

HOS Hot Topics - February

REMINDERS

- Feb. 9 PTF mtg. in Kleberg Hall, 8:30-9:30 AM
Coffee & Conversation hosted by Matt McCartney (school board member)
Topic: How does the school spend its money?
- Feb. 16 - Last call for **Spring Break Changes** without penalty
- Feb. 19 - School Closed - Make-up Teacher In-service
- Feb. 20 - Teacher / Parent Social @ Haymakers, 5:30-8:00 PM
- Feb. 19 - 21 - [Enrollment for current families & siblings](#)
- Feb. 26 - Priority [Enrollment for Summer Camp opens](#)
- Mar. 4 - Summer Enrollment opens for community
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IT'S
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TIME!

Upcoming Open Enrollment - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Open Enrollment for the '24-'25 school year begins the week of February 19. Here's what you need to know:

- Online enrollment is first come first serve and will be time-stamped
 - Priority enrollment is as follows:
 - Monday, Feb. 19 - EB and/or FZ currently enrolled families
 - Tuesday, Feb. 20 - currently enrolled families
 - Wednesday, Feb. 21 - siblings of currently enrolled and church parishioners
 - Thursday, Feb. 22 - current wait-listed families
 - Friday, Feb. 23 - community at large
 - Updated TUITION can be found [HERE](#)
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Why is early intervention key to your child's success? With student assessments being sent home soon, I thought I'd take a minute and talk about therapy for children, and why when teachers make a recommendation, there is nothing to be alarmed or embarrassed about. It is not a reflection of parenting, nor does it need to be difficult to schedule because it can be done here at school.

After parents, we are children's biggest advocates, so teachers take the assessment process very seriously. If they see any delays in language development, motor development, or neurological development, they want to and should bring it to your attention. By doing their job and using their expertise, you can feel at ease that they have the best intentions at heart.

Delays in your child's development might correct on its own eventually, but at what risk? When children can't communicate or participate with their peers, they start to get excluded from play. Not because other children are being mean, they too are just learning how to navigate in a social world, so this added challenge can cause them to use exclusion as a way around the interaction. In turn, the child being excluded starts to feel bad about themselves. A child's self-esteem and self-confidence can be hurt when therapy is ignored or pushed back with the hope they will just catch up eventually.

At St. George's, we have and have always had children with IEP's (Individual Education Plans). An IEP is developed for a child with a delay. The teachers, administration, and therapist(s) come together to ensure that a child's needs are being met, not just at home, but also at school. With this type of collaboration, children soar. Many whom we've recommended can spend 3-6 months in therapy and then be discharged with a new set of tools to use.

Once a child starts any type of therapy, the speed at which the gap is closed is remarkable. We've seen it over and over again. And we have great relationships with many of the therapists in Austin. You can find a list of referrals [here](#).

Never hesitate to ask for help, you're supporting your child when you do.

College Bound



Did you know that our teachers have college incentives? Teachers who attend college receive up to 3 hours a week of paid time off to attend class during work hours, study for exams, or complete assignments. We also have a partnership with ACC called Teacher Trac Project. Teachers apply for financial assistance and tuition and materials are covered, along with a \$50 incentive for each course completed. Four assistant teachers are currently enrolled and working towards a child development certificate or associate's degree. Next semester, one more working on her master's and another to complete her child development certificate will join the group.

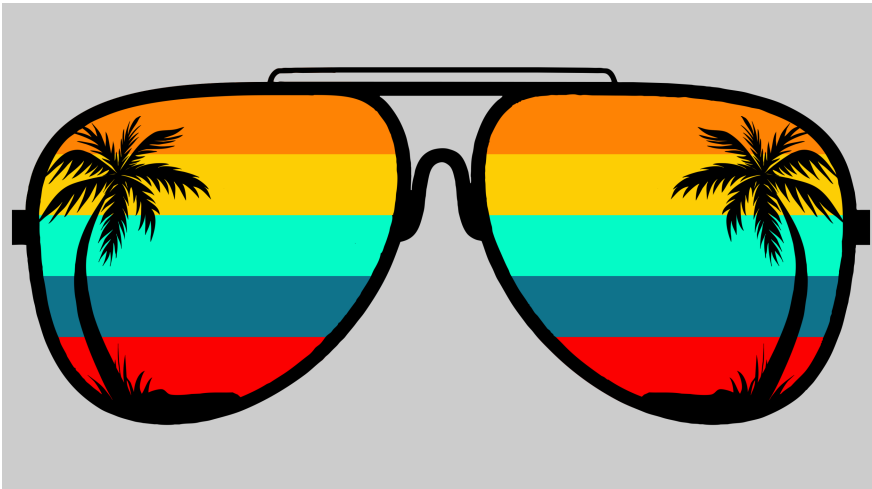
St. George's School has a salary scale using education and experience as a marker, so this also advances their pay here.

KUDOS to them all!



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