THE SEED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

# THE WEEKLY FALCON

for the week of 3/10/2024



## **NEWS FROM THE NEST...**

#### Structuring Excellence...

To Our SEED DC Families,

We continue to be deeply committed to creating and cultivating an environment that insists on safety, promotes high levels of productivity, and provides a thoughtfully developed daily schedule for all of our scholars. In education, every day counts- each experience is an opportunity to step closer to our mission of preparing each of our scholars for a meaningful, challenging and inspiring future far beyond their successful attainment of a 4-year degree. We know that structure is a mandatory part of this process and are grateful for your support as we reimplement and actively execute the processes and protocols that have previously defined the unique 24/5 model of The SEED Public Charter School of Washington, D.C..

In an effort to increase breakfast attendance and equally important, significantly minimize (eventually eliminate) the tardies and absences associated with the beginning of the academic day, we have implemented a two-tiered universal dorm dismissal to the café each morning. Scholars are expected to comply and walk over with the adult(s) on duty and their grade level peers. If you have received communication about your scholar's refusal to participate or failure to comply, I urge you to speak with them about this important topic protocol. We have implemented similar expectations for each grade level lunch period, the transition to Falcon Hour, and the protocols for moving from the Academic arena into the Student Life space. Each and all of these clear, concise routines has been explained to our scholars multiple times. My expectation is that our staff members follow the procedures as they too are accountable to the day-to-day climate of our school.

As we are well aware, the majority of our students consistently follow the reasonable requests of adults, are responsive, and often even assist in creating an organized environment. Moving forward, a greater emphasis will be placed on this portion of our school population, as I am grateful daily to see the core values and priorities of SEED reflected in the behaviors and mindsets of our scholars. We are working to develop a universal incentive system that weekly highlights scholars demonstrating their commitment to *The SEED Way* - in the school-issued uniform, their cell phone turned in prior to leaving the dorm, on time to all of their classes, and actively engaged in making our school the best high school opportunity in Washington, D.C. As parents, guardians, and caretakers, I am requesting that you too commit to these basic school-wide norms, and understand their value in advancing the experiences of our scholars. Our partnership with families is one of the most powerful levers we have to move SEED DC forward to brand new levels of success and achievement!

Finally, spring is on the horizon! I fully believe in the comprehensive high school experience for all scholars. As our juniors are only weeks away from the annual college tour, please review with them the requirements for attending this once-in-a-lifetime, five-day adventure. I am working to determine external excursions for each grade level. Please know, if your scholar does not meet the basic criteria to attend, they will remain on campus. My hope, my goal is that all of our scholars are able to be a part of these unique events, and we were able to assist them in understanding opportunity requires accountability. Urge your scholar(s) to come to class on time, in full uniform, and without their phone, to demonstrate to all that they are fully capable of rising to the occasion, and deserving of all the exciting moments beyond campus that enhance learning that awaits them!

Thank you in advance for your partnership. I look forward to sharing with you their feedback and reflections in the weeks, days, and months ahead.

Steadfast in Our Partnership, Ms. Hood

# UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

- 3/14: Thursday Check-out
- 3/15: No School for Students
- 3/19: Junior Class In-School Digital SAT Day
- 3/19: Senior Class Community Service Day (off-campus)
- 3/22: Junior Class SAT Make-up Day
- 3/31: Easter Sunday No Check-in
- 4/1: Monday Morning Check-in
- 4/8-12: Annual Junior Class College Tour
- 4/14-20: Spring Break

### STUDENT LIFE UPDATES

#### **Check-in and Checkout Procedures**

All students are required to check-in on Sundays between 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Students who do not check-in on Sunday will not be permitted to board the remainder of the week, but must still attend school during the academic day. Transportation will not be provided. Please see the following exceptions:

- · Medical appointments scheduled for the Monday after Sunday check-in
  - The student must present medical appointment documentation upon arrival to campus to return to the boarding program. Please send an email to <a href="mailto:attendance@seedschooldc.org">attendance@seedschooldc.org</a> to report all medical appointments.
- · Student returning from an out-of-school suspension

Students will not have early access to the dormitory on any day. Students who need to depart campus early on any day must bring their belongings with them to the designated location when they transition from the dormitory. Parents/Guardians/Caretakers must submit an early dismissal request to <a href="mailto:attendance@seedschooldc.org">attendance@seedschooldc.org</a> by 8:00 p.m. on the night before the requested early release day.

