



July 2026

Dear Parents of Upper School Students,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I hope your family has enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with opportunities to relax and spend time together. We are excited to welcome our students back to campus for another year of learning and growth in the Upper School.

As we prepare for the year ahead, our faculty and staff look forward to partnering with you to support your student's academic journey. Whether your student is returning or joining the Gaston Day community for the first time, we are committed to creating an environment where every student is known, challenged, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

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 26–27](#) to access important 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

Returning families should also log on to OnCampus and review all new and updated forms. These forms should be completed before the first day of school. If you are new to Gaston Day, please follow the OnCampus Account Setup instructions to access your account and complete the required forms.

RETREATS

Each year, our class retreats provide students with opportunities to strengthen relationships, develop leadership skills, and build community through shared experiences.

You should have received information from Mrs. Jenny Uible regarding the 9/10 and 11/12 grade retreats. For additional information, please contact Jenny Uible at juible@gastonday.org.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

August 12, 2026 – Meet & Greet Your Teachers (11:00 a.m.–Noon)

August 12, 2026 – Back-to-School BBQ (11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)

August 13, 2026 – First Day of School (Noon Dismissal); Convocation (8:30 a.m.)

August 16–17, 2026 – Jr./Sr. Retreat

August 17, 2026 – 9/10 Retreat

August 19, 2026 – Upper School Parent Night

September 2–4, 2026 – Sunship Earth

September 7, 2026 – Labor Day (No School)

September 28, 2026 – Senior Dinner

October 2, 2026 – Fall Break (No School)

October 5, 2026 – Professional Day (No School)

Your student's unofficial transcript and schedule will be available on OnCampus prior to the start of school. If you need a hard copy of your student's transcript, please contact our Registrar, Susan Gibson, at sgibson@gastonday.org. Questions regarding schedule changes should be directed to Peter Gangemi, Director of College Counseling, at pgangemi@gastonday.org.

We are looking forward to another outstanding year in the Upper School. Thank you for your continued partnership and trust as we work together to support your student's growth and success. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can do for you or your student. Welcome back, and we can't wait to see everyone in August!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Senter