



Hello April 2024

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

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No School

**GMCS will be closed on
April 01, 2024 for
Spring Break.**



MAY 10, 2024

CAREER DAY



Volunteers Needed - Career Day!!

Dear GMCS Parents,

On May 10, 2024, we will be holding our Career Day. We are looking for volunteers to come talk to our students about different career options. If you would like to come talk to our students about your career field we would love to have you. If you are interested, the first step would be to complete your clearances. Below are links to the required clearances from the PDE. All career fields are welcome and thank you in advance, please email aspack@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org with any questions or to sign up for this event.

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Clearances/Pages/default.aspx>

The following three background checks are required:

- Department of Human Services Child Abuse History Clearance.
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

- Pennsylvania State Police Request for Criminal Records
<https://epatch.pa.gov/>

- Federal Criminal History Record Information (CHRI)
<https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Clearances/CHRI/Pages/default.aspx>



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 2024/2025 school year bus forms have been sent home with your student(s) and can be found on our website as well. Your home school district requires a transportation form to be completed every school year and for EVERY student.

If your student is a car rider, please complete the form, and place a check mark beside "Transportation not required" or write "CAR RIDER" at the top of the form.

Please return the form to Ms. Leigh no later than April 19th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,
Leigh Gugliette
gettysburgmontessori@gmail.com





PSSA

PSSA Testing Window: April 22-May 10, 2024

PSSA Testing Make-ups May 6-10, 2024

Dear Parents of all Students in Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6,

GMCS will participate in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) from April 22, 2024, through May 10, 2024. Please see the schedule below for dates and grade level participation.

ELA - April 23 , 24 , 25 for Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6

Math -April 29, 30 May for Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6

Science - May 1, 2 for Grade 4 only

All 3rd through 6th grade students are expected to participate in these assessments which are monitored by trained staff to ensure validity. Students should arrive by 8:30 AM each day. Please review the attached documents from the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding Parent Information, Frequently Asked Questions, and Calculator Usage.

<https://gettysburgmontessoricharterschool.hubbli.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/566/2024/03/FAQs-for-Parents-PSSA-Spring-2024.pdf>

Thank you,
GMCS

LET'S SHOW OUR SCHOOL
SPIRIT AS WE CONQUER
THE PSSA

APRIL 15-19

Monday, April 15

Dress for SUCCESS for the PSSA's. Wear suits, ties, dresses, dress shoes - let's get decked out and fancy! NO JEANS!

Tuesday, April 16

Tie Dye Tuesday, Wear your **tie-dye**, but don't **fly** through the test!

Wednesday, April 17

NEON DAY! Wear bright colors and sunglasses to be your **briestest self!**

Thursday, April 18

Relax! **Wear Pj's or comfy clothes**

Friday, April 19

Teamwork! Cheer on our test-takers with positive vibes!
Vote as a class on a theme for the day!

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SPIRIT AS WE CONQUER
THE PSSA

APRIL 24-MAY 1

Monday, April 22

GMCS is "RED-y" for the test! Wear RED!

Tuesday, April 23

ORANGE" you excited to rock the PSSA? Wear ORANGE

Wednesday, April 24

You are as "BRIGHT" as the sun! Wear YELLOW!

Thursday, April 25

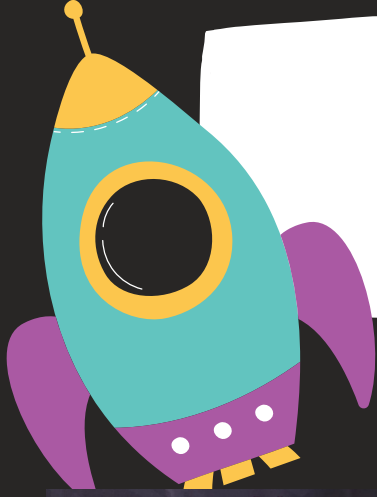
CALM your mind by wearing BLUE!

Friday, April 26

Go for the GREEN! Be PROFICIENT! Wear GREEN

Monday, April 29

**PURPLE is power! You have the POWER to do a great job
on the PSSA! Wear PURPLE!**



Science Fair Winners



1st Place

**Tanner Phillip
Aadyn Rebert**



2nd Place

**Nova Robinson
Christopher Batzel**



3rd Place

**Colletta Collier
Alice Barnett**



Lower Elementary

**Timmy Rice
Emmett Dean**

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO





Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from April 15 to April 19 at GMCS.

