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Dear Parents,

The summer vacation is finally here. With no super early morning wake-up challenges, and no homework to worry about, students and as well as parents, can finally relax.

However, few important notes to keep:

- The Summer term Parents Teachers Meeting (PTM) will be held virtually on 2nd July. Your scheduled meeting time has already been sent through the school diary. Report card, key information for next academic year; for example; 2023 / 24 school timing, your child's allotted section, uniform notice, Accounts Notices, etc will be emailed to you ahead of the PTM.

- Annual Awards Ceremony (classes Preplay to 1) and the Attainment Ceremony (class 2) will be held on 6th July. We look forward to your presence.

- Book collection and parents' book review for 2023-24 will be held before we resume the new session. Detailed information will be emailed.

- School office will operate from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm during the summer break, excluding weekends and public holidays. Please feel free to reach out if you have any queries.

Thank you all for your hard work and support throughout the school year. It remains my honour to lead CGS Lower as one of the most successful schools in our country.

Wishing you the very best summer vacation possible, and I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting, new academic year!

Rasha Tariq



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We are looking forward to hosting the parents and students orientation of the new session in campus on opening week. The Promotion Ceremony for Class 8 and Annual Awards for Classes 3 to 7 will be held in August. Parents are requested to attend these programs.

On another note, we have added the subject Environmental Management in younger classes a few years ago. We not only try to educate our students about this mostly ignored concern but we also try to practice what we preach. We have stopped use of plastic at the cafeteria and students are discouraged from using any form of plastic. Covid compelled us to have virtual report cards and newsletters. We continue to do so even today.

It is essential for parents to impose and consistently encourage children to follow certain rules which are friendly to our environment. As adults we are responsible to leave earth in a good state for the next generation. The awareness needs to start now and we all have a part to play. Please give this some thought during the holidays.

Have a wonderful summer break.

Hector Fernandez

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Warm Greetings! After an intense academic year of assignments, essays, study sessions, group projects, all-nighters, and exams, it is at last time for a well-deserved break - a lengthy one, at that. Along with getting plenty of rest and spending quality time with family and friends, this is the perfect time for you to maximize your summer break by exploring enriching activities that you do not always have time to pursue during the school year. You may enjoy a summer of travelling through the pages of a book or reading journals which can help develop critical thinking ability and analytical skills.

You can learn new skills like coding, website design and more which could be relevant to your field of study. I recommended that you indulge in hobbies, sign up for summer school/classes, or try your hand at learning a new musical instrument. Learning a new language using duo-lingo, taking a class in photography, drawing, swimming, sewing, or self-defence is also a great idea. You can take what they have learned in the classroom and apply it by getting an internship which is a great way to build valuable connections and gain practical work experience. Volunteer roles are often available through research programs and organizations in need of help, including charities, festivals, local non-profits, events, and community groups.

To conclude, we hope you have a pleasant and invigorating summer break!

Faiza Chowdhury

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