

# GREENVILLE EARLY COLLEGE

## ***From the Desk of Ms. Ford...***

*We are currently in the middle of the testing season. Students in grades 6 – 8 have already completed SC PASS testing for either Science or Social Studies and will continue with SC Ready testing in reading, writing and mathematics next week. We will also continue with district benchmark testing, End-Of-Course testing for Algebra 1, Biology, English 1 and US History and final exams for students in grades 9 – 11. Listed below are the dates and content that will be tested.*

## **TESTING INFORMATION**

<b>Test Name</b>	<b>Testing Date</b>	<b>Students Tested</b>
<b>Middle School Testing</b>		
SC PASS: Science	May 17, 2018	6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
SC PASS: Social Studies	May 17, 2018	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
SC Ready: ELA Writing	May 22, 2018	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
SC Ready: ELA Reading	May 23, 2018	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
SC Ready: Mathematics	May 24, 2018	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
<b>High School Testing</b>		
Physical Education Exam (Virtual Course)	May 22, 2018	Students enrolled in GCVS
US History EOCEP	May 25, 2018	Students enrolled in US History
Algebra 1 EOCEP	May 29, 2018	Students enrolled in Algebra 1
English 1 EOCEP	May 30, 2018	Students enrolled in English 1
Spanish 1 (Virtual Course only)	May 31, 2018	Students enrolled in GCVS
HS Exams 1, 3	May 31, 2018	All HS students
HS Exams 2, 4	June 1, 2018	All HS students

## **Textbooks and Technology**

All students should have turned in their technology. Please have your students double check their personal spaces for chargers and outstanding devices. Additionally, textbooks will be collected from students on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to have students return all materials in order to avoid fines and fees for outstanding materials.

## **Have you moved?**

Please make sure that your most current address is on file. We will use the address in PowerSchool to mail report cards at the end of the year. Additionally, the address on file in PowerSchool will be used to determine students that are eligible for transportation for 2018 – 2019. Please update the front office if you have a new address.

## **Summer Hours**

The main office will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00am – 12:30pm if you need assistance. A school counselor will be available weekly, however we encourage you to call for an appointment in order to ensure someone is available to address your need. If you need support outside of the posted time, please call (864) 355 – 7561. Be sure to leave a message if prompted by voicemail.

## Awards Day and Field Day

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Middle School students will have Awards Day. Awards day will begin at 1:30pm. The parents of students being recognized at Awards day will receive an invitation to the ceremony. June 5<sup>th</sup> – will be an end of the year field day experience. Students will leave for the Cleveland Street YMCA around 9:30am. Field trip permission slips will be sent home the week before. All students must have a signed permission slip in order to participate. There is a rain plan in the event of inclement weather that day. Students will also be given yearbooks at this time.

High School Awards day will begin at 8:45am on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The parents of students being recognized will receive an invitation to the ceremony. Immediately following the awards ceremony, students will participate in the high school field experience and celebration at Gower Park. Students will receive their yearbooks at this time.

## Summer Opportunities

### *Launch Greenville*

Launch Greenville is the result of a partnership between Greenville County Chamber of Commerce and Greenville County Schools to provide students with work-based learning experiences, internships, mentoring, workplace simulations, and apprenticeships to complement classroom-based study.

Internships take place during the summer (June–July), fall (October–December), or spring (February–April). Most summer internships last for 8 weeks, with full-time (40 hours) or part-time (20 hours) positions. Interns usually work between 10 and 20 hours per week during fall or spring semesters to accommodate their class schedule.

The Work-Based Learning Coordinators will match interns with opportunities based on the relevant courses taken and/or the student's expression of interest in a particular field or occupational area. Employers may elect to interview students for the internship or have the Work-Based Learning Coordinators match and assign students. Student interns are high school juniors and seniors ages 16 and older.

Current internship opportunities exist at the following businesses:

- The Greenville Drive
- Jordon Construction Company

- The Stroud Team
- Fuddruckers
- Greenville Tech Foundation
- Addison Homes
- Sandvik Coromant

For more information and an application check out <http://greenvillechamber.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=LaunchGVL&category=LaunchGVL>

## Greenville Early College Time Schedule

As a part of Greenville County Schools, GEC will follow the academic calendar for all students. In 2018 – 2019, students will have a different beginning and ending time. The purpose of this change is to ensure that all middle and high school students meet the academic seat time requirement for the state. This time change will also support our goal of remediating and accelerating students appropriately.

All students will be able to arrive as early as 7:45am. All classes for middle and high school students will begin promptly at 8:15am. All students that arrive to school after 8:15am are considered late and will miss valuable classroom instruction. All students will be dismissed at 3:15pm. Shuttle transportation will still be provided to students participating in athletics for Tanglewood, Lakeview and Carolina.

## Dress Code

This is a friendly reminder that even though the temperature is rising, we must still comply with a modest dress code for students. Here are a few things to consider when dressing for school.

- Shorts and skirts must come past the fingertips for students when their hands are by their side.
- Pants, shorts, and skirts may not have uncovered holes above the knee
- Shirts, blouses, and tops may not be see-through or be revealing in any way
- Straps on tank tops and shirts must be at least three fingers wide in width

This list only addresses a few recent concerns. For a more exhaustive list, please see the student handbook. In most cases we will try to work with the student to resolve the issue while on campus, however if no resolution can be made, we will help students make contact with their parents to correct the concern. Thank you for your help with this.

## Summer Reading

Free books have been provided to students for summer reading. Please encourage your students to stop by the tables outside of the cafeteria in order to choose a few books for summer reading. Additionally, the district has a summer reading challenge for students. The graphic below provides more information. We are asking students to tag **@GvilleEarlyCol** in their tweets. Students that do not have Twitter can also take pictures of themselves and bring them into our Back to School night. We will celebrate students that participate when we return to school in the fall.


### #BookStack2018 Summer Reading Challenge

Students in grades 6-12 for the 2018-19 year should strive to increase their reading volume during the summer of 2018.

Challenge Rules:

- Students choose their own book selections.
- Students tweet pictures of their growing books stacks throughout the summer.

Twitter: @GCS\_Reads #BookStack2018



<b>MAY and JUNE 2018</b>				
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
21	22 PE Exam (Virtual) SC Ready Writing	23 SC Ready Reading	24 SC Ready Math	25 US History EOCEP
28 Memorial Day Holiday	29 Algebra 1 EOCEP GEC Family Fun Night	30 English 1 EOCEP	31 Spanish 1 Exam (Virtual only)  HS EXAMS 1, 3	<b>JUNE 1</b> HS EXAMS 2, 4
4 HS Make-up EXAMS (Principal approval required)  MS Awards Day	5 HS Awards Day  Field Day	6 LAST DAY of SCHOOL  <i>(Half Day for Students)</i> Dismissal  MS @ 12:45pm HS @ 1:15pm	7	8