



**GMCS NEWS
OCTOBER 2024**

**Early Dismissal 12pm
October 11, 2024**

**No School
October 14, 2024**

October

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



FALL SPIRIT WEEK



OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Fall Celebrations

Happy October! I hope this message doesn't "scare" you too much. I promise it's all treats and no tricks! October is here, and we have activities at GMCS to make this month un-boo-lievably fun for your kiddos!

Here's what's brewing this October:



MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Flannel Day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Crazy - Spooky Hair or Hat Day

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Mix & Match Day

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Costume Day - must be weapon free and we must be able to see the students' faces.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Show your school spirit

GMCS will be having our School parade on Thursday at 2:00pm.* Parents are welcome to come see your students walk in.





Front Office Reminders October 2024

Attendance

There are small steps that all parents can take to monitor and limit absences thereby enhancing their child's academic success. At Gettysburg Montessori Charter School we strive to be consistent with our policy in order to ensure your child's academic success at school.

- If possible make appointments for your child before or after school. If a student leaves early, or comes in late due to an appointment a doctor's note is required in order for the appointment to be excused.
- 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 10 days.
- 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 school missed.

[FIND MORE TIPS](#)



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Transportation Reminder October 2024



Changes to Transportation or After-School Routines

To change a student's after-school routine, including but not limited to being picked up by someone different or riding a bus versus being picked up, permission from the parent/guardian is required and must be delivered to the office via email or phone, no later than 1:00. The email notice of change must contain the date(s) on which the change will occur. Be sure to address the email notice of change to your child(ren)'s teacher and info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org and gettysburgmontessori@gmail.org. No changes will be allowed without prior notification as described above.



Transportation Information

BUS RULES

- Stay seated (back to back/bottom to bottom)
- Keep your hands to yourself
- Use whisper voices
- Use kind words
- Always listen to the bus driver

Bus Conduct Consequences

- 1st offense: Verbal warning and parent notification
- 2nd offense: Lunch Detention and parent notification
- 3rd offense: 3-day bus suspension
- 4th offense: 4-day bus suspension
- 5th offense: 5 day bus suspension
- 6th offense: 10 day bus suspension
- 7th offense: 15 day bus suspension
- 8th offense: Loss of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year

Changes in Transportation :

- Please call the school by 1:00 pm.
- No changes will be made after 1:00 pm.



GMCS NAMED AS A GOVERNOR'S BREAKFAST CHAMPION!



Gettysburg Montessori Charter School has been named as a Governor's Breakfast Champion!

The Governor's School Breakfast Challenge, which launched in January 2024, challenged schools to increase student participation in universal free breakfast by using promotional strategies, identifying service methods that allowed for greater student access to breakfast, and incorporating hot breakfast items and foods that were locally sourced and lower in sugar.

This is a great accomplishment, as only 37 schools in the Commonwealth finished the challenge and only the top 10 were recognized as Breakfast Champions.

We were recognized at a special event at the Governor's Residence September 19, 2024



GMCS OPEN HOUSE



October 2, 2024 5pm to 6pm

The Book Fair will be open from 3:30pm - 5:30 pm.

The following information sessions will take place in individual classrooms:

5:30-5:45 3rd/4th Grade

5:45-6:00 5th/6th Grade

The following information sessions will take place in the Art room:

5:15-5:45 Special Education with Mrs. Black

5:45-6:00 RTI with Mrs. Householder and Mrs.

Kansagra

SAVE the DATE



#ScholasticBookFairs

Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place from September 30 – October 04, 2024.

Say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Book Fair online. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

**Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/gettysburgmontcharterschool1>**

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading, GMCS



GMCS TUTORING CLUB

Hello Families,

GMCS would like to offer our after school tutoring club for K to 6th grade. This will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm. The program will begin on October 29, 2024. Transportation will not be provided. If you are interested, please email - hdohler@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org or Kbechtel@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org

Child Name:

Grade:

Teacher Name:

Circle days attending:

Tuesday: Thursday: Both:

Parent Name:

Parent contact number :

Parent Email :

Thank you,
GMCS Tutoring Club



DONATIONS NEEDED



Dear GMCS Families,

As you are cleaning out closets this fall, please consider donating clean clothing to the school's health room supply closet:

We are in need of elastic waist pants, t-shirts and sweatshirts.

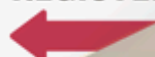
Please clearly mark the clothing size on the outside of the bag. Add a note, "health room donation".

Thank you!





SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!



BUILDING A WEIS FUTURE

Help your school earn a share of **\$500,000**

REGISTER • SCAN • EARN

Dear Parents,

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is partnering with Weis Markets in their annual Weis 4 School program. Register your Weis Rewards card online at weis4school.com. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school by simply shopping. Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again this school year. Please share this information with your friends and family. The more interest and enthusiasm we generate, the greater the benefits to our school.

Thank you for your support.



weis4school.com



GETTYSBURG MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

PARKOUR!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH • 5-9PM



- PARKOUR!
- PIZZA!
- MOVIES!
- OBSTACLE COURSE!
- VIDEO GAMES!
- AND MORE!

**SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER!**



SAVE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT NOW!

(717)698-5298

WWW.GETTYSBURGSUMMERCAMP.COM





Coffee Fundraiser

We are raising funds with Common Ground Coffee Company for Students Activities. Orders are due to us by Monday, October 28th, and will be available for pick up the week of November 6, 2024. Please send the order form with Cash or PayPal to the front office. Please call the front office with any questions.



common ground coffee co.



