

The background of the entire page is a top-down view of various school supplies scattered on a light-colored wooden surface. At the top, there are several colored pencils (green, blue, yellow, pink), a blue ruler, and a pair of pink scissors. A white marker is also visible. In the bottom left corner, there is a yellow spiral notebook, a red pencil, a yellow pencil, and a pink paper clip. In the bottom right corner, there is a green marker and a blue pencil. The text is centered in a white rectangular box at the top.

# **GMCS NEWS**

## **2022 – 2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Back to School Night**  
**August 17, 2022 4:00pm to 6:00pm**

### **Parking:**

Parking may be limited. We ask all GMCS families enter on Coleman Road through the bus loop.

### **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 22, 2022**

# FACTS FAMILY PORTAL



Please log into your FACTS family portal. You can find your child's schedule and class teachers for the 22/23 school year.

Please update the following information in FACTS:

1. Under the Student tab, please update the following:  
medical information.
2. Under the Family tab, contact information, emergency contact form.

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 . \* Please note, our new cubbies are smaller. Bookbags should be less than 11 X 12 X 16 (HWD)

**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.

**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 : 2:50pm - 3:20pm**

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

Car riders can be dropped off at the front door between  
8:00 am and 8:30 am.

Car riders can be picked up at the front door between  
2:50 pm and 3:20 pm.

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

Please do not use the handicapped spaces or access aisles to drop off or pick up your children. These spaces are for drivers or passengers who have a disability and need to park close to the building. If you cannot park and walk your child to the door, please drop them off at the end of the sidewalk near the gravel parking. For dismissal, please park and come to the door, with your children's name sign, so the person handling dismissal may call for your children.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Please contact the front office with questions.



# Weather delay Information



**Please be aware of your home district is transportation throughout the year.**

**Please visit their website.**

## **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](mailto:info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org) if you are not receiving alerts.

## **Reminders:**

- Please check our website for weather delays at [www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](http://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](mailto:info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org).



# GMCS Lunch Update

With the end of the National Waiver for free meals, the 2022-2023 school year will require Household Applications for Free or Reduced Meals to determine free and reduced eligibility unless a student is directly certified.

Please use this link <https://www.schoolcafe.com/Gettysburg> to complete your application.

If you are new to our school, please do not hesitate to contact me at [regloff@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:regloff@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org) to obtain your student ID number to complete your household application on SchoolCafe.

Completion of Free and Reduced Price School Meal Application should be immediately considered, and for your convenience, as you create an account with our SchoolCafe Link, you have a choice to apply for free and reduced meals.

A credit card or an ACH payment from a checking or savings account will need to add funds to your student's account. A small convenience fee is collected by the POS provided to add funds to the account.

Kindly,  
Rita Egloff  
Food Service Coordinator  
[regloff@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:regloff@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org)  
717-334-1120



## **A note is required for every student absence.**

- Please email your absent and doctor's note to **[Info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto: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 in order 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 school missed the GASD for weather delays and closings.

## **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.**



**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/>





# BOARD OF TRUSTEES VACANCY

The Gettysburg Montessori Charter School is governed by an elected board in which members serve two year terms. There are seven elected members, while at least one must be a community member. A community member could be a grandparent, aunt, uncle...etc. The essential functions of the board are policymaking, the assurance of sound management, and active participation in the provision of necessary funds, which are allocated to the school. All board meetings are open to the public and held at the school. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:00pm.

Have you had an interest in becoming a board member? Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming a board member? We currently have a vacancy available to parents and community members!

Interested applicants should contact Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair, at [rthornberry@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:rthornberry@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org), for more information.

We are accepting applications until Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022!





# Look Ahead September

**No School  
September 2 & 4**

**HELLO  
SEPTEMBER**



# Gettysburg Montessori Charter School Calendar 2022-2023

August						2022
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Aug 22 First Day of School  
August 15-19 Room Prep / Professional Development

September						2022
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sept 2 No School / Labor Day Holiday  
Teacher Report  
Sept 5 No School / Labor Day

October						2022
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Oct 7 Early Dismissal 12:00  
Oct 10 No School/Teacher Report  
Oct 26 End of marking period

November						2022
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Nov 10 Early Dismissal 12:00  
Nov 11 No School  
Nov 23-28 No School/Thanksgiving Holiday

December						2022
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Dec 09 Early Dismissal 12:00  
Dec 22 Early Dismissal 12:00  
Dec 23 - Jan 2 No School/Winter Break

January						2023
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Jan 2 Winter Break  
Jan 13 End of marking period  
Jan 16 No School/MLK Day

February						2023
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Feb 17 No School / Teacher Report  
Feb 20 No School/Presidents Day

March						2023
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Mar 3 Early Dismissal 12:00  
Mar 17 No School  
Mar 23 End of marking period

April						2023
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Apr 7, 10 No School / Spring Holiday  
Apr 24-28 PSSA Testing

May						2023
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

May 5 Early Dismissal 12:00  
May 1-12 PSSA Testing  
May 26 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
	Last Day of School