



Dear GWA Friends and Families:

As part of the GWA Global Studies initiative, we are pleased to announce one of several new education partnerships for our school community. Founded in 2008, in Herndon, Virginia, New Oasis International Education partners with the most competitive private day schools in the United States to place students from Asia into high school education programs and assist them in their transition into American academics and culture. New Oasis students are typically from different major cities in China. They all have studied in international programs at their respective schools and excel academically. They have been carefully screened by New Oasis to ensure a good fit with their host schools and families and each candidate student is interviewed by our New Oasis personnel. Additionally, GWA reviews each applicant file before he or she is accepted to ensure the student meets our academic standards. We hope to admit one to three international students for the 2018-2019 school year.

George Walton is working with New Oasis International Education ("New Oasis") to find nurturing and supportive local host families. We are giving our GWA families the first opportunity to host these students for the year so they can be a part of our school family culture in addition to our academic culture. That said, the host family doesn't have to have an upper school student. In fact, sometimes the perfect home is one of a lower school student looking for a "big brother" or "big sister" for the year. Please join us on Thursday, March 22 at 2 pm in the Upper School Media Center to learn more about this program and what is involved in hosting one of the students.

The ideal host family is expected to provide:

- Transportation to and from school (visiting students may ride the school bus)
- Meals
- A separate bedroom (but may share a bathroom)
- Parental supervision of a young adult eager to study hard and learn about American culture

In exchange for opening up your home for this wonderful experience, New Oasis provides:

- A monthly stipend of \$1,100
- Ongoing academic and social support for the international student

Cari Bailey and Femke Cote from GWA and Chad Webb from New Oasis are always available to answer questions and help provide guidance when needed.

We hope you will join us on March 22! Contact Cari Bailey if you have questions or if you are interested in learning more, but are not available to attend the information meeting - 678-635-3810 or cbailey@gwa.com.

Sincerely,
Dan