



GSA Parent Salon: Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in the upcoming **Parent Salon**. We're excited to launch this new series and wanted to share more about what these gatherings are all about, what to expect, and what's ahead.

Below are answers to some of the most common questions we anticipate. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Rebecca Yacono](#) or [Robyn Burchfiel](#) directly with any additional questions.

What are the Parent Salons?

The **Parent Salons** were first introduced in the August 8 edition of *On the Horizon* and revisited during **Back to School Night** as part of GSA's broader commitment to **streamlined communication** and **deeper parent engagement**. These gatherings are intentionally small and conversational, designed to strengthen parent connections, deepen engagement with GSA's mission, and create space for meaningful, community-centered dialogue. They are not formal presentations or Q&A sessions, but rather opportunities for authentic conversation that connect parents more closely to GSA's vision and direction.

Who will be speaking at the Salons?

Each Parent Salon will feature **Head of School Rebecca Yacono**, who will guide the conversation and connect each topic to GSA's mission and strategic vision. Depending on the focus of the discussion, **additional guest speakers**—such as educators, thought leaders, or community partners—may join to provide expertise and perspective. For the inaugural Salon, Rebecca will

be joined by **Dr. Joshua Childs**, a faculty member at the University of Texas, whose work focuses on educational leadership and community partnerships. This first session will center on themes especially relevant to parents of students in Grades 2–5.

Where are the Salons being held?

The first gathering is being graciously hosted by **GSA Board President Rachel Nguyen**, who offered her home to help launch this new series. Because the Salons are designed to be small and conversational, they work best in home-based settings rather than large campus venues. Future Salons will be hosted by other GSA families as the series continues.

What does “the exciting direction of GSA’s future” mean?

This phrase refers to GSA’s broader momentum and evolving vision, including—but not limited to—our site expansion, middle school growth, and the ongoing advancement of our strategic plan. The purpose of each Salon is to connect these initiatives back to the mission, values, and long-term aspirations that guide GSA’s work.

Who will be hosting the Salons?

Several GSA families have generously volunteered to host Parent Salons throughout the year. For this initial Salon, our hosts are a **6th-Grade family** who are strong believers in GSA’s mission and in the leadership that carries it forward. They were also instrumental in helping bring Dr. Childs to participate, making this a natural and inspiring way to launch the series.

Looking Ahead

We’re grateful for the curiosity this first Salon has sparked! It’s exactly the kind of thoughtful involvement that strengthens our community. While this initial session focuses on Grades 2–5, every family will have an opportunity to participate in a future Salon as topics align with their grade levels and areas of interest. We’re excited to begin this series together and look forward to seeing how it continues to connect and inspire our GSA community throughout the year.