



# Gateway Christian Academy Back-To-School

**Please read this important information!**

Key Dates & Requirements ALL GCA families  
Need To Know About Back-To-School:

**Friday, August 17, 2018:** Education Outfitters Uniforms will be at the school from 11:00pm to 3:00pm to serve you with your student uniform needs.

**Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** GCA will be hosting a Parent/Student Orientation. **Parents are required to attend an informational session with your child's teacher designed to answer questions and help prepare your child for the new**

**school year.** In addition, you will have the opportunity to do the following: drop off school supplies, pick up schedules, receive an updated copy of the student/parent handbook, and pay for any outstanding fees. The Informational Session will start promptly at the designated time in your child's classroom. Here are the times for the informational sessions:

<b>Kindergarten-</b>	<b>Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade-</b>	<b>Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-</b>	<b>Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-</b>	<b>Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade-</b>	<b>Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade-</b>	<b>Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School</b>	<b>Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade High School</b>	<b>Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm</b>

**Monday, August 20, 2018: First Day of School**

**SCHOOL IS IN SESSION FROM 8:30AM TO 3:00PM**

Last year, we had a problem with students being tardy and parents picking up students early. Remember school starts at 8:30am and ends by 3:00pm for all students (K-12<sup>th</sup>). We encourage all parents to follow the school policy regarding this matter. In addition, excessive absences and tardiness can jeopardize your child's academic progress according to the Department of Education. Students that are not in compliance are subject to repeat the school year.

### **Uniform Policy:**

GCA students wear uniforms to prepare them for the expectations of the workforce. It is a requirement and an expectation that students will adhere to the uniform policy of the school each day unless otherwise permitted to have a jeans day, spirit day or non-uniform day.

### **Medication Forms and Prescriptions:**

**Please parents, do not send any kind of medication on your child's backpack or lunch box (not even cough drops).**

If your child takes medication, either non-prescription, prescription and/or both, you must complete these forms and turn them into the school office prior to the beginning of the school year or as needed. It is imperative that parents do not send forms and medication with students. Parents should drop off medication to Mrs. Janice

**Anderson or Mrs. Nivia Bosch. In order to ensure the safety of your child and others, do not allow your child to have any medication with them, in their backpacks or lunch boxes.**

## **Cell phones, toys and electronic devices:**

**According to the student handbook, students should not bring toys and electronic devices to the school at any time except days designated by your child's teacher or administration. This also pertains to Before and Aftercare hours. In addition, we are not responsible for any toys, cell phones and electronic devices that are lost or damaged at the school. Please check you students' backpacks and lunch boxes to make sure toys are not being brought to school. Regarding cell phones, students are not allowed to bring them into the classroom or any area of the school. Cell phones should be turned into the school office every morning and can be picked up after school ends. It is important for you to help us to enforce this policy.**