

Gaston Christian School Elementary students dressed-up like Dr. Stout in celebration of his birthday during his retirement year.

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ANNUAL REPORT



26 Varsity Girls Soccer State Champions

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Back row: Britt Goodrich, Keith Gunter, Caleb Partee, Andrew Poeng, Travis Nixon, Julian McCaulay. Not pictured: AJ Main and Dr. Jonathan Huitt.

A Message from the Board

As I reflect on the 2025–2026 school year, I am reminded again of God's faithfulness to Gaston Christian School. Every time I'm on the campus, I marvel at what the Lord has done and is doing. This has been a year of continued strength, important transition, and preparation for the future. Through each season, our mission remains the same. We strive to provide an excellent education in an unapologetically Christ-centered environment that prepares students to honor God and serve others.



Robert R. King
Board Chairman

Gaston Christian continues to be blessed with dedicated faculty and staff, committed families, and a community that believes deeply in Christian education. The strength of our school is found not simply in enrollment, facilities, programs, or financial resources, but in the people who faithfully carry out our mission each day. Our teachers, administrators, coaches, staff members, parents, volunteers, and supporters each play an important role in making Gaston Christian the school it is today.

From the Board's perspective, this year has also reinforced the importance of faithful stewardship. The Board's responsibility is to protect the mission of Gaston Christian, provide sound governance, ensure long-term institutional strength, and entrust the day-to-day leadership of the school to a capable Head of School. Throughout the year, the Board has continued to strengthen its governance practices while keeping our attention focused on the long-term health and future of GCS.

WITH GRATITUDE FOR DR. STOUT

This year marks the conclusion of Dr. Marc Stout's service as our Head of School at Gaston Christian. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to express our sincere gratitude for his faithful leadership and the many ways he has served our school community over the years. His tenure has been marked by significant growth and accomplishment, but perhaps more importantly, by a steadfast commitment to the mission of Christian education and to the students and families entrusted to our care. Dr. Stout leaves Gaston Christian well positioned for the future, and we are grateful for the foundation upon which the school will continue to build.

As one chapter closes, another begins. Following a thoughtful and prayerful process, the Board selected Dr. Jonathan Huitt to serve as Gaston Christian School's next Head of School. Dr. Huitt is known by almost everyone in the school family and is genuinely loved and respected. He is the ideal candidate to serve in this role and is deeply connected to our entire program, having served and grown as a leader at GCS for more than 20 years. We are excited about the leadership, experience, and commitment to Christian education that Dr. Huitt brings to GCS. The Board looks forward to working alongside him as we continue to strengthen the school and thoughtfully prepare for the opportunities ahead.

There is so much for which we can be thankful, but there is also work still before us. Growth brings opportunity as well as responsibility. We must continue to protect the distinctive Christian mission of Gaston Christian, pursue excellence in every area of the school, steward our resources wisely, and ensure that future generations of students have the opportunity to receive an education firmly grounded in Biblical truth.

I am grateful for the privilege of serving alongside an exceptional group of men and women on our Board of Trustees and for the faith our families place in Gaston Christian School. Most importantly, I am grateful to God for His continued provision and direction. As we enter the next chapter in the life of our school, we do so with gratitude for where He has brought us and with confidence that, as we remain faithful to our mission, He will continue to guide our steps.



Dr. Stout and his children and grandchildren at his retirement dinner.

From the Head of School

Change. We all experience it each and every day. Some changes can be caused by road construction or an accident on the interstate. These require quick decisions that may save you hours on the road. Other changes are decisions about our health, physical activity, and diet. These deliberate changes might be in response to the scales moving in the wrong way or upon the recommendation from an annual physical. Strategic changes come after prayer and long-term planning. The decision to retire as the Head of School was bittersweet. First, I thoroughly enjoyed my 16 years as part of the Gaston Christian family. Secondly, we were accomplishing many positive and productive things. However, in January of 2025, I decided to retire in May of 2026. My recommendation to the Board of Trustees was that Dr. Huitt be appointed as my successor. This decision was unanimously accepted, and the wheels of change began to roll. After the public announcements, Dr. Huitt began to engage more actively in executive decisions. He attended all board meetings and led leadership meetings with the administrative team. Things were going well.



That all changed on September 22, 2025, when Dr. Huitt was involved in a very serious car accident. By God's grace, he was able to live through a most tragic and physically devastating wreck. For a time, we were all praying that Dr. Huitt would not lose his left arm. It was truly that bad. Our Great Physician had mercy on Jon, his family, and our school by providing near-full recovery from the accident. While his range of motion is a little limited, it has not kept him off the golf course.

We all welcomed Dr. Huitt back with tears of joy when he was initially able to work half days. Over the next few months, his Physical Therapist did a wonderful job helping Jon return to his regular schedule. While physically limited, Dr. Huitt still did an outstanding job organizing Winterims, leading chapel services, and administrative meetings.

While this was a major focus, we also made some changes at our Gastonia campus. Recognizing the need to accommodate the increasing demand for our high school, we built eight new high school classrooms after much prayer and planning. This space will enable our growing high school population to expand further. From all reports, these new classrooms have been a great addition to the program.

With Dr. Huitt settling into his role as Head of School, I can assure you that many positive and innovative changes are coming to Gaston Christian School. His passion for honoring Christ and for loving our faculty, students, and parents will drive these changes. I look forward to hearing the exciting plans for the future.

May the God of Grace, who never changes, order and direct our Board, Administration, and Faculty to "keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

