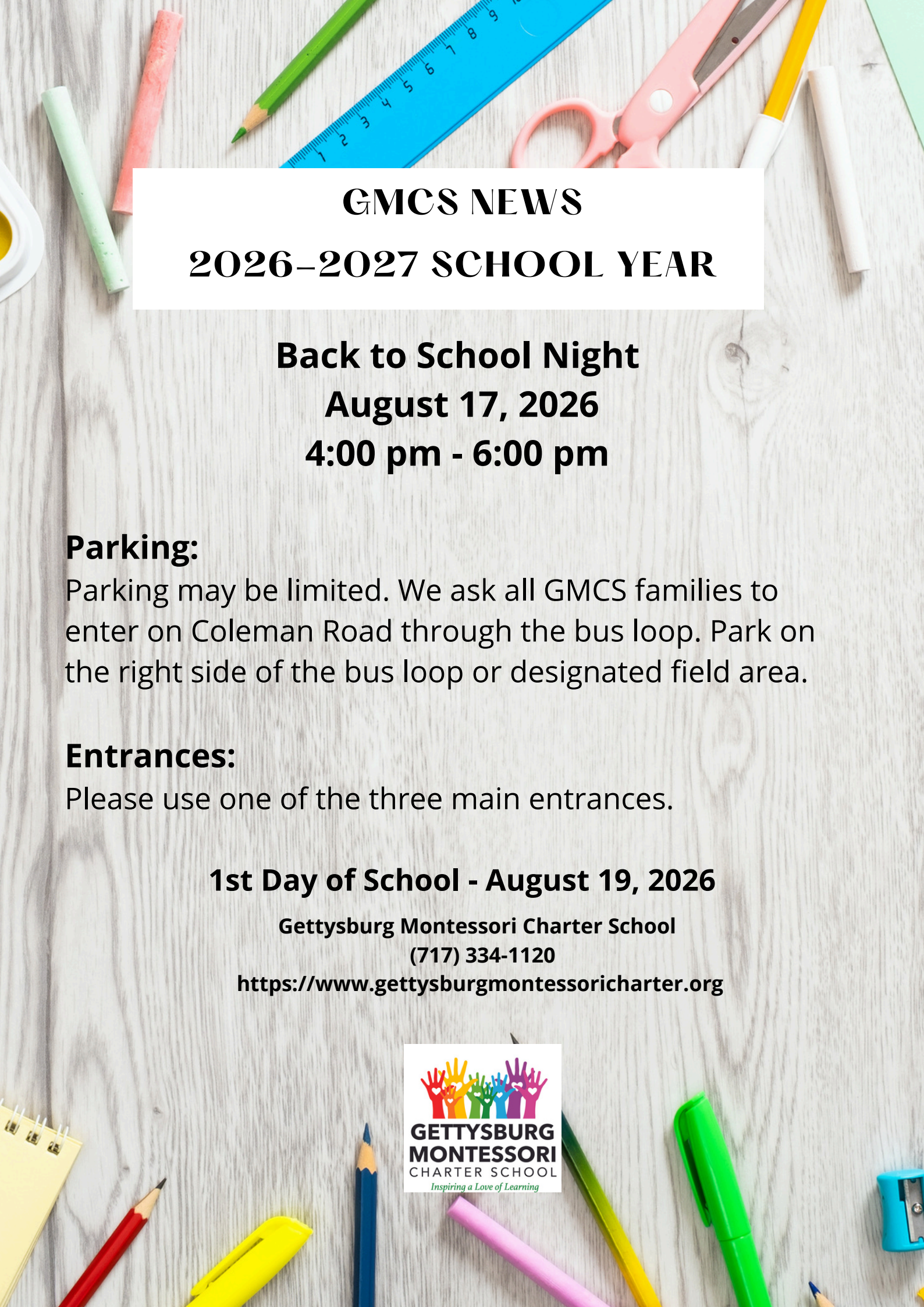


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GMCS NEWS

2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Back to School Night
August 17, 2026
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Parking:

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

Entrances:

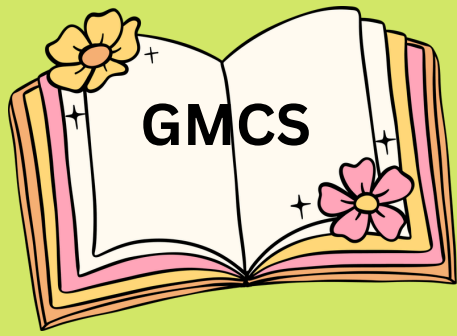
Please use one of the three main entrances.

