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Dear Gaston Christian Parent,

Each year we send out our re-enrollment forms electronically for currently enrolled students. This is a critical component in our admissions process, as we ascertain how many openings there will be in each of our classes. While we would love to have 100% re-enrollment, we know that some of you may be relocating and will not be able to have your children attend Gaston Christian School next year. The re-enrollment forms are on your RenWeb parent portal and the discounted fee is \$75 per student now through January. If you re-enroll after January 31 the re-enrollment fee increases to \$140 through February and \$250 after that. **Your prompt response is much appreciated.**

One of our major responsibilities is to establish sound fiscal practices for the continual operation of Gaston Christian School. Each year we craft a budget that is within board guidelines. In our November meeting we presented a budget that will provide financial stability during the 2019-20 school year.

As I hope you know, one of our major priorities is to keep tuition as low as possible in order to allow as many students as possible the opportunity to attend Gaston Christian School. After careful analysis and many hours of discussion we have chosen to slightly increase the tuition for the 2019-20 school year.

Our most important asset is our staff and faculty. Our new tuition rates will allow for increased salaries and benefits and the ability to offer additional opportunities for our students. Furthermore, our expanding campus has additional expenses which should be covered.

**While we need to institute this increase in order to operate our school, we also do not want this to prohibit any student from attending GCS. Financial aid is available to families who qualify. Applications are available online and our Financial Aid Assessment program will be outsourced through FACTS Tuition Management. We encourage anyone who needs assistance to apply for financial aid through this program.**

God has done wonderful things through our school over the last 39 years, and we look forward to what He will do in the future. May He grant us wisdom and grace to accomplish much for Him.

Our hope and prayer is that you will have a wonderful Christmas holiday with friends and family.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Stout".

Dr. Marc Stout  
Head of School



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**Gaston Christian School**  
**Tuition Schedule and Financial Commitment**  
**2019-2020 School Year**

**Registration/Testing Fees (new students):** \$250 per student for Preschool; \$350 per student for K-12. This is paid when the application is submitted. A refund of 50% will be issued if the student is not offered enrollment after testing. Registration/Testing fees are not refundable or transferable if enrollment is offered.

**Re-enrollment fees (returning students):** \$75 per student if re-enrolled by January 31, 2019; \$140 per student if re-enrolled by February 28, 2019; \$250 per student if re-enrolled March 1, 2019 or later. Re-enrollment fees are not refundable or transferable if enrollment is canceled.

|                                | Tuition   | Supply Fee  |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Preschool – Three Days (M-W-F) | \$3048 (Half Day); \$3984 (Full Day)              | \$180   |
| Preschool – Five Days          | \$3696 (Half Day); \$5304 (Full Day)              | \$180   |
| Half Day Kindergarten          | \$4680  | \$360   |
| Full Day Kindergarten          | \$6360  | \$468   |
| Elementary (Grades 1-5)        | \$6360  | \$576   |
| Middle School (Grades 6-8)     | \$7980  | \$600   |
|                                |   | (8 <sup>th</sup> grade only) \$125 Technology Fee |
| High School (Grades 9-12)      | \$8604  | \$600   |
|                                |   | \$125 Technology Fee                              |
| Per family charges             | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> year enrolled | 3 <sup>rd</sup> year enrolled and following       |
| Facility Charge                | \$300   | \$150   |
| Security Fee                   | \$50  | \$50  |

Fees for Advanced Placement courses (Grades 11 and 12) are \$190 per course and include the cost of the exam. Band participants (Grades 5-8) pay \$185 per year for instructional fees. Band and AP course fees are not charged until the classes begin and may be added to your normal billing cycle from the time the class starts until the end of the school year.

**Discounts**

**Family Discount** – Full tuition is billed for the oldest child in the family. Tuition for all other children, except preschool, is discounted 10%. This discount is for tuition only and does not apply to any other fees. (K-12 only)

**Minister’s Discount** – Full time, ordained ministers may qualify for a tuition discount of 50% per child. Please see the “Minister’s Discount” application online for more information. (K-12 only)

**Referral Stipend** – A referral stipend of \$250 is available to current school families who refer a new family if that family enrolls and remains enrolled for the school year. The stipend is issued as a credit applied to the referring family’s tuition. Stipends are prorated if the new family leaves before the year is completed. (K-12 only)

**Military Discount** – A 10% tuition discount is available for families who have at least one parent on active military duty. Please see the “Active Military Discount” application online for more information. (K-12 only)

**Legacy Discount** – A \$1,200 discount per student is available for full-time enrolled children of GCS graduates. Students enrolled less than full time are prorated as follows: Half-day Kindergarten- \$900; Full-day Preschool (Three Day)- \$800; Half-day Preschool (Five Days)- \$700; Half-day Preschool (Three Days)- \$600. (Available only to alumni not receiving staff or minister’s discounts)



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Refunds

Students are considered enrolled for the entire school year; therefore, budgets and staffing are set accordingly. The early withdrawal of a student creates an opening which Gaston Christian may not be able to fill. Students who cancel enrollment by May 31, 2019 will not be billed tuition or fees (supply fee, facility charge, and security fee) for the 2019-2020 year. Enrollments canceled or students withdrawn any time after May 31, 2019 will be assessed a \$500 withdrawal fee in addition to payment based on a per diem rate for the number of days the student was enrolled.

Tuition Assistance

Students must be enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year to be considered for tuition assistance (K-12 only). Gaston Christian uses an outside service, FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment (FGAA), to evaluate the applicant's need for assistance. The GCS Financial Aid Committee reviews the recommendations provided by FGAA and approves grants based on the determined need and the availability of funds budgeted for tuition assistance.

Payment Options

- You may choose one of the following options for paying tuition and fees (supply fee, facility charge, and security fee):
- One payment due on June 1, or at the time of enrollment if after June 1.
- Two equal payments due on June 1 and December 1.
- Twelve equal payments June through May. If student enrolls after June, monthly payments are divided equally over the months remaining between the month of enrollment and May.

Please indicate your choice of billing options on your enrollment/re-enrollment form.

Monthly statements are mailed during the third week of each month and will list the charges due at the beginning of the next month. Payments may be mailed, paid in person, paid by bank draft, or paid online through RenWeb.

Delinquent Accounts

Payments are due on the first day of each month. A late payment fee of \$30 is added for payments received after the tenth of each month. Students may be ineligible to attend class if accounts fall more than 30 days past due.

A \$25 fee is charged for checks that are returned for insufficient funds.

Financial Commitment

By signing this form, I am entering into a contract with Gaston Christian School, Inc., and I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and am in agreement with the school's financial policies. I also accept full responsibility for my account with the school.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Father's (or guardian's) signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's (or guardian's) signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If someone other than the legal guardians listed above will be billed for the student's tuition, please complete the following:

Payer's name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Payer's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_