DECEMBER

GMCS newsletter

IMPORTANT INFO:

Early Dismissal December 10, 2025 at 12 pm

No School December 22 to January 4 Winter Break



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/9 Holiday Music Concert
- 12/16 18 Holiday Shop
- 12/11-12/19 Spirit week



Gettysburg Montessori Charter School (717) 334-1120 https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org



Dear GMCS Families,

After careful consideration, we have decided not to host a Holiday Shop during school hours this year. Instead, families are invited to shop together after school on **December 16th, 17th, and 18th from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM** while supplies last.

We look forward to sharing this festive time with you!

With gratitude, GMCS Administration





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Dear Parents,

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is partnering with Weis Markets® in their annual Weis 4 School™ program. Register your Weis Rewards™ card online at weis4school.com. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school by simply shopping. Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again this school year. Please share this information with your friends and family. The more interest and enthusiasm we generate, the greater

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the benefits to our school.

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Stay up to date

December 2025

Annual Public Notice

To access our annual public notice please <u>click here</u>.

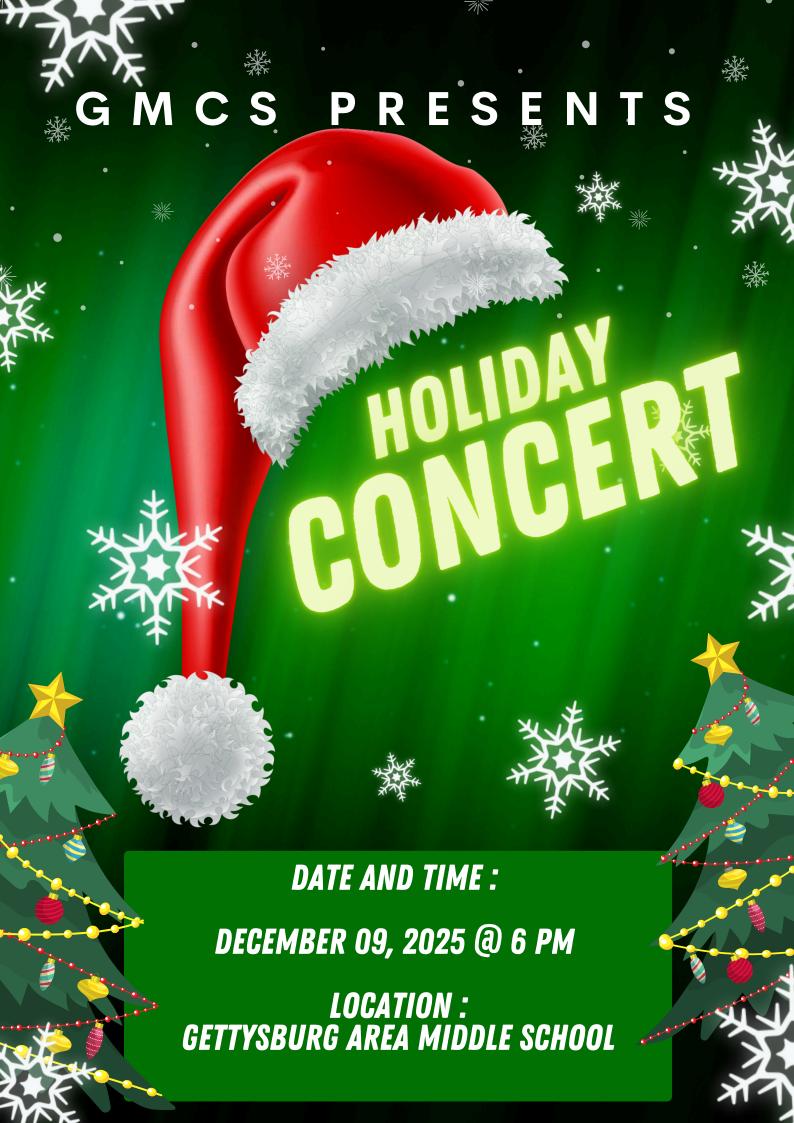
Lunch Menu

VIEW MENU

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming events! Please RSVP for Preschool PJ Storytime or join us for our 26.27 Kindergarten Open House to explore our school, meet the teachers, and learn more about our programs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Open House - Click Here

Story Time Click here



DONATIONS NEEDED



GMCS is accepting donations for local nursing homes. Items will be collected through December 12, 2025. The donation box is in the lobby.

