



The Jargon



Educating Students For A Changing World

Mark Your Calendar

January 25 Chorus/Orchestra Concert, 6:30 p.m.
 February 1 Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
 February 3 No School-Teacher Work Day
 February 3 Sock Hop, 6:30 p.m.

February 8-9 . Early Dismissal, 12:35 pm-Conferences
 February 10 No School-Professional Learning Day
 February 13 PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 February 20 No School-Presidents' Day Holiday

Sports Day!

Tomorrow, 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.



George Mason's Winter Concerts:

Support George Mason's performing arts programs by attending the 2012 Winter Music Concerts. The chorus and orchestra will perform on Wednesday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. The band will perform on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. Please note that evening bus transportation will be provided to the students who normally ride the bus to school from Arlandria, but students must be accompanied by a family member who is 18 years of age or older. Thank you for continuing to support music at George Mason.

Please contact any of the music teachers with additional questions.

Transportation at the following stops (Chorus and Orchestra on Wednesday, January 25th):

5:50 p.m. – Four Mile Rd and Milan Dr
 5:55 p.m. – Old Dominion Blvd and Notabene Dr

Transportation at the following stops (Band on Wednesday, February 1st):

6:15 p.m. – Four Mile Rd and Milan Dr
 6:20 p.m. – Old Dominion Blvd and Notabene Dr



Sock Hop!

Mark your calendars: this year's Sock Hop will be on Friday, February 3 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Get ready to dance! George Mason students are invited to attend the annual Sock Hop sponsored by the PTA on Friday, February 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the school gym. We will have a DJ, music and it will be lots of fun! Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria. In order to accommodate ALL GM students, we encourage current students ONLY to attend the event. Also, to the extent possible, we recommend that students Grades K-2 attend from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and students Grades 3-5 attend from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Parents must accompany students to the event. Bus transportation will be provided from Arlandria.

Transportation at the following stops:

6:20 p.m. - Four Mile Rd and Milan Dr
 6:25 p.m. – Old Dominion Blvd and Notabene Dr

****NOTE:** Feb. 3 is a teacher workshop day, but this event will go on as planned.**

Questions? Want to Volunteer? Please contact Kate Hull (khull@fierce-isakowitz.cc)



Thank you!



Keep the Box Tops Coming!

Thank you to all the families who have sent in the Box Tops for Education. The PTA received a check for **\$790** in December for our fall submission. Our last submission for this school year is the end of February. Please continue to clip and send your Box Tops into school by **Monday, February 20th**. Thank you for making a difference at George Mason!



**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!!!!
CALLING ALL PARENTS AND
FAMILIES OF GM, OUR MUSICAL
PLAY NEEDS YOU!!!**

Please consider volunteering for one of our five production teams and contact one of our Parent Volunteers or Producer, Krys Filios (filios@verizon.net) today. We also need adults to lead Lighting, Stage Direction, and Child Stage Crew.



I. Publicity and Programs: Beth Simmons (elizabeth.simmons2@verizon.net), Beth is going to begin making contact with others regarding graphic art work and is going to lead this team.

II. Stage/Set and Lighting: Jim Crowe (jim.crowe@longandfoster.com), will lead this team with the support of Tim Critchfield. Lighting_____. We need an adult to work out lighting for the play.

III. Stage Left and Stage Right Directors:_____. We think that these directors will be able to also work with the child stage crew on either side as well. These directors will be back stage helping children go on and off the stage.

IV. Costumes and Props: Stephanie St. John (stephaniestjohn@hotmail.com). Costumes are minimal, basically we need: a custodian, a principal, a music teacher, and a police officer. Is there anyone in the student body who may have these items in case there is an old Halloween costumes somewhere, and/or neighborhood list servers?

V. Child Stage Crew:_____. We need someone to organize and recruit our student stage crew.



P.E. News

EXTRA CREDIT-

2nd quarter extra credit is due by no later than January 27th.



Coffee with the Principal

The remaining dates for the Coffee with the Principal meetings are **February 28** and **May 1**. The meetings begin at 8:15-8:45 a.m. and are held in the library. Hope you will be able to join us.

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