

NOVEMBER

GMCS Newsletter

GETTYSBURG MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL
Inspiring a Love of Learning

IMPORTANT INFO:

No School

November 25 to November 30



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/11 VETERANS DAY
- 250 SPECIAL EVENTS
- 11/23 GMCS SKATE NIGHT



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

250 Special events

GMCS

Monday, November 16
Red, White & Blue Day

Kick off the week by wearing patriotic colors to celebrate our community and country.
Today activities: 250 Acts of Kindness.

Tuesday, November 17
Historical Dress-Up Day
Step Back in Time!

Think Colonial America, the 1800s, Civil War-era clothing, pioneers, famous historical figures, or another favorite period in history. Costumes should be school-appropriate, and no weapons or weapon replicas are permitted.
Today activities:
GMCS Time Capsule - Each class contributes something representing GMCS in 2026: student letters, drawings, class photos, favorite books, predictions, etc.

Wednesday, November 18
Gettysburg Pride Day

Wear Gettysburg, GMCS, Pennsylvania, or local community gear to celebrate the place we call home.
Today activities: Historic Games & Recess - Try traditional children's games such as hopscotch, marbles, hoop rolling, jacks, sack races, and jump-rope games.

Thursday, Nov. 19
250 Years of Hats Day

Wear a fun hat inspired by history – colonial, top hat, bonnet, cowboy hat, or simply your favorite hat!

Today activities: 250 Challenge
Fun classroom activites in the classroom.

Friday, November 20
Future Friday: The Next 250 Years!

Dress like what you want to be when you grow up or show us what you imagine the future might look like!

I Am Part of Gettysburg" Wall - Students finish the sentence: "I can make our community better by..." 250-Piece School Mural - Give students individual paper squares to decorate. Combine 250 pieces into one giant "Gettysburg 250" mural.

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**

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.

*DoNotBring Unsafe Items onthe Bus
(Weapons, matches, lighters, vapes, drugs, or any other dangerous or unsafe objects)

*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.



Your safety is our priority! Please follow the bus safety rules to help keep yourself and others safe.

GMCS Bus Safety Stars Rock!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT GMCS

Attendance is a crucial component of academic success. Students who attend school regularly have a greater chance of achieving their goals. Each day in class is another opportunity to learn, grow, and move forward.

Good attendance benefits students not only in school, but also as they move into college and future careers. By showing up consistently, students maximize their learning potential and build strong habits for success.

On October 23, 2026, GMCS held a special raffle to celebrate students with perfect attendance during Term 1. A total of **77** students were entered for the chance to win a set of Hershey Park tickets!

Congratulations to all of our GMCS students for their excellent attendance. Keep it up—every day counts toward achieving your goals tomorrow.#AttendanceMattersAtGMCS

Hersheypark ticket winners



We’re excited to announce our beef jerky Fundraiser in partnership with Stoney Point Snacks! Each student will be sent home with a fundraising packet! Every sale helps support GMCS programs and student activities.





REGISTER, SHARE, & WIN @ www.FundPrizes.com

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School,our fundraiser startstoday!
Please take just 10 minutes TONIGHT to help your school.

With your help, we will be raising $3,000 for Student Funds. We are asking every student to REGISTER & ADD **10 or more contacts** to reach our group goal!



For in personshopping, turn in cash or checks payable to: **GMCS**

ALL Orders DUE BY **11/16/2026**

GROUP CODE **HTDP8**











Questions? Contact Nicole Wilt at (717)334-1120 or email nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org

RETURN COUPONS TO TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

SIX (6) CHANCES TO WIN

15 ITEMS SOLD	20 ITEMS SOLD	25 ITEMS SOLD
Seller	Seller	Seller
Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
Parent Signature	Parent Signature	Parent Signature

3 ITEMS SOLD	6 ITEMS SOLD	10 ITEMS SOLD
Seller	Seller	Seller
Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
Parent Signature	Parent Signature	Parent Signature

GMCS News

Join Us Now

Parent - Teacher Conferences
November 16-20

are scheduled for November
Please contact your teachers to schedule a conference.

Mobile AG Lab
November 30 to December 4

The Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab is a 40-foot mobile classroom that travels across the state of Pennsylvania bringing an interactive field trip style experience directly to schools and students in grades K-8. The Mobile Ag Lab is equipped with over 30 STEM-based science experiments and lessons, a certified teacher, and all the supplies needed for a hands-on learning experience.



RED SHIRT DAY

Let's all wear red on Friday, November 20, 2026, to show our support and raise awareness for education for children and youth experiencing homelessness!

The Education for Children and Youth (ECYEH) Awareness Week raises awareness of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, focusing on providing educational stability and consistency to students experiencing homelessness in Pennsylvania.

McKinney-Vento Act

The goal of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is to ensure that each homeless child or youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, and extra-curricular activities, as provided to other children and youths. The Gettysburg Montessori Charter School will ensure that children and youth who are homeless are free from discrimination, segregation, and harassment. Any information regarding each student's homeless status shall be handled in a confidential and professional manner by school and system personnel.

WORLD KINDNESS DAY





November 13, 2026, GMCS students will join together to celebrate World Kindness Day!

The day will include:

- **“You Be You” Rock Painting – a creative activity where students will design kindness rocks to spread positivity throughout our school community.**

We look forward to a meaningful day of celebrating the importance of kindness, acceptance, and being true to ourselves.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO BE KIND

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!



FID DAYS
(FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAY)

26-27 School Year

Student attendance for a Flexible Instruction Day will be determined by the completion and return of the assigned packet.

