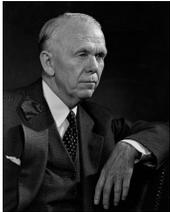


## Fun Facts about GCM!

- Established in 1962
- Mascot: The Griffin
- School Colors: Columbia Blue & Scarlet Red



George Catlet Marshall was great American statesman who played a crucial role international affairs from 1939-1951, the years that shaped the

second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Marshall was a five star general who served as Chief of Staff over the U.S. Army during World War II. In this role, he was, in the words of Winston Churchill, the “true architect of victory” in the European arena. After the war, while serving as Secretary of State, Marshall developed what became known as the Marshall Plan to help rebuild and modernize Europe. For his many contributions, George C. Marshall earned the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953.



*Statesmen Five Stars*

Respect, Honesty, Responsibility,  
Community, Spirit

## Join the PTSA!

(Parent Teacher Student Association)

### *What does the PTSA do at Marshall?*

Your dues support all the programs run by PTSA throughout the year, including Academic Letters, student scholarships, the Marshall Market food pantry, the Reflections arts contest, International Night, student days like Senior Ethics Day, Teacher of the Year and Staff Member of the Year awards, monthly Hospitality events for teachers and staff, teacher wish lists, and special events for seniors like Baccalaureate and the All Night Grad Celebration.

### *How do I join?*

You can **join online** at [gcmptsa.org](http://gcmptsa.org), scan the QR code below, or **print the form** and bring with a check to the school office. Membership dues are \$20 per adult, \$10 per teacher, and \$5 per student. You can also make a contribution of any amount above your dues (we call it the “no fuss fundraiser”!).

All contributions are tax deductible.



### **Get The Blast!**

The Blast is our weekly PTSA email newsgram that will keep you informed of all events. You can sign up at [gcmptsa.org](http://gcmptsa.org).



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## Useful Contacts

### Websites:

PTSA: [www.gcmptsa.org](http://www.gcmptsa.org)

GCM: <https://marshallhs.fcps.edu/>

GCM Boosters: [www.gcmboosters.org](http://www.gcmboosters.org)

FCPS: [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu)

Student Information System (SIS):  
<https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/student-information-system-sis-fcps>

### Phone Numbers:

GCM Main Office: (703) 714-5400

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

## Useful Information

**Statesmen Start:** Event held the week before school where students can pick up their class schedules and turn in paperwork. Parents and students can purchase spirit wear and visit various tables to join or learn about what is happening at GCM.

**School hours:** Doors open at 7:20 a.m. Monday – Friday, and classes begin at 8:10 and end at 2:55. Offices close at 4:00. Detailed bell schedules can be found at <https://marshallhs.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedule>

**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 8. This schedule is set at the beginning of the year and does not change if there is a missed school day.

**Learn/Advisory:** Learn/Advisory is a 35 minute study period held each day between blocks 1 and 2. Learn is every day except for Wednesday. During Learn, students are encouraged to meet with teachers, get help, make up test, etc. Wednesdays are Advisory days where students are grouped by grade level. The Advisory teacher will focus on relationship building and social emotional well-being of every student.

**Building Layout:** The building is 2 story with all rooms on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor having numbers in the 100's and rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the 200's. Each hallway has a letter from A - F. Academic departments are usually grouped together.

**Student Information System (SIS):** SIS is the online source of information about your student, such as grades, attendance, and health data.

**Back to School Night:** Virtual event held in September in the evening where parents can meet with teachers. Teachers provide information to the parents regarding the school year. There usually is time at the end of each session to answer parent questions.

**Principal Coffees:** Events held in the fall for parents in each class (freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors) to hear a message from the principal and ask questions.

**Senior Events:** There are several events held each year for graduating seniors. **Prom** is a formal dance in the spring for juniors and seniors held at a local hotel. **Baccalaureate** is a non-denominational service held at a local church or temple that pays tribute to the graduating class with music, student reflections, and a blessing. Baccalaureate is planned and run by students. The **All Night Grad Celebration (ANGC)** is an alcohol-free all night party held the night of graduation at a local health club or rec center that includes food, games, and prizes to celebrate seniors. ANGC is planned and run by parents.

**MemberHub:** MemberHub is a website where you can pay PTSA dues and purchase items such as magnets and yard signs.  
(<https://gcmhighschool.memberhub.com/store>)