Coffee and a Cause

Common ground coffee co.

is a family-owned specialty-grade coffee company with a focus on fundraisers. Our fundraisers are profitable, simple and run year-round generating funds for non-profit organizations.

- 16oz bags of fresh roasted coffee
- Co-branded labels for your specific fundraiser
- Year-round ordering online

 **PayPal**



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GETTYSBURG PARADE

OCTOBER 22, 2024

GMCS will be walking in the Gettysburg parade on October 22, 2024. We would like to have everyone wear a GMCS Shirt.

Below are reminders and attached is the Parade information.

1. Parents must walk with their students. This is not a school event and parents are responsible for their student at all times. You do not need to sign up for the parade. All GMCS families are welcome to attend.

2. GMCS will line up 6:30pm to 6:45pm.

3. Please remember to wear your GMCS shirt (any color).

October 16 to 18, we will have shirts on sale in the main lobby from 3:00-3:30pm.

\$15.00 for T-shirts \$25 for Hoodies



TREE PLANTING AT GMCS

Come help us plant a forest!

On November 1st at 10 am, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay will be hosting a tree planting on the campus of Gettysburg Montessori Charter School to plant 600 trees. The planting will be completed with the students, teachers, staff, and parents from the school along with support from Alliance staff. The Alliance will provide a kick-off training for all of the participants and will provide gloves and shovels as well.

On the following day, November 2nd, 600 more trees will be planted on the campus with the help of the general public. Students, parents, teachers, and staff are also welcome to join on Saturday the 2nd as well. This planting will also start at 10am. You can sign up for the November 2nd planting using [this link](#).

All ages are welcome and you don't need any prior experience. Bring gloves if you have them (they will be provided as well if you don't have any) and wear clothes that can get dirty.

We hope to see you there!



ALLIANCE
for the Chesapeake Bay

We have teamed up with Bag the Bounty food drive. There is a donation box located in the front office.

Benefiting Food Programs in the Adams/Hanover Area

18th Annual

Bag The Bounty



FOOD DRIVE



NOW THRU OCTOBER 27th

Participating Food Programs

Adams Rescue Mission • Benders Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen • God's Meal Barrel • John's Meals
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church • New Hope Ministries • Pathstone, Inc.
 Ruth's Harvest – Fairfield • Ruth's Harvest – Gettysburg • Ruth's Harvest – Littlestown
 Safe Home – Hanover YWCA • SCCAP Food Pantry
 Under the Horizon Blessing Boxes • Upper Adams Food Pantry
 West Point Retreat – East Berlin

COLLECTION POINTS

ACNB Carroll Valley
 ACNB East Berlin
 ACNB Lincoln Square
 ACNB Littlestown
 ACNB McSherrystown
 ACNB New Oxford
 ACNB North Gettysburg
 ACNB North Hanover
 ACNB Operations Center – V-Twin Drive
 ACNB South Hanover
 ACNB Upper Adams/Biglerville
 ACNB West Gettysburg
 Adams County Children's Advocacy Center
 Adams County Office for Aging – Gettysburg
 Bermudian Springs School District
 Carroll Valley Library
 Destination Gettysburg
 Fairfield School District
 Fairfield Senior Center
 Gettysburg Day Spa
 Gettysburg Library
 Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
 Gettysburg Times
 Hanover YWCA

Harbaugh Thomas Library – Biglerville
 Hollabaugh Bros. Market
 Kennie's Market – Biglerville
 Kennie's Market – Gettysburg
 Kennie's Market – Littlestown
 Littlestown Library
 Littlestown Senior Center
 Littlestown YMCA
 McSherrystown Senior Center
 New Oxford Area Library
 North Hanover YMCA
 South Hanover YMCA
 St. Francis Xavier Catholic School
 The Arc of York & Adams Counties – Deatrick Commons
 Trone Memorial Library – East Berlin
 United Way of Adams County
 Upper Adams Senior Center
 Upper Adams School District
 Weis Market – East Berlin
 Weis Market – Gettysburg
 WellSpan Health
 York Springs Senior Center
 YWCA Gettysburg-Adams

MOST WANTED ITEMS

Single Serving Items
 Canned Fish & Meats
 Canned & Boxed Meals
 Chunky Soups & Stews
 Canned Fruits & Vegetables
 Rice & Pasta • Boxed Cereals
 100% Fruit Juice • Cake & Muffin Mixes
 Peanut Butter & Jelly
 Shampoo & Conditioner
 Bath Soap & Deodorant
 Baby Food & Diapers
 Powdered/Shelf-Stable Milk
 Dish & Laundry Detergent
 Cleaning Products
 Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
 Toothpaste & Brushes

~ Proud Supporters of Bag The Bounty 2024 ~



For More Information, Contact United Way of Adams County 717.334.5809



NOVEMBER LOOK AHEAD

No School
November 08, 2024

No School
Thanksgiving Holiday
November 27-29, 2024

hello
FALL





Save the Date

Parent Teacher Conferences 11/04-11/08

Tree Planting 11/02

Report Cards post online 11/08

Veterans Day 11/11

World Kindness Day 11/13

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay 11/02

Parent Night 11/16

Gift Catalog Fundraiser 11/01-11/30

Skating Party at Magic Elm 11/26

Mobile Ag Lab 11/18-22



ALWAYS REMEMBER

TO BE KIND . . .