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Prospective Student Pipeline Newsletter #7 *January 10, 2022*

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.

Director's Notes: Ms. Vikki Wismer

10th Graders: Time to Apply to GSST!

We hope this series of newsletters has helped you understand The Governor's School experience and has piqued your child's interest. If he/she has decided to apply, here's what to do next.

Complete the Online Application:

Before beginning your application, watch this [video](#) for

an overview of the steps required. Then, click the Apply Now button just below the video to access the online application form. You'll be asked to provide the name and contact information for your current math and science teacher, who will then receive an email request to complete a recommendation for you. Your school counselor or gifted coordinator will also input information about your courses, grades and test scores.



Plan to Attend Virtual Information Sessions:

I will be hosting a virtual information session for each school division to provide some more information about the application process and to answer questions from parents and students. The first one will be for families of York County students at 6:30 on January 11th. [Click here](#) for a flyer with the Zoom link and a scannable QR code. Information sessions for the other school divisions are currently being scheduled.

Notification of Admission Decisions: Around the second week in April

I am always deeply impressed by the strength of applicants to Governor's School, and in the last couple of years I've also been inspired by their resilience through the trying times of the pandemic. Your child's application will be carefully reviewed and you will receive a letter in mid-April notifying you of our admissions decision. Whether or not your child is admitted, please rest assured that we sincerely honor his/her academic accomplishments and initiative in applying to GSST.

Check Out Online Resources: 3D Tour, Videos, and More:

- [Top Five Reasons to Attend Governor's School](#)
- [3D Tour of the School](#): go inside each of the classrooms
- [School profile](#): the document that tells colleges about GSST

College Planning Corner with Dr. Ellen Fithian



New Year's Resolutions for 2022

Looking back to the time when my kids were teens, I remember it as being exhilarating, exasperating, and exhausting - all at the same time. When you're in the thick of parenting adolescents, you often lack the time and emotional distance to reflect on what you're doing, but if I could turn back the clock to those days, here's the advice I'd give myself to be a better parent.

Be Positive

I am a dentophobe; I dread and fear going to the dentist! However, just before the pandemic, I achieved a personal best in dental compliance; for the first time ever I reported for my routine check-up at the recommended six month interval. Imagine my disappointment when the hygienist's first words upon looking into my mouth were that there appeared to be more tartar than usual!

Perhaps my hygienist felt that her professional responsibility required conveying to me the hazards of tartar build-up, but the message would have been better received

had she started by congratulating me on the timeliness of my appointment. In their interactions with other adults, most parents understand the need to tread carefully when giving constructive criticism. While collaborating with a co-worker on a project, they know better than to open the conversation with a critique of their associate's work, yet when interacting with their teenagers, many adults do just that. I know I did. Caught up in the press of managing a household with four busy kids, I often didn't take the time to praise all the things they did right before zeroing in on the areas that needed improvement. Now more than ever, as we soldier through our second year of pandemic, we can all use some extra positivity!

Be Progressive

Suppose you were planning a trip to an exotic locale and weren't sure where to stay, what clothes to pack, or what activities to book. If you discovered that your neighbor had made the same trip 25 years ago, how much credence would you give to his advice? While you might value his recommendation to visit a famous museum, you'd probably take his tips about where to eat with a grain of salt. After all, things change in 25 years.

In the same vein, keep in mind that as your kids embark on their journey to adulthood, things have changed since you trod the path. If there's one thing I've learned from watching my own kids progress through their teens and twenties it's that the world is a far different place than it was when I was young. So while age and experience equip parents to give sound advice based on general principles, it's wise to recognize that culture and customs evolve, and to defer to the kids on some areas, particularly those that involve navigating modern technology and media.

Being open-minded and forward-thinking is not only good for our kids; it's good for parents as well. Thanks to our kids, my husband and I have progressed from quarter pounders to whole foods, from Blockbuster DVDs to streaming Apple TV, and from voicemail to texting. In short, our kids have dragged us into the modern world and made our lives a lot more interesting. If you let them, yours will do the same for you. Happy New Year – hope it will be a great one!

(Adapted from a 2015 New Year's Column on my website, [The Sidelines](#))



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