

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.

Schedules and Technology:

Returning students will be able to pick up their schedules and necessary paperwork for the first few days on Friday, August 11th and Monday, August 14th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Teachers will not be available to students during this time. In addition, returning students will be able to pick up their school issued devices in the tech department during these times. Appropriate fees must be paid prior to having the device issued. See the sections on fees below.

An open house and facility tours will take place for returning students and their parents from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14th. 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. This is not mandatory, but is the only available time for returning students due to other evenings being reserved for students new to GISA. In the fall of 2017, Global Impact will have 330 students new to our school and we need to ensure that we can accommodate these students and their parents on other evenings. Prior to school beginning, there will be an open house for the general public on a date that has yet to be determined. Stay tuned for more information regarding that date.

Transportation:

Just like in years past, 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 all students. 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 packets made available when they pick up their schedules. Global Impact staff will be available to accept fees starting August 1st and will also be available August 11th and 14th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 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 in early August.

The school fee structure includes a mandatory \$50.00 technology leasing fee for school-issued MacBook Air's. Students in grades 10-12 will have the opportunity to reduce their fees by \$50.00 if they opt out of school-issued technology. 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:

Most of what you need will be provided by the school and is covered in your general school fees. Instructors will have course syllabi available during open house and the first day of school with any specific items related to their course. 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

Calendar:

For returning students in grades 10 – 12, school does not begin until **Thursday, August 17, 2017**. This is a day later than new 7th, 8th, & 9th graders. The staff is currently working on a unique start to the school year, which may include a field trip on day one! More information and permission slips will be sent out prior to the first day (stay tuned). Dress code for Thursday, August 17 is a dress down day. We will send out notifications if this dress code needs to be adjusted due to the activity specific component of this field trip. Business casual dress code expectations will begin on Friday, August 18th and students will have the opportunity to run through their entire schedule in the afternoon of that day. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at jtruebenbach@globalimpactacademy.org or call the school at 937-328-6600.

Sincerely,

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