Soli Deo Gloria!
Dr. Marc Stout

CLASS OF 2026 BY THE NUMBERS

77
Graduates in the Class of 2026

94%
Going to College or Further Education

23%
Attended GCS K-12th Grade

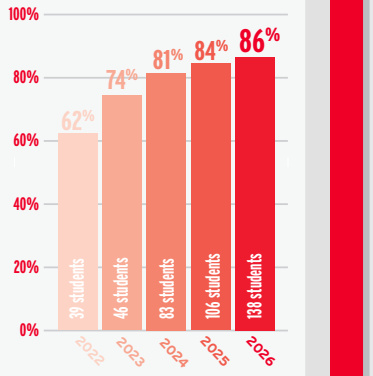
Scores

A B C

SAT 1120

ACT 22
50th percentile

Advanced Placement PASS RATE



$4.04 Million
in scholarship offerings for the Class of 2026



Middle School Crowders



East Cleveland Campus Chapel



High School Windy Gap

The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:2



Harvest Time Bible Camp prayer

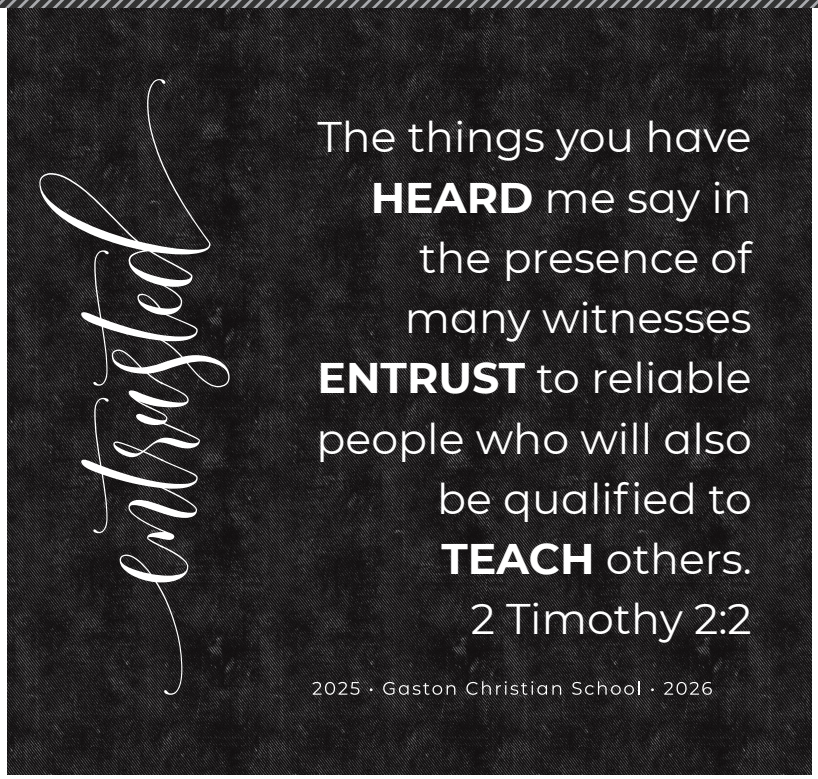


5th graders at Harvest Time Bible Camp

STUDENT BODY PROFILE

Grade	Gastonia	East Cleveland
PreSchool	103	17
K	80	30
1	80	24
2	77	16
3	79	29
4	79	16
5	80	14
6	83	21
7	80	10
8	76	
9	75	
10	87	
11	65	
12	77	
	1,121	**177**

1,298 Total GCS Enrollment for 2025-26



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Gaston Christian Schools, Inc.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Operating Revenue

Tuition & Fees	$13,506,381
Contributions/Fundraising	$878,689
Miscellaneous	$329,849
Total	**$14,714,919**

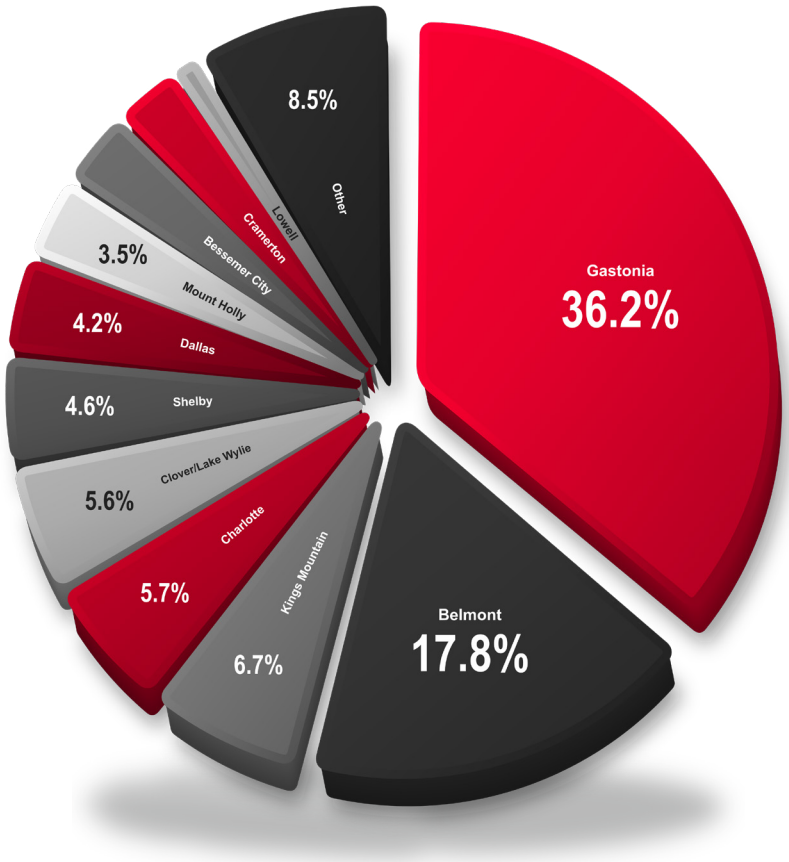
Operating Expenses

Program Services	$11,597,144
General & Admin	$1,818,339
Fundraising	$31,533
Total	**$13,447,016**

Contributions/Fundraising

Annual Giving	$103,094
Designated gifts	$596,668
Contributions/Fundraising/Grants	$178,927
Total	**$878,689**

FAMILY DEMOGRAPHIC



Other include: Alexis, Blacksburg, Cherryville, Columbia, Columbus, Concord, Crouse, Denver, Florence, Grover, Hickory Grove, Huntersville, Iron Station, Kingstown, Lawndale, Lenoir, Lincolnton, Little River, McAdenville, Montgomery, Pineville, Pueblo, Rock Hill, Snow Camp, Stanley, Vale, Waco, Waxhaw, and York.



Pictured from left to right are: Parker Robinson '12, Melissa Brandon '84, Jason Moore '10, Arden Maney Darnell '11, T. Brack '10, Brannon Dellinger Weisman '00, Brandon Kelly '05, Lindsey Ann Winter Kelly '12, Adam Lynn '02, Heidi Woodward Brack '10, Harrison Northey '11, Chelsea Abernathy Turpin '10, Kamery Reynolds '14, Michael Slate '03, Jessie Prescott Dills '14, Jessica Anderson Colón '05, Amanda Brooks Knight '01, Ashley Buchanan '99, Caitlin McGraw Taylor '09.

GCS Alumni Affairs

We are so proud of the alumni that have passed through the halls of Gaston Christian School. We are always impressed with how they have transitioned into adulthood to become productive and respected citizens within their communities. Within our graduates, you'll find business owners, skilled craftsmen, doctors, nurses, attorneys, college professors, pastors and many other important positions.



Phil Winter
Director of
Alumni Affairs

This past May, we graduated 77 seniors from the class of 2026 that entered our Alumni Association, which now numbers 1,460. Our alumni are spread all across America and several foreign countries. The majority of our alumni have settled right here in the Carolinas, making it easy for them to come to class reunions and several other alumni events. We always love having alumni back on campus. That's why we invite them to visit with us and have a free morning coffee at the GSM Services Coffee Bar in the Stout Student Life Center.

For the first time ever, we've had children of alumni graduate from Gaston Christian. In the class of 2025 there were two graduates of alumni parents, and in 2026, three more graduated that their parents are alumni (pictured below). It speaks a lot for the school that we have so many alumni returning to their alma mater. There are currently over 100 alumni families with children at Gaston Christian. It really speaks well of the school to have so many alumni entrust their children's education to Gaston Christian. In addition, there are 22 alumni that returned to their school to teach (19 are pictured above). What a wonderful testament to Gaston Christian to have alumni return with their families for the same quality education they received.

The Alumni Association was formed in January 2019 when Head of School, Dr. Marc Stout, wanted to create a way to keep alumni engaged with their school and with each other. Upon graduation, new graduates are automatically enrolled in the Alumni Association at no charge. With their membership, they receive the Alumni Magazine twice per year, receive invitations to their class reunion hosted by the school, receive invitations to homecoming, and have a page on Facebook and Instagram dedicated to alumni.

We get great satisfaction watching our alumni enter their next phase of life. We continually pray each of them will continue their understanding of the precious gift God has given them and share that light with others.



Alumni children in Class of 2026, JJ Davis with parents T and Heidi Brack, Ava Knight with mom Amanda Knight and Luke Weisman with parents Brannon and Pastor Kevin Weisman.

