



SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL

US Orientation

2019-2020



Upper School Student Body

	# of Students	# of New Students
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9th:	82	33
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10th:	83	13
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11th:	93	14
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12th:	74	0
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332

Total US Students

60

New Students

106

Residential Program
(Dorm & Homestay)

89

International Students
16 Countries



Helpful People to Know





Jonathan Oglesbee

Head of Upper School

Contact Me For...

- Upper School Culture and Initiatives
- Share Your Thoughts and Ideas



Meredith Shankle

Registrar &
Program Coordinator

Contact Me For...

- Course Registration
- Transcript Requests
- Program Questions



Kerry Foley

US Administrative Assistant

Contact Me For...

- General US questions
- Daily attendance
- Scheduling of parent meetings
- **If you don't know who to ask, Kerry is a great place to start!



Rasha El-Haggan

Upper School
Academic Dean

Contact Me For...

- Upper School Academic Policies and Procedures
- Understanding the School's pedagogy and educational philosophy

Department Heads



Sherry O'bara
Science



Hannah Kerr
Arts



Claire Donahue
ESOL



Kathy Hannah
History



Scott Carneal
English



Nancy O'Leary
Mathematics



Eduardo Polon
Global Languages



Role of the Teacher

- Help students develop academically and socially
- Develop a strong working relationship with the student (and parents) to aid learning
- Provide instruction in a manner that meets the needs of the students
- Be clear and effective in communicating requirements



Role of the Teacher

What You Can Expect From Teachers:

- Seek to develop a relationship with the students
- Accessibility
- A sense of mutual respect and fairness
- Notification if the student has grades of concern (C- or below)
- Communication
- Academic Help
- Accommodations

What Teachers Expect of Parents:

- Collaborative problem-solving if an issue arises
- Academic support at home, if there are issues with assignment completion
- A sense of mutual respect





Ben McClellan

US Dean of Students

Contact Me For...

- Student Life
 - Clubs, activities, etc.
- Student Discipline
- Student Attendance

Grade Deans



Steff Kerr
9th Grade



Josh Moffat
10th Grade



Sara Jameson
11th Grade



Elizabeth Anderson
12th Grade



Role of the Advisor

- Serve as mentor and advocate for advisees
- Monitor academic and social progress
- Coordinate efforts to support advisees
- Be a liaison for parents and teachers on behalf of the student
- Develop advisor group
- Facilitate advisor group activities



Role of the Advisor

What You Can Expect From Advisors:

- Strong connection with the student
- Notification to parents and school support personnel of any struggles they note, especially across multiple classes
- Taking of an active role in addressing student academic concerns
- Accessibility

What Advisors Expect of Parents:

- Background information that will help meet student needs
- Open communication about student struggles or concerns
- Collaborative problem-solving



An aerial photograph of a school campus, featuring several green-roofed buildings, a large green lawn, and a baseball field. The campus is surrounded by dense green trees. The text "More Support for Students & Families" is overlaid in white, cursive font.

More Support for Students & Families





Nicole Banks

US Counselor

Contact Me For...

- Direct student social and emotional support
- Oversee Wellness Programming
- 9th Grade Seminar – Life Skills Class
- Parent support
- Referrals



Meghan Cassidy

Dorm Counselor &
Academic Advocate

Contact Me For...

- Direct student social, emotional, and academic support for dorm students
- Dorm Curriculum
- Parent support
- Referrals



Chris Miller **Candice Ashton**

Director of
College
Counseling

Associate Director
of College
Counseling

Contact Us For...

- College Counseling Process
- Course Selection Advice



Shannon Needham



Ebe Behnia

US Learning Specialists
Learning Resource
Collaborative

Contact Us For...

- Direct student academic support
- Disseminate information to teachers on students with learning differences
- Coordinate accommodations on standardized tests for students with learning differences
- Referrals



Jenai Bell

US Testing Coordinator and
Learning Resource
Collaborative Support

Contact Me For...

- Dates and details for PSAT, SAT, ACT and AP testing
- Accommodation requests for standardized testing
- Questions and registration for the FLEX program



Sunshine Klein

US Experiential Education
Coordinator

Contact Me For...

- Community Service Hours and Opportunities
- Intersession
- Student Exchange Programs (Australia, Italy, etc...)



Bill Mena

Interim Director of
Residential Life

Contact Me For...

- Dorm
- Host Family Program



Steve Powers

Athletic Director

Contact Me For...

- Sports Teams and Intramurals

Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Sep. 4, 2019	All Day	First Day of Classes
Sep. 5 & 6, 2019	All Day	Senior Photos
Sep. 14 2019	4:00 – 7:00 pm	SSFS PA Friends Day
Week of Sep. 16, 2019		Parent Advisor Conferences (Grades 10-12)
Sep. 19, 2019	6:30 – 9:00 pm	Upper School Back To School Night
Oct. 1, 2019	8:15 – 9:15 am	US 9th Grade Coffee & Conversation
Oct. 3, 2019	8:15 – 9:15 am	US 12th Grade Coffee & Conversation
Oct. 10, 2019 Oct. 11, 2019	8:15 – 9:15 am Varied	US 10th & 11th Coffee & Conversation International Video Conference





How We Communicate

Email

- Notifications re: grades and comments; other administrative information
- Individual communications from teachers, advisors

Other Ways

- News and Media
- My BackPack
- Weekly Newsletter
- Finalsite LMS
- Coffee & Conversations (Video Conferences)

Communications & Technology Orientation Fair

