

Join the PTSA!

Parent Teacher Student Association

www.gcmptsa.org

Membership dues are \$15/adults, \$10/staff and \$5/students. We also ask for an additional Non-Fundraiser one-time donation (suggested amount-\$25/per student, although any amount you wish to contribute is appreciated.) You can join/contribute online at www.gcmptsa.org or print out a form and snail mail or bring in your membership to the Main Office at GCM high school.

These contributions will provide support for student assemblies, technology resources, teacher wish lists and student awards. Your donation will also help support appreciation events for the Teachers and Staff at Marshall, and for student organizations like DECA, Model UN, and FBLA. Every dollar spent goes right back into the school for the betterment of the students and staff at Marshall High School where we are growing the future leaders of our world.

The Blast is FREE!

Sign up for "The BLAST" which is an informal weekly PTSA email newsgram that will keep you informed about events at GCM. Go to www.gcmptsa.org and add your name to the list.

You must sign up to receive THE BLAST. No PTSA membership or fee is required.

Grocery Rewards

Please support GCM by registering your Safeway and Giant Foods grocery cards online. It is easy, takes only a few minutes of your time, and will provide great award opportunities for our school. Detailed information and quick links can be found at www.gcmptsa.org under "Links" or www.fcps.edu/MarshallHS under "About GCM" and then onto "Supporting Marshall."

Fun Facts about GCM

Established 1962

George Catlett Marshall, a great American statesman, played



a crucial role in international affairs from 1939 to 1951, the years that shaped the second half of the century. Until 1945, he was in the military service of the United States. As Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army from 1939 to 1945 he was, in the words of Winston Churchill, the "true architect of victory" in the West European arena of World

War II. For his foresight and generosity, he earned the Nobel Prize in 1953 and the title of "Statesman."

Mascot: The Griffin

School Colors: Columbia Blue and Scarlet Red

Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater, sing we now thy name

Marshall, our Alma Mater, Deathless be thy fame.

When from these halls we pass along,

From friends we've cherished here,

Within our hearts we'll keep this song,

Go onward without fear.

Support the Boosters!

www.gcmhsboosters.org

The Marshall Booster Club supports all extra-curricular activities at GCM. They host several fundraisers throughout the year including a Christmas tree and wreath lot in the winter and a mulch sale in the spring. Volunteering to help during these fundraisers offers a great way to meet other members of the GCM community. Boosters support all GCM sports and activities whether by helping to pay for uniforms and equipment or, by sending DECA winners to the National finals. Join the Boosters, and/or to make a donation to help support them, go to www.gcmhsboosters.org.



Welcome to
George C. Marshall
High School
"GCM"

7731 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22043
A Parent's Guide to
High School

Statesman Code of Honor

*Respect
Honesty
Responsibility
Community
Spirit*

Useful Contacts

PTSA www.gcmptsa.org

GCM Boosters www.gcmhsboosters.org

FCPS www.fcps.edu

GCM www.fcps.edu/MarshallHS

Front (Main) Office (703) 714-5400

7731 Leesburg Pike

Falls Church, VA 22043

FAX (703) 714-5497

Attendance (703) 714-5447

Academy Attendance (703) 714-5582

Clinic (703) 714-5410

Student Services (703) 714-5422

Student Activities (703) 714-5412

Activities Hotline (703) 883-4740

Resource Officer (703) 714-5440

Keep in Touch (KIT) Automatic enrollment with school registration to receive school and county wide emergent information (cancellations,

delays, etc.) Please keep this KIT info updated via email to

weCare@school while logged onto your parent account on

FCPS 24-7 Blackboard www.fcps.blackboard.com

FCPS 24-7 Parent View Help Desk 1-800-434-8880

Principal - Jeff Litz jdilitz@fcps.edu

Assistant Principals:

Kim Greer kpgreer@fcps.edu

Dan Daus dan.daus@fcps.edu

Open Position

James Franklin JSFranklin@fcps.edu (Dean of Students)

Director of Student Services

Cindy Blakeley cindyblakeley@fcps.edu

School Resource Officer

Officer Tom Harrington tomharrington@fcps.edu

Director of Student Activities

Joe Swarm joe.swarm@fcps.edu

Parent Liaison

Dilkash Ahmed-(703) 714-5482 Dbahmed@fcps.edu

Statesman Start-students pick up their schedules and student agendas, and reconnect with friends.