Future Eagles to Actual Eagles

We love it when we hear about our alumni starting a family, or adding to their family. To show them how excited we are, we send them a "Future Eagle" onesie for their new little one. To date, we've sent out 258 onesies since starting the Alumni Association in January of 2019. We're especially happy when they send us a picture of their little boy or girl in their onesie, which we then feature in the Alumni Magazine. You can see some of our most recent alumni newborns to the left. To the right are babies that have grown up and are now part of the Eagle family. One day, we'll be able to take a picture of a Gaston Christian graduate holding a picture of themselves in their Future Eagle onesie. That will be a wonderful sight.

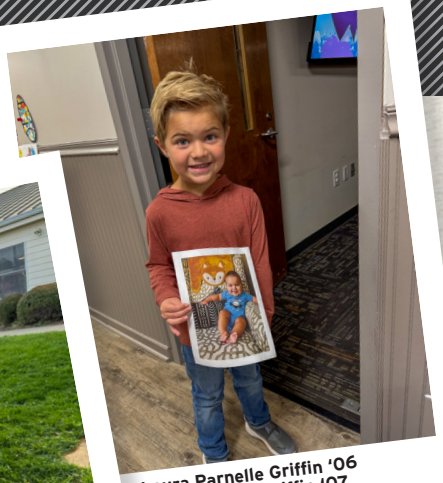


Matthew Hines '08



Lindsey '12 and Nathan '10 Kelly


Megan Wright Surbeck '11 and Zach Surbeck '11


Laura Parnelle Griffin '06 and Thomas Griffin '07

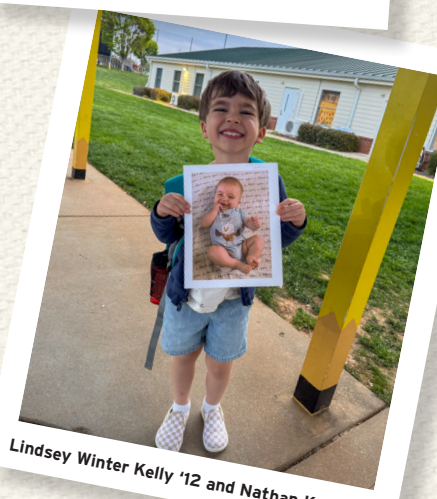


Tabitha Greene Laurer '12


Chloe Lynch Sumner '13



Casey Hopper Hibbs '10


Lindsey Winter Kelly '12 and Nathan Kelly '10



Faith Wilson Creech '14


Caitlin McGraw Taylor '99


Ashley Funderburk Harkey '05



GASTON CHRISTIAN CLASS of 2026

First row (from left to right): **Kiyah Pankey, Ava Russell, Kaitlynn Griffith, Carly Barrett, Bostyn Fletcher, Nora Phillips, Luke Weisman (Valedictorian), Lily Walker (Valedictorian), Michael Beebe (Salutatorian), Amber Rosner, Mady Johnson, Samira Linares Montenegro, Maria Gadea Villaseca, Hannah Durst, Tatum Haston.**

Second row: **Becca Moseley, Mackenzie Wrenn, Jonathan Alpizar, Marleigh Huskins, Peyton Hunsucker, Izzy McCaffrey, Allie Hendren, Carter Hoersch, Brayden Reibold, Oliver Schultz, Nathan Eastburn, Nora Reed, Ava Knight.**

Third Row: **Dylan Magana, Hayden Clapp, Lindsey Lail, Xander Sutton, Cooper Summerlin, Micah Adams, Pierson Fraser, Nathaly Angulo, Felipe Maldonado Martinez, Blake Jones, Sarah Freeman, Collins Clinard.**

Fourth Row: **Benjamin Walker, Ethan Lineberger, Kendall Southern, Trinity Genteman, Lillian Robinson, Jessica Williams, Camden Cobb, Christian Mayhall, Seth Lunsford, Harris McGinnis, Beckett Nixon, Dillon Miller.** Fifth Row: **Tristan Christenbury, Alessandro Luparia, Anthony Marano, Mason Buckley, Brady Brunelle, Cole Stadler, Rhett Cline, Kyle Griffith, Josh McAferty, Reid McCoy, Carsten Green, Dillon Joy.**

Back Row: **Josh Luke, JJ Davis, Noah Cooper, Henry Roberts, Cam Newman, Thomas Goforth, Happy Arune, Harris Wright, Cooper Sass, Stavros Karampourniotis, TJ Bynum, Ethan Chinery**



Valedictorian
Lilian Rebecca Walker



Valedictorian
Luke Charles Weisman



Salutatorian
Michael Joseph Beebe



Recipient of the Opal Parks Award
Madyson Johnson



Recipient of the M.O. Owens Award
Stavros Karampourniotis



Servant's Heart Award Recipient
Peyton Hunsucker



COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION

Appalachian State University • Auburn University • Auburn University at Montgomery • Aveda Cosmetology • Baylor University • Belmont Abbey College • Boston University • Boyce College at Southern Seminary • Brevard College • Bryan College • Campbell University • Cape Fear Community College • Carol Davila University-Romania • Carolina's College of Health Science • Catawba College • Catawba Valley Community College • Central Piedmont Community College • Charleston Southern University • Citadel • Clemson University • Cleveland Community College • Coastal Carolina University • Coker College • College of Charleston Honors College • Connecticut School of Broadcasting • DePaul University • Dominican University of California • Duke University • Durham Technical Community College • East Carolina University • Elon University • Emerson College • Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University • Furman University • Gardner-Webb University • Gaston College • George Washington University • Georgetown University • Hampden-Sydney • Harvard University • High Point University • Indiana University • James Madison University • King University • Liberty University • Limestone College • Mars Hill • Maryville College • McGill University-Canada • Mercer • Montreat College • NC Central • New York State University at Stony Brook • Newberry • North Carolina A&T State University • North Carolina State University • North Greenville University • North Park University • Northeastern University • Northern Arizona University • Notre Dame • The Ohio State University • Oklahoma University • Pace University • Penn State University • Providence College • Purdue • Queens University • Radford • Rensselaer University • Samford University • Santa Clara University • Savannah College of Art and Design • Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary • St. Louis University • State University of New York - Birmingham • SUNY – Stonybrook • Tulane University • UNC – Asheville • UNC – Chapel Hill • UNC – Charlotte • UNC – Greensboro • UNC – Wilmington • United States Air Force Academy • Univeristy of Southern California • University of Alabama • University of California at Davis • University of California at Irvine • University of California at Riverside • University of California at San Diego • University of California at Santa Barbara • University of Chicago • University of Cincinnati • University of Connecticut • University of Detroit - Mercy • University of Florida • University of Georgia • University of Illinois at Chicago • University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign • University of Iowa • University of Miami • University of Michigan • University of Minnesota • University of Mississippi • University of Pittsburgh • University of Rochester • University of South Carolina - Honors College • University of South Carolina Upstate • University of Tennessee • University of the Cumberlands • University of Virginia • University of Washington at Seattle • Vanderbilt • Vassar • Virginia Tech • Wake Forest University • Warren Wilson • Wellesley College • Western Carolina University • William & Mary • Wingate University • Wofford College • York Saint Jones University-England



Presented Dr. Stout a retirement gift

Nurturing the Next Generation

This year, our school theme verse was 2 Timothy 2:2:

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

The word entrust became a constant reminder of the responsibility God has given us. As a school family, we recognize that God has entrusted us with the spiritual, academic, emotional, and social growth of every child at Gaston Christian School. In Early Childhood, we embrace this calling each day as we live out our mission to Prepare People, Teach Truth, and Glorify God.

