



# Hello January

## **No School**

GMCS will be closed on January 2  
&  
January 16, 2023 in observance of  
MLK Jr. Day

## **DELAYS AND CLOSING**

**Please check our website for weather delays & closing information at [gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](http://gettysburgmontessoricharter.org).  
Emails and text alerts will be sent and information is posted on WGAL.**

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



# Happy New Year!

# Recess in Cold Weather

Recess is critically important to the mental and physical well-being of children. Whenever possible, we seek to have students playing outside for recess as a break from classroom-based and other indoor activities. Families are encouraged to monitor their children's clothing selections to make sure they are appropriately dressed for cold weather.

## **GMCS uses the following general guidelines for decision making related to recess:**

- Regular outdoor recess will be held when outside air temperature and/or wind chill is 25° (F) or greater. The presence of rain or snowfall can influence this decision.
- Indoor recess will be held when outside air temperature and/or wind chill is lower than 25° (F). Indoor recess is always an option when a admin decides that steady rainfall or heavy snowfall have created unsafe conditions.
- Whenever students are sent outside in cold temperatures, building staff watch for individual children who are not wearing appropriate clothing and may be at risk. In the event that a child does not have access to clothing necessary for cold temps or snow, please let us know.



# 100th Day of school



## January 30th

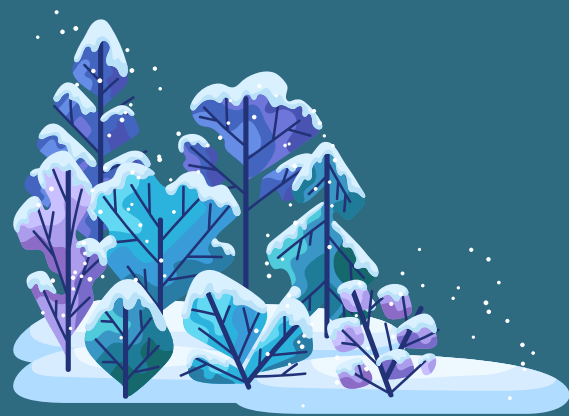


What is the 100th Day of School?  
Many elementary schools ask students to celebrate the 100th day by wearing a shirt or costume with 100 items attached. This is a fun project for students and parents to do together.



GMCS Students are encouraged to participate in this special day.

- Dress up like you are 100 years old
- Decorate a T-Shirt with 100 Items







GMCS team up with Stoney Point Snacks for our January Beef Jerky fundraiser. Packets will be sent home with your student.



**STONEY POINT SNACKS**

**GETTYSBURG MONTESSORI**  
CHARTER SCHOOL  
*Inspiring a Love of Learning*

**BEEF JERKY FUNDRAISER**









# 2022 Architectural Excellence Award

We are so pleased to announce that DIGSAU, the architect firm that designed our beautiful new school, has recently been awarded two awards for the design of our school! The first was a Merit Award Built Category, through AIA Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania Chapter American Institute of Architects) and the other a Merit Award Built Category, through AIA Philadelphia (Philadelphia Chapter American Institute of Architects). The Pennsylvania award ceremony was held virtually and the Philadelphia ceremony was held in person, last week at The Fillmore. Dr. Pleso was invited to accept the award alongside the DIGSAU architects. These awards are chosen through a blind review. The judges do not know the name of the architect firm or the name and location of the building/business being judged. In addition, the judges are from out of state. It was an exciting event for all.



# Kindergarten Open House



**Please join us for an Open House Event this February!**



**Who:** Families of children entering Kindergarten next year



**What:** Tour our school and meet the Gettysburg Montessori community.

Learn about Montessori education and transportation options for local school districts.

Learn how to enroll your child at our free public school.

Free youth t-shirt with enrollment, door prizes



**When:** **Wednesday, February 1, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**



**Where:** Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

888 Coleman Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325



**RSVP:** Please respond with name and choice of date by January 24, if possible.

Drop-ins welcome.

Call 717-334-1120, Email [info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org)



# Preschool PJ Storytime

**Who:** All Preschoolers (Siblings welcome too)

**Where:** Gettysburg Montessori Charter School  
888 Coleman Road, Gettysburg, PA

**When:** Wednesday, January 18th from  
5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

**Why:** Promote Kindergarten readiness  
and enjoy special activities and stories  
with the GMCS Kindergarten teachers.

**RSVP:** [info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org)  
or call the school office at 717-334-1120

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

# SPIRIT WEEK

JAN 23-27

**Monday: We are CRAZY  
about GMCS**

*Wacky and Tacky day*

**"School Spirit  
Unleashed the School  
Spirit"**

**Tuesday: "I learn, what's your superpower?"**

*Superhero day, wear your favorite  
superhero gear!*

**Wednesday: "No matter the year, we choose to be  
here"**

*Decade day, dress up in your favorite decade*

**Thursday: "We are better together"**

*Twin day, because together we are better! Find a  
friend to dress alike*

**Friday: "I Choose GMCS"**

*GMCS school spirit day, let's show our school pride  
for our school!*

# Look Ahead



## FEBRUARY

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### **No School**

GMCS will be closed on  
February 17 & 20





# Save The Dates



## **Fundraiser**

Gertrude Hawk Chocolates

## **Kindergarten Open House**

Help us spread the word. Open house for Kindergarten is Wednesday, February 1, 2023  
February 15, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

## **Parents Night Out / Dubbs Karate**

Saturday, February 25, 2023



Please contact the office with any questions.