



OCTOBER

GMCS newsletter

IMPORTANT INFO:

No School

October 09 & 12, 2026

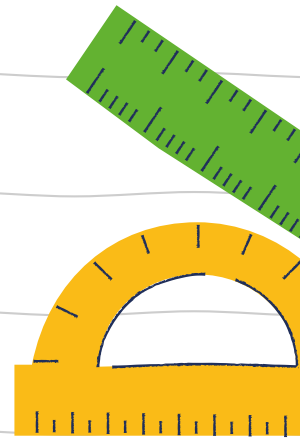
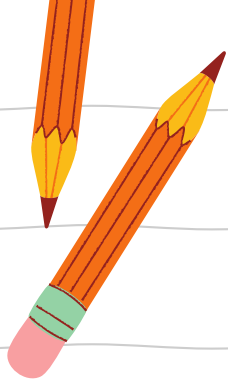


UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/28 TRUNK OR TREAT
- 10/30 - REPORT CARDS POSTED
- 10/31 - COSTUME DAY

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Annual Public Notice

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Please contact the Student Services Coordinator
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with any questions:

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FALL SPIRIT WEEK

October 26 to October 30, 2026

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Flannel Day or Fall colors

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Everything Pumpkin day!

Wear pumpkin-themed clothes. Show the pumpkin love and orange it out!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Ghoulish Pj's Day!

Its Pajamas day. Wear your favorite Halloween or any PJ's today!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Spooky Day - head to toe Halloween



FALL SPIRIT WEEK

October 26 to October 30, 2026

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Costume Day & School Parade!

GMCS is excited to celebrate Costume Day! We encourage students to get creative and dress up as a character from their favorite book!

For everyone's safety, please remember:
Costumes must be weapon-free — no toy or pretend weapons.
Students' faces must remain visible at all times — no full-face masks or coverings.

Costumes should be school-appropriate and comfortable enough for students to participate in their regular school day.

GMCS School Parade

GMCS will hold our School Parade on Friday at 1:20 PM!
Families are welcome to join us and watch their students walk in the parade.

An RSVP link and additional parade details will be shared via email later this week.

We look forward to a fun and festive celebration together!

Always remember to be kind! 💜



GMCS

Trunk or Treat October 28, 2026

We're looking for donations and decorated cars to make this event a success! If you'd like to host a trunk, we are accepting the first 20 cars to sign up.

When: October 28, 2026
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: GMCS Parking Lot. Bring your family, dress in costume, and enjoy decorated trunks, candy, games, and community fun. We can't wait to see our students and families in their Halloween best!

Contact Nikki Wilt to reserve your spot @
Nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org





Front Office Reminders October 2026

Attendance

There are small steps that all parents can take to monitor and limit absences, thereby enhancing their child's academic success. At Gettysburg Montessori Charter School, we strive to be consistent with our policy in order to ensure your child's academic success at school.

- If possible make appointments for your child before or after school. If a student leaves early, or comes in late due to an appointment a doctor's note is required in order for the appointment to be excused.
- 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 10 days.
- 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 school missed.

FIND MORE TIPS





Transportation Reminder October 2026



Changes to Transportation or After-School Routines

- **To ensure student safety and clear communication, any change to a student's after-school routine (for example: riding a bus instead of being picked up, or being picked up by someone different) requires written or verbal permission from the parent/guardian.**
- **Deadline for Notification: All changes must be submitted to the office no later than 1:00 PM on the day of the change.**
- **How to Notify: Parents/guardians may notify the office by phone or email.**
- **Email Requirements: Include the specific date(s) the change will occur. Address the email to your child(ren)'s teacher, Lsmith@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org, and info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org**



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES:

- *No eating or drinking on the bus.
- *Stay in your seat and face forward, **NEVER** stand when the bus is in motion.
- *Do not lean into the aisle. The aisle must stay clear.
- *Keep your hands to yourself.
- *Use whisper voices.
- *Do not say inappropriate words or use inappropriate gestures.
- *Use kind words.
- *Do Not Bring Unsafe Items on the Bus:
(Weapons, matches, lighters, vapes, drugs, or any other dangerous items)
- *No fighting.
- *Do not throw anything on the bus.
- *Do not litter or damage any property on the bus.
- *Always listen to and respect your bus driver.

Bus Conduct Consequences

The severity of the bus offense will determine the appropriate sanction including potential suspension and/or loss of bus privileges.

- 1st offense: Verbal warning and parent notification
- 2nd offense: Lunch Detention and parent notification
- 3rd offense: 3-day bus suspension
- 4th offense: 4-day bus suspension
- 5th offense: 5-day bus suspension
- 6th offense: 10-day bus suspension
- 7th offense: 15-day bus suspension
- 8th offense: Loss of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year





DONATIONS NEEDED



As you tidy up closets this fall, we welcome donations to help stock our school's health room supply closet.

We are especially in need of:

- Elastic waist pants
- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts

Please ensure items are clean and clearly labeled with the size on the outside of the bag. Add a note that says "Health Room Donation."

Your generosity makes a difference—thank you for supporting our students in this simple but meaningful way!

Warmly,
GMCS



Mobile School Dentist Program

ENROLLMENT – QR Flyer

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our Family First Health Mobile Dental Team will visit your child's school during the school day to provide dental care. The school will have information on the exact dates we'll be there. After each visit, we'll send a paper home with your child that explains what we did and if more care is needed.

