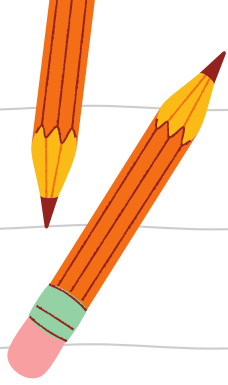


# Back To School

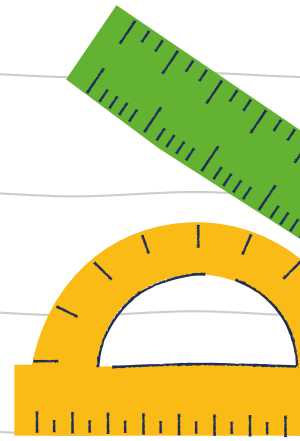
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September  
2025





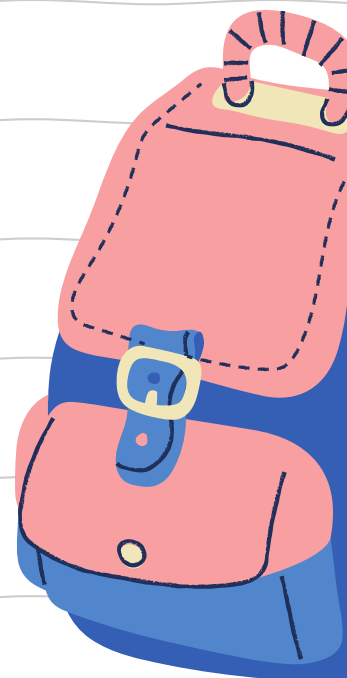
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**September 1 & 19, 2025**



**Early Dismissal**  
**September 10, 2025 @ 12 pm**

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

**[Click Here](#)**



# SCHOOL PICTURES

## SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

### How to Order School Photos

- Go to: [Pre-Order Page](#)
- Access Code:  
gmcs2025
- Enter Name and email address
- Enter your Student's Name and Grade
- Pick your Package/Item(s)

Note: Pictures will be taken outdoors.





# GMCS Spirit Store

We are thrilled to share that our online GMCS Spirit Store is officially open! This is a wonderful chance for students, staff, and families to show their school pride with a variety of fresh new merchandise.

 Shop here: [GMCS Spirit Store](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. We can't wait to see everyone showing off their GMCS spirit!





September 2025

# Food Services



Dear GMCS Families,

This is a friendly reminder that lunch orders are due on Wednesday by midnight. Please use the link below to place your orders for next week:

👉 <https://www.ordo.com/>

Thank you for your attention to this deadline!

Warmly,  
GMCS

# Right to Request Teacher Qualifications

As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child. Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner.

We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additionally right-to-know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include:
- Subject matter tested, purpose of the test, source of the requirement (if applicable), amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.



## Be prepared with CHIP. Free or low-cost healthcare for Pennsylvania kids and teens.

### CHIP COVERS

- Routine check-ups
- Prescriptions
- Hospitalization
- Dental
- Eye Care
- Eyeglasses
- Behavioral care
- Specialty care
- More

There is no limit on income. If your income is below CHIP guidelines, your child may be enrolled in Medical Assistance.

CHIP covers uninsured kids up to age 19 in Pennsylvania. It doesn't matter why your kids don't have health coverage right now; CHIP may be able to help. Most kids receive CHIP for free. Others can get the same benefits at a low cost.

CHIP is brought to you by leading health insurance companies who offer quality, comprehensive coverage.