1st Day of School - August 19, 2026

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AUGUST 2026

newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

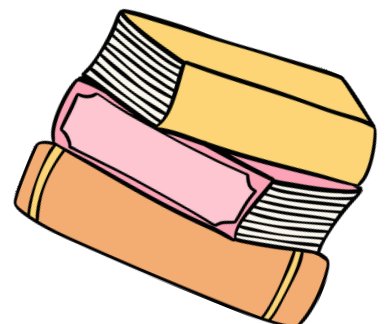
8/17 - Back to School night

8/19 - First Day of School



IMPORTANT INFO:

No School
September
07 & 21





WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Wondering what's on the menu this week? You can now find our school lunch menu anytime by visiting our website!

[Click here to view the lunch menu](#)

(or navigate to the “Student / Parent info tab” section on our homepage!)

We keep it updated regularly, so you'll always know what's being served in the cafeteria—

no surprises, just tasty options to fuel a day full of learning.

Bon appétit!



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:

<https://www.storessimple.com/homefield/43146>

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



Online Store
brought to
you by:

HOMEFIELD  **ADVANTAGE**

Questions?
Call us at
717-633-1350

GETTYSBURG MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

- Order cut-off date:
September 7th
- Estimated delivery:
October 2nd



Short Sleeve T-Shirt
\$15.00



Short Sleeve Tie Dye T-Shirt
\$21.00



3/4 Sleeve T-Shirt
\$20.00



Long Sleeve T-Shirt
\$18.00



Long Sleeve Tie Dye T-Shirt
\$22.00



Crew Neck Sweatshirt w/ Pouch Pocket
\$25.00



Hooded Sweatshirt
\$27.00



1/4 Zip Sweatshirt
\$27.00



Performance Fleece Full Zip Jacket
\$45.00



Waterproof Insulated Jacket
\$56.00



Flannel Pants
\$34.00



Knit Pom Beanie
\$24.00

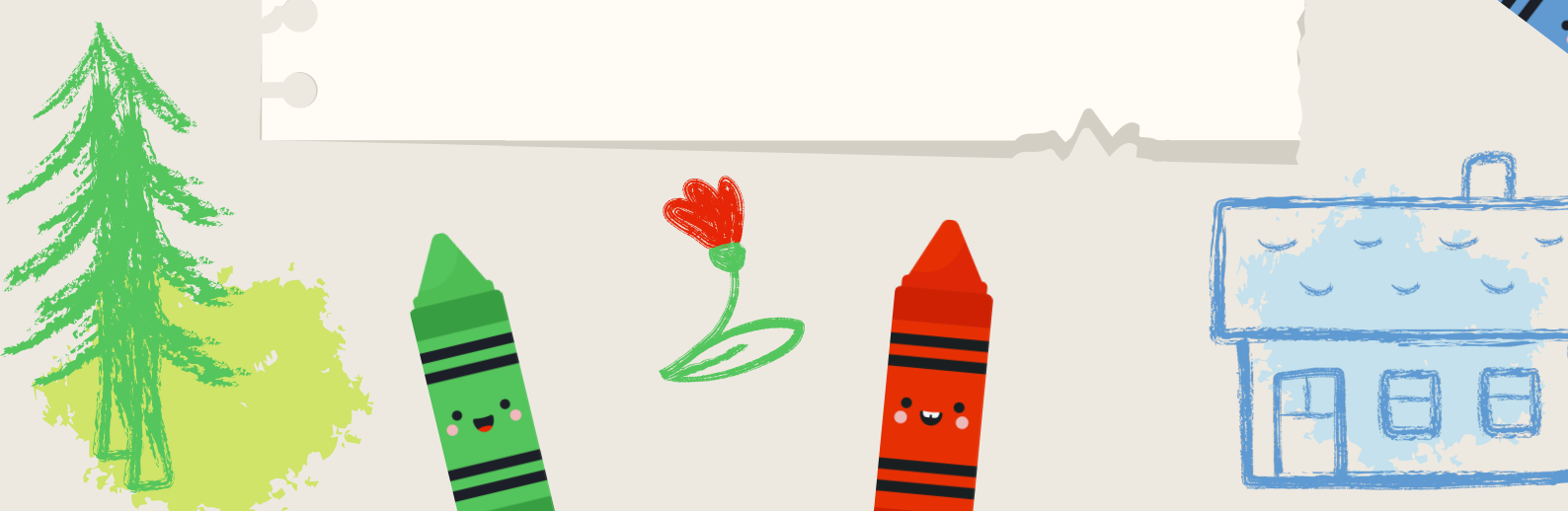
To order please click on weblink below or Copy & Paste into your browser:
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KINDERGARTEN STUDENT SUPPLY LIST