Dental problems are one of the main reason kids miss school. This program helps kids get dental care without missing much of their school day. The school works with Family First Health Mobile Dental Program to plan the day so it's easy for everyone. We will bill your insurance if you have it. If not, we may be able to help you find coverage. Students enrolled in the program will get the following care, as needed: dental exam(s), X-rays, dental cleaning(s), fluoride treatments, protective sealants, and oral health education.

For your child to participate, you must complete a separate enrollment form for each child each school year. You can do so easily online with a smart phone, tablet, or computer. Forms must be submitted in advance of the first visit to your child's school.



Scan this
QR code
with a
smart phone's
camera



-OR-



Type this web link into an internet browser

<https://familyfirsthealth.jotform.com/251734387844063>

If you don't have a device or internet, ask your school nurse for a paper form to fill out and return to them. We're happy to help your child stay healthy and smiling! If you have questions, please call any of our Family First Health Dental Sites.



Mobile Dentist Screening Opt-Out Form

Dear GMCS Families,
Family First Mobile Dentists will visit GMCS on October 14, 2026.

Families have the option to register their child for the no-cost Mobile Dental Program.

The program provides:

- ☐ **Dental exams**
- ☐ **Cleanings**
- ☐ **X-rays**

This is an optional opportunity for students to receive dental care during the school day. If you would like your child to participate in the full Mobile Dental Program for the 2026–2027 school year, please register using the QR code provided.

Family First Mobile Dentists will visit GMCS twice during the school year, with a second visit planned for March 2027.

Dental Screening

All students will receive a basic dental screening unless a parent/guardian opts out. If you DO NOT want your child to participate in the dental screening on October 14, 2026, please complete and return the opt out form to GMCS by Thursday, October 8, 2026.

Thank you,
GMCS

20th Annual
BAG THE BOUNTY
Food Drive

COLLECTING NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 31ST

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 10% of Adams County Residents experience food insecurity? Help United Way of Adams County collect **20,000 lbs** of non-perishable food and hygiene items for food programs serving those in the Adams/Hanover area!

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School Students, Staff, and Families: Bring non-perishable food items and hygiene products to our collection box!



Most Wanted Items

Single Serve Items ● Canned Fish & Meats ● Canned & Boxed Meals
Chunky Soups & Stews ● Canned Fruits & Vegetables ● Rice & Pasta
Boxed Cereals ● Peanut Butter & Jelly ● Powdered/Shelf-Stable Milk
Hygiene Products ● Laundry Products

For a full list of collection sites, a full list of food banks/programs served, and the opportunity to donate monetarily, visit uwadams.org/bag-the-bounty/



~ Proud Supporters of Bag The Bounty ~



The **Outlet**
Shoppes at Gettysburg



Gettysburg Best Parents Night Out



POKÉMON PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

GAMES
ACTIVITIES
PIZZA
& MORE!

KIDS PLAY. PARENTS RELAX.

Drop off the kids for a fun-filled evening of Pokémon-themed games, crafts, activities and more while you enjoy a night out!



**Saturday,
October 10th**



5:00 PM – 8:00 PM



\$10 per child

All proceeds go back to the school's PTO!



**\$8.00 for an optional
pizza party**

**TRAIN
PLAY
MAKE FRIENDS
HAVE FUN!**

**CATCH
GOOD TIMES
TOGETHER!**

**WEAR YOUR SCHOOL'S SPIRIT GEAR
OR BRING A BUDDY & EARN TICKETS
INTO A RAFFLE FOR A COOL
POKÉMON CARD SET!**



SCAN TO SIGN UP!

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GeetysburgsBestKids.com

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

The world becomes a better place
when kindness leads the way.

13 November 2026



A single act of kindness can create a ripple
effect that reaches countless hearts.

GRANDPARENTS SOMEONE SPECIAL DAY

Dear GMCS Families,

In celebration of World Kindness Day, we are excited to host a Grandparents and Special Visitors Day on Friday, November 13!

Each student may invite up to two grandparents or other special people to join them for lunch and spend some time together at school.

For the safety of our students, everyone attending must be approved by GMCS before the event. Therefore, all guests must be registered in advance using the RSVP link below. We will not be able to accommodate guests who have not registered and received approval.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 2:

RSVP HERE: <https://forms.gle/EqbQQDc5s7peMaF16>

Please complete and submit the following:

<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/volunteer/>

Additional information, including lunch times, arrival instructions, parking, and other event details, will be sent closer to November 13. We look forward to celebrating kindness and the special people who make a difference in our students' lives!

Have a wonderful day, and always remember to be kind!





We need your help!

We need your help honoring our veterans
GMCS students will be honoring veterans during the
week of November 11, 2026.

As a special patriotic tribute, students will write
letters thanking veterans for their service and for
defending the freedoms we all enjoy.

If you know a veteran, please send their name and
mailing address to Nicole Wilt at
nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org by
November 1, 2026.

Thank you for helping our students show gratitude
in a meaningful way.





NOVEMBER LOOK AHEAD

**No School
Thanksgiving Holiday**

**November 25, 2026 to
November 30, 2026**

**hello
FALL**





Save the Date

Parent Teacher Conferences 11/16-11/20

Veterans Day 11/11

Someone Special , World Kindness Day 11/13

Gift Catalog Fundraiser 10/18- 11/30

Skating Party at Magic Elm 11/23

Mobile Ag Lab 12/01-12/04



ALWAYS REMEMBER

TO BE KIND . . .