



# The Gow School

Dear Gow Families,

Many of you may already be aware that the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) for land travel requires that, as of June 01, 2009, United States citizens traveling by land and sea, to and from certain countries, including Canada, must present a valid U.S. passport when leaving and entering the United States. Full implementation has occurred.

Due to the fact that we often make trips to Canada with our students, and to ensure that your child will be able to depart and re-enter the United States without incident during the school year, we are requiring that your children present one of the following when they arrive on campus at the start of the fall semester: (1) a valid U.S. passport or (2) passport card, government-issued photo ID (if 16 years or older), and proof of passport application status. The proof of passport application status may be obtained 7-10 days after the passport application has been submitted at the following link:

<http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/status/status/2567.html>

We must secure all of your children's' documentation in the Business Office. Additional travel information may also be obtained at The U.S. Department of State website, <http://travel.state.gov>.

Please contact the Admissions Office at 716.687.2004 if you require further information on the passport requirement.

Sincerely,

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