Most importantly, we are entrusted with nurturing each child's faith. Our students hear Bible stories daily, memorize Scripture, pray for one another, and worship the Lord through song. Kindergarten students attend weekly chapel, while our preschool students begin attending monthly chapels in January. One of the most meaningful preschool chapels of the year was a special chapel honoring Dr. Stout. Students learned how God entrusted him with the leadership of Gaston Christian School and the faithful way he served our school community. They sang one of his favorite hymns, *"It Is Well,"* and presented him with a handprint canvas that will be displayed in our waiting area as a lasting reminder of his legacy. We also celebrated his retirement with a special "Dress Like Dr. Stout" Day on his birthday.



Annette Simmons
Early Childhood Principal

We are also entrusted with developing each child's God-given gifts and talents. This year, we enhanced our preschool program by introducing a weekly Music and Movement class. Students have enjoyed learning rhythm, movement, and music while growing in creativity. We continued our tradition of presenting meaningful, well-prepared performances through our Christmas programs, Grandparents Day celebrations, and Kindergarten Graduation.

Academic excellence remains an important part of our calling. We are entrusted with preparing students for future success, and this year we strengthened our kindergarten program by implementing MAP Growth testing in both the fall and spring. This assessment provides valuable information about each student's progress in reading and mathematics, allowing us to celebrate growth and provide intentional instruction that meets individual learning needs.

Caring for the whole child extends beyond the classroom. We are entrusted with creating enriching experiences that inspire curiosity and a love of learning. Preschool students enjoyed monthly visits from the Gaston County Library, while kindergarten students participated in an on-site Schiele Museum experience featuring gem mining. Preschool students also participated in their first on-site Community Helpers Fair in the spring, while kindergarten students joined the elementary division for the annual fall Community Helpers Fair. Kindergarten students also enjoyed presentations from our high school international students, learning about their home countries and cultures as part of their social studies curriculum. These experiences helped students connect classroom learning with the world around them.

Finally, we are grateful for the families God has entrusted to our school. Our Early Childhood families faithfully partnered with us throughout the year by supporting the Fall Festival and participating in our annual Boosterthon fundraiser. Through the Boosterthon fundraiser, our school community raised more than $100,000 toward a new auxiliary gym. This outstanding accomplishment reflects the strength of our partnership and our shared commitment to investing in the future of Gaston Christian School.

As we reflect on this school year, we are thankful for the privilege of being entrusted with the lives of our students. It is a responsibility we do not take lightly. We remain committed to faithfully preparing people, teaching truth, and glorifying God as we equip the next generation to know Christ, love others, and faithfully serve Him.



100th Day of School

Faith, Purpose and Community

Reflecting on the 2025–2026 school year at Gaston Christian Elementary, we recognize just how much God has done. What began with 395 eager first through fifth grade students became a year rich with learning, laughter, worship, service, friendships, celebrations, and growth. As we look back on this journey, our hearts are simply full.

At GCS, education is about so much more than what a child knows. It is also about who they are becoming. We educate and disciple the whole child, cultivating academic growth, wisdom, character, confidence, compassion, and, most importantly, a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Throughout the year, we watched that mission come to life.

Spiritual growth remained at the heart of our elementary experience. Weekly chapels, classroom discipleship, prayer, worship, and service encouraged students to know Jesus and live out their faith. The fifth-grade Spiritual Retreat gave our oldest elementary students time to worship, strengthen friendships, and consider what it means to live boldly for Christ as they prepare to lead the elementary school.

A standout moment was our "Glow in the Dark" Spiritual Emphasis Day, inspired by Matthew 5:16. Students were challenged to let the light of Christ shine through their lives, and God moved in ways beyond what we could have planned. Students asked sincere questions about salvation and made meaningful decisions to follow Jesus. The impact traveled home through faith conversations, families connecting with local churches, and even a father and daughter being baptized together. Our Next Steps Luncheon reminded us that discipleship is a beautiful partnership between school, home, and the local church.

That spirit of partnership was woven throughout the year. Teachers created classrooms where students were known, loved, challenged, and encouraged to pursue excellence. Students grew as readers, thinkers, creators, leaders, artists, and athletes through academics, STEAM, technology, literature, the arts, athletics, and hands-on learning. Our record-breaking Book Fair, Community Helpers Fair, SHINE, Christmas musicals, Annie Jr., and new Elementary Running Club helped students discover and develop their God-given gifts.

Some of our sweetest memories came simply from being together. Homecoming brought younger and older Eagles together in school spirit and gratitude. Grandparents' Day celebrated the gift of generations and family. The Fall Festival, 100th Day of School, and other traditions filled our campus with laughter and belonging. Our historic Boosterthon brought that same community spirit to life, raising more than $100,000 toward a new auxiliary gym. These moments reminded us that GCS is more than a place where children attend school. It is a family!

Within that family, students learned to look beyond themselves. Through the Souper Bowl of Caring, community partnerships, and a fifth-grade service project with Ambassadors for the Nations, they discovered that they are never too young to make a difference. True leadership is not simply about being out front; it is about loving people well, seeing a need, and having a willing heart to serve.



Denika Alston
Elementary Principal

One of the year's greatest blessings cannot be measured by a number, program, performance, or event. It is found in the community we continue to build together—teachers who love children deeply, families who faithfully partner with us, and students learning to encourage one another, serve others, persevere through challenges, discover their gifts, and follow Jesus.

As we reflect on this remarkable year, our hearts are filled with gratitude. We celebrate academic growth, but also growing faith; accomplishments, but also character. We celebrate our students' talents while reminding them that every gift is ultimately given for God's glory. We celebrate who they are becoming today while prayerfully preparing them for who God is calling them to be tomorrow.



Jr. Beta Club induction

Growing Through the Messy Middle

The 2025–2026 school year was another wonderful chapter in the life of our Middle School. The messy, muddy middle brought laughter, learning, challenges, friendships, celebrations, and growth. Through it all, students continued to discover their God-given gifts and deepen their understanding of what it means to follow Christ. We are grateful to walk alongside them and partner with their families as we Prepare People, Teach Truth, and Glorify God.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & COMMUNITY

Spiritual formation remained at the heart of the Middle School experience. Through Bible classes, chapel, prayer, worship, and time at Crowders Ridge, students were encouraged to deepen their understanding of God's Word and apply it to life. Crowders Ridge provided time to strengthen friendships and enjoy intentional fellowship and worship.



Pattiann Rabb
Principal

Our eighth graders also participated in the Butterfly Project, honoring the memory of children who perished in the Holocaust. Each student learned the name of a specific child and spoke it aloud—likely for the first time in nearly 80 years. A visit to the Butterfly Memorial Garden reinforced lessons about compassion and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

Students put their faith into action through meaningful opportunities to serve and give. They collected and packed 117 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world. During the Souper Bowl of Caring, Middle School contributed 560 food items and $987 online, equivalent to approximately 6,909 pounds of food. These efforts demonstrated how acts of kindness can make a significant difference in the lives of others.

ACADEMICS & STUDENT LIFE

Challenging coursework, hands-on learning, and opportunities to explore individual interests helped our students grow academically. STEM challenges, science investigations, creative projects, honors courses, and classroom activities encouraged critical thinking, collaboration, curiosity, and perseverance.

We also celebrated the induction of 53 students into the Jr. Beta Club—46 seventh graders and seven eighth graders. This honor recognizes academic achievement while emphasizing character, leadership, service, and responsibility.

Beyond the classroom, students developed their gifts through clubs, athletics, fine arts, and leadership opportunities.