- Lunchbox for their daily afternoon snack (please send in healthy snacks such as fruit, a granola bar, or vegetables)
- Clipboard
- Reusable Plastic (non-metal) spill-proof water bottle with their name on it
- Bag of clothes to keep in their cubby in case of an accident (seasonal shirt/pants)
- Pack of pre-sharpened #2 pencils for
- Clorox wipes (they don't have to be name-brand)
- Boxes of tissues
- Snack, quart, or gallon-sized zip locks to use throughout the year

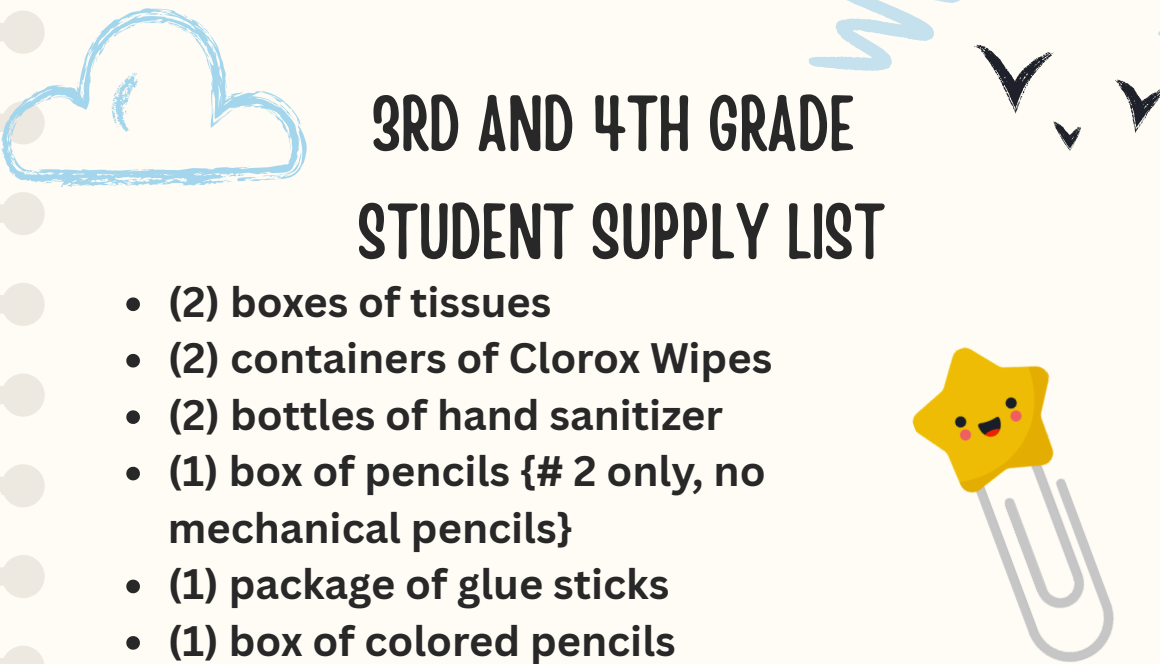
****First and last name on the clipboard, lunchbox, and bag of clothes**





