

George Stevens Academy **ADVISORY PROGRAM**

Student Name:

Advisor:

Advisor's Email Address:

Our Statement of Community

George Stevens Academy is dedicated to providing a safe, equitable environment for all community members, one free from discrimination and all forms of bullying and harassment. We strive to create programs and services which result in an environment that welcomes and celebrates every member of our community, provides opportunities for all to contribute, and provides for the civil rights of all.

GSA is committed to educating, supporting, and challenging all students. 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 Rebecca Gratz, Assistant Head of School, at r.gratz@georgestevens.org.

How does advisory work?

- Each student is placed in an advisory group of 9-14 students - usually by grade-level.
- 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 Curriculum and Instruction and 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 through Canvas, and are kept informed of detentions or other disciplinary actions. Advisors are invited to PET meetings.

What happens in advisory meetings?

- Developing trusting, supportive, nurturing relationships between and among students and adults is a critical part of the advisory curriculum. Advisors become mentors who know each advisee as a whole person, not just as a student.
- The advisory curriculum supports the social-emotional growth of students along with helping usher students into young adulthood.
- 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.

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

- Your child's advisor will be in touch with you throughout the school year via email and phone.
- Student Led Conferences, held during the fall and spring will be facilitated by your child's advisor. During advisory, your student will work through their reflection and plan for the conference while curating work to share as well. You will schedule the conference with your child's advisor. See the handbook for more details.
- You should also 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