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/gettysburgmontcharterschool>

Parents can shop on April 18, 2024, from 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm

The countdown to more Book joy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

GMCS



GMCS ANNUAL RECYCLABLE ART CONTEST

It's time for our 7th annual recyclable art contest! Every spring, all students are given the opportunity to build something made from recyclable materials such as cans, milk jugs, toilet paper rolls, cardboard boxes and more! Students may also include found objects like twigs, rocks, and leaves. Projects may also be painted. Over the years, I've seen the most incredible and ingenious designs created by our amazing students, such as robots, animals, bird feeders, interactive games and more!

Students will learn details about the project at the beginning of March. Project making will take place outside of school and should be brought in upon completion. Students may pick up entry forms from the art room. Entry forms should either be attached to the bottom or back of the projects. Projects must be completed and brought to school by **FRIDAY, APRIL 12th, 2024**, as the display will be set up that afternoon. Projects will be on display in the library during the week of **April 15 - 19th**. Throughout that week, students will be judging the projects during art class. Winners will be announced on **FRIDAY, APRIL 19th** and they will receive a prize. Projects should be taken home on **FRIDAY, APRIL 19th**.

Any projects that cannot be picked up will be kept in the art room for the following week.





GMCS

SUMMER SCHOOL

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Summer slide is a growing concern in our nation's education system. According to Edweekorg, "the average student loses one to three months of learning over summer." To help close the learning gap, we are excited to offer 8 days of summer camp.

The camp will be held at GMCS, from July 22-25 and July 29-August 1, 2024, from 9-11:30 AM, with a snack provided. GMCS Summer Camp is specifically for students who will be attending GMCS as K-6 students during the 2024-2025 school year. This is a great opportunity to prepare your child for the upcoming school year, and to provide an enrichment, fun, and exciting experience during the summer months.

All new kindergarten students will be introduced to routines, procedures, and school-wide expectations. This will be a great introduction to the structure of our school. Instruction will be provided by teachers and staff of Gettysburg Montessori Charter School.

Transportation must be provided by parents/guardians to and from the school. Please read and acknowledge the permission slip no later than May 20, 2024.



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by: Friday April 19th****

Direct questions to:



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OUTDOOR SPRING PICTURE DAY

Friday April 5th
(Rain Date April 12th)

New this year we will be offering an Outdoor Spring Picture Day. This will be done a little differently than the Fall Picture Day.

Only Students that have been pre-registered will be photographed.

To ensure the school has the most up-to-date Photo List for Picture Day, the pre-registration deadline is Wednesday April 3rd. The list of students will be given to the School on Thursday April 4th.

To pre-register your Student:



or visit:

order.pictures-r-us.com/school/portraits/gmcs-spring-2024/

Enter your information as shown below:

*First Name = Student's Name

*Last Name = Parent's Name

Attention 6th Grade Parents



Dear GMCS 6th grade Families:

It is a PA State requirement that all 6th grade students have a physical exam.

If you have not already provided a completed 6th grade physical exam form to the school nurse, please schedule an appointment with your primary care provider for this exam.

This exam may be completed by the student's primary care provider (MD, DO, CRNP, PA), and it must be within the past year. Sports physicals can also be accepted. If the exam has been done, please email the form, have your physician's office fax it school, or send the hard copy into school. The form is available on the GMCS website or the nurse's office.

Also, please note that it is a PA State requirement for all students entering 7th grade to receive the Tdap vaccine (for tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) and the MCV vaccine (for meningococcal). These vaccines are often given at the time of the 6th grade physical.


All school districts in the area follow the first day exclusion policy. If a student arrives for the first day of 7th grade without having received all the required vaccines (or exemption status), the student will be sent home from school until the vaccinations are up to date.