#### "Carryout Night" Suspended

- Due to the repeated student behaviors that necessitates an increase in supervision and compromises our school safety measures, the weekly "carryout night" incentive is suspended until further notice, effective immediately. Students are not permitted to order outside food or other items. Parents and families are prohibited from bringing outside food or ordering outside food for students. Violation of this order will result in disciplinary actions up to and including suspension from the boarding program.
- Snacks must be brought in with Sunday check-in items. SEED DC will confiscate and discard any snacks or food items brought in after Sunday check-in during the boarding week.

#### **Uniform and Cell Phone Expectations**

- All students are required to wear school uniforms everyday as has been the protocol since September. The school uniform consists of a SEED polo shirt, khaki pants, and closed-toe shoes.
- Headgear is prohibited including ski masks and bonnets during the academic day and throughout student life programming.
- All students are required to turn in their cell phones in the dormitory every morning before transitioning to the academic building for breakfast. The collection process has been clearly explained to all scholars.

#### Sign-in and Sign out Procedures

- For student safety and security, students are not permitted to leave campus for any reason, except for scheduled appointments. Students are required to sign out at the front desk prior to departing campus for scheduled appointments. The parent/guardian/caregiver must return with the scholar and provide the appropriate documentation by no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of sign-out.
- Parents/families are not permitted to grant permission for a student to leave campus for unscheduled appointments. Students who depart campus for unscheduled appointments will not be permitted to return to the boarding program on the day of sign out.
- Students under the age of 18 are not permitted to depart campus without an adult, unless transportation is coordinated with a member of the Student Life Leadership Team.



QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE MS. HOLLOWAY

This is a reminder that in efforts to hold our scholars accountable, you will continue to receive an attendance alert for every period your scholar is marked absent. Please use this weekend to speak to your scholar (s) about the importance of showing up to class on time, prepared and ready to learn. Remember that every day counts! Scholars who are present everyday will receive an incentive at the end of each month.

## **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

<u>attendance@seedschooldc.org</u> 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 <a href="mailto:attendance@seedschooldc.org">attendance@seedschooldc.org</a> 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. There is no access to the residence halls before the regular check-out time.

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.

## **GREECE CLASSICS PROGRAM**



## **BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU**

# MARCH 11 - ADRIL 5

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Lunch Chopped Salad

Flatbread Pepperoni Pizza Flatbread Cheese Pizza Veggie Flatbread Pizza ♥▼

Roasted Green Beans Diced Peach Cup or Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Whole Grain Goldfish Apple Juice

Breakfast 12 Breakfast Apple Stices or Fresh Fruit Whole Grain Bagel Whole Grain Cereal, Strawberry Gogurt, 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Lemon Greek Chicken Veggie Hummus 🕶

Brown Rice Tabouli Stir Fried Veggles Fresh Fruit or Fresh Fruit Salad 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Whole Grain Pretzel Fish Fruit Cup

Breakfast Fresh Fruit or Orange Juice Cup Warm Maple French Toast Banaa Cat Breakfast Bar Vhole Grain Cercai, Fruited Yogurt, 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk 13

> Lunch Buffalo Chicken Bites Buffalo Tofu Bites

Brown Rice Pilef Parmesan Zucchini Sticks Tomato Basil Salad Fresh Asian Pear or Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: WG Popcom Apple Slices

20

27

Breakfast Fresh Berries or Fresh Fruit Yogurt Parfait, Whole Grain Pop Tart String Cheese Whole Grain Careal, Fruited Yogurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk 14

Lunch Chicken & Roasted Pepper Quesadilla Cheese Quesadilla ♥♥

Whole Grain Tortilla Roasted Carrots Black Bean & Com Salad Grapes or Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Yogurt

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Snack: Teddy Grahams

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Breakfast Clementine or Fresh Fruit Whole Grain Mirri Pancakes Nutrigrain Bar, String Cheese Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Cantaloupe & Mint Salad

BBQ Chicken BBQ Vegan Chicken ¥

Barley & Wild Rice Pital Baby Peas willemon Fresh Baby Carrots willanch Dressing Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Nutrigrain Cereal Bar, Mandarin Oranges

Breakfast Apple Juice or Fresh Fruit Whole Grain Blueberry Muffin Strawberry Smoothle Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk 19

> Lunch Sliced Pork or Diced Chicken Vegetable Broth Dioed Tofu w

Whole Grain Spaghetti Noodles Marinated Edamame Chil & Garlic Bok Choy Apple Slices or Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Whole Grain Pretzels Apple Juice

26

Breakfast Fresh Fruit Whole Grain Toast, Whole Grain Bagel Scrambled Eggs Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Beef or Turkey Hot Dog Grilled Cheese ♥ Tomato Soup

