact Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes at unique.morris-hughes2@dc.gov.

MSDC Waitlist Application



www.seedschooldc.org

admissions@seedschooldc.org



Did you miss the deadline?

You can still submit a waiting list application for your rising 9th or 10th grade scholar!

**Don't delay.
APPLY TODAY!**



Interested families with rising 9th & 10th grade scholars for SY2021-2022 should visit the MSDC website to submit a waitlist application:

www.myschooldc.org.

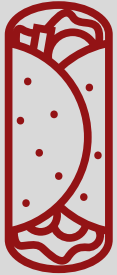
Be sure to rank the schools in order of preference on the application.

UPDATED MEAL DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

To limit food waste, we ask all families to complete the [MEAL OPT-IN SURVEY](#) to be included in the meal pick-up.

Pick-ups are Sunday & Wednesday, from 4-7 p.m., unless otherwise noted on the schedule.

Meals are free & available to all enrolled SEED PCS Scholars.



February 2021 - March 2021



Wednesday, February 3rd

Sunday, February 7th (Time Change 1-4 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 10th

Sunday, February 14th*

**Due to the holiday on Monday, 2/15 meals picked up on 2/14 will only have meals for Tuesday 2/16 and Wednesday 2/17, breakfast and lunch.*

Wednesday, February 17th

Sunday, February 21st

Wednesday, February 24th

Sunday, February 28th

Wednesday, March 3rd

Sunday, March 7th

Wednesday, March 10th

Sunday, March 14th

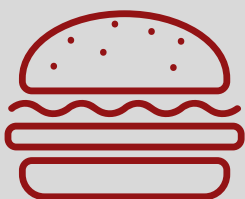
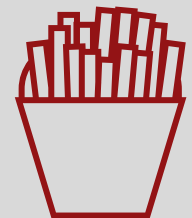
Wednesday, March 17th

Sunday, March 21st

Wednesday, March 24th

Sunday, March 28th

Wednesday, March 31st



OUR CITY, OUR VOICE YOUTH SURVEY

[Mikva Challenge](#) DC's Elections in Action Youth Leadership Team, a group of 30 high schoolers from all across DC whose main goal is to educate and advocate for democracy to be accessible to all young people, has created a survey to identify which pressing issues young people living in DC want to see prioritized. The data will be shared with local decision makers to highlight youth voice and youth interest in shaping where the money goes in the city. If you'd like to provide input, use the link or QR code.

[Our City, Our Voice Survey](#).

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL SCHOLARS 9TH GRADE PROGRAM

The Cathedral Scholars Program has kicked off its recruitment season for new Scholars. The Cathedral Scholars Program is a four-year college preparatory program that provides academic enrichment, professional and career exploration, leadership development, and community engagement experience for selected high school students in DC Public and Charter High Schools. CSP highlights include intensive academic courses (English, Math, and SAT prep classes) with afternoon placements in paid internships (in partnership with the MBSYEP), college tours, opportunities for full or partial college scholarships, and opportunities for cultural experiences and community service (including trips abroad). Please see the attached flyer for more information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Cathedral (202) 537-2159.

OUR CITY OUR VOICE

A SURVEY CREATED BY YOUNG
PEOPLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



**What do youth think
are the biggest
problems that need to
be tackled in DC?**

DC Youth Voices Matter

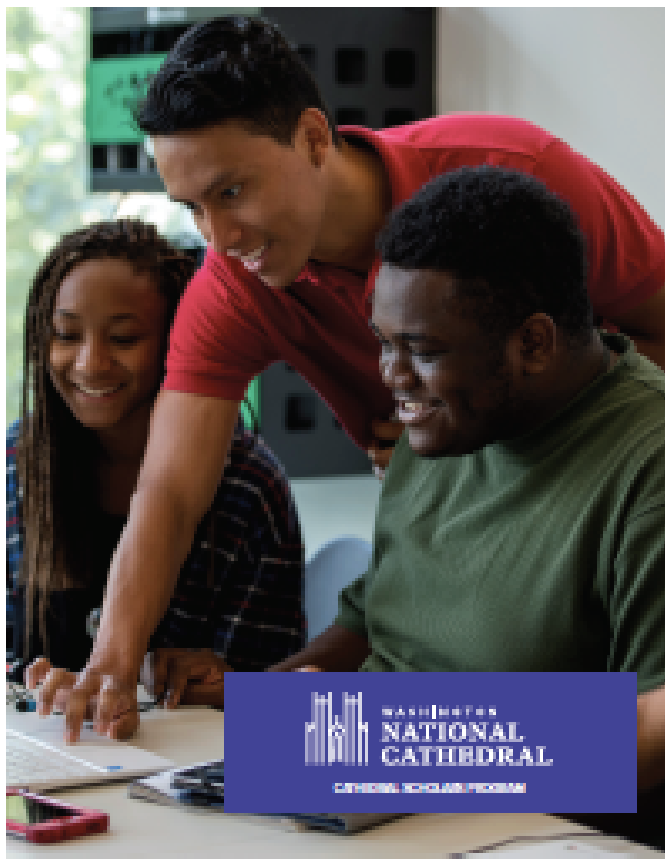


**Enter a raffle for
a \$25 gift card**

**Please take our survey to share
what issues you believe our local
government should prioritize in
the city budget.**



Make your voice heard and [take the survey here](#) by Feb.16



MISSION

The Cathedral Scholars Program is dedicated to furthering the expansion of equity in opportunities to improve access to and success in postsecondary education for promising youths who are traditionally underrepresented on college campuses.

YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMMING

Scholars are provided opportunities to receive academic support (tutoring and study skills), earn community service hours, participate in social and cultural activities, and receive college guidance. The program also provides day-trips and a week-long tour of postsecondary institutions. Scholars are also able to participate in social advocacy, leadership training and the opportunity to travel to England in a cultural exchange program or Puerto Rico on a service trip.

