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Dear GDS Families and Upper School Students,

We know that keeping attendance communication clear and consistent helps our teachers, staff, and families stay on the same page and supports our students in making the most of their school day. This year, we're keeping what works and adding something new.

LOWER SCHOOL PARENTS

For **Lower School**, the attendance process will remain the same — **please email lsattendance@gastonday.org** for any absences, tardies, or early dismissals. Please note the updated email address from previous years.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/UPPER SCHOOL PARENTS

For **Middle and Upper School**, we're introducing an **exciting new platform - Orah**. It's designed to make reporting attendance quicker and easier for families. Details are below.

Orah is a web and mobile-based system (available on iOS, Android, and desktop browsers) designed to improve how we collect and respond to attendance-related updates, including absence notifications, late arrivals, early dismissals, and more. It provides a secure and easy-to-use way for parents/guardians to stay connected and informed.

With your Orah parent account, you'll be able to:

- **Report absences** and other attendance updates directly to school staff
- **Submit and track requests** for late arrivals, early pickups, and other schedule changes
- **Receive updates** from the school about your child's attendance
- **View a timeline** of your child's attendance activity and communication history

All you need to get started is an active email address. In the coming days, you'll receive an email invitation from noreply@orah.com prompting you to create your Orah account. Once activated, your account will automatically link to your child's profile. ■ [Parent Getting Started Guide](#)

UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Upper School students will also need to download the app, which they'll use to tap in and out when arriving or departing campus.
- ■ [Student Getting Started Guide](#)

If you have questions about how Gaston Day School is using Orah or would like to confirm your invitation status, please reach out to **Leigh Durka** at ldurka@gastonday.org. For technical support, you can also contact support@orah.com.

Helpful Resources to Get Started:

■ [Parent Getting Started Guide](#)

■ [Student Getting Started Guide](#)