Marinated Cucumbers
Fresh Watermelon or Fresh Fruit
1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Teddy Grahams Fruit Oup

Breakfast Banana or Fresh Fruit Apple Cinnamon Overnight Oats Pep Tart, String Cheese Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Blackeyed Pea Salad

Chicken Salad Sandwich on Croissant Black Bean Hummus 7

> Pita Bread Triangles Whole Grain Bun Fresh Vegetable Crudite Strawberries or Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Multigrain Sunchips, Apple

Breakfast Fresh Pear or Fresh Fruit Bacon, Egg & Cheese Croissant Croissant Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Brazilian Beef
Ploo de Gallo, Shredded Cheese & Lettuce
Spiced Black Beans Entree

Whole Grain Brown Rice Baked Plantains
Chill Roasted Carrots
Clantro Lime Jicama Slaw
Orange Sections or Fresh Fruit.
1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

25

Breakfast Fresh Fruit or Citrus Fruit Salad Blueberry Waffle Whole Grain Croissant, String Cheese Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yegurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

BBQ Pulled Pork or BBQ Chicken Salad Hot Spiced Apples 88Q Vegan Chicken ▼

> Vegetarian Baked Beans Banana or Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Yogurt, Whole Grain Pretzels

Breakfast Breaktast
Apple Slices or Fresh Fruit
Whole Grain Bagel, Gogurt
Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt
1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Beef Chili or White Chicken Chili ♥ Black Bean & Sweet Potato Chili ♥

Whole Grain Tortilla Chips Baked Potato Sweet Skillet Com Combread Cut Melon or Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Nutrigrain Cereal Bar Cheese Stick

Breakfast Fresh Grapes or Fresh Fruit Southwestern Breakfast Burrito Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Chicken Curry Chickpea Marsala

Brown Rice Pita Bread Triangles Honey Glazed Carrots Sauteed Spinach

Banaria 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Peach Cup. Teddy Grahams

Breakfast
Grapefruit Sections or Fresh Fruit
Whole Grain Pop Tart
Whole Grain Pop Tart
Whole Grain Cheese
Whole Grain Cereal, Fruitled Yogurt
1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Whole Grain Pasta Salad

Chicken Tenders Vegetarian Chicken Nuggets

Whole Grain Biscuit Cucumber Sticks wiRanch Dressing Sweet Potato Fries Applesauce or Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Cheezits, Apple Juice

29

Breakfast Banana or Fresh Fruit Whole Grain Pancake Chicken Sausage Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Flatbread Pepperoni Pizza Flatbread Cheese Pizza Veggie Burgers ♥▼

Whole Grain Bun Marinated Tomatices Herb Rossted Camots Fresh Pears 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Breakfast Red Delicious Apple or Fresh Fruit em & Cheese on Whole Grain Croissan Trix Breakfast Bar, String Cheese Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Swedish Meatballs Vegetarian Meatballs

Brown Rice Pilaf♥ Macaroni & Cheese
Jicama & Celery Stick wiRanch Dressing
Spiced Black Beans
Fresh Fruit or Grapes 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: WG Popcom

Breakfast
Orange Julice Cup or Fresh Fruit
Whole Grain Cereal
Peach Smoothie
Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt
1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Teriyaki Chicken Teriyaki Tofu Veggie Grilled Chicken Strips ♥♥

Whole Grain Noodles Fried Brown Rice Fresh Steamed Broccoli range Slices or Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Breakfast Fresh Fruit or Banana Whole Grain Honey Biscuit Banana Bread, Hard Bolled Egg Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk 3

Lunch Cool Asparagus & Pea Salad

Ham & Cheese Sub Lentil Salad▼

Whole Grain Sub Roll ♥ Quinos Italian Baked Tomato Halves Apple Slices or Fresh Fruit 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Yogurt, Graham Crackers

Breakfast
Banana or Fresh Fruit
Whole Grain Pop Tart
Blueberry Muffin, String Cheese
Whole Grain Cereal, Fruited Yogurt
1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Lentil Salad

Lemon Baked Tilapia Cheese Ravioli in Marinara Sauce ▼

Brown Rice Pilof Roested Green Beans
Fresh Baby Carrots wiRanch Dressing
Fresh Berries or Fresh Fruit
1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Snack: Sliced Apples, Whole Grain Goldfish

Breakfast
Fresh Fruit or Fruit Salad
Whole Grain English Muffin
wiEgg, Cheese & Turkey Bacon
Egg, Cheese & Turkey Bacon
hole Grain Cemal, Fruited Yogurt
1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

Lunch Chicken Caesar Wrap Hummus & Toasted Veggle Wrap w

Whole Grain Tortilla Cucumber & Bell Pepper Crudite Roasted Potato Wedges Apple Slices 1% Milk or Fat Free Milk

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## **DINNER MENU**

## **MARCH 11 - APRIL 5**

**MONDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

#### **March is National Nutrition Month!**

Did You Know???

Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, first tasted Mac and Cheese in

Paris and introduced the dish to America.

A mushroom contains 92% water.

The strawberry is the only fruit in the world with seeds on the outside.

In the 1830s ketchup was considered medicine.

Cheesecake originated in Greece.



Salad Bar and Fresh Fruit always available for lunch/brunch/dinner.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu subject to change.

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Beef Noodle Soup Tortellini Pasta Salad Spring Vintner's Salad w/Sunflower Seeds

> Country Fried Steak Roasted Turkey Breast Caribbean Vegetable Stew

Baked Sweet Potato Brown Butter Sauteed Broccoli Farmer's Market Vegetable Parker House Roll Shortcake Bar 12

French Mushroom Soup Meriwether's Three Bean Salad Chopped Club Salad

Pork Camitas Fajita Chicken Fajita Spicy Vegan Black Bean Tostada

Green Rice Sauteed Squash & Onions Farmer's Market Vegetable Mexican Pinto Beans Sopaipillas Chocolate Sauce & Honey 13

Potato Cheddar Soup Brussels Sprout Salad w/Cranberries Classic Caesar Salad

Thai Beef & Peppers Spicy Coconut Ground Chicken Tofu w/Thai Curry Sauce

Rice Vermicelli Noodles Thai Style Grilled Vegetables Farmer's Market Vegetable Thai Carrot Salad Thai Mango Pudding 14

No Dining Service 15

Professional Development Day

18

Spicy Thai Chicken Soup Dilled Seafood Salad Great Green Salad

Cheeseburger Pie Chicken Pot Pie Roasted Vegetable & White Bean Pot Pie

Chive Mashed Potatoes Honey Ginger Carrote Farmer's Market Vegetable Warm Rustic Breads & Spreads Bar Warm Chunky Applesauce Raspberry Write Chocolate Bread Pudding Varills Ice Crean 19

Cream of Broccoli Soup Greek Orzo Salad w/Mustard Dill Vinaigrette Sweet & Spicy Kale Salad

General Tso's Chicken Five Spice Rubbed Pork Tenderloin Mongolian Glazed Tofu

Stir Fried Vegetables Farmer's Market Vegetable Warm Naan Bread Chicken Pot Stickers Coconut Pudding Cinnamon Whiloped Tocoino 20

Loaded Baked Potato Soup Cucumber, Mango & Radish Salad Curried Chicken Salad Greens wiAvocado & Sunflower Seeds

> Hearty Texas Beef Chili Turkey Chili Black Bean & Butternut Chili

Tater Tots Chill Garlic Roasted Broccoli Farmer's Market Vegetable Housemade Combread Mulfin Fritos Key Line Pie

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21

Beef Noodle Soup Ranch Potato Salad Citrus Spinach Salad

Butter Chicken Tilapia in Bengali Mustard Sauce Butter Tofu

Jasmine Hobe
Garlic Sauteed Spinach
Farmer's Market Vegetable
Warm Pita Bread
Spicy Breaded Green Beans
Chocolate Eclair Pile
Vanilla Sauce

22

No Dining Service

25

Creem of Mushroom Soup Soup du Jour Spicy Chickpea Salad Egg Salad BLT Salad w/Basil Mayo

Fried Chicken Herb Roasted Chicken Breast Korean Fried Cauliflower

Macaroni & Cheese Bar Sauteed Squash & Onions Farmer's Market Vegetable Butternlik Biscult Pimento Cheese Chocolete Mousse 26

Spicy Pesto Vegetable Soup Steak & Potato Soup Turkey Salad w/Grapes Cobb Salad

Grilled Center Cut Pork Chop Roasted Turkey Breast Grilled Portobello Mushrooms

Mashed Potatoes Sauteed Green Beans wiPears Farmer's Market Vegetable Warm Parker House Roll Combread Dressing Peach Crumb Bars Vanilla Ice Cream 27

Creamy Poteto Soup Curried Chicken Soup Farro Salad wiTomatoes & Herbs Balsamic Tuna Salad Mixed Lettuce Salad & Herb Vinaigrette