HOUSE LIFE & MIDDLE SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Our House System remained a favorite part of Middle School life. Competitions, spirit events, and traditions created excitement and built relationships across grade levels. Students learned teamwork, encouragement, perseverance, and good sportsmanship. Shalom House finished the year as our House Competition champion, but the greatest success was the community House Life created.

FIELD TRIPS & SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

Students also learned beyond the classroom walls. Sixth graders visited the North Carolina Zoo, seventh graders traveled to Raleigh, and eighth graders celebrated the completion of Middle School with trips to the Ark Encounter and Dollywood. These experiences connected learning with the world around them while strengthening friendships and creating lasting memories.

LOOKING AHEAD WITH GRATITUDE

The middle school years can be messy and muddy, but they are also incredibly meaningful. We love our messy, muddy middle and are thankful for every student, family, teacher, and staff member who makes this community special.



Ava Knight, Hannah Durst, Jessica Williams (2026 Homecoming Queen), Peyton Hunsucker, Nathaly Angulo and Happy Arune

Faithfulness and Excellence

As we reflect on another blessed year at Gaston Christian School, we are reminded of God's faithfulness throughout our high school community. From record enrollment and academic achievement to spiritual growth and service, we have seen His work in the lives of our students and staff.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us," — Ephesians 3:20

PREPARE PEOPLE

This year, we focused on preparing students academically, socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually for life after graduation.

High school enrollment grew from 287 to a record 310 students. With the addition of AP Business with Personal Finance and German, students can now choose from 96 courses.

Our Advanced Placement program also reached new heights. Students completed a record 269 AP exams with an 86.2% pass rate. AP Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Precalculus achieved 100% pass rates, while AP Government, English Literature, and English Language also produced outstanding results.

Through Winterim, students participated in discipleship trips, job shadowing, service projects, and cultural experiences across the United States and abroad. Local opportunities included Outreach Gaston and job shadowing throughout the community.

TEACH TRUTH

Gaston Christian remains committed to teaching every subject from a biblical worldview, equipping students to understand the world through Scripture.

Spiritual formation remained central through weekly chapel services, Bible classes, student-led chapel panels, and the Windy Gap retreat. Guest speaker Shaq Hardy challenged students to think critically and commit their lives to the Lord. Detective Tyler Busby of the Gastonia Police Department also hosted a successful Cyber-Wise Parent Night and student assembly.

Students expressed truth through the arts as the GCS Players presented Anne of Green Gables and Seussical the Musical. Anne of Green Gables won the regional theatre competition and advanced to the state level. The High School Band and Chorus both earned Superior ratings at Carowinds' Festival of the Arts.

GLORIFY GOD

Above all, our mission is to glorify God in the classroom, on the field and stage, through service, and in our daily relationships.

Students served through Cards & Cocoa, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and Operation Christmas Child. The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy raised $17,500 for Strong Like AK.



Gary Ford
Principal

The Mock Trial team finished as regional runner-up in Henderson County. Connor Kish earned best witness honors in each round, while Piper Haston and Olivia Totherow were named best attorneys. At the Lincoln County regional, Pierson Fraser earned best attorney and Micah Adams earned best witness.

Nathan Eastburn and Luke Weisman were named National Merit Commended Students, placing them among approximately the top 3% of 11th-grade PSAT test-takers. Peyton Hunsucker and Rhett Cline were selected for the Spectrum News High School Scholars Program. Rhett also received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, valued at more than $600,000.

Additional honors included Co-Valedictorians Lilian Walker and Luke Wiesman, Salutatorian Michael Beebe, Servant's Heart Award recipient Peyton Hunsucker, M.O. Owens Award recipient Stavros Karampourniotis, Opal Parks Award recipient Mady Johnson, Homecoming Queen Jessica Williams, and Mr. GCS Carter Hoersch.



Chapel worship

Growing in Faith and Excellence

As we reflect on the 2025–2026 school year, we are filled with gratitude for God's continued faithfulness to the East Cleveland Campus. What began as an exciting new chapter has continued to grow into a thriving school community where students are challenged academically, encouraged spiritually, and given opportunities to discover and develop the gifts God has given them.

This year marked another important milestone as we added seventh grade, continuing our commitment to serving more families in Cleveland County and beyond. We look forward with excitement to adding eighth grade during the 2026–2027 school year. Our students also continued to grow through extracurricular opportunities, with many participating in middle school sports. We were especially proud of three students who were selected for the North Carolina Honors Chorus, showcasing their musical talents and dedication. In addition, several students participated in a chorale clinic in partnership with Gardner-Webb University, providing a valuable opportunity to develop their vocal skills, learn from others, and grow in their appreciation for music.



Victoria Ahearn
East Cleveland
Campus Principal

Spiritual growth remains at the heart of our mission. We held our second annual Spiritual Emphasis Day, providing students with a meaningful opportunity to deepen their relationships with Christ and grow in their faith. Throughout the year, regular chapels and special gatherings reminded our students of God's truth and faithfulness. Our grandparents' chapel and Christmas performances were particularly special opportunities to celebrate our community, worship together, and share the joy of the season.

We also continued to expand opportunities for students to explore their interests and talents. The addition of a dance studio allowed us to offer dance classes and provide students with new ways to develop their abilities. Our second annual talent show celebrated the unique gifts God has entrusted to our students, while our first Night of Worship brought our school community together for a meaningful time of corporate worship and fellowship.



Boosterthon Middle School Color Run

Community and family connections remained an important part of campus life. From Field Day to a successful family picnic, our students, families, and staff enjoyed opportunities to connect, celebrate, and create lasting memories. Our annual golf tournament and Boosterthon fundraiser helped support campus security and meet teachers' curriculum needs. We are thankful for the continued generosity and support of those who invest in our students and the future of our campus.

As we look toward the 2026–2027 school year, we are excited about the continued growth of the East Cleveland Campus and the opportunities ahead. With the addition of eighth grade on the horizon, we remain committed to preparing students to follow Christ, pursue excellence, and use their God-given gifts to serve others. We are grateful for all the Lord has accomplished and trust Him to continue His work in and through our campus.

As Philippians 1:6 reminds us, *"He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."* We look forward with confidence and anticipation, knowing that God will continue to guide our steps as we prepare people, teach truth, and glorify God.



International students visit Billy Graham Library

A Ministry Without Borders

One of my favorite things about being part of the International Program at Gaston Christian School is seeing how God brings people together from around the world. Each year, students arrive with different cultures, personalities, and stories. Some are excited about the adventure ahead, while others are nervous about leaving everything familiar behind. Each brings something special to our school, and I believe God has a purpose in bringing them here.

Since the program began, GCS has welcomed more than 200 long-term international students, along with many others who have joined us for short-term experiences. Each student represents a life we have had the opportunity to invest in and a story that has become part of our own.

Last school year, 12 international students represented six countries: Nigeria, China, Italy, Spain, South Sudan, and Germany. Seven returned to continue their education at GCS, and we welcomed five new students into our school family.

Students come to Gaston Christian to receive an education, improve their English, experience American culture, and pursue future opportunities. My greatest hope, however, is that they leave with something even more important: the experience of knowing the love of Jesus Christ.

Some arrive with a strong Christian faith, while others know very little about Jesus. Through teachers, classmates, coaches, chapel experiences, and especially host families, they see what it looks like to live out our faith each day. A conversation after class, an invitation to church, a family praying before dinner, or someone simply taking time to listen can leave a lasting impression.

My prayer is that the seeds planted during their time at GCS will continue to grow long after they return home.

