



August 7, 2023

Greetings Lower School Families,

As the summer slows down and the school year is set to start, the Gaston Day School Lower School teachers are busy preparing for a wonderful year of learning, exploring, and making memories with classmates. Please take a moment to review the following items and links. The blue highlighted texts are live links with extended information.

Reminders at a Glance:

- Students (PS- 4th) only need a full size backpack (please send backpacks that do not roll), lunchbox, water bottle, and raincoat.
 - Please put your child's name on everything sent to school
 - We supply all other classroom supplies
- 3rd and 4th grade students will need a Chromebook. Please see the link [Lower School Chromebook](#)
- Please update your child's On-Campus forms by Tuesday, Aug. 15th. This is especially important for 3rd and 4th grade students BYOC - [On Campus direction sheet](#)
- Classlists are attached to this email
- Lower School Student Dress Code (kindergarten-fourth grade): Lower School students should wear a solid color, collared shirt, khaki/navy/unadorned or unripped denim bottoms Monday through Thursday. On Friday, students are allowed to wear clothing that is more relaxed but in the spirit of the dress code. [dress code](#)
- [Back- To- School Online Hub](#) - Includes
 - Parent direction for On Campus
 - Family Handbook
 - The traffic pattern map
 - Sign up for afterschool care
 - Sparty's Dining information
 - And more
- **Parent Night PS, PK and K Monday, August 14th**
 - Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten: 6:00 p.m.
 - We will gather in the Pamela Kimbrell Warlick Visual and Performing Art Center Theater (PKW)
 - This event is for parents only
- **Parent Night First, Second, Third and Fourth Tuesday, August 22nd 6:00**
 - Parents will report directly to their child's classroom

- First Day of School Wednesday, August 16th: Half day dismissal
 - PS, PK and K please refer to your child's assigned classroom visit information
 - Please drop children off in carpool starting at 7:30 am
 - 1st- 4th grade dismissal at 11:50
 - No after school care
 - No lunch
- After School Care starts on Thursday, August 17th
 - Please contact Shawn Desmond with any questions sdesmond@gastoday.org

We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Best Regards,
Heather Wynkoop