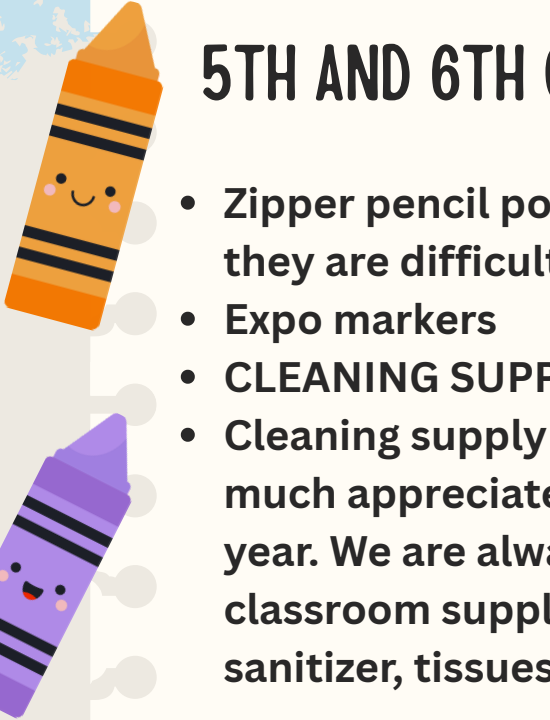
1ST AND 2ND GRADE STUDENT SUPPLY LIST

- # 2 Pencils (3 per student)
- 2 Chunk eraser
- 1 Pack of colored pencils or crayons
- 1 Pack of washable markers
- 2 Glue stick
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 1 Pencil box or pouch
- 1 Backpack that fits in a 11" x 12" x 16" cubby
- Headphones or earbuds
- Reusable water bottle
- 3 Dry erase markers (Expo is recommended)
- Wireless mouse (Optional)



3RD AND 4TH GRADE STUDENT SUPPLY LIST

- (2) boxes of tissues
- (2) containers of Clorox Wipes
- (2) bottles of hand sanitizer
- (1) box of pencils {# 2 only, no mechanical pencils}
- (1) package of glue sticks
- (1) box of colored pencils
- (1) package of erasers {cap and/or block}
- (1) spiral 1-subject wide-ruled notebook
(no names on notebooks, please)



5TH AND 6TH GRADE STUDENT SUPPLY LIST

- Zipper pencil pouch (Please no pencil boxes as they are difficult for students to store.)
 - Expo markers
 - **CLEANING SUPPLY DONATIONS:**
 - Cleaning supply donations are accepted, and very much appreciated, at any time throughout the year. We are always in need of the following classroom supplies: Disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, tissues.
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FACTS FAMILY PORTAL



Please log into your FACTS family portal. You can find your child's schedule and class teachers for the 26/27 school year.

To View Your Child's 2026-2027 Schedule and Teachers:

1. Once logged in, click "Student" on the left menu.
2. Then choose "Schedule".
3. You'll see the list of classes along with the teacher name.

Below are helpful hints on how to create a Family portal.

To create your family portal, please visit this website.

**[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.](https://logins2.renweb.com/logins/ParentsWeb>Login.aspx</u></p></div><div data-bbox=)**

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. Find your grade/teacher.



Please join us in giving a warm Gettysburg Montessori Charter School welcome to Dr. Jim Hogue, our new Assistant Principal!

Dr. Hogue comes to GMCS with nearly 20 years of experience in education. He spent ten years teaching with Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland, where he taught both Special Education and Gifted Education classrooms. After moving to Pennsylvania in the fall of 2020, he served with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 as an Assistant Supervisor and Instructional Advisor at the Franklin Learning Center in Chambersburg. His experience at the Franklin Learning Center helped shape and strengthen his belief that the heart of any leadership role is service — serving students, staff, and the entire school community. Most recently, Dr. Hogue served as the Director of Special Education and Student Services with Fannett-Metal School District.

Outside of school, Dr. Hogue and his wife recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary and are the proud parents of six amazing children — three boys and three girls. He enjoys hiking, biking, hunting, and spending time outdoors with his family and friends.

