

The background of the entire page is a photograph of various school supplies scattered on a light-colored wooden desk. Visible items include a blue ruler, a pair of pink scissors, a green pencil, a red pencil, a yellow pencil, a green marker, a pink paper clip, a yellow spiral notebook, and a green pen.

GMCS NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022

**No School
September 2 & 5**

GMCS Health and Safety plan

GMCS Health and Safety plan is on our website

**To access the Student Parent Handbook,
please see the link below.**

<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/studentparent-policy--procedures-handbook.html>

Picture Day



**Mark your calendars, Picture Day is
September 16, 2022.**

- 1 – Visit pictures-r-us.com**
- 2 – Click on Order Photos**
- 3 – Enter Password: gmcs2022**
- 4 – Enter Your Email Address**
- 5 – Place Order**





Gettysburg Montessori Charter School (GMCS) students were able to explore “Under the Sea” this summer through hands-on learning and fun.

From bubbles and balloons to music, students had fun diving into underwater themes of “Under the Sea” and “Sharks” during summer school, which occurred the weeks of July 18 and 29.

This summer, new kindergarten students became acclimated to GMCS, learning about school expectations, how to walk in the hallways, and lunchroom behavior. The new students also learned letter recognition and sounds, practiced writing their names, and enjoyed several stories.

After learning about counting and number formation, students participated in craft time, where they made different sea creatures, including crabs, jellyfish, and even sharks.

First and second graders reviewed math and reading as well as enhanced their writing skills through game play and friendly competition. When making Jell-O, students learned one of the ways liquid can turn into a solid.

The students strengthened their fine motor skills by creating a jellyfish craft, painting with watercolor bubbles, and by designing a shark fin hat. In addition, students were taught about what plants need in order to grow by planting zinnias, which will later be transferred to the courtyard flower boxes.

Students in third through sixth grades learned about the lifecycle of a jellyfish and finished off the week with a fun craft. They were able to create “Jellyfish Slime” as they worked with partners in choosing colors and following directions together.

GMCS students not only had a “whale” of a time at summer school, but they also have a lot to “shellabrate” as they gear up for a “fintastic” new school year.

September Lunch Menu

https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/uploads/4/8/9/0/4890883/lunch_menu_2022.pdf





GMCS Nurse Update



Hello GMCS families,

I am very pleased to join you as the new school nurse, Mrs. Chapman. It was wonderful to meet so many of you at Back to School night. If we haven't yet met, please feel free to call, email, or come to see me. I will always welcome hearing from families so I know best how to care for your child.

As the new year begins, please be sure that any prescription medications that might be needed during the school day, have been given to the nurse along with the completed and signed forms. These might include emergency or "as needed" medications in case of allergy, asthma, anaphylaxis, or seizure. You will need new medication forms completed by the doctor each year, for each medication. If you need the forms, please let me know.

We are all relieved to see updated COVID recommendations from the CDC. These will continue to be available on the website, if you need to refer to them in the future. And of course, call or email with any questions.

As always...whether cold and flu symptoms come from COVID or any other illness, in the case that your child is not feeling well, please do keep them home. Resting at home with plenty of fluids and TLC is the best plan for the quickest recovery possible, and also helps limit the spread of viruses at school.

Wishing you and your family the happiest and healthiest school year ever!

Best regards,
Audrey Chapman, RN





GMCS Nurse Update

GMCS continues to follow CDC COVID guidance. Here is summary of the most August 2022 CDC Update:

If a student develops symptoms of COVID, you are asked to test.

If a student tests positive for COVID, please share this information with the nurse. This information is strictly confidential. You may call the nurse at (717) 334-1120 or email

Mrs. Chapman at achapman@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org

After testing positive, the student is asked to please isolate at home for 5 days. The first day of symptoms or positive test counts as day 0. Students may return to school after the 5 days are completed, as long as any symptoms are improving. It is recommended that the student wears a mask for days 6 -10 after returning to school. If the student starts to feel sick again within that time, return to isolation and consult the pediatrician.

If a student lives with someone who has COVID, the student does not need quarantine unless they develop symptoms. It is recommended that the student wear a mask for 10 days.

Masks are optional at school. Schools are no longer required to do cohorting or contact tracing.

These COVID recommendations apply to those who are vaccinated or not.

Please feel free to contact the school nurse with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your help in keeping our school healthy!

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Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
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GMCS Nurse Update



When Should I Keep My Child Home from School?

A Checklist for Families:

Keep your child home if there is

- Fever: A temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea: 2 or more episodes of watery/liquid stools
- Excessive tiredness or loss of appetite
- Severe sore throat
- Cough: that is productive or excessive
- Aches: headache, body aches, earache
- Irritability or crying that is unusual for your child
- Abdominal pain that continues for more than 2 hours
- Mouth sores with drooling or rash
- Pink Eye/Conjunctivitis: redness with irritation and goopy discharge
- Lice/Pediculosis: itchy scalp with lice or eggs on close exam
- Rash: from Ringworm, Fifth Disease (only if there is fever), or Scabies
- Positive COVID Test

When to Return to School:

- After Fever....when temperature is normal for 24 hours without medication like acetaminophen or ibuprofen
- After a prescribed antibiotic...24 hours after the first dose of antibiotic, or with doctor note
- After stomach virus...24 hours after last episode of vomiting or diarrhea
- After pink eye...24 hours after treatment begins
- After lice...after lice treatment, bring along medicine label to nurse inspection; nurse will recheck in 7-10 days
- After scabies...24 hours after treatment started
- After positive COVID test...stay home Day 0 (the first day of symptoms or positive test) and for 5 more days, then return on Day #6, if symptom are improving

Remember:

Just like you, we want to see your child happy, healthy, thriving and...In School!

While some childhood and seasonal illnesses are inevitable, we thank you for helping to keep everyone as healthy as possible this school year. Limit the spread of contagious illnesses by keeping children home until free of fever, free of symptoms, receiving needed treatment, or with a note from the health provider.

GMCS Staff Lunch



Gmcs staff had a wonderful "retreat" to Creekside Farm. This was a great way for our staff to get outside and enjoy nature with our school family!



GMCS Welcome New Staff



We would like to welcome our new staff to the GMCS family!

We are excited to have them join the GMCS family!

GMCS 1st day of school





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>

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





Event Details

Scarecrow Event

For the 6th year, our school is participating in a scarecrow decorating event to raise money for the SPCA. The school is looking for parent volunteers to help students create scarecrows.

If you are interested in participating, contact the front office at info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org for more information.

Your teacher will email you a list of supplies the classroom is looking for.

Gettysburg Parade

GMCS will be walking in the Gettysburg parade on October 25, 2022. We would like to have everyone wear a GMCS T-Shirt. A online store will open from 09/7 to 9/21, If you need to purchase a shirt. Orders will arrive on October 19, 2022 . A link for the store will be emailed to parents and posted to our website. Parade details will be sent out in October.



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Save the Dates

Scarecrow Event 10/03/2022

GMCS Open House 10/04/2022

4pm to 6pm

Fall Spirit Week 10/24 to 10/28

Gettysburg Parade 10/25/2022

Fall Celebrations Parade 10/28/2022

at 1:50pm

Fall Bookfair 10/31/2022 to 11/04/2022



Look Ahead October

**Early Dismissal 12pm
October 7, 2022**

**No School
October 10, 2022**

October