Our host families are the heart of this program. Opening a home to a teenager from another country is a significant commitment, with cultural differences, language barriers, busy schedules, and unexpected challenges. It also brings countless meaningful moments. Host families share meals, provide rides, celebrate birthdays, help with homework, offer encouragement, and remain present when a student is homesick or struggling.

I am also thankful for those who support the International Program Fund. Their generosity helps meet unexpected travel, health, and educational expenses for students far from their families. Again and again, God has provided through people who felt led to help.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10



Amanda Knight
International Coordinator

Whether by hosting, giving, encouraging, or praying, everyone can play a part in this ministry. My hope is that every international student leaves GCS knowing they were welcomed, cared for, and loved—and that they came to know Christ in a deeper, more personal way.

To support students and their families through unexpected expenses, scan the QR code and select "International Program."



Kenya

What God Began in Kenya

When we think back on our Winterim trip to Kenya this past February, there are so many wonderful memories that come to mind: the beautiful people we met, the opportunities we had to share the Gospel, the children we spent time with, and the incredible beauty of God's creation that we experienced on safari. But what has stayed with us the most isn't the places we visited. It's the people.

Throughout our time in Nairobi, our team participated in school outreach, college evangelism, a children's Bible camp, and visits to children's homes. It was such a blessing to watch our students step outside their comfort zones and begin to understand that sharing the love of Jesus doesn't always have to be complicated. Sometimes it simply means showing up, listening, helping, and loving people right where they are.



Amanda Knight
Winterim Coordinator

One of the places that had the greatest impact on our team was Kabira's Pride Children's Home, located in one of Nairobi's largest informal settlements. The home was started by a woman who saw children abandoned on the streets and chose to do something about it. Through her faithfulness and the support of Mercy Nairobi, a local church, these children now have a place where they receive food, shelter, clothing, and loving care.

Before we even left for Kenya, our GCS families had already shown incredible generosity by donating more than 130 pairs of shoes, along with games, tablets, sensory toys, and other supplies for the children's homes we visited. It was such a blessing to deliver those gifts and see how God can use even simple acts of kindness to make a difference.

When we returned home, we didn't want our time with the children at Kabira's Pride to simply become a wonderful memory. We wanted to find a way to continue being part of their lives and supporting the work God is already doing there.

This school year, we have begun an initiative to sponsor 24 children from Kabira's Pride through our GCS school community. Elementary classrooms, middle school houses, and high school students are being connected with these children through prayer, letters, encouragement, and opportunities to help meet their needs.

Our goal is to raise $200 per child by the end of the school year to help provide tuition, school uniforms, and other basic necessities. Participation is completely voluntary, and there are many meaningful ways for students and families to be involved beyond giving financially.

More than anything, we hope our students will come to see these children as individuals who are deeply loved by God. We want them to know their names, pray for them, and understand that even from thousands of miles away, they can make a difference in someone's life.

We are also looking forward to returning to Nairobi for Winterim in February 2027, with hopes of delivering letters, small gifts, and encouragement from our GCS students to the children they have supported throughout the year.

We believe this is what missions should look like. Not simply going somewhere for a week, serving, and returning home, but building relationships and continuing to show the love of Christ long after the trip is over.

We are so grateful for everyone who helped make our Kenya Winterim possible and for those who are continuing to support these children. What began as a school trip has become something much more meaningful, and we are excited to see how God continues to use this partnership in the lives of both our students and the children in Kenya.

If you would like to consider donating to our Kabira's Pride Initiative, please scan the QR code given. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.



New York

Learning Beyond the Classroom

This year marked our second year of Winterim at Gaston Christian School! Winterim is a unique mini-semester designed to take learning beyond the traditional classroom, giving our Upper School students opportunities to explore new places, experience different cultures, and grow through hands-on experiences.

Through education, adventure, leadership development, discipleship, and missions, our hope is that Winterim challenges students to step outside their comfort zones, discover new interests, and recognize the many ways God can use them to make a difference. Above all, we want each experience to encourage students to put their faith into action and develop a genuine heart for serving others.

OUR 2025-2026 WINTERIM EXPERIENCES INCLUDED:

- **Outreach Gaston:** Serving alongside local ministries and nonprofit organizations throughout Gaston County.
- **Man Up!:** Helping young men grow in biblical manhood, practical life skills, leadership, and service.
- **Coastal Inlet Fishing:** Exploring coastal fishing in South Carolina while growing in faith and participating in local service.
- **Spiritual Retreat:** Stepping away from everyday distractions for prayer, worship, discipleship, and service in the North Carolina mountains.
- **Nashville, Tennessee:** Exploring music, art, and culture while serving with a local church or ministry.
- **Saddles to Skylines:** Experiencing horseback riding and Atlanta attractions while serving alongside a local church plant.
- **Washington, D.C.:** Discovering our nation's history and government while serving local veterans.
- **West Virginia:** Enjoying skiing and snowboarding adventures while completing a local church service project.
- **Boston, Massachusetts:** Exploring American history and historic landmarks while partnering with a local mission.
- **Indescribable – Arizona:** Experiencing God's incredible creation through outdoor adventures while serving alongside Young Life.



Outreach Gaston

- **Arizona Baseball:** Combining baseball, leadership, and service through community outreach and spring training experiences.
- **New York City:** Experiencing the history, culture, and excitement of NYC while serving with a local church.
- **Nairobi, Kenya:** Sharing the Gospel and serving alongside local churches, schools, and children's homes.
- **Honduras:** Partnering with local ministries to share the Gospel and support church planting among the Lenca people.
- **Vocational Shadowing:** Gaining firsthand career experience while showing appreciation and serving GCS support staff.

We are grateful for the faculty, families, ministry partners, and community members who help make these opportunities possible and look forward to seeing how God continues to use Winterim in the lives of our students.



2025 GCS Spelling Bee Participants

Academics Report

It has been a wonderful year in academics at Gaston Christian School, and we are grateful to see our students growing not only in knowledge, but also in wisdom.

Of course, some of the most important growth in a student's life cannot be measured by a standardized test. How do you measure maturity or godly wisdom? We see it instead in thoughtful classroom conversations, in sportsmanship on the field and court, and in acts of kindness offered when students think no one else is watching.

While academic growth is only part of the story, we do have meaningful measures to celebrate. This year, our students' ACT scores ranked in the 72nd percentile nationally, while SAT scores ranked in the 68th percentile. Our K–8 students also performed exceptionally well on the NWEA MAP assessment, ranking in the 75th percentile nationally in math and the 83rd percentile in reading. These results are based on a national sample of 116 million MAP scores from more than 30,000 schools across the country.



Dr. Lane Rice
Academic Dean

Results like these don't happen by accident. They reflect the intentional investment of our teachers, the partnership of our parents, and the hard work of our students. We are deeply grateful for each of them.

Our AP results from the 2025–2026 school year provide even more reason to celebrate. Since introducing our first AP course we have added 13 additional AP courses. Student participation has increased 350% over the past five years. We have also seen remarkable growth in the number of perfect scores. For our first several years, students earned fewer than 20 perfect scores each year. This year, they earned 52.

Behind every one of those scores are students who have devoted countless hours to mastering college-level material and teachers who have challenged, encouraged, and invested in them along the way.

Above all, we celebrate the growth we see in our students, not simply in what they know, but in who they are becoming. We pray for their continued success in every area of life as we pursue our mission to prepare people, teach truth, and glorify God.



