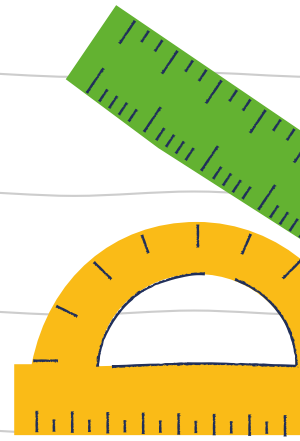
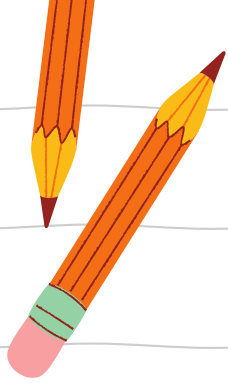


# Back To School

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Hello  
September  
2023



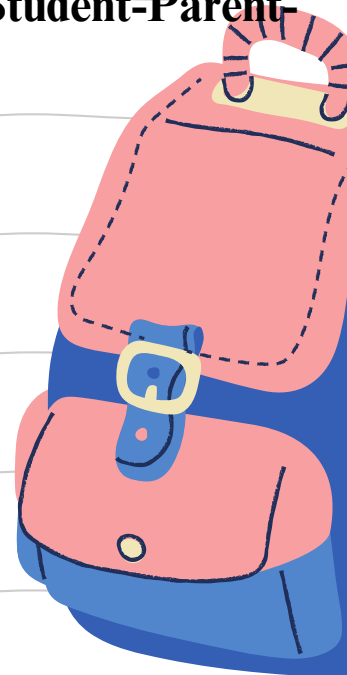


**No School  
September 1 & 4**

**GMCS Health and Safety Plan  
is on our website**

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

**<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/566/2023/08/2023-2024-GMCS-Student-Parent-Handbook-final.pdf>**





# Picture Day



**Mark your calendars, Picture Day is  
September 11, 2023.**

1. Visit [pictures-r-us.com](https://pictures-r-us.com)
2. Click on Order Photos
3. Enter Password: gmcs2023
4. Enter Your Email Address
5. Place Order





A collection of colorful school supplies including a green highlighter, a yellow ruler, a pink eraser, blue scissors, paper clips, a purple marker, an orange stapler, and a yellow stapler.

# Lunch Menu

To access our lunch menu  
please go to our website  
under the Student Tab,  
School Meals.







# GMCS

## Nurse Update

Hello GMCS families,

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 delivered directly to the nurse along with the completed and signed forms. These medications 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, they are available on the school website or you may request copies from the nurse. Do not send medications on the bus (unless your doctor has signed approval for your student to carry emergency medication).

Please remember to keep contact information and over the counter medication consents update to date in FACTS.