Slow Cooked BBQ Brisket Roasted Cod w/Tomato Ginger Sauce Vegan Beef Tips wiMushrooms & Peppers

> Baked Potato Creamed Spinach Caramelized Brussel Sprouts Clabetta Roll Onion Rings Ice Cream Sundae Bar

28

Soup du Jour Chil Cheese Chowder Tangy Broccoli Salad Kale & Buttemut Chipped Salad

Fisherman's Platter Sweet & Stick Chicken Leg Battered Fishless Fillet

Curly Fries Roasted Butternut Squash Farmer's Market Vegetable Cheddar Bay Biscuit Coleslaw Cheesecake 29

No Dining Service

Apr 1

> Tortellini Vegetable Soup Chicken Parmesan Soup Cannellini Bean & Olive Salad Mediterranean Salad

Chicken Marsala Cuban Spice Rubber Pork Loin Grilled Portobello Marsala

Roasted Sweet Potatoes Brown Butter Sauteed Broccoli Crusty Rosemary Olive Oil Bread Caprese Platter Chocolate & Vanilla Cupcakes 2

Roasted Red Pepper Soup Sausage & Kalle Soup Barley Sallad Egg & Bacon Salad Romaine Salad wiDried Crarberries & Feta

> Grape Jelly Meatballs Peel & Eat Shrimp Vegan Sweet & Sour Meatballs

Chili Cheese Tots Tomatoes Baked w/Cheese Farmer's Market Vegetable Warm Parker House Roll Hot Spinach & Cheddar Dip Chocolate Fondue Bar 3

Chicken Torfilla Soup Chipotle Sweet Potato Salad Tarragon Chicken Salad Tuscan Kale Caesar

Chicken Fingers Turkey Bacon & Spinach Quiche Blueberry French Toast Bake Vegan 'Just Egg" Onion & Cheddar Scramble

> O'Brien Potatoes Maple Acom Squash Farmer's Market Vegetable House Baked Blueberry Muffin Cinnamon Apples Smoothie Bar

4

Cream of Broccoli Soup Steak & Potato Soup Shrimp Salad Crunchy Spinach Salad

Double Cheese Meatical Rotisserie Style Rossted Chicken Meatless Lentil Losf

> Mashed Potatoes Roasted Green Beans Farmer's Market Vegetable Rustic Bread & Spreads Southern Corn Pudding Cannoll

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No Dining Service

**SEED School of Washington DC Dinner Menu** 

## **FOOD ASSISTANCE**



If you or someone you know is experiencing food insecurity, help is available via several federal food assistance programs designed to provide access to healthy food.



## **NEED HELP? GET HELP!**

For more information on where to find food:

202-644-9807

hungerlife@capitalareafoodbank.org

Food Bank for the Washington, DC, Region

## **PAVE ESSAY CONTEST**



## Washington, D.C. Metro Area (DC, Maryland, Virginia)

#### PAVE Essay Contest & Scholarship Program

#### What is the essay contest?

The PAVE Essay Contest encourages young people to contemplate a future with autonomous vehicles — and what the technology could mean for their communities. Eligible students will select an essay prompt and write an essay of 1,000 words or fewer. The authors of the top three essays will receive college scholarship awards.

#### Who can participate?

The contest is open to high school juniors and seniors in the Washington, D.C. Metro area (DC, Maryland, Virginia).

#### When will the contest be held?

The contest will open on January 25, 2024, and essays will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. PT on March 15, 2024. The winning essays will be announced in late April 2024.

#### What will the winners receive?

1st Place - \$2,500 Scholarship 2nd Place - \$1,500 Scholarship 3rd Place - \$1,000 Scholarship

#### How is the contest judged?

A selection committee of AV industry experts will evaluate each submission using this scoring rubric. Note: All essays will be run through an Al detector, and any submissions found to have used Al technology will be disqualified.

#### How do I enter?

Visit https://pavecampaign.org/pave-essay-contest/ where you will find an online submission form. You can find further information on the contest rules and guidelines HERE.

#### Scholarship Sponsors:

We are incredibly grateful for our generous contest sponsors: STEER, an autonomous vehicle technology company, the Maryland Department of Transportation, and District Department of Transportation.

PAVE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to improve public understanding of advanced vehicle technologies in order to maximize the potential benefits in safety, mobility and sustainability. PAVE members include automotive manufacturers, technology companies, and nonprofit organizations.

The 2nd Annual <u>PAVE Essay Contest and Scholarship Program</u> encourages high school students to imagine the future with automated vehicles, and write a well-crafted essay about what that could mean for their communities.

