

George Stevens Academy
ADVISORY PROGRAM
September 2020

Student: «First_Name» «Last_Name»

Advisor: «Advisor»

E-mail: «email»

GSA is committed to education through personal attention and close mentoring. Our advisory program is a crucial way to provide consistent and sustained attention to each student's academic, social, and emotional needs. The advisory program is administered through Student Services. Questions about the program should be directed to Todd Eckenfelder, Dean of Students, at t.eckenfelder@georgestevens.org.

How does advisory work?

- Each student is placed in an advisory group of 9-14 students.
- Students in an advisory are usually members of the same grade.
- The advisor for each group is one of GSA's full-time administrators or teachers.
- Advisory groups "stay together" through graduation.

What does my child's advisor know about my child?

- Advisors are kept informed by the Dean of Students about their advisees' academic progress, as well as any difficulties or issues relevant to their academic performance or social well-being at school.
- Advisors have access to their advisees' files. Advisors regularly access their advisees' grades online and are kept informed of detentions or other disciplinary actions. Advisors are invited to PET meetings.

What happens in advisory meetings?

- Advisories often focus on schoolwide matters. For example, during class registration periods, advisors work closely with advisees to help them choose courses and register.
- Advisors keep advisees informed of school events, special schedules, upcoming deadlines, and other programs and opportunities.
- In doing these things, advisors develop mentoring relationships with their advisees and learn to see each advisee not only as a student, but as a whole person.

What contact will I have with my child's advisor?

- You should feel free to email or telephone your child's advisor with any concerns you have about your child's academic performance or social well-being.