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

Best regards,  
Audrey Chapman, RN





# 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's Disease (only if there is fever), or Scabies

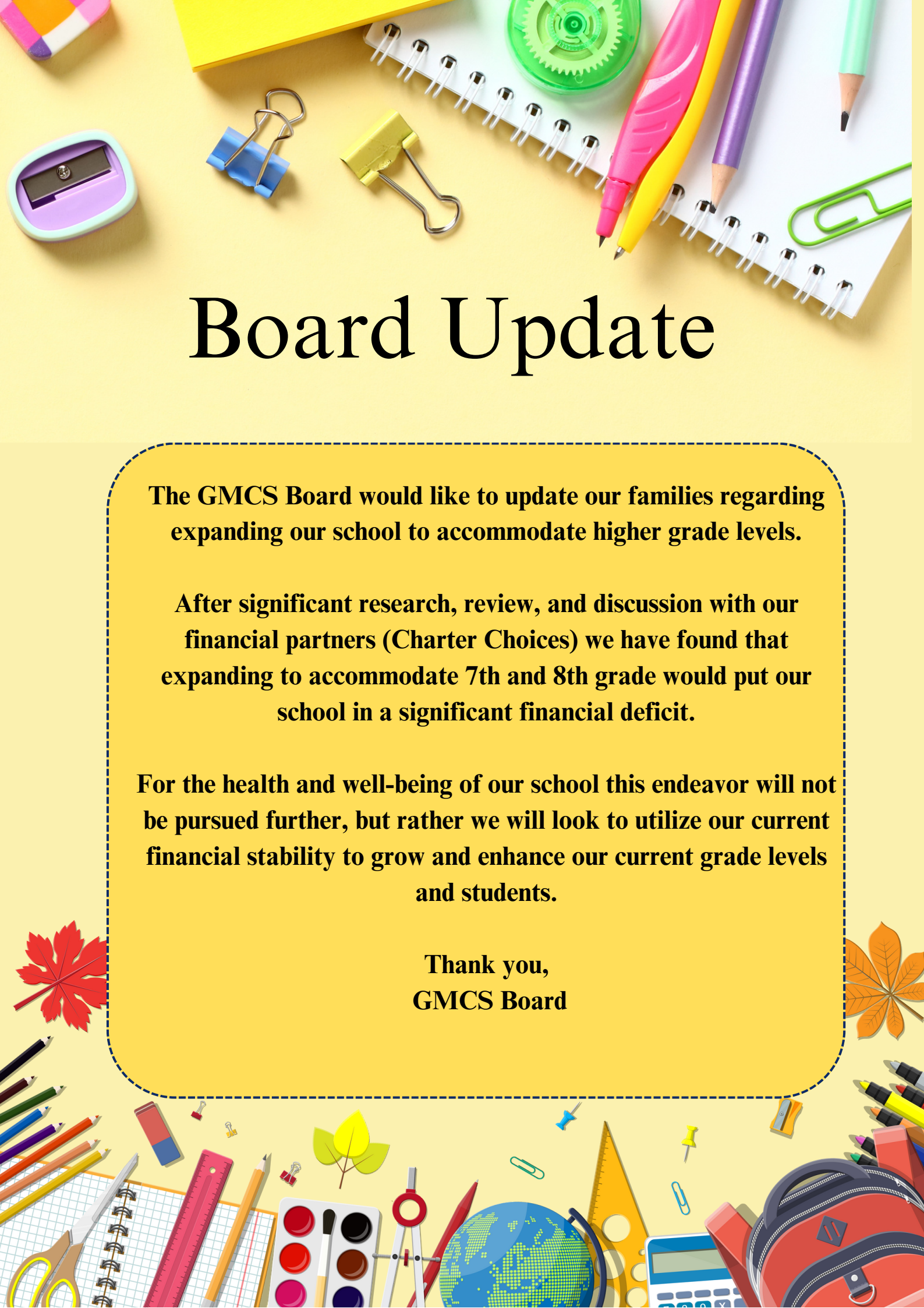
#### When to Return to School:

- 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
- After scabies...24 hours after treatment started

#### 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 and vomiting, free of symptoms, receiving needed treatment, or with a note from the health provider.

A decorative border surrounds the central text area, featuring various school supplies such as pens, pencils, paper clips, a spiral notebook, a pencil sharpener, a ruler, a compass, a globe, a calculator, and a backpack. There are also some autumn-themed leaves scattered throughout.

# Board Update

**The GMCS Board would like to update our families regarding expanding our school to accommodate higher grade levels.**

**After significant research, review, and discussion with our financial partners (Charter Choices) we have found that expanding to accommodate 7th and 8th grade would put our school in a significant financial deficit.**

**For the health and well-being of our school this endeavor will not be pursued further, but rather we will look to utilize our current financial stability to grow and enhance our current grade levels and students.**

**Thank you,  
GMCS Board**



# 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!



# 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/>

\*This is the official GMCS Facebook page





# Playground Reminders

**Have fun, be safe and be kind**

- Playground is open to the public after GMCS school hours. School hours 8:30am to 3:30pm.
- For the safety of students and staff, students and or parents may no longer enter the school to use restrooms and water fountains.
- Help keep our grounds safe, and clean.
- No pets allowed on the playground. Please clean up after pets in the grass area.
- Please leave all Gym equipment alone.







# GMCS EVENTS

## **Scarecrow Event**

**For the 7th 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, and deliver the scarecrows to local businesses.**

**If you are interested in participating, contact the front office at [info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto: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 24, 2023. We would like to have everyone wear a GMCS T-Shirt. Parade details will be sent out in October.**





**Save the Dates**

**Scarecrow Event 10/02**

**Fall Book Fair 10/02 to 10/06**

**Open House 10/04 - 4pm to 6pm**

**Fall Spirit Week 10/23 to 10/27**

**Gettysburg Parade 10/24**

**Fall Celebrations Parade 10/27**

**Coffee Fundraiser**

**More information will be sent home  
the end of September**





# **Look Ahead October**

**Early Dismissal 12pm  
October 6, 2023**

**No School  
October 09, 2023**

October