Submissions are due March 15, 2024, and winners will be notified in late spring 2024. The top three awardees will win \$2500, \$1500, and \$1000, respectively.

Click here or read the attachment for more information.

Need assistance? Reach out to Dr. Bagley or another staff member.

## **CLASS OF 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### The SEED Foundation Scholarship



#### SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The SEED Foundation Scholarship Committee will award up to **21** scholarships for eligible high school juniors attending a school within the SEED network. The scholarships are designed to help cover a portion of a SEED School student's unmet need for the cost of attendance at right fit college or university. Unmet need is defined as the difference between the total cost of attendance at a college or university and the student's final financial aid package. These awards are often referred to as *gap* scholarships. The scholarship will most likely NOT cover the entire difference.

Pending funding each year, recipients can renew the scholarship and receive funding for a total of four consecutive years. The maximum amount of the SEED Foundation Scholarship is determined annually in late spring.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must be juniors graduating in June 2025 at The SEED School of Washington, D.C., The SEED School of Maryland, or The SEED School of Miami. Applicants who receive the award must immediately enroll the fall after their June 2025 graduation in a full-time undergraduate program at a right fit college or university. Recipients will need to meet additional requirements before receiving their scholarship (e.g. attend SGI, attend a summer scholarship meeting, provide financial aid award letter, account balance, etc.). Right fit colleges and universities are those that meet SEED's criteria for college fit and match.

#### APPLICATION and AWARD PROCESS

- Scholarship recipients are selected based on their application form, essays, and interview. Applicants
  will be notified about decisions in May 2024.
- Applicants that submit completed applications by the specified due dates will be eligible to move forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round interview. Applicants will be contacted by The SEED Foundation to arrange for a panel interview with The SEED Foundation Scholarship Committee.
- The SEED Foundation Scholarship application opens January 26, 2024. The application will close March 22, 2024. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Listed below are directions to complete the process.
  - On January 26th, by 5:00pm, students will be emailed the link to The SEED Foundation Scholarship application. Students must submit ALL sections of the application with correct information by March 22nd, at 5:00pm, for their application to be considered complete.
  - Once students have successfully submitted their application, they will get an email, from The SEED Foundation Scholarship Committee, confirming their application has been received.

The SEED Foundation pmartin@seedfoundation.com 202-743-0518

## **CLASS OF 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## The SEED Foundation Scholarship



#### WHEN IS MY SEED FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COMPLETE?

Submitting The SEED Foundation Scholarship application is **part one** of completing The SEED Foundation Scholarship.

The SEED Foundation Scholarship application sections are:

- 1. Personal Information
- 2. Photo (in professional dress)
- 3. Parent/Caregiver Information
- 4. Activities
- 5. Essay Response #1
- 6. Essay Response #2

#### THE SEED FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Please respond to both essays in your application submission.

Essay Response #1: Activities

Please respond to the following essay question in 250 - 300 words in a Microsoft Word document.

Referring to your activities list above, please choose one activity and explain how it has impacted your life.

Essay Response #2: Seed Experience

Please respond thoughtfully to the following essay question in 500-600 words in a Microsoft Word document.

How has your experience at SEED played a role in making you an outstanding candidate for college and The SEED Foundation Scholarship? What other accomplishments have also contributed to your future success in college?

Please take the time to write and edit thoughtful essay responses that meet the above requirements. Students are strongly encouraged to have a SEED staff member review and provide feedback on their scholarship essays.

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## MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY SUMMER RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FROM JULY 7-20, 2024



# Summer Institute 2024



## July 7 - July 20th

2-week intensive courses earning three credits. Class runs 9 am – 5 pm. Evening assignments, field trips, and group activities are included, and students live in the dorms. Commuter and residential options.

**Introduction to Criminal Justice** 

Live and learn in community

Maker-neering -Engineering with Maker Tools

Experience a collegelevel course Introduction to Media
Communication

Earn college credit that can transfer with you.



www.marymountlearnwithpurpose.com

**APPLY NOW** 

## DC DUAL ENROLLMENT CONSORTIUM PROGRAM - APPLICATION DEADLINE: 2/23/2024





Office of the State Superintendent of Education

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DUAL ENROLLMENT** CONSORTIUM PROGRAM

The DC Dual Enrollment Consortium Program allows students to earn college credit at local colleges in the Washington, DC area!