Dr. Hogue is excited to begin this new adventure at GMCS and looks forward to getting to know the students, staff, and families who make Gettysburg Montessori Charter School such a special place.

Welcome to the GMCS family, Dr. Hogue! We are excited to have you on our team and look forward to a wonderful school year ahead!



Staff Updates for the 2026-2027

The countdown to a new school year has officially begun! We've been busy behind the scenes preparing for another exciting year, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back. As we get ready for the 2026–2027 school year, we're excited to share several updates about our incredible GMCS team

We are proud to have Dr. Hogan serving as our CEO/Principal. Her dedication, leadership, and commitment to our school community continue to guide GMCS as we move forward.

Please also join us in welcoming Dr. Hogue, our new Assistant Principal! We are grateful for the experience he brings to our school community and look forward to the positive impact he will have at GMCS.

Front Office

Mrs. Stacy has joined Mrs. Nikki in supporting our students, staff, and families as part of the front office team.

Mrs. Nikki has transitioned into a dedicated office space where she can focus more fully on her role as Operations Manager and Executive Assistant to the CEO & Principal, while continuing to provide behind-the-scenes support and assist with the daily needs of the front office.

Mrs. Stacy will work from the Front Office, where she will greet visitors, answer phones, assist families, and continue supporting our Food Services program. You'll also find our SSO located just outside the Front Office, where he will be readily available to assist students, staff, and visitors throughout the school day. This updated office arrangement allows our team to better serve the needs of our school while ensuring families continue to receive the welcoming support.

Student Services & Transportation

We're excited to share that Ms. Laci has assumed the role of Transportation and Special Education/Administrative Support. She is now located in the office with Mrs. Leigh and will continue supporting students, families, and staff in these important areas.

Staff Updates for the 2026-2027



Behavior Support Team

- Doug Zook – Special Education Teacher / Behavior Intervention Room
- Nicole Watts – BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst)

Kindergarten Team

- Emily Fleurant & Peg Roth
- Meg Harmon & **Welcome Eniko Shearer**

As we welcome new faces, we also celebrate a remarkable career. With grateful hearts, we'd like to recognize Mrs. Ann, who will be retiring this year and joining our substitute team. Her dedication has touched the lives of countless students, families, and staff over the years. Thank you, Mrs. Ann, for everything you've done for the GMCS community. You will always be part of our family!

Lower Elementary (Grades 1-2)

- Kristine Wojno & Elena Esponiza
- Helayna Thomas & Kristine Gelazela
- Clinton Bittle & **Welcome Emily McCall**
- Brooke Pearson & **Welcome Melanie Linton**

Upper Elementary (Grades 3-4)

- Anya Conner – Special Education Classroom
- **Riley Gross** & Tasha Hansford
- **Destiny Lawrence & Dani Spencer**
- Kelsey Rudy & Lauren Auchey

Upper Elementary (Grades 5-6)

- Nicole Gulden & Heather Beckelman
- Katie Sauter & Shonna Smith
- Chelsy Rodgers & Sally Rodgers

We are excited for all that the 2026–2027 school year has in store! Please join us in welcoming our new team members, celebrating those taking on new roles, and thanking Mrs. Ann for her many years of dedicated service.

We have had several classroom and office changes for the upcoming school year. A staff directory will be distributed at Back-to-School Night on August 17 to help everyone become familiar with our new locations.

Here's to another amazing year of learning and growth at Gettysburg Montessori Charter School. We can't wait to welcome everyone back!



Calling all Volunteers!

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 to the Operations Manager, Nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org. Clearances are valid for five years.

