

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. In the bottom center, there are more colored pencils (red, yellow, blue, pink) and a pink paper clip. In the bottom right corner, there is a green highlighter. The text is overlaid on this background.

GMCS NEWS

2023–2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Back to School Night
August 16, 2023 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Parking:

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

Entrances:

Please use one of the three main entrances. A greeter will be handing out bingo and a Must Do / May Do sheet for GMCS students.

1st Day of School - August 22, 2023



GMCS Nurse Update

When Should I Keep My Child Home from School? A Checklist for Families:

Keep your child home if:

- 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's 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.

FACTS FAMILY PORTAL



Please log into your FACTS family portal. You can find your child's schedule and class teachers for the 23/24 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. **<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/school-supply/>**

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

Log into your FACTS Family portal to find your teacher. 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 Gettysburg Area School District 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



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:

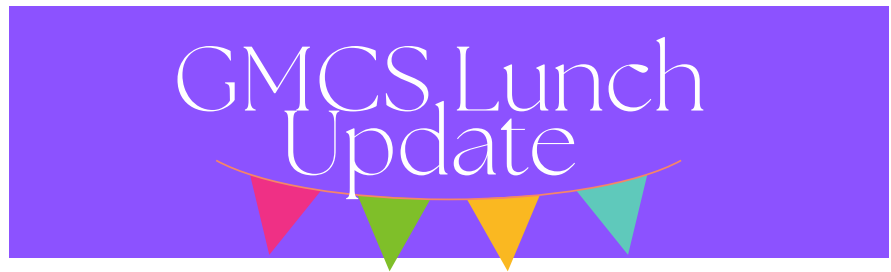
- If GMCS is dismissing early and your home district is not dismissing at the same time...parents will have to provide transportation.
- If your home district is dismissing early, your district will provide transportation.
- Please make sure you are in contact with your home district if your child is 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 if you are not receiving alerts.

Reminders:

- Please check our website for weather delays at 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.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your family are doing well. For the School year 2023-2024, Pennsylvania's Governor Josh Shapiro announced plans to extend the program to keep breakfast free for students, although, with the end of the National Waiver for Free Lunches, the 2023-2024 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, www.compass.state.pa.us, or <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 to obtain your student ID number to complete your household application.

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 can 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. The POS collects a small convenience fee to add funds to the account.

Kindly,
Rita Egloff
Food Service Coordinator
regloff@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org



ATTENDANCE FAST FACTS!

A note or email is required for every student absence.

- Please email your absent 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 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.



ATTENDANCE FAST FACTS!



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 will 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.



Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to “say something” BEFORE it is too late.

With Safe2Say Something, it’s easy and confidential to report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies.

Here’s how it works:

- **Submit an anonymous tip report through the Safe2SaySomething system. Link is on our website.**
- **Crisis center reviews, assesses and processes all submissions**
- **Crisis center sends all submissions to school administration and/or law enforcement for intervention**
- **If needed, crisis center may contact tipster anonymously through the app**



What is Reunification?

The family reunification protocol is used to ensure a safe and secure means of accounting for students and reuniting parents/guardians with their children whenever the school facility or grounds is rendered unsafe and a remote site is needed.

Reunification with your Child:

In an emergency your first instinct is to drive to the school and pick up your child. Please Don't. If there is an emergency and the school is trying to evacuate children, children must be picked up at the evacuation site. By coming to the school, you increase traffic and become an obstacle in the evacuation process. Please be assured, we will correspond to parents guardians through our FACTS system.

At the Reunification Site:

If you are contacted to pick your child, please bring photo ID, and go to the "Parent check-in line."

- Have your photo ID out and ready to show to district personnel.
- Your child will be brought to you by staff member.



Calling all Volunteers!

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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 submitted to 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/>





Look Ahead September

**No School
September 1 & 4**

**School Pictures
September 11, 2023**

**HELLO
SEPTEMBER**

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School Calendar 2023-2024

August						2023
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Aug 22 First Day of School
August 14-21 Room Prep /
Professional Development

Sept 1 No School / Labor Day Holiday
Teacher Report
Sept 4 No School / Labor Day

Oct 6 Early Dismissal 12:00
Oct 09 No School/Teacher Report
Oct 25 End of marking period

November						2023
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January						2024
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Nov 09 Early Dismissal 12:00
Nov 10 No School
Nov 22-27 No School
Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 08 Early Dismissal 12:00
Dec 21 Early Dismissal 12:00
Dec 22 – Jan 1
No School/Winter Break

Jan 1 Winter Break
Jan 12 End of marking period
Jan 15 No School/MLK Day

February						2024
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Feb 16 No School / Teacher Report
Feb 19 No School/Presidents Day

Mar 1 Early Dismissal 12:00pm
Mar 20 End of marking period
Mar 28-29 No School / Spring Holiday

Apr 1 No School / Spring Holiday
Apr 22-30 PSSA Testing

May						2024
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May 3 Early Dismissal 12:00
May 1-1 PSSA Testing
May 24 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