

Dear CBGS Students and Families:

We hope that everyone is having a great summer of good books, fun trips, and time with friends and family! I am excited to begin our work together as your new director of the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School. The CBGS staff is looking forward to welcoming back our students to deep learning through rigorous instruction, field experiences, and research. It's going to be an eventful year!

### **Summer Reading Reminder**

Every summer CBGS students complete research on an environmental topic that serves as a central theme between all three campuses. If you have not already done so, make sure to complete [this summer's work on renewable energy](#).

### **Community Service**

The summer months are a great time to work on community service hours to [earn your gold cord](#) at graduation! Keep track of your hours using the [form from our website](#)

### **Start of School**

Sophomores begin classes with two days of orientation on Monday and Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. School opens for **ALL** returning students on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will report to their respective campus at 8:00 a.m. and will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. Please check with your home school for details regarding bus transportation to CBGS. There will be no school on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> or on Labor Day, Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The CBGS calendar for the year is also attached for you.

### **Field Studies**

We are looking forward to resuming our field studies this year and providing opportunities for experiential learning. Field study trips and our annual Science Symposium are essential parts of the CBGS curriculum; **students are required to participate**. Scheduling can be difficult, but we ask that you make every attempt to keep your calendars clear on the dates listed below for your campus. We also stress that students may attend the trip with another site if they are completely unable to go with their own site classmates. All trips are subject to change due to weather. Any trip with multiple dates indicates that it is an overnight trip. CBGS will send out more information about comprehensive fees and payment of fees upon students' return in August. To see a list of our field studies by site, [click on this link](#).

Trips for the winter and spring will be shared after the school year begins. **All students are expected to attend the Science Symposium at VCU on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Enjoy the rest of your summer! We can't wait to get started on our next learning adventure with you!

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Director