



August 1, 2024

Greetings Lower School Families,

As the summer slows down and the school year is set to start, Gaston Day School Lower School teachers are busy preparing for a wonderful year of learning, exploring, and making memories with classmates. Please take a moment to read and review the following items and links. The blue highlighted texts are live links with extended information.

Important Information at a Glance:

- All Lower School students from Preschool through Fourth grade will need a full-size backpack (without wheels), lunchbox, water bottle, and raincoat to be kept at school.
- Label everything sent to school: sweaters, coats, backpacks, water bottles, etc.
- 3rd and 4th grade students will need a Chromebook. Please see the link [Lower School Chromebook 2024](#)
- Please update your child's On-Campus forms- This is especially important for 3rd and 4th grade students BYOC.
- Class lists are posted on the Back-To-School-Online-Hub and attached at the bottom of your email.
- Preschool and PreKindergarten students should wear play clothes along with closed-toe shoes because learning can be messy.
- Lower School Student Dress Code (kindergarten-fourth grade): students should wear a solid color collared shirt, khaki/navy/unadorned or untorn blue denim bottoms Monday through

Thursday. On Friday, students are allowed to wear more relaxed clothing keeping in the spirit of the [dress code](#).

- [Back- To- School Online Hub](#) - Includes
 - Parent directions for On Campus
 - Family Handbook
 - The traffic pattern map
 - Sign up for after school program
 - Sparty's Dining information

- Back to School Barbeque, Wednesday, August 14
 - Classroom drop-in from 11:30-12:00
 - Lunch begins at 12:00

- First Day of School Thursday, August 15th, with a noon dismissal.
 - Preschool, PreKindergarten, and Kindergarten will have a staggered start, Thursday, August 15, and Friday, August 16, with a full day beginning Monday, August 19. An email will be sent alerting you to which staggered start day your child will attend. They will attend 8:30-11:00. You may walk your child in, and pick up will also be from their classroom.
 - First- Fourth grade dismissal will begin at 11:50 am
 - No after school care
 - No lunch

- After school starts on Monday, August 19th

- Parent Night Tuesday, August 20
 - Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 - First-Fourth 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This event is for parents only, so please plan accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Best Regards,

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