



## GLOBAL SCHOLARS ACADEMY

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Greetings GSA Families!

In the continued spirit of putting the health and safety of our scholars, faculty and staff, and families first, **GSA will return to 100% virtual learning and remote working in a school-wide holiday quarantine from November 25, 2020 through January 10, 2021.**

We know this year has been challenging and our families haven't been able to connect in their normal ways. As the holidays approach we are all thinking about how we might safely spend time together. Our school-wide quarantine allows families time to isolate before gathering or travel so that you are healthy upon arriving at your destination and time to quarantine when you return to ensure the GSA family is safe to return to the building in the new year.

**There is no school in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday Wednesday, November 25, 2020 - Friday, November 27, 2020. All scholars will return to school 100% virtually on Monday, November 30, 2020 to complete the 2nd quarter. The last day of the 2nd quarter is December 18.**

Over the course of the school-wide quarantine, there will be no building access for employees or scholars and families. You may still reach the school, your teacher, and the administration and office teams via phone, email and Class Dojo - all phone calls and emails will be answered remotely. **During this period school will continue and scholars should logon to their classroom Zoom links at their normal times for instruction.**

If you require in-person assistance, you must call the school office to schedule an emergency appointment. **Emergency appointments will be available as needed on the days/times below:**

- **Tuesdays and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Remember, there will be no opportunities to drop by the school without a prearranged appointment even on the days/times above.

**The school will officially be closed December 22, 2020 - January 1, 2021 for holiday break.** There will be no school for scholars and the faculty and staff will be on vacation during this time. Response time via phone and email may be delayed.



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Office and administration staff will return the week of January 4, 2021 and Faculty will return January 7th and 8th, 2021 for teacher workdays.

**January 11, 2021 is the first day of the 3rd quarter.** At that time, all scholars, K - 8, will have the option to select hybrid learning, in-person a portion of the week, and virtual the remainder. Scholars may also choose to remain 100% virtual. Schedules will return to Fall hybrid schedules for K - 5. Grades 6 - 8 will receive information separately in the coming weeks regarding the option to choose hybrid beginning in January 2021.

**Uniforms will be available for purchase at the school on January 7th and 8th, 2021.**

Lastly, as a heads up, every scholar and family will be asked the questions below via a survey the first week in January and again on the first day of school as a part of an updated attestation form to be completed at the time of scholar drop off.

- Has your family traveled outside of state of North Carolina during the Holiday Season?
- Did you host family or friends (outside of people living in your household) in your home at any time over the holidays?
- Has anyone in your household experienced any COVID- like or Flu-like symptoms over the past 5-7 days?

If you do decide to travel or gather over the holidays, please do so safely. We want to thank you for working with us to make sure our school community remains safe and healthy and our scholars continue to learn and grow.

We hope you all enjoy a happy holiday season!

With gratitude,

Dr. Pamela Baldwin  
Head of School