



July 2025

Dear Parents of Upper School Students,

August marks an exciting new chapter for the Upper School as we prepare to move into Rankin Hall. Over the past year, it's been inspiring for our entire community to watch this remarkable building take shape. More than just a new home for upper school, Rankin Hall will offer engaging learning and social spaces that will elevate the student experience. This move also opens the door for innovative redesigns of existing areas, including the creation of our newly envisioned physics lab. We are looking forward to welcoming you into these new spaces!

As a reminder for all our families, please review the following information before the school year begins:

BACK TO SCHOOL HUB

Please reference our [Back-to-School Hub 25 - 26](#) to access essential information for the upcoming school year, including:

- Back to School Information
- Family Handbook
- School Calendar
- Summer Reading
- Community Service Information
- High Dress Days
- BYOD Policy
- Upper School Supply List
- Parents' Association Welcome Letter
- Upper School Dress Code Information
- New Faces at Gaston Day School
- Traffic Map
- Sparty's Dining
- Attendance Procedures (new attendance procedures are forthcoming)

Returning families should also log onto OnCampus and review all the new and updated forms. These forms must be completed by Wednesday, August 13. If you are new to Gaston Day, please follow the [OnCampus Account](#) info setup letter to access your account and complete the forms.

RETREATS

Each year, we have retreats for our students to build community through team building. Please see the information below for the 9/10 Retreat and the 11/12 Retreat. For more information, please contact Candyce Owens at cowens@gastonday.org.

- [9/10 Retreat Parent Letter](#)
- [Jr/Sr Retreat Information](#)
- [Jr/Sr Retreat Parent Letter](#)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

August 13, 2025	Meet and Greet your Teachers 11:00 am - noon
August 13, 2025	Back to School BBQ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
August 14, 2025	First day of school (noon dismissal). Convocation 8:30 am
August 20, 2025	Upper School Parent Night at 6:30- 7:30 pm
August 24-25, 2025	11/12 Retreat
August 25, 2025	9/10 Retreat
September 1, 2025	No School
September 10-12, 2025	Sunship Earth
September 22, 2025	Senior Dinner
September 24, 2025	Blood Drive
October 2-6, 2025	No School

Your student's unofficial transcript and schedule are posted on OnCampus. If you need a hard copy of your student's transcript, contact our Registrar, Susan Gibson, at sgibson@gastonday.org. Schedule changes should be directed to Peter Gangemi at pgangemi@gastonday.org.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead with many new and exciting opportunities. Please let me know how I can serve your family's educational needs, and welcome back!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Senter
Head of Upper School