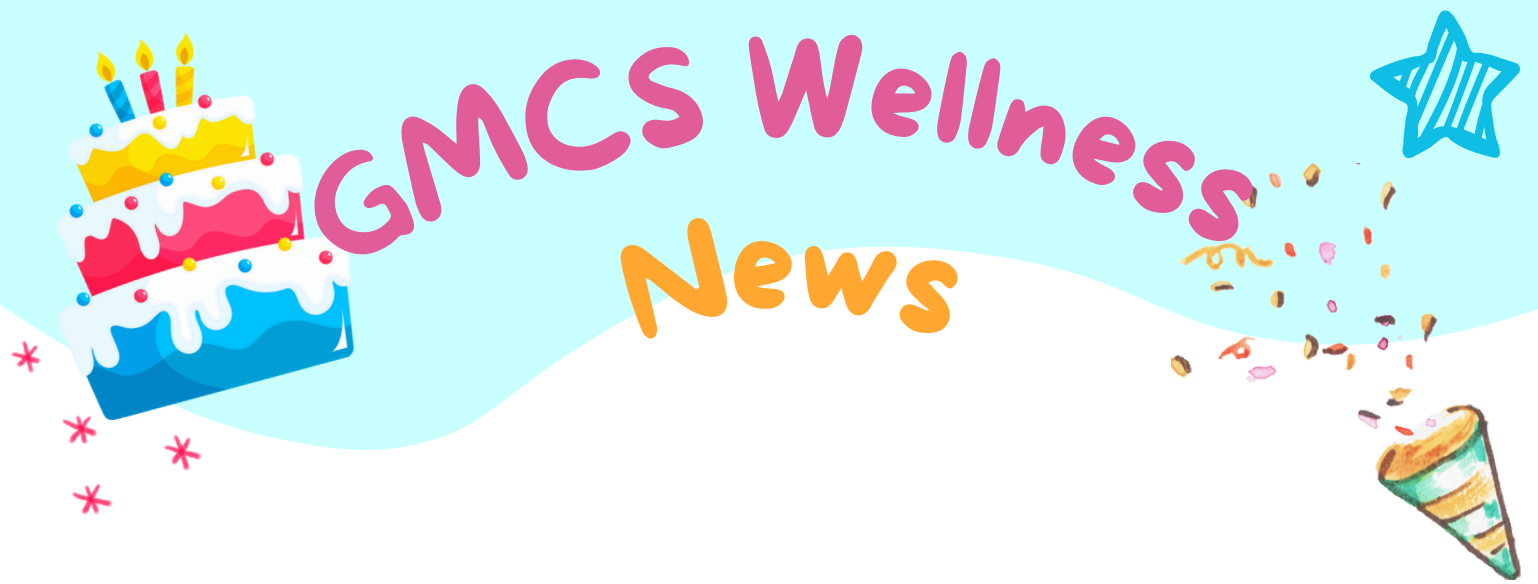
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**Our school has moved to move to food-free classrooms for birthday celebrations due to health and allergy reasons. There are plenty of ideas to celebrate a Happy Birthday at school without food.**

**Some ideas include:**

- 1. Supply a craft - Bring in a craft (enough for the class) to complete.**
- 2. Pass out goodies - Bring non-food items for the class like stickers, pencils, pencil toppers, bouncy balls, bookmarks, crayons, etc.**
- 3. Show and tell - The birthday student gets to bring something in from home and share with the class.**
- 4. Have a bubbly recess - Bring small bottles of bubbles and have the class blow bubbles at recess.**
- 5. Share a book - Bring in the child's favorite book for themselves or their teacher to read to the class.**
- 6. Sign a shirt - Bring in a solid color t-shirt or a special birthday shirt that classmates can sign and wear for their birthday.**



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss 20 DAYS a year.

They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss 40 DAYS a year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

# PLAYGROUND

## PARENTAL OR GUARDIAN SUPERVISION REQUIRED FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK

### **General Playground Safety Guidelines:**

**Supervision:** All students must be supervised by an adult at all times.

**Equipment Checks:** Please report any damaged or malfunctioning equipment to the office immediately.

**Safe Play:** Encourage students to play safely, avoid roughhousing, and be mindful of others.

**Weather Awareness:** Ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather and limit outdoor time if conditions require it.

**Dogs:** Dogs are not permitted in the playground area.







# MORNING DROP-OFF REMINDERS

## Drop-Off Zone Reminders

**Be ready:** Your child should be unbuckled, backpack in hand, and ready to exit when you pull into the drop-off zone.

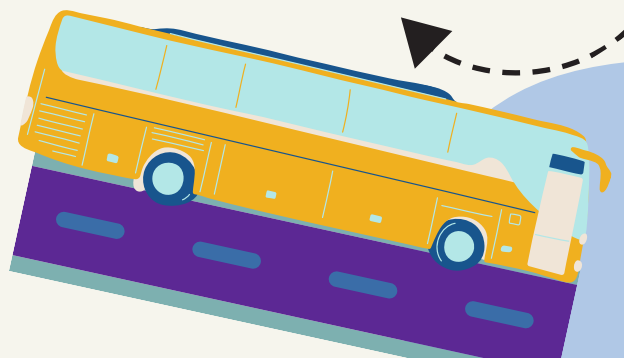
**Goodbyes in advance:** Please say your goodbyes, hugs, and kisses while waiting in line—not once your vehicle has stopped in the drop-off zone.

**Stay in line:** Do not pull ahead of cars or buses unless a staff member directs you.

**Practice patience:** A little extra time and grace go a long way for everyone.

**Changes to dismissal:** If your child will be a car rider instead of a bus rider, please call or email the office before 1:00 PM with the updated information.

✧ Thank you for helping keep drop-off and pick-up smooth and safe for all!





**Save the Dates**

**Fall Book Fair 09/29-10/03**

**Open House 10/01 - 4pm to 6pm**

**Fall Spirit Week 10/27 to 10/31**

**Fall Celebrations Parade 10/31**

**Report Cards posted 10/31**

**Coffee Fundraiser**



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





# **Look Ahead October**

**Early Dismissal 12pm  
October 08, 2025**

**No School  
October 13, 2025**

October