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Dear 9th Grade Families:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome your family to George Stevens Academy. Ninth Grade is such an exciting year and a smooth transition will aid in student success throughout high school. Our students are the center of all we do at GSA. We are looking forward to getting to know your child and are grateful for the trust you have placed in us.

When I wrote welcome letters last year, we were excited to return to full-time on-campus instruction for all students; with the exception of a few days, we managed the year on campus every day. It was thrilling and challenging! We are hopeful that this year will be even less disrupted and are planning for engaging, thoughtful, and deep learning in our classrooms.

This mailing includes important information and instructions on how to use our e-collect system along with a lot of other information about the upcoming school year. Please read everything carefully and take care of whatever requires action on your part. If you already have a PowerSchool account set up, you do not need to create a new one. If you have questions or need help, please call us at (207) 374-2808.

In addition to the mailings we have included, we suggest that you review our updated Student-Parent Handbook on our website. Understanding our community values and expectations is critical to student success and that of our learning community. I am available to answer any questions you may have after reviewing this important document.


The 9th-grade year is especially important. It sets the tone for the rest of a young person's high school experience. If you ever have a question or concern, or just want to chat about your child, please call us or stop by. Your student's advisor will be an important point of contact for you, so please do not hesitate to reach out.

On Wednesday, August 24 from 5:00 - 6:30 we will hold orientation for 9th grade and new student families. This will be an opportunity for you to meet our administrative team, learn more about our policies and procedures, get help from our Registrar, Debbie Davis, and connect with other parents.

The first day of school for all 9th graders is Wednesday, August 31. They will be joined by our 10th graders and upper class student leaders. We have designed a special program to help familiarize them with each other and the campus, get to know their advisors, and do community building activities. We will welcome all students to campus on Tuesday, September 6. **Please make sure students wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle on August 31 as they will spend time outdoors.**

It is an honor and a privilege to serve our community and to work in partnership with you. Our team looks forward to an amazing school year.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Gratz  
Assistant Head of School