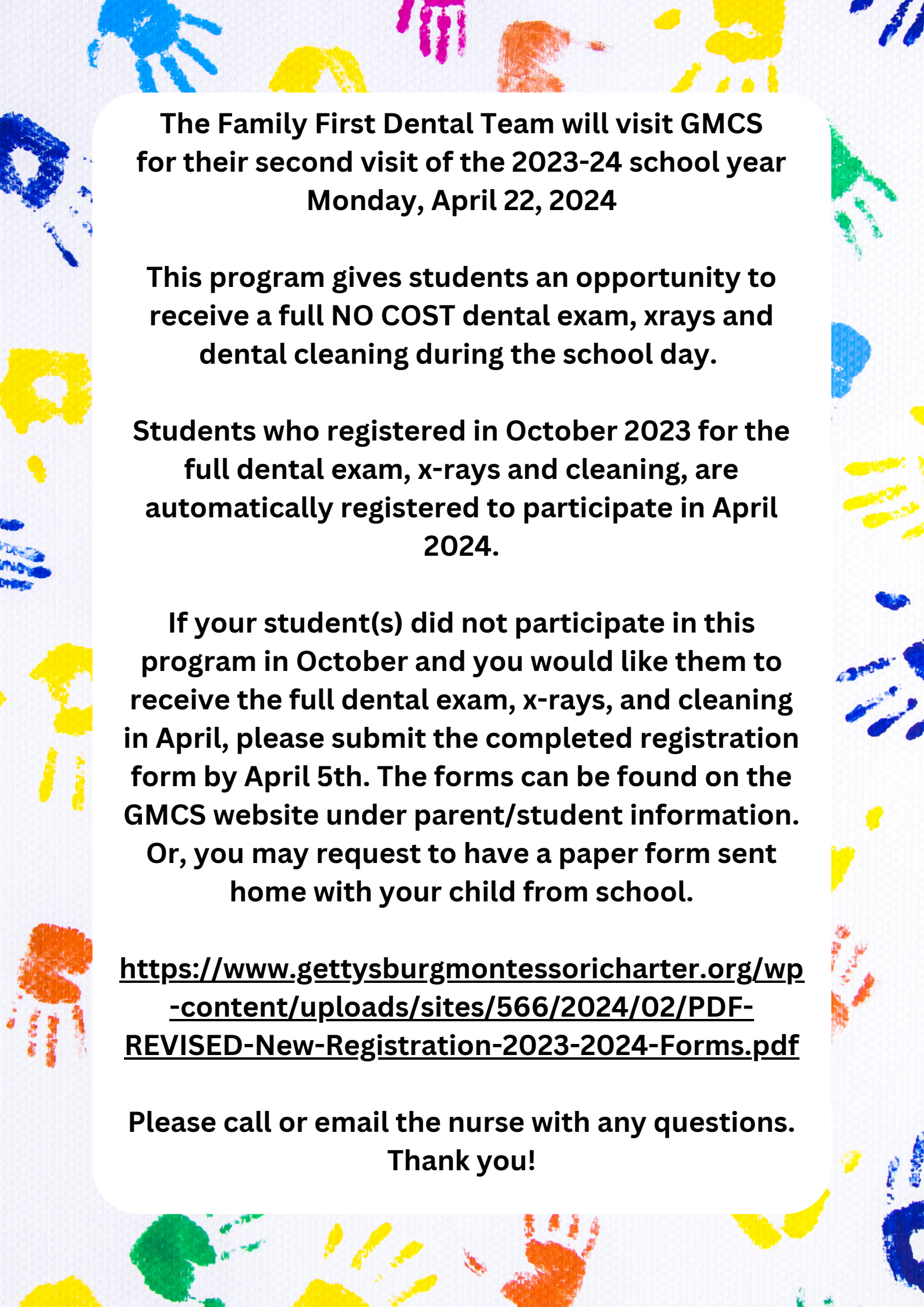
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse by email or by calling GMCS.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter!

PS: 5th grade families- if your child has an annual well-child check-up this summer, please ask to have the 6th grade physical exam form completed at that time, for the 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,
Nurse Chapman
GMCS phone 717-334-1129
GMCS fax 717-334-2634
achapman@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org





**The Family First Dental Team will visit GMCS
for their second visit of the 2023-24 school year
Monday, April 22, 2024**

**This program gives students an opportunity to
receive a full NO COST dental exam, xrays and
dental cleaning during the school day.**

**Students who registered in October 2023 for the
full dental exam, x-rays and cleaning, are
automatically registered to participate in April
2024.**

**If your student(s) did not participate in this
program in October and you would like them to
receive the full dental exam, x-rays, and cleaning
in April, please submit the completed registration
form by April 5th. The forms can be found on the
GMCS website under parent/student information.
Or, you may request to have a paper form sent
home with your child from school.**

<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/566/2024/02/PDF-REVISED-New-Registration-2023-2024-Forms.pdf>

**Please call or email the nurse with any questions.
Thank you!**



GMCS Proudly presents
Family Skate Night at Magic Elm
located in Hanover
Let's roll into Spring break
with some family fun!

Admission is free.
Skate rental is
\$3.00

Date: April 01, 2024
Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Location - 625 W Elm Ave,
Hanover, PA 17331