<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/volunteers.html>

Stay up to date

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<https://www.facebook.com/GettysburgMontessori/>
(Official School Facebook Page)

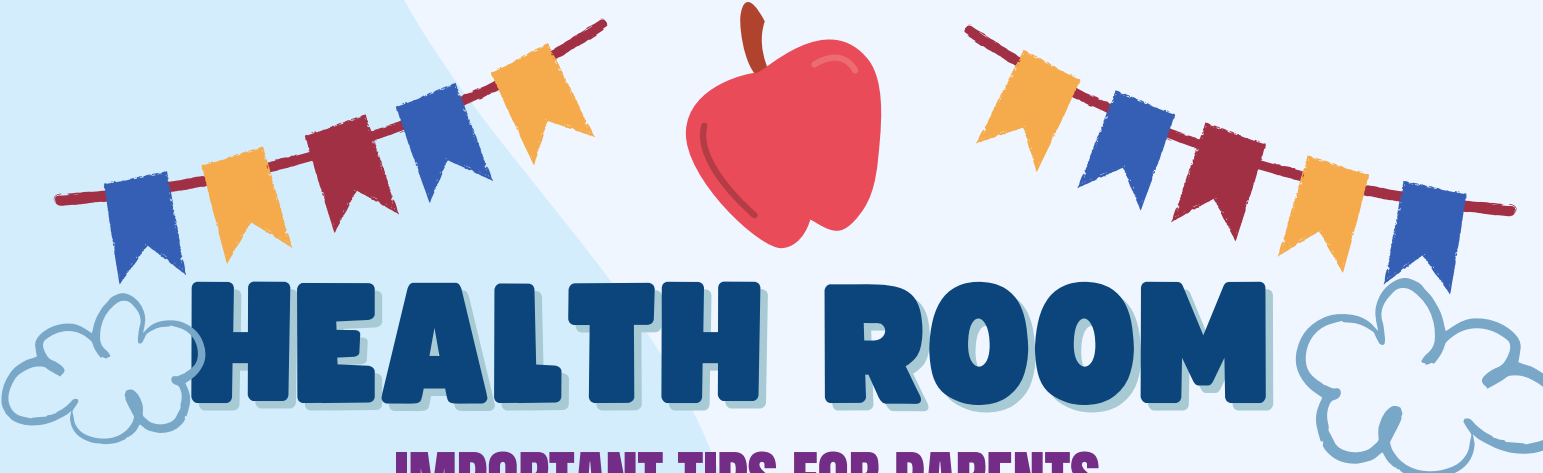


The following districts provide bussing to GMCS:

- Bermudian Springs 717-528-4113
- Conewago Valley 717-624-2157
- Fairfield / Cashtown – 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 GASD for weather delays and closings.**





HEALTH ROOM

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Update your phone number, email and address in FACTS as soon as there are any changes.
- Check your email daily: this is the main way the school communicates with parents for non-urgent needs.
- If the school calls, listen to the entire voicemail before returning the call- this way you know who you need to speak to when you call back.
- Communicate any significant health diagnosis with the nurse by phone call, email or visit to coordinate any care your child may need. A copy of the written information from your doctor is especially helpful.
- Make plans now for who will pick up your child from school if they become sick during the school day.
- Plan for where your child will stay on sick days, snow days, and holidays.
- Keeping all emergency contacts up-to-date.
- Email the school when your child is staying home sick.
- To come to school, your child needs to be free of vomiting or fever for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicine).
- If your child is absent 3 days in a row, a doctor's note is needed to excuse the absence.
- Send 2 extra sets of underwear and clothes to school in a labeled bag for your child to keep in their classroom in case of spills, accidents, sickness, etc.
- Work on toileting expectations over the summer. Let your child practice wiping and changing clothes while you talk them through it. Be patient and try not to take over for them. This will take extra time.

Your child should be able to:

- Recognize when they need to go to the bathroom and be able to ask to go.
 - Wear underwear under their clothing.
 - Pull down their own underwear and clothing.
 - Be able to sit or stand to use the toilet.
 - Wipe themselves without assistance, with toilet paper.
 - Pull up their pants and underwear.
 - Wash their hands.
- Front office email: info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org
GMCS nurse email: Nurse@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org



Car Rider Information

ARRIVAL TIME: 8:00am - 8:30am

DISMISSAL TIME: 2:50 pm - 3:20 pm

BREAKFAST is from 8:00 am - 8:30 am

- Parent drop-off will be from 8:00 am to 8:30 am. When you arrive in the bus loop, **STAY in your car**, staff will help assist your student out of the vehicle. **No passing in the loop.**

Car riders can be picked up at the front door between
2:45 pm and 3:15 pm.

