

July 2025

Dear Parents of Middle School Students,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We are thrilled to have you and your children as part of our school community, especially as we begin a new school year with so many possibilities. Big changes have been made to our campus, and we are ready for the 2025-2026 school year!

Our faculty and staff have been working hard to prepare for a year filled with unique, engaging, and fun learning experiences and opportunities for growth. We look forward to partnering with you to make this school year a memorable and rewarding experience. Thank you for your continued support.

BACK TO SCHOOL HUB

Please reference our <u>Back-to-School Hub 25 - 26</u> to access essential information for the upcoming school year, including:

- Back to School Information
- Family Handbook
- School Calendar
- BYOC Policy
- OnCampus Parent Letter
- 5th/6th & 7th/8th Supply Lists
- Parent Association Welcome Letter
- Middle School Dress Code Information
- New Faces at Gaston Day School
- Traffic Map
- Sparty's Dining

Returning families should also log onto OnCampus and review all the new and updated forms. These forms must be completed by Thursday, August 14. If you are new to Gaston Day, please follow the OnCampus Account info setup letter to access your account and complete the forms.

SCHEDULES

Schedules can be found on OnCampus. Please contact me if you have any issues with your student's schedule at cowens@gastonday.org.

HIGH DRESS DAYS

- MS/US-Oct. 8th
- MS/US-Nov. 11th (Veteran's Day)

- (4th/MS/US)-Feb 4th
- MS-May 21st (8th grade Moving Up Ceremony/MS Awards)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

| August 13, 2025 | Meet and Greet your MS Teachers 11:00 am - noon |
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| August 13, 2025 | Back to School BBQ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm |
| August 14, 2025 | First day of school - noon dismissal. |
| August 20, 2025 | Middle School Parent Night from 6:00- 7:00 pm |
| September 1, 2025 | No School |
| September 10-12, 2025 | 7th/8th Camp Thunderbird Field Trip |
| September 24, 2025 | Blood Drive |

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead. Please let me know if you have any questions. Welcome back!

Sincerely,

Candyce Owens

MS Coordinator and Dean of Students

^{*}Students may be asked to wear high dress on other days for various reasons-like field trips or presentations