

KEARNS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Dr. Bryan Johnson



Hello Kearns Academy Family!

October is a month full of opportunities to make a positive impact, stay informed, and demonstrate school spirit. Let's take a moment to look at what's coming up!

Hurricane Helene Relief Effort

Our school is stepping up to help those impacted by Hurricane Helene. We are collecting non-perishable food items cleaning supplies, and water to send to families in need. Donations can be dropped off in the main office or during any school event till Thursday, October 10. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and show what it means to be brave, kind, and strong by helping out when there is a need.

Unity Day – October 16

On Wednesday, October 16, we will stand together for Unity Day, a time to show that we are united against bullying and committed to kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. **Wear orange** to show your support and solidarity in making our school a place where every student feels valued and respected. Let's be brave, kind, and strong by lending a hand when needed and looking out for one another.

Red Ribbon Week – October 21-25

From October 28 to November 1, we will observe Red Ribbon Week, promoting healthy, drug-free lifestyles. This year's theme is *"Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free!"* Each day will feature themes and activities to remind us of the importance of making smart, healthy choices. Let's all commit to staying drug-free and supporting one another in making positive life decisions.

National Cybersecurity Month

October is also National Cybersecurity Month. With technology playing such a huge role in our lives, it's more important than ever to stay informed about how to protect ourselves online. Students at Kearns learn about safe internet practices and ways to guard against cyber threats. I encourage you to talk to your children about the importance of online safety and responsibility.

End of the 1st Quarter

October 10 is the last day of the 1st quarter. As we approach the end of the first quarter, I want to encourage all students to stay focused and finish strong. If you need help, remember that our teachers and support staff are here for you. Keep striving to do your best!

Believe in yourselves, and let's make the rest of October a magnificent month!

DATES TO REMEMBER

***Oct. 1** - PSAT for 10th & 11th graders

***Oct. 2** - Custodians Day

***Oct. 4** - Field Trip to Cary, NC

***Oct. 10** - Quarter 1 ends

***Oct. 11** - **No School!!** Mandated Teacher Workday

***Oct. 16** - Unity Day (Wear orange)

***Oct. 16** - GCS Fall Choice Showcase

***Oct. 18** - **No School!!** Optional Teacher Workday

***Oct. 22** - PreACT for 10th graders

***Oct. 21-25** - Red Ribbon Week

***Oct. 31** - Halloween

October

National Bullying Prevention Month

National Cybersecurity Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

National Principals Month

Hispanic Heritage Month

OCTOBER 2024

National Principals Month

Dr, Johnson-

Your students, staff and families would like to thank you for all that you do to make Kearns Academy a great place to learn, work, and celebrate our achievements. Your support and encouragement goes beyond measure. Happy National Principals Appreciation Month to you!!!



Custodian Appreciation Day

Mr. Townsend-

October 2 is National Custodian Appreciation Day. The Kearns Academy staff, students, and families would like to thank you for all that you do to keep our school clean, healthy and sparkling! Your efforts does not go unnoticed. Mr. Townsend you are the best!!



Congrats Ms. R. Smith!!

Congratulations to Ms. Regina Smith for being recognized by Project Lead The Way (PLTW) as 1 of 103 PLTW teachers to receive 2024-2025 Outstanding PTLW Teacher. She is 1 of 103 PLTW teachers across the United States to receive this recognition.

Ms. Smith also received the High Point Extraordinary Award for Kearns Academy. This award was presented by GEA High Point Schools Partnership.

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Visit to NCCU

Kearns students recently toured NC Central University's campus. The students meet with the Dean of the School of Business, Anthony Nelson. He encouraged them to pursue a future filled with purpose and perseverance. Students also participated in a fingerprinting lab with Dr. Deanne Cranford-Welsey, the professor of cybersecurity at NC Central. Dr. Cranford-Wesley shared with students the value of their current education at Kearns and how it will help them as they pursue post-secondary education and enter the workforce.



Junior Achievement at Kearns

Junior Achievement Career Speakers Series came to Kearns Academy on Wednesday, August 28th. Students had the opportunity to hear from 5 speakers from the IT, Cybersecurity, and AI field. The speakers rotated between classrooms sharing their experience and answering questions from students.



ATTENDANCE

The weather is getting colder; the days are getting shorter; and cold/flu season is upon us. But school is happening every day as scheduled.

Did you know that students who miss 9 or more days of school, risk staying engaged, being academically successful, and get off track to graduate?

The Kearns Academy school day is from 9:15a.m. to 4:15p.m. Students are expected to be present and on time each day. If a student must be absent due to illness, death of a family member, observance of religious holiday, or any other reason excused by school officials, parents must write a note stating date, student name, reason for absence, and parent signature. The note should be given to the front office staff within 3 days of absence to be coded excused.

Let's all strive to "Be Here to Get There". The future depends on your presence and participation daily. For more information, refer to The Kearns Academy Student Handbook or contact Ms. Harris, School Social Worker at 336-885-7905 ext. 1207.



