

June 1, 2017

Dear Global Impact Student and Guardian:

We hope that you are all having a great start to your summer break and looking forward to what is going to be an incredible 2017/18 school year at Global Impact! This letter contains key information regarding summer hours, orientation, school fees and more. Please take a few moments to review this information and become familiar with important logistical items leading up to next school year.

Office Hours:

Summer office hours through June 30th will be from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. daily. During the month of July, we recommend calling ahead due to construction that will be taking place in the main office and to ensure that there is someone available to assist you. Offices will be closed the week of the Clark County Fair, July 21-28. Be sure to stop out and see us at our booth located next to the 4-H ice cream booth across from the Rabbit Barn and to checkout our Global Impact exhibitors. Normal Office Hours will resume August 1st.

Orientation and Open House:

Seventh-grade orientation will be held Wednesday, August 9, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Global Impact. Eighth-grade orientation will take place the following evening on August 10th, which will also be from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Student orientation packets will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m. An open house and facility tours will take place immediately following the orientation. This is a time where students and parents will be able to meet their individual instructors and check out their classrooms. Global Impact student ambassadors will be on hand to help you find your way.

Transportation:

Student pickup and drop-off procedures will be discussed at orientation; however, questions regarding school transportation should be directed to the transportation department with your district of residence.

School Fees:

The board has adopted school fees of \$250.00 for students in grades 7-8. Students who qualify for free lunch will have these fees waived and those who qualify for reduced lunch will have fees adjusted. Free or reduced applications will be part of the student orientation packets made available at orientation. Global Impact staff will be available to accept fees starting August 1st and will also be available each night of orientation. For added convenience, we are encouraging parents to pay all fees online through a link that will be available on our webpage. Access codes and directions will be made available the night of orientation.

The school fee structure includes a mandatory \$50.00 technology leasing fee for school-issued MacBook Air's. Prior to students being permitted to take school-issued devices home, this \$50.00 fee must be paid in full. To avoid congestion in the front office, no fees will be accepted at the GISA main office Friday, August 17th.

School Supplies:

You will find that being a student at Global Impact is very different than what you could expect from your past experiences. This includes school supply lists. Most of what you need will be provided by the school and is covered in your general school fees. Due to the fact that all of our middle school instructors are also new to GISA, we have not yet had the opportunity to develop specific lists associated with each class. That list will certainly be made available the night of orientation and possibly later this summer in a newsletter sent home. Outside of our business casual dress code, we do encourage that students purchase a backpack with a protective laptop sleeve. Students who do not have one of these backpacks will be provided with a laptop carrying case.

Parent Workshops and Seminars:

We are in the planning phases of developing parent workshops and seminars on a variety of important topics related to student success and parent engagement at GISA. These include topics like mastery learning, Schoology (learning management system), project-based learning, and course requirements. Stay tuned for more information about what topics will be covered on the corresponding dates below.

September 19
October 11 & 12
November 14
January 16
February 20
April 17

Once again, school starts on August 16th for all incoming 7th, 8th & 9th graders. Dress code for the first two days is dress down; jeans, tennis shoes, and tee shirts are acceptable (shorts are not permitted). Business casual dress code expectations will begin on Friday, August 18th. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at janon@globalimpactacademy.org or call the school at 937-328-6600.

Sincerely,

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Middle School Director