



Welcome to Sparty's!

Here at Gaston Day School, we aren't serving your average school lunch! Chef Dave and his team are creating delicious and exciting food on a daily basis. We are on a mission to change the stigma of "just school lunch". We are using fresh, quality ingredients to provide the students and staff with fun, seasonal, creative and ethnically authentic lunches.

The lunch menu rotates loosely on a 6 week schedule. You can expect to find lunches like Grandma's meatloaf, pizza & pasta bar, honey bbq salmon, buffalo chicken mac & cheese, greek chicken pita, tacos, "The Yinzer", chicken wings & chicken tenders, burgers & dogs, grilled cheese sandwiches and a whole host of other items that Chef Dave and his culinary team can come up with! Watch out for monthly specials and collaborations to celebrate holidays, birthdays and special occasions. If you ever have any suggestions, comments, or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Chef Dave!](#)

#### Lower School: Preschool and Pre-K

PreSchool & PreK students eat lunch in their classroom. These students' lunches must be ordered ahead of time so that they can be delivered daily. Your lunches must be ordered by Sunday evening prior to the start of the school week. Parents, you'll find a link on [Sparty's website](#) to place your students' lunch order. Each day, you'll see they have the option to order the hot lunch- which will be served with a starch and a vegetable. You will also have the option of ordering a sandwich for your student. All lunches will include a drink. Drinks will vary from water to juice to milk. Please utilize the *comments* section to note any food allergies. Lunch for all lower school students this year will be \$6.50. Parents, watch your email for any updates or changes at the end of the semester. If you ever have any questions, please reach out to [Chef Dave!](#)

### Lower School: Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

Each day, your students will have the option to purchase lunch from the main hotline. This will include a protein, starch and fruit/vegetable. Your student will also have the option of substituting a sandwich for the main protein. All lunches will include a drink. Students will be able to choose from a variety of water, juice and milk daily. Lunch for all lower school students this year will be \$6.50. There will be scheduled "ICE CREAM" days for lower school students where they have the opportunity to purchase \$1.50 ice cream cups, pops and novelties. This schedule will be coordinated with grade level teachers.

### Middle & Upper School: 5th grade through 12th grade

Similar to last year, 5th grade and up will have multiple lunch options daily. A menu will be posted on the Sparty's page detailing what is available. At a minimum, students will have 3 stations to choose from daily. There will be the main hotline, the deli station and the grab-and-go cooler. Watch for specials on the Chef Station!

### Sparty's Lunch Accounts

Again this year, we will operate on a declining balance account for all students and staff. What that means, is that you will add funds to your account and each day that you get lunch we will debit your account. You may use this account for morning break and snacks as well. You can add funds to your account in a few ways.

1. Write a check to GDS, and in the memo line put your students name and "Spartys"
2. Bring cash to the dining hall to add to your account.
3. Set up an account on [MyPaymentsPlus.com](https://www.mypaymentsplus.com) and link your student to your account and add funds. (there is a 4.75% fee to do this)

### Birthday Packages

Sparty's offers "Birthday Celebration" packages that are designed to make your child's birthday a special day at school and take the pressure off you to come up with a class treat. We know that your child's birthday is a special day. We also know that it can be hectic for parents to rearrange their schedules, pick up snacks, get to school, zoom back to work and everything else that comes with birthdays during the school year. Why not let Sparty's help out with that? Thanks to a great idea from a parent, we've created a classroom birthday party package that can be delivered to your child's classroom on their big day! We'll offer things like cookies, brownies, ice cream cups, ice cream sandwiches, novelty pops and more! [Email Chef Dave](#) for more details!