Parents/Guardians can join the PTSA and Booster

organizations. PE uniforms and spirit wear are on sale. You can sign up for Parent View on FCPS 24/7 Blackboard and register for school activities.

Useful Information

School Hours and Transportation-GCM opens at 6:45am Monday-Friday. Admin offices close at 3pm. Classes begin at 7:20am Monday-Friday except for Wednesdays where they begin at 8am to allow for teacher collaboration. The bus schedule, however, remains the same each day and does not change. Dismissal is at 2:10pm every day. Late bus day and times were not yet determined as of the date of this printing.

Virtual School Paperwork packets-All necessary school registration, medical and activity forms can be found at www.fcps.edu/MarshallHS

Touching Bases-an opportunity for parents to meet briefly with their child's current teachers. Held in the fall and the spring in the morning. These five-minute mini-conferences are first come, first served; no appointments are scheduled.

Bell Schedule-for a detailed chart, please see www.fcps.edu/marshallhs/aboutgcm/bells

Learn-a 45 minute period between 1st and 3rd block or 2nd and 4th block (after the first class of the day) to make-up missed tests, meet with teachers, visit the library, work with other students, attend club meetings, etc.

Progress Reports-a report of student's progress sent out usually by email at the teacher's discretion or parent's request. There are no automatic progress reports.

Interims-a middle of the term grade report sent home to the parents/guardians

Back to School Night-held in September, parents attend all of their child's classes on a ten minute rotation each. Opportunities to join the PTSA, Boosters, buy spirit wear, and visit a variety of activity/club tables are available.

Block Scheduling-school days alternate between Red and Blue days. On Red Days, students attend class periods 1, 3, 5, and 7. On Blue days, they attend 2, 4, 6, and 7. These days are preset and don't change for snow days or holidays. They can always be found on the GCM website calendar at www.fcps.edu/MarshallHS and in the student's agenda.

All Sport Banquets- held at the end of the fall, winter and spring sports' seasons to celebrate the teams' and athletes' accomplishments. The evening begins with a potluck for all teams and families and then breaks off by individual team for personal recognitions.

Meet the Coaches night- prior to the start of each sport season, parents are invited to come and meet the coaches, and receive more detailed information about the upcoming season. Some teams have their own website and conduct "Green" days. Questions? Contact Student Activities.

Personally owned web-based devices-these devices can be used in the classroom, at the teacher's discretion, and other designated areas in accordance with the posted "Color Code System Usage." All students should use the "FCPS Mobile Wireless Network" when they are in school. Detailed information can be found at www.fcps.edu/marshallhs/aboutgcm/policies/BYOD/

Homecoming-Held each fall, Homecoming is celebrated with a Spirit week leading up to a football game (Friday) and a Homecoming dance (Saturday) held in the school gym.

Junior/Senior Prom-sponsored by the Junior class, Prom is a formal dance usually held at a local hotel in May or June.

ANGC-an alcohol free All Night Graduation Celebration normally held at a local Rec center to celebrate the end of a student's high school experience. Games, refreshments and prizes are all part of the evening.

Faculty/Senior Basketball game-scheduled in the spring, a basketball game between Seniors and faculty members.

Powder Puff Football-a Senior vs Junior girls' football game normally held during Spirit week prior to Homecoming.

Principal Coffees-held once a year for parents in each class by the Principal. They are an opportunity to speak with the principal in a more informal setting.

Class Parent Representatives-4-5 parents in each class who have agreed to help facilitate the social activities of that class along with the Student Class Officers, the designated Class Teacher Sponsor and Class Principal Administrator. Activities include Homecoming activities, Junior/Senior Prom, and other individual Class events. Contributions can be made **DIRECTLY** to any class to help offset the costs of making these planned social events of high school memorable. **Send any contributions directly to the school front office made payable to "GCM Class of 20__"**

Baccalaureate-a non-denominational service normally held at a local church/temple that pays tribute to the graduating class with music, memories and blessings. Baccalaureate is student planned and driven.