



Welcome, New GDS Spartans!

We are excited to welcome your family to Gaston Day School! As the start of the school year approaches, please take note of the important dates and events below. These opportunities are designed to help you connect with our community, meet faculty and staff, and prepare for a successful start to the school year.

NEW FAMILY RECEPTION

Thursday, August 6 | 6:30 p.m. | Henry Center | [Campus Map](#)

Hosted by our Parents' Association and Admissions Office, this adults-only evening is a great opportunity to meet fellow new families, connect with school leadership, and learn more about getting involved. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP below so we can plan accordingly.

RSVP HERE

OTHER KEY DATES

August 11

Preschool / Pre-Kindergarten Parents Night | 6:30 p.m. | Pamela Kimbrell Warlick Visual & Performing Arts Center | *no childcare provided* | [Campus Map](#)

Meet your child's teacher, learn about the year ahead, and prepare for a smooth transition into the school year. This event is intended for parents. Students will have opportunities to meet their teachers during the events on August 12.

Kindergarten–4th Grade Parent Orientation | 6:30 p.m. | Pamela Warlick Performing Arts Center | *no childcare provided* | [Campus Map](#)

Join us as we share important information about the upcoming school year and what families can expect. This event is designed for parents. Students will have an opportunity to meet their teachers during events on August 12.

August 12

Back-to-School Events [Campus Map](#)

New Student Orientation (Grades 5–12) | 8:30 a.m. | Pamela Warlick Performing Arts Center

Designed specifically for students new to Gaston Day in grades 5–12, this orientation will help students become familiar with campus, schedules, and student life before the first day of school.

GDS Resource Fair | 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Upper Dining Hall

Stop by to connect with campus departments and get answers to any last-minute questions before school begins. Representatives will be available from the following:

- Technology Student Association
- Information Technology
- Dining Services / Sparty's Accounts / Transportation
- Athletics
- After-School Program
- Philanthropy Office
- Parents Association

Classroom Open House | 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Various Buildings

Open to all students and families (new and returning). Visit classrooms, meet teachers, and get ready for the first day of school.

Back-to-School BBQ Lunch | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Dining Hall

All students and families are invited to enjoy lunch together as we celebrate the start of another great year at Gaston Day.

August 13

First Day of School

Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten

Students will attend either **August 13 or August 14** for their first day (half-day schedule). Each class will be divided into two groups, with half attending on each day. Your child's assigned start date will be shared in July.

Grades 1–12

Classes begin at **8:00 a.m.**, on August 13, with a **12:00 p.m. dismissal**.

RESOURCES

For answers to your questions and helpful resources as you get ready, be sure to check out our **Back to School** webpage, going live June 22 on our website. You'll find everything you need in one place.

[Our 2025-26 Year in Review](#) highlights many of the achievements, milestones, and moments that helped define this school year. Take a look to see what makes Gaston Day so special.

We're thrilled your family is now part of the Spartan community! We'll see you soon!



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