



Parents' Association - Welcome Back Letter - 2023

Dear Gaston Day School Parents,

We hope you & your families have enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing - VERY WARM summer! The Parents' Association (PA) would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our Gaston Day families – old & new.

The PA is a volunteer organization that works in cooperation with the Gaston Day School administration to achieve the school's mission "to educate our students and prepare them for academic success and responsible, productive lives." We work together each year to identify how the PA can help enhance the educational experience of our students, teachers, staff, and our families.

In the 2022-2023 school year we planned community school events including bingo, movies in the quad, and our annual spring Spartan Fest. The PA also supported teachers by providing snacks and drinks for them to enjoy during the school day and also held luncheons and drop in events to show our appreciation for everything they do for our students. The committee also provides a school store for students in our lower school to purchase school items and other fun activities.

The PA is planning for this coming school year. We encourage as many of our families to support the PA activities which may include our sub teams - Teacher Appreciation, School Store, Spartan Fest, Grade Parents, and drop in support for key events. If you are interested in volunteering for the PA please reach out to us via our email or check in with us at our back to school events.

Our first community event for the school year is already planned and it is our **Back to School BBQ** which will be held on **Friday, September 15th, 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 2023-24 Parents' Association Board and Chairpersons:

Elizabeth Sisk - *President*

Nisha Birat - *Vice President*

Robin Loupus - *Treasurer*

Lauren Lebioda - *Concessions Chair*

Elizabeth Blackburn - *Book fair Chair*

Sadia Malik - *School Store Chair*

Courtney Ycaza and Courtney Rushlow - *Teacher Appreciation Chairs*

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