



July 10, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this email finds you well and that you are enjoying this summer, making memories with family and friends. I look forward to getting to know each of your children and working with your family in the year ahead.

On behalf of the K-5 administrative team, I would like to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you as we begin the 2026-2027 school year together. To those students and parents who are new to GAPS or GAES we extend an especially warm welcome and best wishes for an exciting and productive year in your new school. We hope that you will quickly feel like part of our community and become involved in our school activities through your child's classroom program and the PTO.

We are working to finalize class assignments and will communicate them via PowerSchool in early August. Please visit the district website, which offers a wealth of valuable resources, including volunteer information, an application for free and reduced meals, details on purchasing student accident insurance, and school-specific information, such as student supply lists.

I have attached a copy of the 2026-2027 GASD calendar for your review. The first day of school is Thursday, August 20, 2026. Students in grades first through fifth will follow the regular schedule and attend school daily. Again this year, our kindergarten students will have a staggered start where they attend school every other day during the first few days. **In order to create smaller and equal class sizes, all kindergarten boys will only attend school on August 20 and 24 and all kindergarten girls will only attend school on August 21 and 25. Then, beginning on August 26, all kindergarten children will attend school every day.**

As we approach the start of school, I will send a back-to-school letter which will include more details about the upcoming year, including information on our back-to-school Open House events. Please mark your calendars for August 17 for the GAPS Open House and August 18 for the GAES Open House. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Primary School at 717-597-3226 ext. 40500, or the Elementary School at 717-597-3226 ext. 30500. I look forward to working with your family.

Sincerely,

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