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George Stevens Academy September 2022 Report

It is so nice to begin school without the burden of Covid-19 policies, procedures, and protocols!

Orientation Days

We began school on August 31, with an orientation day for all 9th and 10th grade students, followed on Thursday by a program for all 11th and 12th graders. Each day was a mix of community-building activities, getting computers, and meeting teachers in abbreviated classes. There was much enthusiasm amongst everyone—students and staff. Everyone is excited to be back at school, no one more than the Head of School.

Summer Work

As with every school, a lot goes on at GSA over the summer. In addition to deep cleaning, and general maintenance work:

- We have upgraded our entire wireless network so it is now fast and reliable everywhere on campus. As part of this, we have installed five security cameras on campus.
- We installed a new single use bathroom so we now have one in every building.
- We repainted the exterior of the Academy Building.
- We are in the process of reroofing the Academy Building, to fix leaks, a long-awaited improvement.
- We did an in-house review of our emergency and crisis planning, and will do a fuller one in conjunction with our first responders and the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency. We last did this with them about four years ago, and it is time to do it again, and see if any of their recommendations have changed since then.
- We reviewed and revised our code of conduct, to make it clearer in places, easier to read and understand, and to reflect some changes in our systems for working with students. We have already been working from a restorative justice framework (which, as you know, is required by the Maine Department of Education as part of the school approval process), and we are expanding the ways we use this approach.

Boarding program update

The boarding program is slowly coming back. Among the 14 students enrolled are three refugee students, one from Afghanistan and two from the Ukraine. They are being supported through a network of community members, led by local churches, who, on their own

initiative, have been raising funds since mid-summer to enable refugee students to come to GSA. They are amazing young people, and, while of course it is a wonderful opportunity for them, they will be a great addition to our community, and it will be an unforgettable experience for our students to get to know them and hear their stories.

This year the program is again in the black.

New faculty and staff

We welcomed a number of new teachers and staff members over the summer. We continue to have a great team here, and I am excited to work with our new colleagues. A listing accompanies this report. [CLICK HERE](#)

Opening numbers

295 Local day students

14 Boarding students, from eight countries

Respectfully,



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