



Parents' Association

August 2022

Dear Gaston Day School Parents,

We hope you & your families have enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing summer together! The Parents' Association (PA) would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone – old & new.

The PA is a volunteer organization that works in cooperation with the Gaston Day School administration to achieve the goal of becoming the finest independent school in the South. We work together each year to identify how the PA can help enhance the educational experience of our students, teachers, staff, and our families. For example, last year the PA Board brought back our biggest fundraiser of the year, Spartan Fest. We raised over \$30,000 and are putting it towards out-of-pocket costs that parents would be paying during the year. This includes helping to cover field trip costs, transportation costs, and teacher and staff birthdays. Although parents may still be asked to contribute towards things throughout the year, it will be less frequently and less of an amount thanks to the Spartan Fest profits!

The PA has a lot of new, fun and exciting ideas planned for this coming school year - be on the lookout for more details to be communicated via email or through our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/gdsparentsassociation/>). We have a family Bingo night planned, a movie night, and more! Remember, *every parent* is a member of the Parents' Association and we welcome everyone to help and participate as you are able!.

We invite you to save the date for our annual **Back to School BBQ** which will be held on **Friday, August 19th, from 5:00-7:00**. This annual event is a great opportunity for the whole family to find school-related activity information, meet & mingle with teachers and other families, as well as a great chance for the children to see each other outside the classroom. There will be GDS merchandise available for purchase and we will have more details regarding how you can get involved in the PA events planned for this year. Please plan to join us for an evening of family fun!!

Sincerely,

Your Gaston Day School 2022-23 Parents' Association Board and Chairpersons:

Kathleen Rader - President

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