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# K.I.S.S. NEWSLETTER

## HAPPY NEW WEEK!!!

Boo! 🎃 We hope you all had a spooktacular Halloween! We've missed you and are thrilled to be back with **Volume 7** of our K.I.S.S. Newsletter. It's been a little while since we last connected, and we hope the break has left you energized and ready for more incredible moments with the Sophia Project. We've got some exciting news to share! Our program is back in action, and we can't wait to dive into another exciting volume. This **Friday, November 3rd**, we're resuming our engaging sessions, activities, and discussions. Get ready for more learning, more growth, and more fun!

At the Sophia Project, we're committed to promoting positive health outcomes among our participants. It's more than just a program; it's a community where well-being is a top priority. We believe that a nurturing and supportive environment is the key to success. Our journey to empowering our girls is a team effort. To make it even more amazing, we need every participant and parent fully involved in the process. ***It starts with you, and completing your enrollment is the first step towards shaping a brighter future.***

Together, we're building a community where our girls thrive, acquire valuable skills, and gain the knowledge they need to excel in their post-secondary education and future careers. It's a journey we're excited to continue with all of you. Stay tuned for more exciting updates, heartwarming stories, and valuable insights in our forthcoming newsletters.

## ATTENTION



- **Submit all outstanding documents**



- **Sign up for tutoring through Washu**



- **A penalty fee applies for late pick-up, so please be punctual.**



- **Strict NO PHONE/ELECTRONICS policy**



***Please note: Programming will be at The YMCA this Fr this 5555 page blvd***



## REMINDERS FOR PROGRAMMING

In preparation for another week of programming together, we'd like to highlight some essential expectations and friendly reminders for both parents and participants. Please review the following:

- **Signing In and Out:** We kindly request parents to encourage their daughters to make a conscious effort to sign themselves in when they arrive for programming. Similarly, when picking up your daughters, please ensure that you sign them out. These practices are essential for us to maintain a proper headcount and hold ourselves accountable for the number of students in our care at any given time.
- **Stay Hydrated:** We encourage all our girls to come to programming with their water bottles. We have convenient water dispensers on-site, allowing participants to refill their bottles at any time. Hydration is vital for staying active and focused during our sessions.
- **No Phones Policy:** A friendly reminder that we maintain a strict no-phones policy during our programming. We kindly ask parents not to allow their daughters to bring electronics unless explicitly stated otherwise by our K.I.S.S. staff members. This policy helps create a distraction-free environment where participants can engage fully.
- **Excellence Agreement and Behavior Policy:** We encourage all parents to remind their daughters about the Excellence Agreement and behavior policy outlined in our enrollment packet. These guidelines are designed to ensure a respectful and positive atmosphere. We take all violations seriously and appreciate your support in upholding these standards.
- **Regular Attendance:** Regular attendance is highly encouraged. Participants have three opportunities to miss programming before our K.I.S.S. team evaluates the best course of action to take. Consistent attendance not only maximizes the benefits of the program but also helps build a sense of community and belonging.



We look forward to welcoming all girls back to our programming on Friday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm. Here are some quick reminders:

- Programming will be at the Bayer YMCA on November 3rd.
- All parents must come to the side parking lot entrance to sign out their daughter.
- Kindly prioritize punctuality as we aim to start each session promptly.
- Check-in with staff for outstanding documents you might have.



# Community Event



We're excited to share a fantastic event with our TSP community! Calling all remarkable young women in their junior or senior year attending high schools across the St. Louis region! We are excited to share an upcoming event hosted by the "Gentlemen of Vision" program. On Wednesday, November 8th, at 6:30 PM, the event will take place in the Riverview Gardens High School library. It's an excellent opportunity to explore your path to success and engage with a community dedicated to empowering and uplifting the next generation of leaders. Please attend if you can!

GENTLEMEN OF VISION  
PRESENTS

Miss  
**GREEN & GOLD**  
*Scholarship Pageant*

**HARRIS - STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
HENRY GIVENS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
3026 LACLEDE AVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63103

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 2ND**      **DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**\$2,500**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT [GENTLEMENOFVISION06@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GENTLEMENOFVISION06@GMAIL.COM)



# Community Event



Here is yet another impactful opportunity we want to share with our KISS community. The City of St. Louis is launching a Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) pilot program, providing families the chance to receive \$500 per month for 18 months. This initiative, a top priority for Mayor Tishaura O. Jones, aims to strengthen our city by empowering families in need. Families with children enrolled in St. Louis public and charter schools living below 170% of the federal poverty level are eligible. The application window opens on October 23rd and closes on November 1st. It's a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in our community.



- ✓ City residents with a child enrolled in St. Louis Public/Charter Schools
- ✓ Combined HH income of less than 170% of the federal poverty level
- ✓ Experienced negative financial impact due to COVID-19

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October 10-  
October 23, 2023

## Interested in STL GBI?

Residents interested in being notified when the application window opens are asked to sign up on the website.

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October 23 -  
November 1, 2023

## Eligible residents can apply now:

Applicants can apply by submitting the required documentation:

- Proof of government-issued ID
- Proof of school enrollment

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November 6 -  
November 13, 2023

## Applicants invited for verification:

Applicants selected via lottery will be invited to submit financial documentation for verification of residency. Applicants will then be selected first-come/first-serve to receive \$500 monthly payments for 18 months.



[bit.ly/stlgbi](https://bit.ly/stlgbi)