

GMCS NEWS

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Back to School Night
August 21, 2024, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

Parking:

Parking may be limited. We ask all GMCS families enter on Coleman Road through the bus loop. Park on the right side of the bus loop or designated field area.

Entrances:

Please use one of the three main entrances. A greeter will be handing out bingo and Must Do / May Do sheet for GMCS students.

1st Day of School - August 27, 2024

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
(717) 334-1120
<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org>



FACTS FAMILY PORTAL



Please log into your FACTS family portal. You can find your child's schedule and class teachers for the 24/25 school year.

Below are helpful hints on how to create a Family portal.

To create your family portal, please visit this website.
<https://logins2.renweb.com/logins/ParentsWeb-Login.aspx>

1. Underneath login, there is an option to Create New Family Portal Account.
2. You will need to enter the District Code: **GMCS-PA**
3. Once you have created your family portal, please login and verify that the information in your portal is accurate and up to date.

Visit our website to get caught up on Back to School information.

<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org>

Class Supply Lists are listed on our website, under the Student/Parent Info tab. Find your grade/teacher.

The following districts provide bussing to GMCS:

- **Bermudian Springs 717-528-4113**
- **Cashtown – provided by GMCS 717-334-1120**
- **Conewago Valley 717-624-2157**
- **Fairfield – provided by GMCS 717-334-1120**
- **Gettysburg 717-334-6254**
- **Hanover 717-637-9000**
- **Littlestown 717-359-4146**
- **Mt. Holly Springs – provided by GMCS 717-334-1120**
- **Southwestern 717-632-2500**
- **Spring Grove 717-225-4731**
- **Upper Adams 717-677-7191**

***We follow the GASD for weather delays and closings.**



Car Rider Information



ARRIVAL TIME: 8:00am - 8:30am

DISMISSAL TIME: 2:50 pm - 3:20 pm

BREAKFAST is from 8:00 am - 8:30 am

- Parent drop-off will be from 8:00 am to 8:30 am. When you arrive in the bus loop, **STAY in your car**, staff will help assist your student out of the vehicle. No passing in the loop.

Car riders can be picked up at the front door between
2:45 pm and 3:15 pm.

***YOU WILL NEED YOUR CHILD'S GMCS CAR RIDER SIGN AT
DISMISSAL.**

The safety of all our students is a priority.
Please help us keep your children safe by observing these guidelines.
We will be able to work quickly and efficiently through the parent drop
off line if everyone works together!

Always Remember to always be KIND!



Weather delay Information



Delays :

- If GMCS is on a delay and your home district is not , parents will have to provide transportation. Your district bus may pick up at the normal time but do not put your child on the bus If we are on a delay. No one will be at the school.
- If your home district is on a delay and GMCS is not, your home district will provide transportation at the delayed time and the tardy will be excused. You are welcome to transport your child at regular time.

Early Dismissal:

- If GMCS is dismissing early and your home district is not dismissing at the same time...parents will have to provide transportation.
- If your home district is dismissing early, your district will provide transportation.
- Please make sure you are in contact with your home district if your child is using their transportation.

Closing:

- Emails and text alerts will be sent and information is posted on WGAL.
- If your home district is closed and GMCS is not, you can either stay home or parents can drive their child/children into school. Please use your best judgement. We want everyone to be safe!
- Contact info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org if you are not receiving alerts.

Reminders:

- Please check our website for weather delays at www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org
- Please do not call the school, during early dismissals with general questions.
- Please wait for a call or an email for updates or check our website.
- For specific transportation changes, EMAIL your child's teacher and the office@ info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org.



GMCS Lunch Update

Welcome back to another great year at GMCS! Our school uses a program called School Cafe for all meal transactions!

Please use this link <https://www.schoolcafe.com/Gettysburg> to set up an account for your family. If you are new to our school, please do not hesitate to contact me at Sfazenbaker@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org to obtain your student ID number so that your account setup can be completed. A credit card or an ACH payment from a checking or savings account will be needed to add funds to your student's account. School Cafe collects a small convenience fee for every payment. When you successfully set up your account on the School Cafe website, you will then be able to complete your family's application for free and reduced meals.

If you have questions about the application process, please feel free to contact me.





Food Service Message

As the food service provider for your children's school, I would like to reintroduce myself.

My name is Michelle Michael (Michael's Concessions) The business was established in 1998 providing food services for federal government cafeteria operations, state park seasonal concessions, and private catering. Eventually expanding to summer school catering and public school catering.

