Welcome to Sparty's Dining!

Here at Gaston Day School, we aren't serving your average school lunch! Chef Dave and his amazing team are creating delicious and exciting food on a daily basis. We are on a mission to change the stigma of "just school lunch". We are using fresh,quality ingredients to provide the students and staff with fun, seasonal, creative and ethnically authentic lunches.

The lunch menu rotates loosely on a 6 week schedule. You can expect to find lunches like Grandma's meatloaf, pizza & pasta bar, honey bbq salmon, buffalo chicken mac & cheese, greek chicken pita, tacos, "The Yinzer" (Pittsburgh Style Corned Beef Sandwich), spicy crab poke bowl, chicken wings, chicken tenders, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, grilled cheese sandwiches and a whole host of other items that Chef Dave and his culinary team can come up with! There are no boundaries!!! Watch out for monthly specials and collaborations to celebrate holidays, birthdays and special occasions. One of our students favorite times of year is when Chef Dave runs his "March Madness". Just like the NCAA Basketball bracket, you'll find the top 16 lunches facing off against each other to determine who is King of the Lunchroom! If you ever have any suggestions, comments, or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Chef Dave!

Lower School: Preschool and Pre-K

PreSchool & PreK students eat lunch in their classroom. These students' lunches must be ordered ahead of time so that they can be delivered daily. Your lunches must be ordered by Sunday evening prior to the start of the school week. Parents, you'll find a link on [Sparty's website](#) to place your students' lunch order. Each day, you'll see they have the option to order the hot lunch- which will be served with a starch and a vegetable. You will also have the option of ordering a sandwich for your student. All lunches will include a drink. Drinks will vary from water to juice to milk. Please utilize the *comments* section to note any food allergies. Lunch for all lower school students this year will be $7.00. Parents, watch your email for any updates or changes at the end of the semester. If you ever have any questions, please reach out to [Chef Dave](#)!

Lower School: Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

Each day, your students will have the option to purchase lunch from the main hotline. This will include a protein, starch and fruit/vegetable. Your student will also have the option of substituting a sandwich for the main protein. All lunches will include a drink. Students will be able to choose from a variety of water, juice and milk daily. Lunch for all lower school students this year will be $7.00. There will be scheduled "ICE CREAM" days for lower school students where they have the opportunity to purchase $1.50 ice cream cups, pops and novelties. This schedule will be coordinated with grade level teachers.

Middle & Upper School: 5th grade through 12th grade (and Staff)

Beginning in 5th grade, the students will have multiple options daily to choose from. A menu will be posted on the Sparty's page detailing what is available each day. On a typical day, students & staff will be able to select from the Hot Line, Chef Station and Grab & Go Sandwich and Salad Bar. From time to time, the dining team will create additional options that are limited in quantity. Students & Staff lunch for 2024/2025 will be $8.00 and includes a drink.

Adding funds

Your lunch account is what we call a "declining balance account", which is similar to a bank checking account. You add funds to your account and when a purchase is made, the funds are deducted. There are a few ways to add funds.

1. CASH: students may bring cash to the cafeteria and give it to the cashier to add to their account.
2. CHECK: make the check payable to GDS and in the memo line put "SPARTYS- *student name*". Multiple checks are not necessary for multiple children. Simply note the breakdown you wish
3. CREDIT/DEBIT/BANK: To add funds electronically, set up an account with mypaymentsplus.com and link your student with their student id number to your account. From there you can use your credit card, debit card or bank account to add funds. Please note, MPP charges a fee to process all payments.

Negative Balance Policy

We understand that from time to time a check gets lost in a backpack or there is a delay in money getting to the cafeteria. If an account is $-150.00, sales will be limited to lunch only. Sales on all *extra* items will be blocked. "*Extra items*" would be items such as, but not limited to candy, ice cream, beverages other than water, cookies and chips. If an account is $-250.00, sales will be limited to boxed sandwich lunches only. Should an account get to $-400.00, ALL sales will be blocked. We never want a child to go hungry and understand that "*things happen*". If you are experiencing a special circumstance, please reach out to discuss options with Chef Dave.

Spartan Brewing Grounds

What started as a monthly pop up shop in 2023, has now become an exciting new branch of Sparty's DIning. Twice a week students & staff will have the opportunity to stop by Spartan Brewing Grounds (located in the Commons) to grab their favorite breakfast sandwich or pastry. We also offer iced coffee, specialty coffee drinks, hot coffee and our wildly popular Boba Tea of the Month!

Sparty's Birthday Treats

We know that your child's birthday is a special day. We also know that it can be hectic for parents to rearrange their schedules, pick up snacks, get to school, zoom back to work and everything else that comes with birthdays during the school year. Why not let Sparty's help out with that? Thanks to a great idea from a parent, we've created a classroom birthday party package that can be delivered to your child's classroom on their big day! Some of our most popular birthday treats are our JUMBO chocolate chip cookies, ice cream cups, and rainbow push ups. Items range from $1.00-$2.00 and can be delivered to your child's classroom. Reach out with any questions. We're happy to customize a birthday treat for your birthday boy or girl!