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Educating Students For A Changing World

Mark Your Calendar

January 9 PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 January 16 Holiday-Martin Luther King, Jr.
 January 25 Chorus/Orchestra Concert, 6:30 p.m.

February 1 Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
 February 3 Teacher Work Day
 February 3 Sock Hop

Sports Day!



Friday, January 20th is Sports Spirit Day put on by the SCA! Students can wear sports apparel including their favorite jerseys, socks, and uniforms. Please do not wear cleats, helmets, or bring in sports balls, bats, or sticks.



After School Programs

All registration and bus forms for the GM Winter/Spring After School Programs are due by **Monday, January 9, 2012** *no exceptions.

If you need another after school program information packet, registration or bus form please go to the GM PTA website:



<http://www.georgemasonpta.org/Home/after-school-programs>

Please fill out ONE registration form (and bus form, if applicable) per child. Please DO NOT submit payment with your registration form. If your child is admitted into a program, you will receive an admit letter/payment form in your child's Thursday folder on January 19.

If you have any questions, email *Melissa Harrington* at mharrington33@hotmail.com.

TAG News

Talented and Gifted Referrals Deadline for 2011-2012 School Year is March 7th

The Talented and Gifted (TAG) program at George Mason provides services for students (K-5). Students can be referred by school staff or parent. The Alexandria City Public School system believes that students among all ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic groups should be provided with an education that enables them to achieve excellence, developing their abilities to the fullest. Differentiated services beyond the regular curriculum will be provided for children in grades K-12 whose accomplishments and/or demonstrated abilities indicate the need for such services.

The final deadline this year for referring students to be assessed for TAG services is March 7th.

This allows the school division to complete all referrals within the timeline indicated in our local plan <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/student-services/tag/tagplan.php>. If you have any questions about the Talented and Gifted program at George Mason, please feel free to contact the TAG Designees Rachel Goodman or Kate Graham, or visit the ACPS Talented and Gifted website at www.acps.k12.va.us/tag.