Completed packets must be returned on the **first day** students return to school following the FID in order for attendance to be recorded.

This schoolwide packet approach helps ensure that every student can participate successfully, regardless of weather-related circumstances. It will also:

- Help protect school-issued Chromebooks from potential damage during inclement weather.
- Eliminate concerns about internet or power outages preventing students from completing assignments.
- Provide all students with consistent and equitable access to their schoolwork.
- Create a simple and consistent FID process across all grade levels.

We appreciate your partnership and support. If you have any questions about your child's FID packet or assignments, please reach out directly to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support of GMCS!

Sincerely,
GMCS Administration

DELAYS AND CLOSINGS



Please check our website for weather delays & closing information at gettysburgmontessoricharter.org. Emails and text alerts will be sent and information is also posted on WGAL. Contact info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org if you are not receiving alerts.



GMCS Proudly presents

Family Skate Night at Magic Elm

located in Hanover

Let's roll into Thanksgiving break with some family fun!

Student admission is free.

Date: November 23, 2026

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 ***

DONATIONS NEEDED

GMCS is accepting donations for local nursing homes. Items will be collected through December 12, 2026. 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



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Dental & Physical Exam

Kindergarten and entering students: Physical Exams, Vaccinations Records and Dental Exams

3rd Grade: Dental Exam
6th Grade: Physical Exam

All students entering the public school system are required by the state of Pennsylvania to have a physical exam, vaccination record (or exemption) and dental exam on file with the school.

In addition, all **3rd graders** are required to have an additional **dental exam** completed, with a form provided to the school.

Also, all **6th graders** are required to have a **physical exam**, with the form provided to the school.

Thank you so much to everyone who has turned these forms into the school. We know it's a busy time of year and appreciate your efforts! If you are still working on making appointments or picking up completed forms - thank you! It's not too late. These forms are still needed for the 2026-2027 school year.

The forms are available on the GMCS website or can be picked up from the school. If you have any questions or can provide the date of an upcoming appointment when forms will be completed, please call the school nurse at 717-334-1120.

Thank you!
Nurse Mardy



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Look Ahead December



Winter Break Holiday
No School
December 23 - January 01

Save the Date

Winter Concert
Tuesday, December 08, 2026

Gettysburg Christmas Festival
12/5/2026

Winter Spirit Week
12/11 to 12/20



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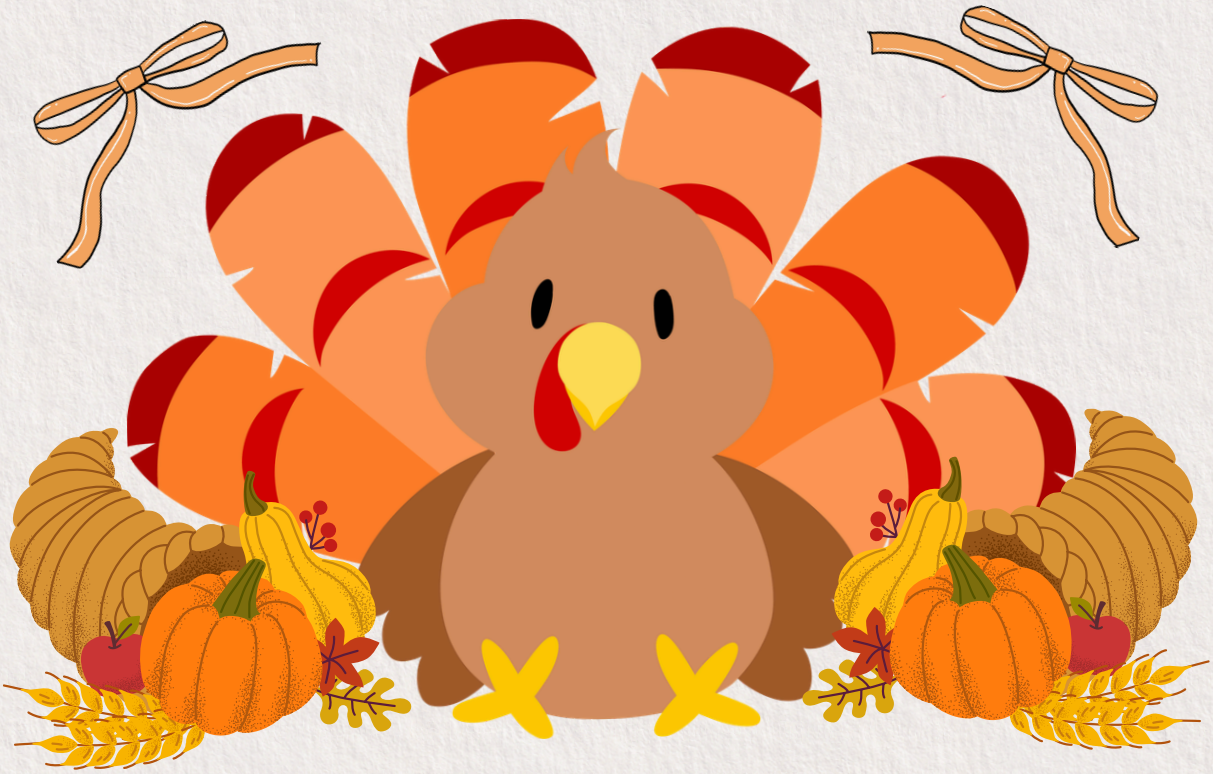
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Happy Celebration
THANKSGIVING



May your heart be filled with gratitude, your home with love, and your table with joy

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