



August 1, 2024

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 read and review the following items and links. The blue highlighted texts are live links with extended information.

Important Information at a Glance:

- All Lower School students Preschool through Fourth grade will need a full size backpack (without wheels), lunchbox, water bottle, and raincoat to be kept at school.
- Label everything sent to school: sweaters, coats, backpack, water bottles, etc.
- 3rd and 4th grade students will need a Chromebook. Please see the link [Lower School Chromebook 2024](#)
- Please update your child's On-Campus forms- This is especially important for 3rd and 4th grade students BYOC.
- Classlists are posted on the Back-To-School-Online-Hub and attached at the bottom of your email.
- Preschool and PreKindergarten students should wear play clothes because learning can be messy. Closed toe shoes are recommended.
- Lower School Student Dress Code (kindergarten-fourth grade): students should wear a solid color, collared shirt, khaki/navy/unadorned or ripped blue 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 directions for On Campus
 - Family Handbook
 - The traffic pattern map
 - Sign up for after school program
 - Sparty's Dining information

- First Day of School Thursday, August 15th, with a noon dismissal.
 - Preschool, PreKindergarten, and Kindergarten will have a staggered start, Thursday, August 15, and Friday, August 16, with a full day beginning Monday, August 19. An email will be sent alerting you to which day your child will attend, August 15 or 16. They will attend 8:30-11:00. You may walk your child in, and pick up will also be from their classroom.
 - First- Fourth grade dismissal will begin at 11:50 am
 - No after school care
 - No lunch

- Afterschool starts on Thursday, August 16th
- Parent Night Tuesday, August 20
 - Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 - First-Fourth 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 - This event is for parents only please plan accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Best Regards,

Your Lower School Staff