

Parents/Guardians,

As we approach Fall Break, we wanted to share some key pieces of information around schedules for fall break and some other upcoming dates and activities. Please read the below.

12th Grade ACT Retake Day on Tuesday, Oct 3

The Tennessee Department of Education offered seniors the opportunity to take an official ACT for free again on Tuesday, October 3. We are excited that most of our seniors have chosen to take advantage of this opportunity. **All seniors participating will need to be at STEM by 8:40am that morning.** Any senior participating should also email his/her college instructors prior to the testing time if the student is going to miss college class time. This is a great opportunity to raise a personal ACT score!

FAFSA Night for 12th Grade Students and Parents on Tuesday, Oct 3 at 6pm

The STEM counselors will be here from 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday night for a FAFSA completion event as the FAFSA application period starts next week. 12th grade students and parents are welcome to attend in order to come and fill out the FAFSA. The FAFSA is needed in order to qualify for any federal money or scholarships. Parents should bring their tax documents with them. Parent and student should both be in attendance.

10th Grade Docent Night – Hunter Museum of Art on Thursday, Oct 5 at 6pm

All families are welcome to attend the 10th Grade Docent Night at the Hunter Museum of Art on Thursday, October 5th. **10th grade students will be showcasing their original digital works of art from 6pm to 7pm that evening.** This is a required night for all 10th grade students. As for museum fee to enter the Hunter Museum of Art that evening, it is free to everyone for the entire evening. The projects this year are incredible. I cannot wait for the 10th graders to showcase their work and expertise.

Fall Break

Friday, October 6 thru Sunday, October 15 – STEM School classes are not in session and the school is closed for fall break. HOWEVER, all Chattanooga State classes are in session and students are expected to attend all Chattanooga State classes during this timeframe.

Monday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 17 – STEM School classes are in session and school is open for 9th and 10th grade students. Chattanooga State is on fall break and all Chattanooga State classes are not in session. 11th and 12th grade students do not attend the STEM School on these two days UNLESS the student is assigned remediation time. Both students and parents in 11th and 12th grades will be notified by email if that is the case.

STEM 101 on Monday, Oct 30 at 6pm

STEM 101 is a night designed to help parents learn about Google Classroom, Powerschool Grading, GradeCraft and Tech Safety. The night is organized such that parents work through different tasks to learn about each of these items. Both administrators and students will be there that night to help facilitate the activities. We also have all the activities posted on our website under the STEM 101 link on the left toolbar on the homepage.

Student Led Conferences in November

At the STEM School, we do not have traditional Parent Teacher Conferences where the parent comes in and a teacher talks about all the things your child is doing. Instead, our conferences are focused on the student leading a conference with parents and faculty members. The reason for doing so is because it is vitally important for the student to take ownership in their progress, be able to communicate what they have learned, and be able to communicate at what level of understanding/mastery they are performing. [We will have conferences in the morning on November 7 and 8, and in the evening on November 9.](#) More information on signing up for a conference time slot will be sent out as we get closer to the dates.

[Graduation Date Set on Saturday, May 19 at 2:30pm](#)

[The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2018 is set for Saturday, May 19 at 2:30pm.](#) Graduation takes place at the Tivoli in downtown Chattanooga. Mark the date and time in your calendar now!

Have a great weekend and thank you for your support!

Dr. Tony Donen
Principal