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George Stevens Academy June 2022 Report

Covid-19 Update

After an uptick during May, where we had 1- 4 new cases every 1- 2 days, we have dropped down again, with one or so every 2 – 3 days. Thankfully, the new cases have been spaced out enough that we never had too many people absent at once to impede our ability to have school.

ArtsFest

Melissa Rioux, our art teacher, Fine and Performing Arts Department Chair, and GSA alumna, spearheaded the return of Artsfest. This program had been on hiatus the last three years due to Covid, but is a tradition going back over fifty years. During it, we bring onto our campus a large number of community members involved in some way in the arts, to do workshops with GSA students. Melissa was been inspired by her experience of it as a student here, and put together a wonderful two and a half day program, with a great collection of outside community members and GSA faculty giving workshops. There were 78 different workshops available in total. Each day concluded with some kind of a performance, either a “Battle of the Bands” (six student groups and a faculty band entry), or hired performers. The entire event was a wonderfully happy time, and welcome after another long year of stressors. Our students were able to interact with a large number of community members, and be exposed to a wide array of professions and skills.

A sampling: 15 different painting and drawing workshops, from pastels to oils to botanical illustration; workshops on textiles, photography, music playing, song writing, recording and production, drama, writing, running an art gallery, various culinary arts skills, film making, gardening, and dance, to name just some of them.

College and Career Counseling

We are nearly at the end of another season of helping our seniors transition to whatever is next for them. below is some data from this year’s senior class; in a separate document you will see the college matriculations.

Class of 2022 Data

- 46 students enrolling in post-secondary programs; 42 in 4 year colleges; 3 in two year programs; 1 in a 1 year training program.

- 2 students doing gap year options
- 14 students with various work plans
- Students submitted more than 325 total applications to more than 125 colleges.
- Class of 2022 students staying closer to home - in-state and New England region. Only 5 venturing farther (Colorado, Indiana, NYC area); students applied widely but final decisions tended to be regional schools.

End of Year Activities

We had a very successful prom a couple of weekends ago. In this context “successful” means it was attended by many students, everyone behaved well and had a lot of fun, and everyone got to and from the event safely. We held it at David’s Folly Farm, a beautiful venue.

Class Night and graduation are coming, June 11 and 12, respectively. Yes, I am counting the days. 😊

Thank you for all you do for the children of your town.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Seeley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'S'.

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