



Gehmans Mennonite School

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Dress Code Policy

I would like to take this opportunity to remind us all of the dress code policy that we have here at school. Following are some excerpts from our Student Handbook that will help us at accomplishing this goal.

Good judgment should be exercised at all times in choosing clothing appropriate for the occasion and weather. The girls shall have their skirts and slits covering the knee when standing and shall wear a dress or blouse. Students shall not wear tee shirts that are immodest, gaudy, or have offensive words or pictures. All clothing shall express Christian ideals of simplicity and modesty. Decorative jewelry and noticeable make-up shall not be worn (this includes nail/toe paint or polish).

I ask you as parents to be mindful of what your students are wearing to school and help guide/train them in appropriate attire for school. Research studies have shown that students who ‘dress up’ for school tend to do better in their studies. Our goal is to have an atmosphere that induces learning and the attire of our students is part of that atmosphere.

Parent Teacher Conferences

It is time to begin planning and scheduling the annual conferences between parents and teachers that is scheduled for



Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8.

These conferences are an excellent way to communicate what your family’s experience is at GMS, we learn to know each other better, gauge the performance of students, and establish healthy expectations. **Please return the attached form by Oct. 20.**

You will later receive the schedule for your family.



Fiscal Year Status

Below is an indication of our current operating budget status. Please help with the school's needs as the Lord directs you. Thank you for your support!

	Income to Date	Annual Budget	Still Needed
Church Offerings	\$2,210	\$17,500	\$15,290
Donations-Business	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000
Donations-Patrons	\$441	\$41,000	\$40,559
Donations-Grandparents	\$0	\$13,000	\$13,000
Fundraisers	\$0	\$58,000	\$58,000
Other Donations	\$69,370	\$7,000	\$(62,370)
Foundation Donations	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000
Special Education Fund	\$9,280	\$27,000	\$17,720
TOTALS	\$81,301	\$182,500	\$101,199



Flu Season

We are entering flu season and we want to be cautious so that we don't have an outbreak of the flu here at school. It is recommended to frequently wash your hands. Also, surfaces that are frequently touched or handled should be regularly cleaned and disinfected.



Height, Weight, and Vision Screening

Our annual Height, Weight, and Vision screening that we are required to do is scheduled for Thursday, November 10. Please note this date as any student who misses this screening will need to be screened on a make-up date, or taken to Brecknock Elementary to be screened there.

Schedule of Events

Tue	Oct. 11	Mom's Prayer Group
Wed	Oct. 12	Jr. High Soccer Game vs. EMS at GMS starting at 12:15 P.M.
Fri	Oct. 14	3 rd grade field trip to Landis Valley
Fri	Oct. 14	1st Grade Field Trip
Wed	Oct. 19	Fire Safety Day (afternoon)
Wed	Oct. 19	6th - Colonial Lodge
Thu	Oct. 20	1:00 Dismissal due to Staff Retreat
Fri	Oct. 21	No School/Staff Retreat
Tue	Oct. 25	Soccer Game vs. Fairview Christian School at GMS, starting at 12 noon.
Thu	Oct. 27	End of 1st Quarter
Thu	Oct. 27	Grand-Parent's Hot Lunch
Mon	Nov. 7	11:30 Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences
Tue	Nov. 8	11:30 Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences
Tue	Nov. 8	Mom's Prayer Group
Thu	Nov. 10	Height, Weight & Vision