- *YOU WILL NEED YOUR CHILD'S GMCS CAR RIDER SIGN AT DISMISSAL.**
- *TRANSPORTATION CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE BY 1:00 PM.**

The safety of all our students is a priority.

Please help us keep your children safe by observing these guidelines.
We will be able to work quickly and efficiently through the parent drop off line if everyone works together!

Always Remember to be KIND!



**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.

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 info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org.

ATTENDANCE FAST FACTS!



A note or email is required for every student absence.

- Please email your absence 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 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 missed school.



Educational Trips

Educational trips may not be approved during the first two weeks of school, and PSSAs for those students in grades 3-6, or during the or if your child is habitually truant, unless approved by the CEO/Principal.

Educational trip requests must be submitted in writing to the CEO/Principal before planning the trip, or as soon as possible after the trip is scheduled, and at least 2 weeks before the scheduled departure.

Forms can be located on our website.





Our school has moved to food free classrooms for birthday celebrations due to health and allergy reasons. There are plenty of ideas for 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 the 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.**



TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

HERE'S HOW
TO TELL



STAY HOME IF...

Your child feels too sick for regular activities

Yellow or green pus appears

The temperature on an oral thermometer reads 100F or higher

You suspect flu- it spreads rapidly

Your child has a migraine -throbbing, severe pain with moodiness, fatigue and sensitivity to light

Contagious rash such as chicken pox, impetigo, scabies

Your doctor suspects - or diagnoses - strep throat

Your child is vomiting or has diarrhea



SYMPTOM

COUGH AND OTHER COLD SYMPTOMS

EYE DISCHARGE



FEVER

FLU



HEADACHE



RASH



SORE THROAT



STOMACHACHE



GO BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER...

Fever is gone for 24 hours without medication and your child feels better

24 hours after the first dose of antibiotic eye drops have been given

No fever above 100F without using fever reduction medication for 24 hours

Fever has been gone for 24 hours without medication

Pain is under control

24 hours after medication started if needed and doctor gives ok to return to school

24 hours after beginning antibiotics

24 hours after no vomiting or diarrhea without medication

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OTHER STUDENTS AND STAFF HEALTHY



Look Ahead September

No School
September 7 & 21



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Gettysburg Montessori Charter School Calendar 2026-2027

August						2026
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August 10-18 Room Prep / Professional Development

Back to School Night Aug 17

First Day of School Aug 19

September						2026
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Sept 7 No School / Labor Day Holiday

Sept 21 No School /Teacher Report

October						2026
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Oct 09 No School

Oct 12 No School/Teacher Report

Oct 23 End of marking period

November						2026
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Nov 18,19 America 250

Nov 25-30 No School / Thanksgiving Holiday

December						2026
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Dec 14 No School /Teacher Report

Dec 23 – Jan 02 No School/Winter Break

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Jan 01 Winter Break

Jan 12 End of marking

Jan 18 No School/MLK

February						2027
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Feb 15 No School – President's Day

March						2027
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March 3 No School / Teachers Report

March 19 End of the marking period

March 25-29 No School Spring

April						2027
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April 16 No School

April 19 No School / Teachers Report

PSSA ELA 26-30

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PSSA 3-14

May 27 Last Day / Dismissal 12:00

June						2027
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Professional Development 06/01-06/04

	First day of school
	No School
	No School / Teachers Report
	PSSA Testing Window
	250 American Celebrations
	Marking Period Ends
	Last Day of School

Save the date

SEPTEMBER 2026

School Pictures

Mark your calendars!
Picture Day is
September 17, 2026



2026 GMCS Book Fair is Coming!



Get ready to stock up on stories, spark imaginations, and support our school library!

The Scholastic Book Fair is a beloved tradition, and this year's fair is sure to be a page-turner. More details (including volunteer sign-ups and shopping hours) will be sent home soon.

STAY CONNECTED WITH GMCS!



Please make sure you're following our **official** school Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GettysburgMontessori/>

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No other Facebook pages are monitored or endorsed by the school.

Stay up to date with important announcements, event highlights, and school news — all in one place!