#### Attend classes at any of our partner colleges:

- American University
- **Bard College**
- Bay Atlantic University
- **Bowie State University**
- Catholic University of America-Metropolitan School of Professional Studies
- George Mason University
- Marymount University
- Montgomery College
- Northern Virginia Community College
- Prince George's Community College
- Trinity Washington University
- University of the District of Columbia-Flagship campus
- Virginia State University

#### Why participate in dual enrollment?

- Be college ready. You'll be better prepared for your first year of college.
- The program is free!
- College credits earned through our program are often transferable to other colleges.



SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY!

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Prepare and scan ALL the following documents with the support of your school counselor:

- Student transcript:
- A copy of
  - Student GED Ready scores, OR
  - SAT or ACT scores;
- Essay;
- Teacher Recommendation Form:
- Counselor or Principal Recommendation Form; and
- Signed Released of Information Form.

#### APPLICATION TIMELINE

**APPLICATION OPENS JAN. 10, 2024** 

STUDENT APPLICATIONS DUE FEB. 23, 2024

DECISIONS RELEASED MARCH 12, 2024

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students must be 9th, 10th or 11th graders and must attend a DC public or public charter school.

Adult students seeking a GED must score a 145 or higher on two GED Ready tests, one of which must be Reasoning Through Language Arts.

To learn more about the DC Dual Enrollment Consortium Program including detailed eligibility requirements per partner college, contact your college counselor or visit bit.lv/DCDualEnrollment.

osse.dc.gov













Students interested in being a LearnServe Fellow should see Dr. Bagley or Ms. Grant, ASAP. Applications are still being accepted.

# Click the flier to the right to apply online.

#### **FELLOWS PROGRAM**

Tackle a social issue that makes you mad and create an innovative solution in your community while connecting with like-minded peers across the region! Gain an in-depth understanding of how to design and launch a social venture, combining business and changemaking skills to make an impact. All LearnServe Fellows can receive up to 50 community service hours upon completion of the program.

#### WHEN

#### September - March

- In-Person/hybrid weekly sessions
   Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30 or
- Thursdays, 4:30-6:30pET

   Location TBD (in downtown DC)
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   PROGRAM COST

#### \$50 - \$1,250 silding scale enrollment fee Enrollment fee dependent on household financial circumstances. Financial circumstances do not factor into

financial circumstances. Financial circumstances do not factor into application consideration or program acceptance.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply online at <u>learnserve.org/fellows</u> by Friday, September 1

#### **OUR IMPACT**



84% of alumni say LearnServe empowered them to take action beyond our programs.



62% of students volunteer after LearnServe, over half of them serving in leadership roles.



95% mention LearnServe on their college applications.

#### REQUIREMENTS

No prior experience necessary. LearnServe Fellows are curious about the world, open to and excited about meeting people with different perspectives, and determined to make a difference on the issues that matter most.



"It's hard for teenagers like us to get our thoughts out, because we're not taken seriously. It is great to have that chance through LearnServe."

LearnServe Fellow 2020



To learn more about our programs and application deadlines and to read stories from our student alumni, visit <a href="https://www.learn-serve.org">www.learn-serve.org</a> or contact our Office Manager, Latoya Felder at latoya@learn-serve.org.



## **FULL UNIFORM COMPLIANCE EXPECTED**

Please continue to check your scholar's luggage to ensure they have enough uniforms for the entire week, and remind them that bonnets, ski masks, or any other headgear are to be left in the dormitory and not worn during the academic day.

Also, continue to stress to them the importance of turning in cellphones before leaving the residence halls.

Cellphones will be returned at the end of the academic day, upon their return to the residence halls.

Thank you for your continued partnership & support!

#### UNIFORM POLICY

#### The SEED Uniform Policy

All SEED scholars are expected to be in the full appropriate SEED uniform throughout the academic day. The SEED uniform contributes to ensuring a safe and secure campus in addition to the overall sense of unity as a school community. It enhances the learning atmosphere, adds a sense of pride, and promotes respect for oneself and others. It also builds school and community spirit, and, more significantly, helps to maintain high academic standards and social-emotional development among scholars.

Scholars must check into school with the appropriate number of uniforms for the week and have appropriate clothing for the boarding program. Each week at check-in, student life staff will make every effort to ensure that scholars are properly outfitted for the week, although it is the responsibility of parents and scholars to come to campus fully prepared for the week ahead. In the event your child is not properly outfitted for the week, parents will be called and asked to bring appropriate uniforms and other clothing to campus by 7:00 a.m. the next morning.

Scholars will not be allowed off the residence hall floor without being in proper SEED uniform. If for some reason, scholars make it off the residence hall floor without the appropriate uniform item(s), parents should expect to receive a call regarding their child's uniform violation.

