

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

THE WEEKLY FALCON

for the week of 9/17/2023



NEWS FROM THE NEST...

To Our SEED Families:

We have successfully completed the third week of school at The SEED School of Washington, D.C.. My highest priority is to ensure all scholars have high quality academic experiences in the classroom, and receive a plethora of opportunities beyond the school day in order to prepare them for collegiate success in the next chapter. I am clearly aware of the importance of meaningful daily learning, resources to do so and well prepared educators facilitating this environment.

When I arrived 4 weeks ago, we had a number of open positions in Academics. We are working diligently to secure additional staff and will continue to connect with professionals locally and nationally to find the strongest candidates to educate our scholars. In order to better serve our scholars, I have elected to redesign the Master Schedule. This change will allow all of our core classes to be taught by our teachers except Chemistry. At this time, Chemistry is covered by a consistent substitute Ms. Powell, an exceptional member of our Student Life team. She is deeply committed to the classroom and is using all of the resources available. Therefore, as we begin the new week, each of your scholars will have SEED teachers for English, Social Studies, Science and Math. Most of our elective courses are taught by SEED educators as well. I sincerely appreciate your understanding and patience as we continue to address this very real, all-too-common situation in Education today.

With this in mind, I also recognize the importance of strengthening the structures that define our daily experiences for all scholars. Cell phones continue to be a significant distraction. Equally important, scholars' use of phones is creating unnecessary challenges in the learning environment which we must address.

I wanted to inform you that we will be creating a system in which scholars will turn their phones into a secured space before leaving the residence halls in the morning. Scholars will have the opportunity to retrieve their phones at some point after the school day depending on their grade level and activities planned by Student Life. You are receiving this information first, as we will share this with our scholars in the coming week. We are requesting your support in this important decision as it will allow us to increase our effectiveness in the classroom and beyond.

Finally, please remind our scholars that beginning this Monday, September 18, uniforms will be required on a daily basis. Over the last two weeks, we have had several families connect with our FACE office requesting assistance with the clothing items that meet these expectations. If you are in need of further information or assistance, please know we are here to work with you in any way necessary to ensure our scholars' success. The uniform criteria is posted throughout campus and scholars are clearly aware of what items are permissible in order to be in compliance.

In an effort to increase communication and keep you aware of all-things-SEED DC, I will be hosting grade level town hall meetings virtually on a monthly basis with the first opportunity this coming week. Additionally, I am open to meeting with our families in person as your schedules permit. I appreciate those who have already reached out to me as I believe in the importance of our partnership in creating the best experiences and outcomes for each and all of our scholars.

Each new week, I hope each of us choose to **begin again** in seeking out and striving for exceptional opportunities for our Falcons.

Grateful,
Ms. Hood, Head of School

FULL UNIFORM COMPLIANCE EXPECTED BY MONDAY, 9/18/2023

Please read to the email from Ms. Hood regarding the updates to the uniform policy and refer to the chart below regarding proper uniform attire.



The SEED School of Washington, D.C.
a public charter school

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 event 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.

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

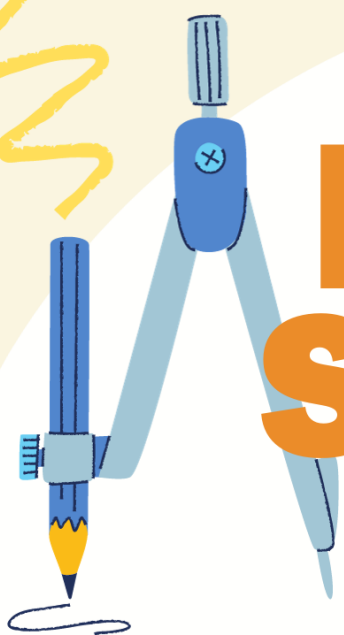
SEED UNIFORM	
Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All school scholars must wear a burgundy polo shirt that bears the SEED DC logo. Shirts must be tucked in at ALL times. Seniors may wear the striped senior oxford
Pants/Skirts/Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tan khaki uniform pants, skirts, 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belts must be worn with pants, shorts or skirts with belt loops. Belt buckles must be plain and appropriate.
Head Gear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Scholars are permitted to wear any solid color headband
Outerwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 polo's underneath ALL outerwear. Scholars are not allowed to wear hooded sweatshirts
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholars can wear shoes of their choice with the exceptions listed below. Scholars may not wear high heel shoes or wedges (exceeding 1") flip-flops, sandals, slippers, or any other open-toed or heel out shoes.
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All scholars must change into athletic skid-free sneakers, a t-shirt, and athletic shorts (must be knee-length) and/or sweatpants.