SIX-WEEK SUMMER INSTITUTE

Cathedral Scholars represent one of a few college preparatory programs in D.C. offering academic enrichment during the summer. The six-week Summer Institute runs from the end of June to the beginning of August. Scholars take auxiliary courses on academic success, English, Math and SAT/ACT test preparation. Additionally, Scholars are provided with internships in various departments on the campus, perform community service, engage in leadership activities and attend college visits. Scholars are provided with free meals and are paid for their participation through the *D.C. Marion Berry's Summer Youth Employment Program*.

ELIGIBILITY

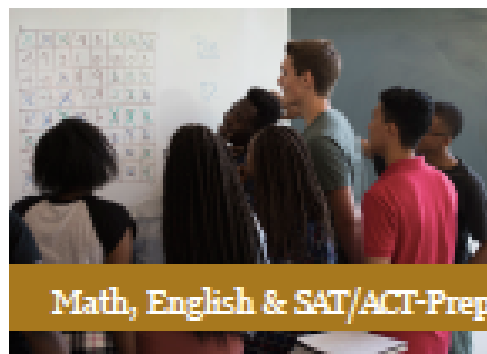
- Current 9th grader attending a DC public or charter school.
- Excellent record of school attendance
- Excellent record of in-and-out of class behavior & character
- Strong commitment to completing a consecutive four-year summer program of six weeks per summer.

HOW TO APPLY

- Step 1: Complete [on-line application](#) by Friday, April 2nd
- Step 2: Register for D.C.'s Marion Berry Summer Youth Employment Program (*MBSYEP*) ASAP
- Step 3: Participate in an interview
- Step 4: Submit report cards and Counselor letter of recommendation by April 12th

INFORMATION SESSIONS (45 minutes sessions)

- Virtual Information Sessions will be held every Thursday at 7 PM, Friday at 12 PM, and Saturday at 10 AM of February and March.
- Registration is required. For more information please visit the [eventbrite link](#).



Application: <http://bit.ly/CathedralScholarsApp2021>

Website: www.cathedral.org/scholars

Twitter: [@wncscholars](https://twitter.com/wncscholars)

Instagram: [@wncscholars](https://www.instagram.com/wncscholars)

Email: CScholar@cathedral.org

Phone: (202) 537-2159

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NATIONAL CATHEDRAL SCHOLARS

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

April 2nd – Part 1 Due

- Online Application
- Term 1 & 2 Report Cards or Transcript

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Short Answers:

- What are some of the things you do during your free time?
- Please list any clubs, organizations, or teams you currently participate in high school or your community.
- Please list any clubs, organizations, or teams you would like to participate next year in high school or your community.
- How did you spend last summer? Please be specific.
- Please share one academic goal you have set for high school.
- Please share one personal goal you have set for high school.
- What career would you like to have after you graduate from college? Why?
- Current GPA

Essay 1 – 250 Words Minimum

What is one contribution you would like to make to your high school at the end of 4 years?

Essay 2 – 500 Words Minimum

What does it mean to be a scholar? Consider the characteristics, strengths, talents, and skills a scholar must possess. Discuss how you exemplify the qualities of a scholar and share some of your educational and career goals.

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Send requests to Ms. Holloway,
aholloway@dc.seedschool.org












DO YOU NEED FREE INTERNET AT HOME FOR YOUR DC STUDENT?



Mayor Muriel Bowser wants to make sure your student has internet at home during this virtual school term.

DC Government will be paying for a year of residential internet service for eligible households provided by Comcast and RCN.

DC Government will reach out to SNAP and TANF eligible households with PK3-12th grade students enrolled at DC traditional and charter public schools, according to the following schedule:

-  Wednesday, November 18 - Text Message at **6 pm**
-  Thursday, November 19 - Phone call at **6 pm**
-  Friday, November 20 - Email at **6 pm**
-  Tuesday, December 1 - Text Message at **6 pm**
-  Wednesday, December 2 - Phone call at **6 pm**
-  Thursday, December 3 - Email at **6 pm**
-  Tuesday, December 8 - Text Message at **6 pm**
-  Wednesday, December 9 - Phone call at **6 pm**
-  Thursday, December 10 - Email at **6 pm**

Please contact your student's school for additional information.

- DC will pay for at home internet (Comcast Internet Essentials or RCN Internet First) for approximately 25,000 households with PK3-12th grade students enrolled at DC traditional and charter public schools that receive SNAP or TANF benefits.
- Comcast and RCN both recognize SNAP and TANF as eligibility requirements for their low-cost internet programs.
- DC Government will not disclose household SNAP or TANF participation.
- Comcast or RCN will then contact the household to initiate the internet installation process. Please be sure to answer their call!

SEED DC

Virtual Student Support Services Center

Hours of operation 9:00 AM- 8:00 pm M-Th

Wellness Team

Medication administration support

The New DC Immunization Policy Requirements

COVID Testing Site Resources

Medical Appointments with our community partners

General First Aid questions and support

Contact: *Camelia Jones, LPN*

202-794-2609

Deborah Faison, CMA

202-815-2113

Mental Health Team

Mental Health Resources in the community

Crisis Support

General Stress Relief Tools and Tips

Weekly Wellness Wednesday Activities

Counseling Services

Contact: *Tawane Watkins*

School Social Worker

202-236-6677

Specialized Instruction and 504

Evaluation Planning

IEP and 504 planning,

meeting and implementation

Related Services Management

Community Resources

Parent Support Center

Contact: *Sherita Wallace-Reid*

Director of Student Support Services

202-235-3497

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/>

1

- 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

3

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