Parents’ Association - Welcome Back Letter - 2024

Dear Gaston Day School Parents,

We hope you & your families have enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing summer! The Parents’ Association (PA) would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our Gaston Day families – old & new.

The PA is a volunteer organization that works in cooperation with the Gaston Day School administration to achieve the goal of becoming the finest independent school in the South. We work together each year to identify how the PA can help enhance the educational experience of our students, teachers, staff, and our families.

In the 2024-25 school year we have planned community school events including bingo, Lower School -School Store, and our annual spring Spartan Fest. The PA also supports our teachers by providing snacks and drinks for them to enjoy during the school day and also holds luncheons and drop in events to show our appreciation for everything they do for our students.

The PA is planning for this coming school year. We encourage our families to support the PA activities which may include our sub teams - Teacher Appreciation, School Store, Spartan Fest, Grade Parents, and drop in support for key events. If you are interested in volunteering for the PA please reach out to us via our email or check in with us at our back to school events.

Our first community event for the school year is already planned and it is our ***Back to School BBQ*** which will be held the day before school stars on **Wednesday August 14, from 11:30am-1:00pm**. We are changing it up and opening it up to the entire school community to come out meet your teacher, see your classroom, setup your locker, then gather in the cafeteria area and have lunch as a school. It will also be a time to get uniforms from the PA, talk to the cafeteria staff about meal plans, meet the athletic department, and more. We hope everyone will be able to attend. **The school classrooms will be open that morning from 11:00-12:00 and then everyone will be encouraged to attend the lunch.** Stay tuned for more information.

*Sincerely,*

**Your Gaston Day School 2023-24 Parents’ Association Board and Chairpersons:**

**Elizabeth Sisk** - *President* **Nisha Dhungel** - *Vice President*

**Robin Loupus** - *Treasurer* **Courtney Morrison** - *School Store Chair*

**Brianna Pierce** - *Grade Parent Chair*

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