



THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL for SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Prospective Student Pipeline (PSP) - Issue No. 2

The Prospective Student Pipeline is a virtual community for families who want to learn more about The Governor's School for Science and Technology (GSST). By subscribing to this newsletter, you'll get information about what's happening at GSST plus notifications of upcoming events for prospective students.

A Bird's Eye View of The Governor's School



The Governor's School for Science and Technology (GSST) is one of 19 Academic Year Governor's Schools spread out across Virginia. All are regional magnet schools that draw students from multiple school divisions. The curricular focus of each program is determined by the participating divisions, and ranges from arts, to government and international studies and a range of STEM fields.

The GSST is a science and technology program for juniors and seniors attending public school in a participating school division. Students spend approximately three hours of their school day at GSST and the remaining hours at their home high school. Students from Hampton, Poquoson, Williamsburg/James City County, and Gloucester attend GSST from 7:10 to 10:25 in the morning, while those from Isle of Wight, Newport News, and York attend from 11:20 to 2:25 in the afternoon. The shared-time format allows students to retain friendships and extracurricular activities at their home high school while gaining new friends and activities at GSST. For more information on Virginia's Academic Year Governor's Schools, [click here](#).

In future issues, we'll delve further into the distinctive academic features of GSST - the three science strands, the research and mentorship sequence, and the advanced math options - as well as course prerequisites and the admission

Director's Notes: Ms. Vikki Wismer

The Governor's School is excited to welcome 195 juniors and seniors from our seven participating school divisions back to a full face-to-face program! Instructors have been busy over the summer planning engaging, innovative STEM curricula for our students. To get a glimpse at what they have planned, click on the links below to see welcome back newsletters from the three academic strands.

[Biological Science](#)

[Computational Science](#)

[Engineering Physics](#)



College Planning Corner with Dr. Ellen Fithian



Because GSST students are a consistently high-achieving group, our college planning focus is tailored to their needs. We make an effort to inform students about the existence of special opportunities for top applicants, like honors programs and merit scholarships, and help students maximize their chances of success.

We will also alert you to opportunities for 8th through 10th graders, beginning with the Virginia Space Coast Scholars Program (VSCS) for 10th graders. This FREE program consists of online learning modules and the chance to qualify for a week-long residential summer academy at NASA Wallops Flight Facility. The application is due October 15th. For more information, [click here](#).

Finally, for some thoughts about parental expectations - great ones and not-so-great ones - for the new school year, [click here](#) to be taken to my informational website: *The Sidelines: Parent Guide to College Admissions*(www.sidelinesguide.com).

Tell a Friend About the PSP!

If you know someone who might be interested in learning about The Governor's School, please encourage him/her to subscribe to this newsletter by signing up on the [Prospective Student Pipeline](#) tab of our website.

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