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

According to the National Bullying Prevention Center, 1 out of every 5 students reported being bullied. More than half of bullying incidents stopped when a peer intervenes on behalf of the person being bullied.

During the month of October, we will highlight ways to recognize bullying, support peers who may experience bullying, and promote a safe, caring, bully-free school community.

If you or someone you know is experiencing bullying, please report it immediately to a trusted adult in the school. You may also make a report online via the GCS Bullying website <https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/62452>

. Let's all do our part to stomp out bullying!



Ms. R. Graham

If you're not receiving emails from me, please send me an email at grahamk2@gcsnc.com, so I can add you to my email list.

What is GPA?

Grade Point Average is the number used to measure how successful a student is in their high school courses. GPA is created by completing courses and transferring the letter grade to the Grade Point Number Scale. Your GPA plays a major role in your class ranking, scholarships, and college requirements. It is easier for you to build and maintain your GPA than it is for you to repair it. Don't just pass a class, excel in it! Please don't wait until your senior year, to think about your GPA!

Grade	Honors Courses Point Value	AP Course Point Value	GTCC Courses Point Value
A	4.5	5	5
B	3.5	4	4
C	2.5	3	3
D	1.5	2	2
F	0	0	0

Scholarships & Opportunities

North Carolina Merit Scholarships Presentation
Virtual Information Sessions on Sept. 26 & Oct 2: 6pm-7pm

 **NC Central**
UNIVERSITY
Cheatham-White
Scholarship Program

 **ECU** **BRINKLEY-LANE
SCHOLARS**

 **CHARLOTTE**
LEVINE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

 **HONORS COLLEGE**
NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

 **NC STATE**
UNIVERSITY
Park Scholarships

REGISTER AT:
go.ncsu.edu/ncmeritscholarships




SAVE THE DATE
COLLEGE APPLICATION
WEEK IS OCT. 21-27



<https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/for-students/virtual-student-sessions/>

Did you forget your CFNC password? Send me an email at grahamk2@gcsnc.com, I'll reset it for you.



N.C. Governor's School



ENGAGING



CREATIVE



FUN



The North Carolina Governor's School is a **four-week summer residential program** for gifted and talented high school students that integrates academics, the arts, and unique courses and is **held on two college campuses**. Learning focuses on the exploration of the most recent ideas and concepts in each discipline, **and it does not involve credit, tests, or grades**. Students are selected through a competitive process.

Application Window Opens Sept. 10, 2024

North Carolina Governor's School

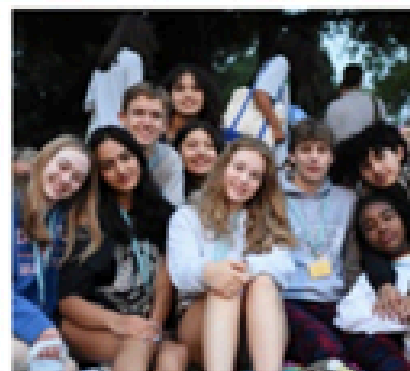
A Summer Program for Gifted and Talented High School Students



Why choose NC Governor's School?*

In this four-week summer residential program, you can:

- Learn new concepts in engaging classes—all without the pressure of grades or tests
- Meet amazing new friends from across the state
- Participate in performances and presentations
- Focus on the subject area of your interest and discuss new ideas
- Attend exciting elective seminars, workshops, and campus-wide activities
- Gain experience to help you prepare for college



Because of Governor's School...

"I relearned how to believe—how to believe in my peers, believe in dreaming, and to believe in myself." - GS Student, 2024

"I experienced a fun community that allowed me to learn about the subjects I like without the pressure of always being the best." - GS Student, 2024

* Open to current 11th graders. Current 10th graders may apply in Choral Music, Dance, or Instrumental Music.



For more information and to apply:

Contact

www.ncgovschool.org

College Connect



Have a high school senior in your life? If they're a public high school senior with a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, they are eligible for the new NC College Connect program.

NC College Connect provides a simpler way for your high school seniors to apply to their local community college and participating UNC System universities, including:

- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- University of North Carolina Asheville
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Winston-Salem State University
- Your local community college

How does it work? Eligible students will be notified in October and directed to the NC College Connect application portal. From there, students will see a complete list of institutions where they can claim their spot by completing a simplified application for each college or university.

These select North Carolina colleges and universities are holding spots for eligible students. That's right! A simple, streamlined process that gets students where they want to be.

There's still time for all students to plan and apply for college! CFNC.org offers numerous resources to explore North Carolina colleges and financial aid options.

UNITY DAY

**16
OCT
2024**

**WEAR AND SHARE
ORANGE**

**#UNITYEVERYDAY
PACER.ORG/UNITYDAY**



BE KIND TO YOUR mind!



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Helpful Links

Kearns Academy Calendar
2024-2025

GCS Student & Family Handbook
2024-2025

GCS Service Learning

Guilford Parent Academy