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.*



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

HOSTED BY
THE SEED PCS

WEDNESDAY,
SEPT. 20TH

STARTS: 6:30 P.M.
ENDS: 7:30 P.M.



JOIN THE FALCON THEATRE



**FALCON
THEATRE
INTEREST**
meeting

**Come learn more
about SEED DC's
AWARD-WINNING
theatre arts
program**

**Thursday,
September 21
7pm**

**Media Center
@falcontheatre_seed**

COLLEGE COUNSELING NIGHT, 9/27/2023

CLICK THE FLYER TO R.S.V.P.

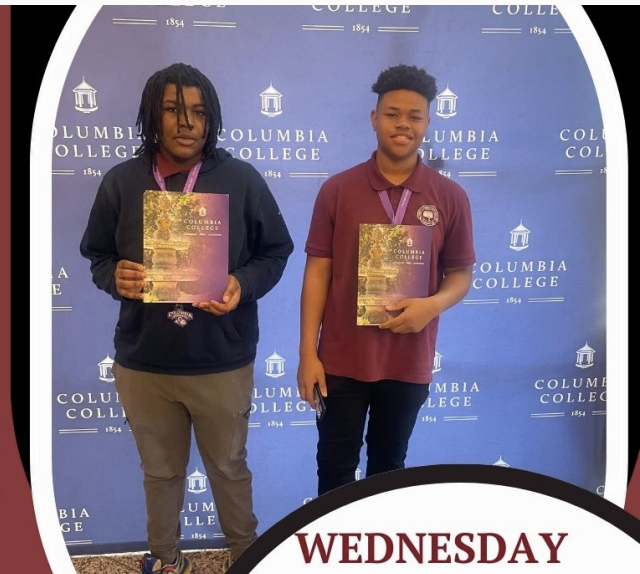


**FAMILY
COLLEGE
COUNSELING NIGHT!**

It's never too early to start preparing students for college! Come learn how to help your child achieve college planning and success together!

- ✓ 9-11th College Planning
- ✓ 12th College Admission Application Process
- ✓ Develop a post-graduation plan with educational and career goals
- ✓ Finding Scholarships
- ✓ Get your questions answered

For More Information Contact
Director of College Success Programs,
Ms. Anshay Tull, M.Ed.
202-381-8044, atull@dc.seedschool.org



**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER**

27

**6-8 P.M.
SEED
LIBRARY**



**RSVP is
REQUIRED**

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 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 non-emergencies 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.



Attendance Incentives Calendar

2023-2024 School Year

<p>September 8:</p> <p>SWAG GRAB</p> 	<p>September 22:</p> <p>COOKIES</p> 	<p>October 6:</p> <p>PIZZA OR NACHOS</p> 
<p>October 20:</p> <p>DENIM DAY</p> 	<p>November 7:</p> <p>Attendance Board Design: Scholars will design name tags for board</p> 	<p>November 17:</p> <p>BROWNIES</p> 
<p>December 1:</p> <p>Fidget Spinner</p> 	<p>December 15:</p> <p>HOT CHOCOLATE</p> 	<p>January 5:</p> <p>Free Period!!</p> 
<p>January 19:</p> <p>CANDY</p> 	<p>February 2:</p> <p>Donuts</p> 	<p>February 14:</p> <p>movie</p> 
<p>March 1:</p> <p>Chips</p> 	<p>March 14:</p> <p>CUP NOODLES</p> 	<p>March 29:</p> <p>Popcorn</p> 
<p>April 11:</p> <p>GUMMY BEARS</p> 	<p>April 26:</p> <p>Grade vs Grade Events Week of 4/22-4/26 Compete in different events to see which grade wins!</p>	<p>May 10:</p> <p>SMOOTHIE DAY</p> 
<p>May 24:</p> <p>Field Day!!</p> 	<p>June 7:</p> <p>ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION!</p> 	

*Please note that these incentives are subject to change

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. Colbert & Ms. Faison

202-248-3008 (phone)

202-318-8625 (fax)

Maintaining Your MENTAL HEALTH

Need someone to talk to? We're here to help! Certified clinicians are available for you 24/7. Call the Department of Behavioral Health mental health hotline: 1-888-793-4357.

Tips for Reducing Anxiety:



Reach out for help; your mental health is important.



Exercise regularly.



Limit time spent in public places.



If working from home or in self-quarantine, arrange your space so it's calming. Make sure you shower and get dressed like you're going to work.



Moderate news intake.



Practice deep breathing exercises or other methods of meditation.

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