I take pride in offering the freshest highest quality products available in the market at a reasonable rate. I have been the food service provider for Gettysburg Montessori Charter School since the opening of the new facility in 2016.

We have formed partnerships with local organic farms and produce vendors to buy local and provide many fresh fruits and vegetables that are served on a daily basis. We also use a limited amount of prepackaged fruits. These are carefully picked to ensure we are using the healthiest options. Examples: Applesauce unsweetened, no artificial flavors, gluten-free. Mandarin oranges in 100% fruit juice, BPA free, and no artificial flavors.

Rest assured that we do not fry any menu items. Even our burgers are baked not fried to ensure the healthiest result possible.

ATTENDANCE FAST FACTS!



A note is required for every student absence.

- Please email your absence and doctor's note to **Info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org**
- If a student is out for 3 consecutive days, a doctor's note is required.
- If a student has missed 10 days of school, cumulatively, a doctor's note is required for every absence beyond the first 10 days.
- If a student leaves early or comes in late due to an appointment, a doctor's note is required for the appointment to be excused.
- Tardies add up! If your student regularly arrives late or leaves early (even if it's 5 minutes), this time will add up to a half or whole day of missed school.



Educational Trips

Educational trip requests must be submitted in writing to the CEO/Principal prior to planning the trip, or as soon as possible after the trip is scheduled, and at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled departure.

Educational trips may not be approved during PSSAs for those students in grades 3-6, or during the first two weeks of school, or if your child is habitually truant, unless approved by the CEO/Principal.

Forms can be located on our website.





FID Learning Packets & Attendance

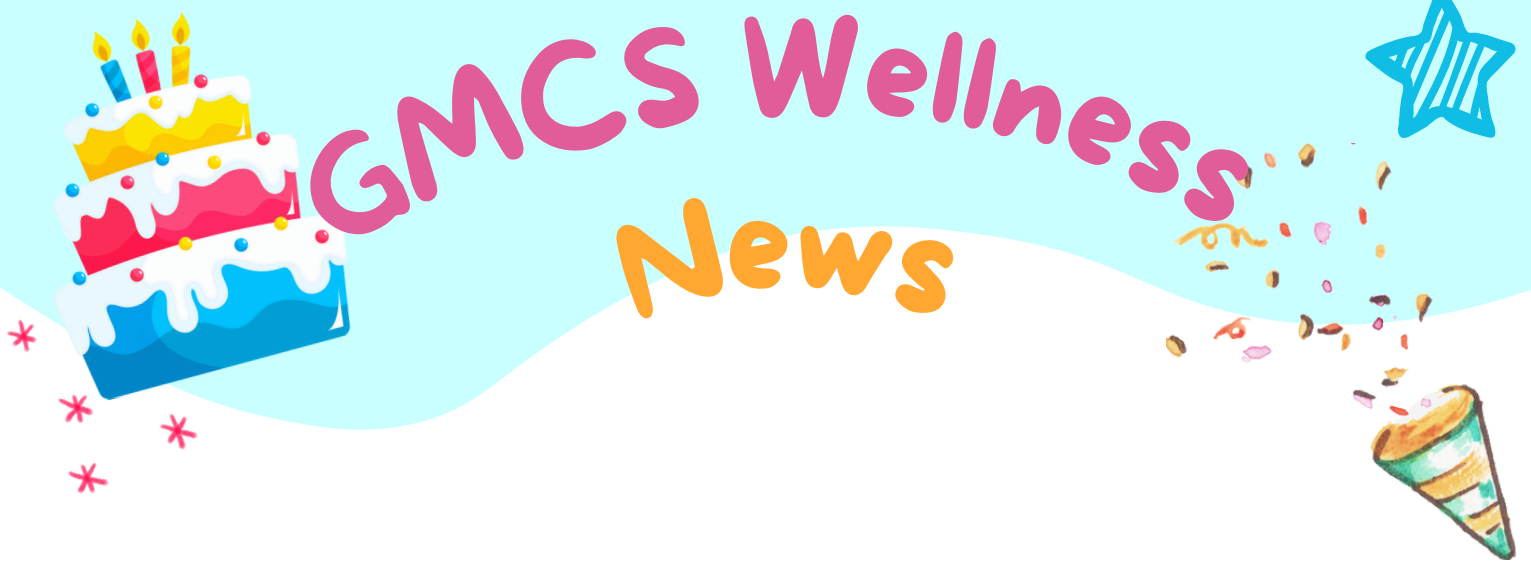
Prior to a FID (flexible Instruction Day) your teacher(s) will be sending five days worth of instruction home at the beginning of each month (Dec, Jan, Feb, March) in the event you are unable to attend school asynchronously via Google classroom on a FID. It is important that students do not complete FID packets prior to a FID and that the packet is available for students in the event technology is unavailable.

