

August 14, 2020

Dear 9th Grade Parents/Guardians:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to George Stevens Academy. Some of you are familiar with us because you have enrolled other children here, but this is a new experience for you with this child. The heart of any school is its students, and we treasure each one. We are so glad to have you with us! And, of course, this coming school year will be unlike any other. I trust you have been getting the emails I have sent out with information related to the opening of school. If you have any questions, please email me or call the school at (207) 374-2808, and we will get you answers.

This mailing includes paperwork to be filled out, dates to be noted, and the like. Please read everything carefully and take care of whatever requires action on your part. If you have questions or need help, please call us at (207) 374-2808. There is a great deal of important information here; becoming familiar with it will help you help your child have the best possible year at GSA.

The 9th-grade year is especially important. It sets the tone for the rest of a young person's high school experience. We intend to make this year as productive, full of growth, and fun as possible. If you ever have a question or concern, or just want to chat about your child, please call us or stop by. Our goal at GSA is to be exceptional in all we do, every day. If we fall short, please let me know.

The first day of school for all 9th graders is Friday, Sept. 4. They will be the only students on campus that day. We have designed a special program to help familiarize them with each other and the campus before everyone else arrives. They will next be on campus the following Friday, Sept. 11, for another day of orientation when they will have the campus to themselves. During these two days, we will do many things to get them ready together for school—go over health and safety plans, distribute their laptops, give them training on Canvas, our new online learning system, give them time with their advisors and teachers, and do community-building activities. More information will be forthcoming. **Please make sure students wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring a water bottle for both days.**

Educators have the great honor and pleasure of being a part of young people's lives and development. I am excited to have the chance to get to know your child over the coming year. Enjoy the rest of the summer. Thank you for sharing your child with us.

Sincerely,

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

Timothy J. Seeley
Head of School