

April 16, 2018

Hello future GALS student,

Welcome to GALS! We are so excited that your family will be joining the GALS community for the 2018-2019 school year! GALS is an inspiring place to learn and move. We are the first and only all-girls public school in Colorado. Our mission is to provide a movement-based approach to education and instill confidence and self-advocacy in our students. We are thrilled to welcome you!

### The DPS Choice Process

You were placed at GALS through the DPS Office of Choice and Enrollment. If for some reason you are unsure about your placement, don't hesitate to contact GALS or DPS.

If you would like to learn more about GALS, we would love your family to attend an information session, and/or you can shadow a current student. If you would like to set up either of these opportunities, have a parent/guardian call Betsy at (303) 282-6437, ext 105 or email at betsy.barrow@galsdenver.org

If you have made other plans for next year and will not be attending GALS, please let us know as soon as possible. We do have a waitlist, and there may be another deserving student who would like to take your spot. Email <a href="mailto:betsy.barrow@galsdenver.org">betsy.barrow@galsdenver.org</a> or call 303-282-6437, ext 105 to let us know your intentions for next year.

#### **Welcome Event**

We will be hosting an informational evening for all families who are new-to-GALS. We hope you can join us on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm.

## Registration

Drop-in registration windows are listed below. Please plan on coming in to GALS for one of these windows! Registration will take your family 30-45 minutes.

Wednesday, August 8th from 7:30am-4:00pm

Thursday August 9th from 12:30pm-7:00pm

# **First Days of School**

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be a regular Wednesday schedule from 8:00am-2:15pm (times to be finalized this summer): breakfast and lunch will be served.

## Normal school hours are subject to change for '18-19. Currently they are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00am-3:35pm (doors open at 7:40am)

Wednesday: 8:00am-2:15pm (doors open at 7:40am)

#### **Office Contact**

Our office will be staffed this summer with shorter hours. Feel free to contact us at 303-282-6437. We will also be available on email; reach out to office@galsdenver.org

## **Student Activity Fee**

GALS does not charge tuition; the only contribution that GALS asks of families is a *student activity fee*. This will help to cover field trips, community days, special guests and teachers throughout the year. This is assessed once annually, and we ask that families pay that \$150 fee in August before the school year begins. More information will be included in the summer enrollment packet of paperwork.

### **School Store**

We will have the online store up and running with GALS gear on in early May! Visit our website – <u>www.GALSdenver.org</u> - and use the "quick links" menu to easily navigate to the store.

# Do you know someone who'd like to come to GALS?

We have a handful of spots still available in some grades! If you know someone who'd like to enroll at GALS, or be added to the waitlist, have them call our Enrollment Coordinator, Betsy, at (303) 282-6437, ext 105 or email at betsy.barrow@galsdenver.org

# Way to Go Opt-Out

We use Way to Go (through the City/County of Denver) to match our students' families with their neighbors to potentially set up carpools to school. If you would prefer that we <u>not</u> share your contact information with other GALS/Boys School families, please return the enclosed OPT-OUT form by May 11<sup>th</sup>. If we don't hear from you, you'll be included in the carpool lists.

#### **Important Dates**

Please mark your calendars for the following exciting events:

Event Name	Date & Time	Description
Enrollment Night for <u>NEW-to-GALS</u> Middle & High School students	Thursday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30pm	Meet the newest members of the GALS community for a fun night of information and celebration!
Registration Window	Wednesday, August 8 <sup>th</sup> 7:30am-4pm Thursday August 9 <sup>th</sup> 12:30pm-7pm	Please drop by MANDATORY registration, all families (new and returning) will complete their fall registration paperwork, as well as hear about GALS' policies and procedures. If you cannot attend, just let us know otherwise, we may not hold your student's seat!
GALS First Day! For 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Wednesday, August 15 <sup>th</sup> 8:00am-2:15pm	Welcome back to school! We're so excited to have you!

Thank you for enrolling at GALS. We are so excited to have you learn and grow with us!

Sincerely,

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