



FRANKLIN'S FIRST

Monthly e-blast

Sharing our news with you

July, 2017

Fourth of July Holiday

We wish everyone a Happy Fourth of July! In observance of the holiday, the school will be closed next week and will reopen Monday, July 10.

Wonderful Wednesday Summer Study Days

The last Wonderful Wednesday for students enrolled in the 2016-2017 school year is Wednesday, July 12.

Due to construction at 752 Houston Mill Rd. (Jr. House), all study will take place in the Sr. House at 1585 Clifton Rd. Students are welcome to park in the Clifton Lot or the Houston Mill lot.

The sessions are as follows:

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Returning 2017-2018 Students attend this session.

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

2017 Graduating Seniors - All Academic work and Work-Study requirements must be completed by **Wednesday, July 12, 2017**, at 12:30 PM.

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Students transferring to other schools may come at this time to complete Spring Semester work.

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Please call or email with any questions!

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The 2017-2018 School Year

The 2017-2018 school year begins Thursday, August 3. Teachers return for Teacher Work Days on Monday, July 31, through Wednesday, August 2.

Board of Overseers News

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners proclaimed June 19, 2017, G. Lemuel Hewes Appreciation Day. The Ben Franklin Academy Overseer was recognized for his outstanding contributions to Fulton County as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Childhood Autism Foundation, Inc., as a member of the Advisory Board for Emory University's Autism Resource Center, as Past President and one of the founders of the

Henry W. Grady Health System Foundation, Inc. and as a Board member of the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority Board. BFA joins Fulton County in commending Lem for his dedicated service with numerous organizations for the citizens of Atlanta!

Alumni News

Drew Hayner (2010) is continuing his work as an artist with ABV Agency + Gallery.

Pasha Chorba (2012) completed a degree in Computer Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Bria Davis (2012) graduated in May from The College of Saint Rose with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. She was on the President's List for Spring Semester.

Elise Conroy (2012) was named to the President's List at Georgia State University for Spring Semester. She is majoring in Journalism

Zachary Mountcastle (2012) was named to the President's List at Georgia State University. He is a Film major.

Pamela Polanco (2013) graduated with a B.B.A. in Marketing in May from Georgia State University and has a job with AT&T.

Skylar Sims (2013) graduated with a B.A. in Computer Science from Georgia State University.

Annual Fund

"Energy and persistence conquer all things." - Benjamin Franklin

The dog days of summer are officially here, and what better way to enjoy these longer days than by immersing yourself in a special project? Here at Ben Franklin, we are doing just that; we continue to make great construction progress on the enhancements to our campus made possible by support for our *An Expanded Home for Achieving the Possible* Capital Campaign. In the spirit of Benjamin Franklin, we are working *energetically* and *persistently*, and plan to complete construction in time to ring in the first day of school in our updated facilities. We hope your summers are similarly productive!

In this 30th anniversary year, we are also raising money for our Annual Fund. Support for the 2017-2018 Annual Fund will go towards three funding priorities: scholarships for deserving teens from all backgrounds; new technology to enable cutting-edge learning; and landscape beautification for our serene, homelike campus. Show your support for BFA by making a gift to the Annual Fund online today at www.BenFranklinAcademy.org/support-BFA.

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