Help spread Joy throughout this season.

- -tissue paper and construction
- -paper for crafts
- -picture books
- -dot to dot books
- -body wash
- -lotion
- -deodorant
- -hairbrush
- -table top organizer
- -pens
- -wordfinds
- -crayons
- -colored pencils
- -ChapStick
- -glue sticks
- -bottle glue for crafts



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/T5 84JLCUIVPB?ref_=wl_share



Recess in Cold Weather

GMCS uses the following general guidelines for decision making related to recess:

- Regular outdoor recess will be held when outside air temperature and/or wind chill is 25° (F) or greater. The presence of rain or snowfall can influence this decision.
- Indoor recess will be held when outside air temperature and/or wind chill is lower than 25° (F).
- Whenever students are sent outside in cold temperatures, building staff watch for individual children who are not wearing appropriate clothing and may be at risk. In the event that a child does not have access to clothing necessary for cold temps or snow, GMCS is here to help! Just let us know









Please check our website for weather delays & closing information at gettysburgmontessoricharter.org
Emails and text alerts will be sent and information is posted on WGAL.

Contact

info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org if you are not receiving alerts.



WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

December Newsletter

Holiday homeroom contest!

Each homeroom will decorate the outside of their classroom doors for the holidays. The winner will be announced 12/20!

DECEMBER 08,2025

Candy Cane Day Wear red and white

DECEMBER 10,2025

Holiday Character Day (Grinch, Santa, elf, Olaf, snowman, reindeer)

DECEMBER 12,2025

Holly Jolly HAT DAY

DECEMBER 16,2025

Grinch Vs. Santa Dress in green and red to declare your allegiance.

DECEMBER 18, 2025

Holiday Character Day (Grinch, Santa, elf, Olaf, snowman, reindeer)





DECEMBER 09,2025

Wear holiday hats, headbands, scarves, earrings, socks!

DECEMBER 11,2025

Ugly Sweater

DECEMBER 15, 2025

Holiday Attire Wear anything holiday!

DECEMBER 17,2025

Ugly Sweater

DECEMBER 19, 2025

Holiday PJ Party! Wear your coziest PJs (school - appropriate)



(FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAY)

25-26 School Year

Schedule

Schedule for FID Days

- 10:30 AM Morning Announcements & Class Kickoff
- Students in 1st through 6th grade should log into Google Classroom at 10:30 AM to view the morning announcements and take part in their morning meeting.
- Afterward, teachers will share instructions for the day's assignments and activities.

Technology Support:

- If your child needs a hotspot for FID participation, please contact the office.
- Parents are encouraged to request a hotspot before a FID occurs to ensure access.

Reminders

- Students should not complete FID packets before a FID is announced.
- The packet must remain available in case technology is not accessible on a FID.
- If technology is unavailable, students are required to complete all assignments for each day at home in order to receive credit.

Attendance

- Students will be marked absent until the school receives:
- Written notification of their participation/attendance in the FID and
- The completed packet, returned on the first school day following the FID.
- If a student is absent during a FID, the absence will be recorded as unexcused unless GMCS receives a proper excuse from a parent/guardian.



Look Ahead January

Early Dismissal January 16, 2026 @ 12 pm

No School January 19, 2026 in observance of MLK Jr. Day

Save the Date

Storytime for Pre-K January 07, 2025

National School Choice Spirit Week January 26 to January 30, 2026

> Report Cards posted online January 23, 2026



