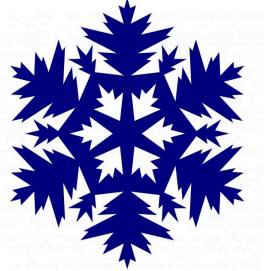




# Gehmans Mennonite School

Newsletter – January 2025



## **Thank-You**

**Thank you GMS Patrons for showing your support to all the teachers and staff over Christmas time. Thank you for the money gift, cards, delicious food, and other creative gifts. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are a blessing to us.**

## **Snow Day**

Because we had off school on Monday, January 6, we will plan to have school on the snow make-up day on Monday, February 17. Plan to come to school on February 17.

## **January 20, Parent Teacher Conferences**

On Monday January 20 is our middle of the year PTC. There will be an early dismissal at 1:00 p.m. The goal of this PTC is to create an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet in the middle of the school year. Unlike the beginning of the year PTC, this middle of the year PTC **will be by request**. This means that you will not be meeting with every student's teacher, only the ones you request to meet with. If the teacher has requested to meet with you and we have not received a paper back from you, we will contact you to set up a time to meet. **If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please fill out the form being sent home along with this newsletter and return it to the office before this Friday, January 10th.** You will later receive the schedule for your family.

## **Kindergarten Double Days**

Beginning January 8th, Kindergarten will be having double days every Wednesday. This will help them become better acquainted with each other, and will also help to prepare them for First Grade. Please plan your schedule for this change.

## **Open House & Referral Bonus**

Our annual Open House is planned for February 11 & 12. I would like to remind you of our \$500 referral bonus that can be applied to your 2025-26 tuition for new families that enroll *because* of your referral. You can also help the Open House activity by informing, inviting, and/or bringing people to it.

Open House will be from 6:30-8:00 PM on Tuesday, February 11, and from 9:00 AM–Noon on Wednesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. The morning time is designed for you to come see classrooms in action. If these dates do not work for someone, please contact the office to arrange a visit at a different time.

Packets of invitations will be sent to your pastor or church representative to help get this information out. You can help by making sure the information is made known/displayed in your church. Remember though, that one of the best ways to promote GMS is to engage in

conversations about our school. Your personal testimony means a lot. Most of all, remember to pray for the school and this event.

### **Country & Missionary Displays by 5th & 6th Grade**

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are diligently preparing to display their reports. These displays will be set up in the gym for you to view on Tuesday evening (Feb. 11) 6:30-8 and Wednesday morning (Feb. 12) 9am - noon during Open House.

### **March PTF- Monday, March 24**

At our March PTF Justin Kauffman will be coming from Faith Builders to share about the EITC program. Be sure to put this event on your calendar for that important informational meeting.

### **Financial Report**

Thank you for your continued financial support of the School. It is a blessing to see us get closer and closer to reaching our budget for the school year. Please continue to remember the financial needs of the school.

	<u>Income to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Still Needed</u>
Church Offerings	\$14,358.67	\$30,000	\$15,641.33
Donations-Business	\$25,250.00	\$8,000	\$(17,250)
Donations-Patrons	\$8,887.55	\$25,000	\$16,112.45
Donations-Grandparents	\$46,494.44	\$10,000	\$(36,494.44)
Fundraisers	\$9,331.09	\$70,000	\$60,668.91
Foundation Donations	\$13,500.00	\$20,000	\$6,500.00
Other Donations	\$5,456.00	\$8,000	\$2,544.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$123,227.75</b>	<b>\$171,000</b>	<b>\$47,772.25</b>

### **Busing Reminder**

Our bus drivers do a wonderful job of transporting your children to and from school. I am grateful for the skilled drivers that we have.

As a reminder, there are stiff penalties for school bus drivers and their companies who use a handheld cell phone while driving. Therefore, if you have information for your bus driver, **please do not call their cell phones** while they are on their route. The best practice is to give them a note of any changes the day before, and also send a note along for the office as well.

Thank you for being considerate.

# Schedule of Events

## January

10	Fri.	End of 2nd Quarter
15	Wed.	Moms' Prayer Group
16	Thurs.	Fundraiser Hot Lunch - Parents Invited
20	Mon.	Parent-Teacher Conferences –1:00 Dismissal
21	Tues.	Jr High Basketball Game @ Weavertown: 11:00
22	Wed.	THMH Gospel Team will be singing for chapel
25	Sat.	York Quiz-a-thon; everyone is welcome to come watch!
29	Wed.	1st & 2nd Field Trip to Lancaster Science Factory
30	Thurs.	Jr High Basketball Game @ Fairview Christian School: 11:00

## February

5	Wed.	Talent Program: 1:00
7	Fri.	Regionals Quiz-a-thon
11	Tues.	Open House Evening (6:30-8 P.M.)
12	Wed.	Open House Morning (9 A.M. – 12 noon)
12	Wed.	Mom's Prayer Group
17	Mon.	Snow Make-up Day: No School?
18-21	Tues-Fri.	Spiritual Life Week
21	Fri.	Ephrata Quiz-a-thon

## March

3-7	Mon-Fri.	Kindergarten Testing: No Kindergarten Classes
5-7	Wed-Fri.	Quiz Retreat at Black Rock
10-14	Mon-Fri	Achievement Testing
12	Wed.	Jr High Volleyball @ REACH: 12:45
12	Wed.	Mom's Prayer Group
14	Fri.	End of 3rd Quarter
17	Mon..	3rd & 5th–Blessings of Hope
21	Fri.	Grandparents Hot Lunch
21	Fri.	8th Grade Play
24	Mon.	PTF: 7:00



# Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up

January 20, 2025

Please return this form before Friday, January 10. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences. We will inform you of your scheduled time.

Circle your preference & cross out the other time only if it will not work for you.

**Afternoon**                      **(1:20-3:00)**

**Evening**                         **(5:00-7:00)**

Parent's Names

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Student's Name(s):

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