

August 15, 2023

Dear Families,

After four decades working in schools, there's nothing I love more than the start of a new school year. It's a fresh start for everyone, and as life unfolds, we don't always have chances like this to reset and begin again. In that spirit, I welcome you to the 2023-34 school year at George Stevens!

This packet includes a great deal of information. It might be tempting to skim or (please, no!) ignore some, but everything within will help you have a better school year or fulfill legal mandates. Take your time with it, call us if you have any questions, and please be mindful of necessary deadlines, especially around health forms and immunizations.

This will be an unusual start to the year, because returning students will know almost every adult. It has been very moving to see that we had no summer attrition from our faculty—something I have never seen happen and which speaks volumes about their dedication. We welcome Leroy Charette to our facilities team. Bill Gray, Jess Smith, Dale Nevells, and Leroy have worked tirelessly to make our campus shine, and teachers have worked hard on curriculum and pedagogy in what many people imagine is an expansive amount of time off. We hosted an antiques and art show that brought people from across the country. Admissions and Advancement offices have moved into the Academy House, and all of our boarders will now live in Hanley. Enrollment has stayed strong, and we expect to open with 261 students. This is my way of saying you may have been away, but the school was busy and often full throughout the summer.

One more time: My heartiest welcome to a new school year! I am honored to be with you for it.

Warmly,

Shelley Borrer Jackson  
Head of School