2025 GCS Spelling Bee Winner - Henry Rice with Elementary Principal Alston.

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2022-2026 AP Score Data

13 AP COURSES in 2026 (Up from 8 in 2022)

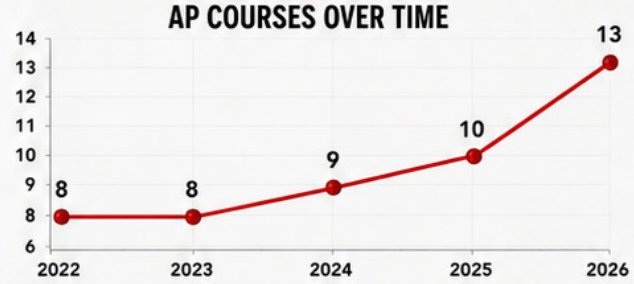
269 AP EXAMS in 2026 (Up from 60 in 2022)

232 SCORES OF 3+ in 2026 (Up from 37 in 2022)

52 PERFECT SCORES (5) in 2026 (Up from 12 in 2022)

86.2% OVERALL PASS RATE in 2026 (Up from 61.7% in 2022)

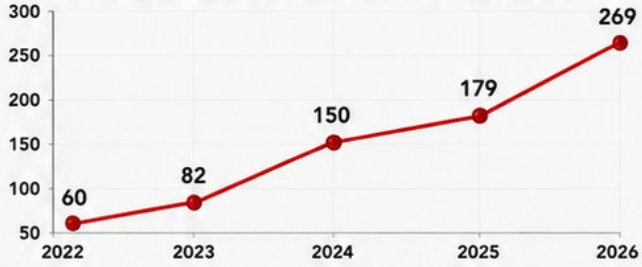
AP COURSES OVER TIME



Year-over-year growth: 2023 remained unchanged; 2024 increased 12.5%; 2025 increased 11.1%; and 2026 increased 30.0%.

Overall increase: +62.5% from 2022 to 2026.

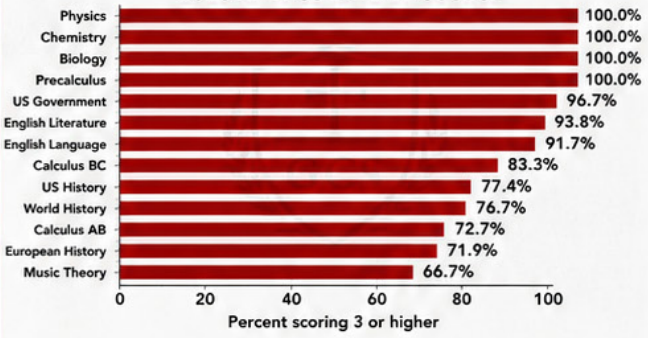
AP PARTICIPATION ENTRIES / EXAMS OVER TIME



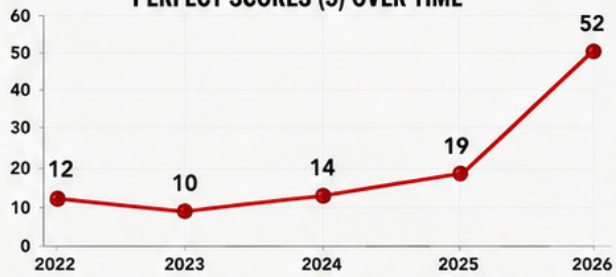
Year-over-year growth: 2023 +36.7%; 2024 +82.9%; 2025 +19.3%; 2026 +50.3%.

Overall increase: +348.3% from 2022 to 2026.

2026 AP PASS RATE BY COURSE



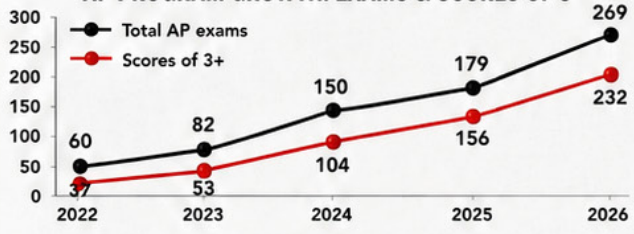
PERFECT SCORES (5) OVER TIME



Year-over-year change: 2023 -16.7%; 2024 +40.0%; 2025 +35.7%; 2026 +173.7%.

Overall increase: +333.3% from 2022 to 2026.

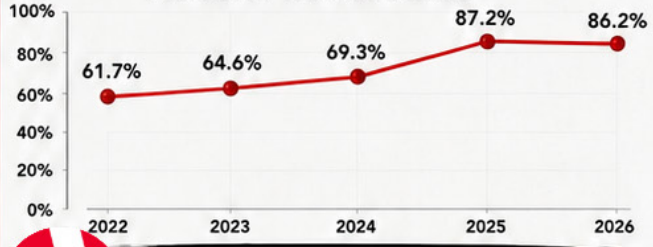
AP PROGRAM GROWTH: EXAMS & SCORES OF 3+



Total AP exams **+348.3%** from 2022 to 2026

Scores of 3+ **+527.0%** from 2022 to 2026

OVERALL AP PASS RATE TREND



2022-2026

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Anne of Green Gables

Created In His Image

"So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female." Genesis 1:27

"For it was You who created my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise You, because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made."

Psalm 139:13-14



Heidi Brack
Director of Fine Arts

"Created in His image" is a theme I find our visual arts teachers consistently discuss and model. From day one of the school year, they invest in the lives of their students, and the effects are further displayed through the students' artwork. Special thanks to our Art teachers for echoing this theme of value and identity from our God.

FALL APPLAUSE

We welcomed Mr. Caspar into the Woodshop, and the set building and craftsmanship was outstanding!

Middle School Chorus participated in Gardner Webb's choral clinic where students are challenged by new music directors to conceptualize the internal process of singing. It's hard work!

For the first time at GCS, our fall play was awarded first place in the regional North Carolina Theatre Conference, and Anne of Green Gables was taken to Greensboro, NC to participate in the State Conference.

Our fall semester culminated with Christmas programs, Night of the Arts concert, and GCS Dance concert. These precious Christmas events continue to remind us of our loving Creator who has a plan and purpose for us in Christ.

SPRING NEWS

The spring semester started with a theatrical bang; 85 Seussical curtain-warmers, 5 performances, and Annie Jr. auditions. Seussical



received an "Excellent" rating and Brooke Stokes and Eli Reed (above) were nominated as Best Actor/ess by the Blumey Awards.

High School Chorus and Band received ratings of "Superior" at the Carowinds Festival of Music and Middle School Chorus received an "Excellent."

The new Fine Arts trip to Nashville was a successful Winterim experience. Students explored the history of country music, tasted Tennessee barbeque, and took a line-dancing class (for those that were bold enough to boogie!)

End of year events included Senior-Directed One Acts, middle school's Annie Jr., the International Thespian Society Induction (10 new inductees), and Spring Night of the Arts. Students new to the stage surprised directors and family members alike, further telling of the creativity only God could instill!

Our extracurricular performing arts activities reached over 270 students in dance, theatrical productions, camps, and advanced classes over the course of the year. The Lord is showing us His creative character through our students, created in His image.



Seussical The Musical



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Annie Jr.





2026 GCS Annual Golf Tournament at Gaston Country Club

GCS Booster Club update

The Gaston Christian Booster Club supports GCS athletics through fundraising, marketing, and promotions. During the 2025–2026 school year, the club generated $125,997 in gross revenue. These funds helped GCS invest in the auxiliary gym and buses, and provided support for teams and coaches.