In the eyent that a scholar does not have the appropriate uniform at school, parents will be expected to bring their child all of the needed uniform pieces.

E-Scholars not in proper school uniform during the academic day will receive a disciplinary response from an administrator.

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SEED UNIFORM	
Shirts	All school scholars must wear a burgundy polo shirt that bears the SEED DC logo.     Shirts must be tucked in at ALL times.
	Seniors may wear the striped senior oxford
Pants/Skirts/Shorts	Tan khaki uniform pants, skirts, shorts or jumpers (knee length only) must be worn throughout the school year.
	All tan khaki pants and shorts must have belt loops.
	Tan khaki uniform shorts may only be worn as a part of the fall uniform (August – Thanksgiving Break) and as a part of the spring uniform (Spring Break – June).
Belts	Belts must be worn with pants, shorts or skirts with belt loops.     Belt buckles must be plain and appropriate.
Head Gear	<ul> <li>Scholars cannot wear any of the following headgear: baseball caps, skull caps, doo-rags, head wraps, bonnets, hair curlers, scarves of any kind, or knitted caps.</li> <li>Scholars are permitted to wear any solid color headband</li> </ul>
Outerwear	Scholars may ONLY wear SEED uniform sweaters, sweatshirts and/or fleece jackets as sold at Risse Brothers, located at 9700 Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy B, Lanham, MD 20706.
	Scholars must wear <u>polo's</u> underneath ALL outerwear.
	Scholars are not allowed to wear hooded sweatshirts
Shoes	Scholars can wear shoes of their choice with the exceptions listed below.
	<ul> <li>Scholars may not wear high heel shoes or wedges (exceeding 1") flip-flops, sandals, slippers, or any other open-toed or heel out shoes.</li> </ul>
Physical Education	<ul> <li>All scholars must change into athletic skid-free sneakers, a t-shirt, and athletic shorts (must be knee-length) and/or sweatpants.</li> </ul>

Clothing, jewelry, or appearances that are determined to be distracting to the learning environment will not be permitted.

#### Purchasing Uniforms

All SEED uniform items, with the exception of khaki belt loop pants and skirts, must be purchased from Risse Brothers. Khaki belt loop pants and skirts may be purchased from Old Navy, JCPenney, Parker Uniform, or other department stores.

\*Should the parent/guardian need assistance purchasing, please contact the Office of Family & Community Engagement at (202) 248-3005.

## STUDENT LIFE DEPARTMENT UPDATES & REMINDERS

- Parents are not permitted on campus during check-in.
- Students are only permitted to check-in with ONE duffle bag/suitcase, ONE backpack, and ONE grocery bag for snacks. Additional bags or items are not permitted.
- Students' snacks should be turned in to their Youth Development Educator (YDE) to be stored in the pantry, not in their dorm room.
- Students are not permitted to visit each others' dorm rooms.
- Students are not permitted to access the dormitory during the academic day for any reason.
- Students are not permitted to order outside food while on campus (with the exception of pre-approved special occasions and events).
- Parents and families are also not permitted to bring outside food to students.
- Students are not permitted to leave campus without permission or for nonemergencies for any reason.
- All students and guests are required to undergo bag and security checks.
- No weapons permitted, this includes the following: self-defense objects, knives, tasers, pepper spray, mace, ice breakers, rattail combs w/metal tips, etc.
- No Drugs Permitted (including OTC meds): Prescription medication must be turned in to the school nurse upon entry & must be accompanied by Medication Authorization Form signed by a doctor.
- **Item Drop-offs:** If you have items that you need to drop off to your scholar, please do so before 9 p.m. Security will contact the appropriate adult to pick it up for them or have your student to pick it up.





## STAYING HEALTHY & SAFE

Dear SEED Community,

The SEED School continues to anchor our health and safety measures to current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), DC Health, and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). SEED policies will continue to be reviewed or adjusted for School Year 2023-2024 to address shifts in public health guidance.

Currently, there is a nationwide increase in COVID cases, and it is important to continue to minimize the spread within the SEED community.

Please note the following:

Masking is currently optional at SEED DC.

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COVID-19 vaccination is not required but continues to be encouraged.

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Scholars/Staff should stay home when sick.

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SEED will continue to test scholars/staff that present symptoms while on campus.

## **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.

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 <u>medication policy</u>.

Thank you,

The Wellness Team: Nrs. Colbert & 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 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:**







**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/

- 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)

#### 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

#### 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