Please Note

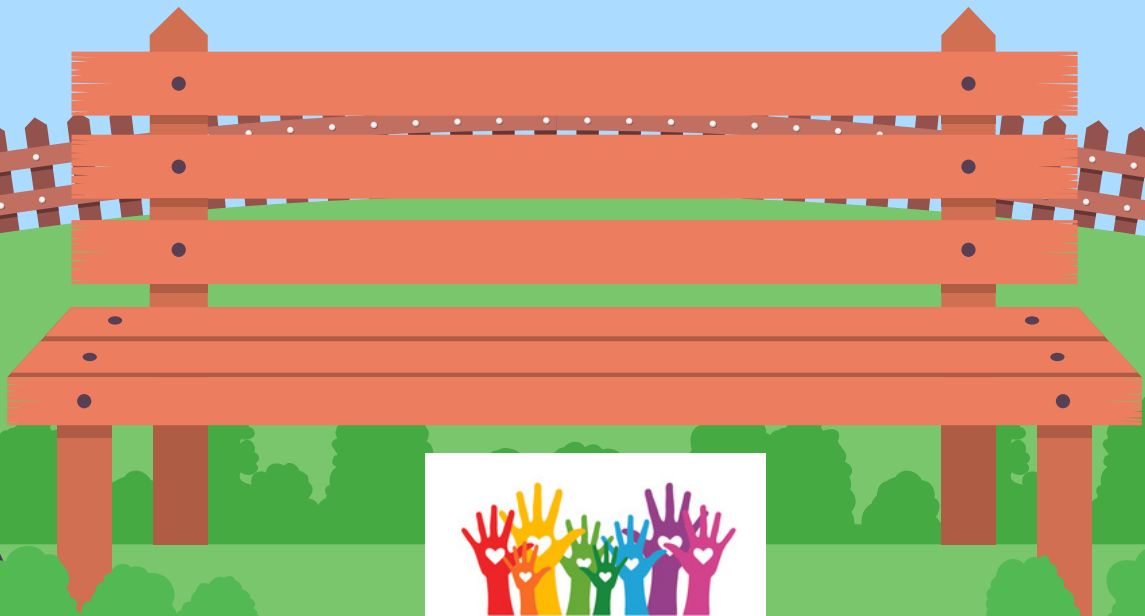
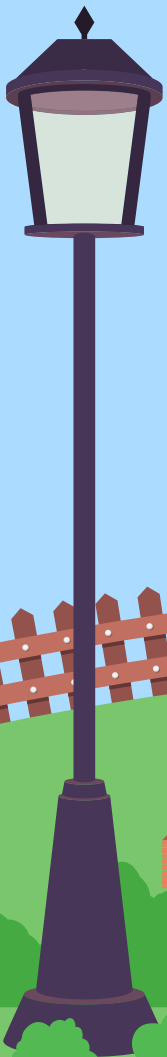
***This is NOT a drop off event.**

Parent supervisors are required *



Look Ahead May

Early Dismissal
May 3 & May 24, 2024
Last Day of School May 24, 2024





ANNOUNCING

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

May 6 - 10 2024

We invite all the GMCS Students and Parents to participate in the week-long event to honor our special teachers and staff at GMCS during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 6-10. We'd love your involvement to make our teachers and staff feel extra special. Please consider donating towards appreciation events.

We are looking for raffle basket items as well as sponsors for the following days. If you would like to contribute money, please donate via PayPal. Please contact the front office / Nikki Wilt with any questions or to sponsor a day.

Top Secret packets will be sent home with your child in April. Please return the packets to the front office Attention Nicole Wilt by April 29, 2024



Scan. Pay. Go.

Save The Dates

Staff Appreciation Week: May 6-10, 2024

ASPCA Collection: May 1-17, 2024

Career Day: May 10, 2024

GMCS Reunion: May 10, 2024

Field Day: May 17, 2024

Music Drama Club Event: May 14, 2024

Kindergarten Graduation: May 23, 2024

6th Grade Graduation: May 23, 2024

Last day of school - Half day - May 24, 2024

School Calendar

GMCS 24/25 School calendar can be located on our website.

Please contact the office with any questions.

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School Calendar 2024-2025

August						2024
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September						2024
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October						2024
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Aug 27 First Day of School
August 19-26 Room Prep /
Professional Development

Sept 2 No School / Labor Day Holiday
Sept 20 No School /Teacher Report

Oct 11 Early Dismissal 12:00
Oct 14 No School/Teacher Report
Oct 29 End of marking period

November						2024
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December						2024
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January						2025
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Nov 08 No School / Teacher
Report
Nov 27-29 No School
Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 02 No school
Dec 13 Early Dismissal 12:00
Dec 23 – Jan 01
No School/Winter Break

Jan1 Winter Break
Jan 17 End of marking period
Jan 20 No School/MLK Day /
Teacher report

February						2025
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April						2025
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Feb 13 Early Dismissal 12:00
Feb 14 No School / Teacher Report
Feb 17 No School / Teacher Report

March 7 Early Dismissal 12
March 25 End of marking period

Apr 17-21 No School / Spring break
Apr 22-30 PSSA Testing

May						2025
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May 9 Early Dismissal 12:00
May 1-8 PSSA Testing
May 26 No School
May 31 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