

Welcome back to Gaarde for the 2018-2019 school year!

We are excited that you are part of our family. Please read the information included in this packet carefully.

Forms need to be completed and returned to the school by **Tuesday, September 4th**.

The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 5th**.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 4th – Paperwork Due on or Prior to Today!

All Students: New/Updated Immunization Record, Student Information Update Form (if applicable)

- Please note: If there are any changes to the Student Enrollment Form for 2018-2019, please submit a Student Information Update Form to the front office.
- Immunization records already on file can be updated at the front office. New students will be required to complete a new immunization record. Immunization records can be picked up, in August, in the front office or the night of the Ice Cream Social.
- If applicable: T-Shirt Order Form

Tuesday, September 4th – Ice Cream Social, 5-7p

Gaarde students and families are invited to an “Ice Cream Social” at 5p. (Sponsored by Faith Journey Church Family Ministries)

This is a chance to meet your teacher, turn in forms, drop off schools supplies, and kick off the school year with other Gaarde families.

Wednesday, September 5th – SCHOOL STARTS TODAY, 8:30a

All kindergarten thru 8th grade students start class today. Students are not required to wear dress code attire for the first day of school. Be sure you have returned all required paperwork, as students may not start class until completed (Updated Immunization Record).

Tuesday, September 11th - Back to School Night, 7p

This night is for parents/guardians, no students. Attendance is REQUIRED. Your student’s teacher will give you valuable information to get the school year off to a smooth start. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

IMPORTANT TIPS

Daily Schedule

School office hours are 8:00a – 4:00p.

Main entry doors are locked until 8:00a.

All classrooms are open at 8:10a. School begins at 8:30a.

Students **must** stay with their parent until the classrooms open at 8:10a.

Kindergarten – 8th is dismissed at 3:00p.

Car Line

Car line is highly encouraged as parking at the front of the campus is limited.

Morning car line runs from 8:10a-8:25a.

Students not dropped off in car line must be walked in through the front office doors. Students may not be dropped off in the front or back parking lot after the close of car line.

Afternoon car line is over 15 minutes after the end of class. Students not picked up at that time will be sent to the front office and a parent will be called.

Dress Code

Please be sure to read the enclosed flyer for more information. Dress code does not apply to the first day of school or on school picture day, however, clothing choice must still adhere to modesty guidelines per student handbook.

Reminders:

Clothing should not have holes.

Shirt colors are in solid color navy/**dark** blue (not light blue), **dark** green, gray, yellow, and white.

Students may wear polos, button down, or scoop necked shirts (scoop necked shirts option for girls only). No t-shirts.

Sweaters are an option as well, in solid colors, same color options as shirts.

Pants/shorts/skirts/jumper colors are in beige/khaki tone, dark blue, gray, and black; and should be not shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

Leggings may only be worn under a skirt or jumper, in the approved colors (dark blue, gray, black, white).

NO cargo pants.

Hot Lunch Program

The hot lunch program will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, beginning Monday, October 1st. Tickets for hot lunch may be purchased in the front office. Tickets prices are \$3.25 (includes milk).

Praise the Lord for parent volunteers who help run this program! Many hands are needed throughout the school year to help serve our students. If you would like to help serve lunch to our students, please call the front office at (503) 639-5336.

Summer Office Hours

The front office is closed during the month of July. Should you have any questions concerning any information in this packet or other school related questions, you may call the school, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00a-4:00p at (503) 639-5336, beginning Wednesday, August 1st.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to seeing you in September!

Kendra Jones, GCS Administrator