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Boosterthon - Elementary Pie in the Face



Boosterthon - Middle School



Boosterthon - Elementary Salute the Flag

ATHLETIC SEASON RECORDS

VARSITY SPORTS

TEAM	RECORD	COACH	ASSISTANT COACH(S)
Boys Soccer	4-12-1	Coach: Davis McBee	Asst. Kevin Daly, Felipe Baptista
Girls Volleyball	13-12	Coach: Kristal Luke	Asst. Kyle Ferguson
Cross Country		Coach: Jason Moore	Asst. Zeb Johnson, Jason Marlowe, Kristin Padgett
Girl Tennis	7-6	Coach: Jeremy Martin	
Swimming		Coach: Mandy Cutts	Asst. Aaron Fulton
Boys Basketball	27-7	Coach: Chris Duhon	Asst. Thomas Conley, Ryan Friday
Girls Basketball	20-6	Coach: Gabe Fountain	Asst. Isla Powell, Zeb Johnson
Cheerleading		Coach: Gina Collins	Asst. Stephanie Pettit
Baseball	22-3	Coach: Deon Lowery	Asst. Jamie Summerlin, Evan Mauldin
Softball	16-8	Coach: Brandon Williams	Asst. Rhonda Williams, Bruce Phifer, Stephanie Lethcoe
Track		Coach: Jason Moore	Asst. Johnson, Marlowe, Smallwood, Cline
Girls Soccer	17-2	Coach: Davis McBee	Asst. Johnny Hoover, Jamie Rodriguez
Boys Tennis	4-8	Coach: Jeremy Martin	
Boys Golf	9-5	Coach: Raymond Grant	
Girls Golf		Coach: Eric Clay	Asst. Charles Winters
Skeet		Coach: Mike Robinson	Asst. Chris Rushing, Chris Ashley
*Boys Volleyball	10-7	Coach: Kyle Matheney	Asst. Kristal Luke, Evan Duncan

JUNIOR VARSITY SPORTS

Boys Basketball	11-10	Coach: Teven Jones	Asst. Corey Carpenter
Girls Volleyball	5-8	Coach: Eleanor Fulton	Asst. Kyle Matheney
Baseball	8-5-1	Coach: Todd Palmer	
*Boys Volleyball	7-3	Coach: Evan Duncan	

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball	10-7	Coach: Brandy Vaughn	Asst. Kelsie Mery
Boys Basketball (Red)		Coach: Raymond Grant	
Boys Basketball (White)	14-0	Coach: Twan Robbs	Asst. Tramaine Boone
Cheer		Coach: Amanda Choren	
Boys Soccer(White)	0-7	Coach: Matt Pennington	
Boys Soccer (Red)	13-3	Coach: Kevin Daly	Asst. Davis McBee
Softball	4-5	Coach: Meredith Phifer	
Girls Tennis	7-5	Coach: Jeremy Martin	
Volleyball	7-10	Coach: Angelina Harkey	
Girls Soccer		Coach: Ryan Connor	
Baseball (Red)	15-2	Coach: Chris Harkey	
*MS Baseball (White)		Coach: Vincent Collins	
MS Boys Tennis	2-5	Coach: Stephen Mithell	
*MS Boys Golf		Coach: Greg Simmons	

**New This Year*



GCS Athletics programs signings for 2025-26: Kendall Southern, Noah Cooper, Anthony Marano, Xander Sutton, Ethan Chinery, Collins Clinard, and Happy Arune. Not Pictured: Cam Newman, Cam Cobb, Cooper Summerlin.



Varsity Girls Soccer State Champions

Banner Year for GCS Athletics

There are many awards given to GCS athletes at the close of each season, the following conference and state recognitions were given to GCS athletes or teams:

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER
- All Conference: Ethan Chinery, Christian Mayhall

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS
- All Conference: Nathaly Angulo, Hannah Durst, Rowan Haston

VARSITY GIRLS GOLF
- Won MAC - Conference Champions
- Conference Individual Champion: Hallie Anne Winters
- All Conference: Hallie Anne Winters, Collins Clinard, Anna Clay, Tatum Haston

CROSS COUNTRY
- All conference: Carter Hoersch, Clark Hoersch, Cole Stadler, Will Choren, Renwick Royston, Allison Dinlocker
- All State: Carter Hoersch

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL
- All Conference: Cam Newman, Brayden Milner, Jeremy Duhon
- All State: Cam Newman

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL
- All Conference: Sally Risk, Jakyra Sadler, Happy Arune, Brooklyn Twitty
- All State: Brooklyn Twitty, Jakyra Sadler

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER
- Co-Champs in MAC
- All Conference: Rowan Haston, Trinity Genteman, Allison Dinlocker, Piper Haston, Bailey Knox
- All State: Piper Haston, Bailey Knox, Allison Dinlocker
- State Champions 2026

VARSITY BASEBALL
- Conference Regular Season Champions
- All Conference: Cooper Summerlin, Carsten Green, Xander Sutton, Camden Cobb, Noah Cooper, Anthony Marano, Caden Browning
- All State: Anthony Marano, Cooper Summerlin, Noah Cooper



Varsity Baseball Regular Season Champions

VARSITY SOFTBALL
- All Conference: Oakleigh Herring, Stella Absher, Kennedy Miller, Lana Hanson, Emmie Rushing
- All State: Lana Hanson

VARSITY BOYS TENNIS
- All Conference: Henry Roberts, Stavros Karampourniotis, Beckett Nixon, Manuel Navarro

VARSITY TRACK
- Girls finished 2nd in Conference
- All Conference: Cole Stadler - Triple Jump, Jessica Williams - Shot Put
- All State: Jessica Williams - Shot Put & Discuss, Tatum Haston - Pole Vault

SWIMMING
- All State: Eli Sweet 200 M, 500 Free
- Lucas Gates, Jake Armstrong, Dillon Miller, Eli Sweet - 400 Free Relay Team



Looking Ahead: Strategic Vision

Launched in November 2024, our five-year strategic plan continues to guide our work at Gaston Christian School, with completion targeted for 2029. We are grateful for the progress made and remain committed to carrying each priority forward with prayer and careful planning.

CHRIST-CENTERED FORMATION

We have established Spiritual Life, Women's Ministry, and Community Engagement leadership roles to strengthen discipleship and family support. Parent events are providing opportunities for biblical worldview instruction. Planning is underway for an annual student spiritual formation assessment, and we are developing a family admissions rubric to help communicate our mission and expectations clearly.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." — 2 Peter 3:18, KJV

RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

We are preparing East Cleveland families for the transition to high school at the Gaston campus while continuing to evaluate support and coordination between campuses. Additional operational leadership is also being planned.

"Let all things be done decently and in order." — 1 Corinthians 14:40, KJV

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FACULTY AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A comprehensive compensation analysis is being prepared to help the Board evaluate employee pay and benefits. Teacher mentorship remains a strategic priority, with further development and implementation still ahead. Leadership transition planning has focused on executive training and the transfer of Head of School responsibilities, with continued attention to leadership continuity.

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." — 2 Timothy 2:2, KJV

STRATEGIC FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

School leaders are meeting monthly with an experienced Christian school financial adviser to review business practices and planning. A Philosophy of Tuition has been developed to guide decisions about affordability and school needs. Financial performance measures are being established, while an updated five-year debt forecast and management plan remain priorities.

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." — 1 Corinthians 4:2, KJV

Thank you for your prayers and partnership as we continue working to Prepare People, Teach Truth, and Glorify God.



Gaston Christian School Early Childhood students dressed-up like Dr. Stout in celebration of his birthday during his retirement year.

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