When technology is unavailable, students must complete ALL assignments for each day at home to receive credit for attending that day.

***Packets are due the first day following the FID day.**

Students will be marked absent until a written notification of their participation/attendance in FID and a COMPLETED packet is returned to school the first day following an FID to verify their participation in the FID.

If a student was absent on a FID they will be marked unexcused until GMCS receives proper excuses from parents.



Our school is starting to move to food free classrooms for birthday celebrations due to health and allergy reasons. There are plenty of ideas for a Happy Birthday at school without food.

Some ideas include:

- 1. Supply a craft - Bring in a craft (enough for the class) to complete.**
- 2. Pass out goodies - Bring non-food items for the class like stickers, pencils, pencil toppers, bouncy balls, bookmarks, crayons, etc.**
- 3. Show and tell - The birthday student gets to bring something in from home and share with the class.**
- 4. Have a bubbly recess - Bring small bottles of bubbles and have the class blow bubbles at recess.**
- 5. Share a book - Bring in the child's favorite book for themselves or the teacher to read to the class.**
- 6. Sign a shirt - Bring in a solid color t-shirt or a special birthday shirt that classmates can sign and wear for their birthday.**





Calling all Volunteers!

Calling all Volunteers!

We have several events planned this year and need your help to make them successful. Please make sure you have all of your updated volunteer clearances in the front office.

Clearances are valid for five years.

<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/volunteers.html>

Stay up to date

<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GettysburgMontessori/>





GMCS Nurse Update

WHEN SHOULD YOU STAY HOME? SICK DAY OR SCHOOL DAY?

Wondering when you should keep your child home from school and when it's OK to send them? Help prevent the spread of germs by washing hands and surfaces, and keeping sick kids home from school.

FEVER

Any fever over 100.4 should be kept at home until 24 hours fever free without any medicine. You should not give your child fever-reducing medicine before school.

VOMITING & DIARRHEA

Vomiting and diarrhea should be kept home until at least 24 hours with no more symptoms.

PINKEYE

Pinkeye looks like a red eye, lots of goopy drainage, and intense itching. It is very easily transmittable. Pinkeye must be treated for at least 24 hours with prescription medication from a doctor before returning to school.

COUGH & COLD

Obvious, disruptive coughs and colds should be kept home until under control. Not only is the student unable to concentrate but they are preading germs to everyone else.

HEAD LICE

Any student with live active lice must stay home until treated and lice are no longer present. Proof of treatment should be brought to the nurse. Students may come to school with nits but nits should be removed nightly until all clear.

GENERAL ILLNESS

You know your child best. If they are under the weather and you think they would benefit from staying home and not spreading germs or getting some rest then that is what you should do.

IT'S A SCHOOL DAY IF:

It's ok to go to school if you have things like allergies, rashes, bug bites, injuries, chronic illnesses (asthma, sickle cell, epilepsy), or if the doctor has cleared your child and says it's ok. If you're not sure then call your school nurse.



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Look Ahead September

Hello
September

No School
September 2 & 20

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School Calendar 2024-2025

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Aug 27 First Day of School
 August 19-26 Room Prep /
 Professional Development

Sept 2 No School / Labor Day Holiday
 Sept 20 No School /Teacher Report

Oct 11 Early Dismissal 12:00
 Oct 14 No School/Teacher Report
 Oct 29 End of marking period

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Nov 08 No School / Teacher
 Report
 Nov 27-29 No School
 Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 02 No school
 Dec 13 Early Dismissal 12:00
 Dec 23 – Jan 01
 No School/Winter Break

Jan 1 Winter Break
 Jan 17 End of marking period
 Jan 20 No School/MLK Day /
 Teacher report

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Feb 13 Early Dismissal 12:00
 Feb 14 No School / Teacher Report
 Feb 17 No School / Teacher Report

March 7 Early Dismissal 12
 March 25 End of marking period

Apr 17-21 No School / Spring break
 Apr 22-30 PSSA Testing

May						2025	
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May 9 Early Dismissal 12:00
 May 1-8 PSSA Testing
 May 26 No School
 May 31 Last Day / Dismissal 12:00

	First day of school
	No School
	No School / Teachers Report
	PSSA Testing Window
	Marking Period Ends
	Early Dismissal for Students
	Last Day of School