



July 2025

Greetings Lower School Families,

As the summer slows down and the school year is set to start, Gaston Day School Lower School teachers are busy preparing for a wonderful year of learning, exploring, and making memories with classmates. We are excited to welcome our families, new and returning, to campus in a few weeks to kick off an amazing school year!

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 from Preschool through Fourth grade will need a **full-size backpack** (without wheels), lunchbox, water bottle, and raincoat to be kept at school
- Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students should wear play clothes along with closed-toe shoes because learning can be messy
- Lower School Student Dress Code (kindergarten-fourth grade): students should wear a solid color collared shirt, khaki/navy/unadorned or untorn blue denim bottoms Monday through Thursday. On Friday, students are allowed to wear more relaxed clothing keeping in the spirit of the [dress code](#)
 - Smartwatches, or watches with communication capabilities, are not permitted
- Label everything sent to school: sweaters, coats, backpacks, water bottles, etc.
- 3rd and 4th grade students will need a Chromebook. Please see review additional information at this link - [Lower School Chromebook Policy](#)
- Please update your child/ren's On-Campus forms
- [Back- To- School Online Hub](#) - this is your one stop for all important information
 - Parent directions for On Campus
 - Family Handbook
 - The traffic pattern map
 - After-school care registration
 - Sparty's Dining information
 - Class lists will be posted here at the beginning of August

Important Fall Dates for 2025

- **New Parents Reception** | Wednesday, August 6th @ 6:30 pm | [RSVP](#) here

- This is an opportunity for the adult members of our new families to meet other families and the administration team, hosted by our Parents' Association (PA) and the admissions office
- This is an adult only event, childcare is not provided
- **Preschool and Pre-K Parent Night | Tuesday, August 12th @ 6:30 pm**
 - This is a parent only event, and childcare will not be provided
- **Back to School Barbeque | Wednesday, August 13th**
 - Classroom drop-in from 11:30-12:00 am
 - Lunch begins at 12:00 pm
- **First Day of School -1st through 4th grades | Thursday, August 14th - noon dismissal**
 - First- Fourth grade dismissal will begin at 11:50 am
 - No after school care
 - No lunch
- **First Days - Staggered Start | Preschool, PreKindergarten, and Kindergarten**
Thursday, August 14th and Friday, August 15th
 - **Preschool, PreK and K first full day** - Monday, August 18th.
 - An email will be sent alerting you to which staggered start day your child will attend. They will attend **one day** from 8:30-11:00 am. You may walk your child in, and pick up will also be from their classroom.
- After school starts on Monday, August 18th - pre-registration for after school is required
- **Parent Night | Tuesday, August 19th**
 - Kindergarten: 5:00-6:00 pm
 - First - Fourth: 6:30-7:30 pm

This event is for parents only, so please plan accordingly

I hope you enjoy the remaining weeks of summer break, and I look forward to seeing you all on campus soon!

Sincerely,

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Head of Lower School