



## News from GSA

April 2023

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### ***News from the GSA Board of Trustees***

- The Board of Trustees extends gratitude to the voters of Sedgwick, Penobscot and Brooksville for approving the supplemental tuition request in March. Tuition from towns represents approximately 70% of the GSA budget, and the supplement has a direct and important impact on the experience of every local GSA student.
- GSA Board committees benefit greatly from the expertise of non-trustee community members. This winter we were delighted to welcome Chrissy Beardsley Allen (GSA class of 1998) (Mission Committee), Lisa Arhontes-Marshall (Development Committee), Tony Politano (Finance Committee), and Adam Zemans (Boarding Committee).

### ***Campus News***

- The math team placed second in the Downeast Math League for the regular season. The state meet is April 4 in Augusta.
- On March 25, GSA hosted a dance for peninsula 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 100 showed up, behaved well, and had a great time.
- 88 students participated in our winter sports program (30%).
- Boys basketball made it to the quarterfinals of the state tournament.
- 7 athletes qualified for the state track meet; Thea Crowley came in second in the two mile event.
- 6 GSA swimmers went to the state meet.
- 12 GSA athletes earned All Conference honors.
- 16 seniors received All Academic Conference awards for earning a 90 or better for six consecutive semesters.
- Spring sports have begun. 121 students will be competing on GSA teams (42%).
- GSA once again did extremely well at the State Jazz Music Festival. Our Jazz Band and "The Morning" combo each earned a silver medal. The "Deep Space" combo received a gold medal, earning the top place in the state in our session.

*Individual athletic, math and music honors are noted below.*

### ***Finances***

The GSA administration and the Finance committee of the Board have begun building next year's budget.

### ***Facilities Updates***

We have scheduled redecking the roofs on the gymnasium wings next summer, and replacing the roof on the McIntyre Building. As part of their contract, the roofing company will put new roofs on the baseball field dugouts at no additional charge.

### ***Recent Student Highlights***

- At the State Jazz Festival, Austin Chandler '23 (Surry) was named Outstanding Soloist twice, once as part of our Jazz Band and once as part of the "Deep Space" combo.
- Andy Hipsky '23 (Blue Hill) was also named Outstanding Soloist for his work in the "Deep Space" combo.
- All the soloists in "The Morning" combo received a rating of 1, the top rating.
- Thea Crowley '23 (Brooksville) was second in the two-mile event at the state indoor track meet; she also received the Anne Norton Sportsmanship Award for Indoor Track.
- Azaiah Nanson '23 (Blue Hill) was named the first senior in the Downeast Math League. He was also selected to the McDonald's All-Academic Basketball team, one of only ten students in the state to receive this honor, and he was selected to participate in the PVC Senior All-Star game.
- Alexon Astbury '23 (Brooksville) was selected to participate in the PVC Senior All-Star game.
- Ian Bowden '23 (Orland) was named the third senior in the Downeast Math League.
- Bailey Townsend '26 (Blue Hill) was named the first ninth grader in the Downeast Math League.

### ***Coming Event***

Step Up Day for 8th graders is on Monday, April 24, 8:30-12:30. Students will spend the day getting to know 9th grade teachers and future classmates. We also have fun activities planned to help these newcomers learn their way around GSA. We look forward to welcoming the class of 2027 to campus!

*Thank you for taking the time to read this, and for your service to the well-being of our shared peninsula community. We want to hear from you, and invite you to reach out to me by phone (207-374-2808), by email to [t.seeley@georgestevens.org](mailto:t.seeley@georgestevens.org), or in person.*