



Gehmans Mennonite School

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Thank-You.....

- for coming and worshipping with us at the annual Christmas program. It was great to see everyone there in support of the students. We were also blessed by the offering that was lifted for the school.

- for all the cards, family pictures, delicious munchies, gifts, and all that was given to me and the staff over Christmas time. All of the gifts were a real blessing. Your thoughtfulness and kindness meant a lot to everyone.

Open House & Referral Bonus

Our annual Open House is planned for Feb. 7th & 8th. I would also like to remind you of our \$500 referral bonus that can be applied to your 2017-18 tuition for new families that enroll *because* of your referral.

You can also help the Open House activity by informing, inviting, and/or bringing people to it. You would be welcome to bring your friends and give them personal tour. Open House is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6:30 – 8 pm. And on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 9 am to Noon, we will have open house designed for classroom visits. You are welcome to come and observe the classrooms in session. If neither of the dates work for someone, please contact the office to arrange for a visit.



Packets of invitations will be sent to your pastor or church representative to help get this information out. You can help by making sure the information is made known/displayed in your church. Remember though, that one of the best ways promote GMS is to engage them in conversation about our school. Your personal testimony means a lot. And most of all remember to pray for the school and this event.

Spelling Bee/PTF



The second of three PTFs is scheduled for Monday, January 30 at 7:00 pm. This evening will be our annual Spelling Bee for the students. This will be an enjoyable evening comprised mainly of the Spelling Bee competition. An offering will be received for the student fund which supports field trips, and many other extracurricular activities. **Please plan on attending!**

Service Day at GAIN

We are looking forward to Wednesday, Jan. 25, when the entire student body will be going to GAIN in Mt. Joy for a day of service, as part of the Serve-A-Thon. *I do have room for more parent volunteers to go along for that day.* If you are interested, please let me know.



Financial Report

Thank you for the year end giving which has improved our financial status. Each and every contribution is greatly appreciated and we praise God for it.

	Income to Date	Annual Budget	Still Needed
Church Offerings	\$3,723	\$17,500	\$13,777
Donations-Business	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$6,000
Donations-Patrons	\$4,425	\$41,000	\$36,575
Donations-Grandparents	\$4,253	\$13,000	\$8,747
Fundraisers	\$31,077	\$58,000	\$26,923
Foundation Donations	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$(3,000)
Special Education Fund	\$15,691	\$27,000	\$11,309
TOTALS	\$75,169	\$175,500	\$100,331



Busing Reminder

Our bus drivers do a wonderful job of transporting your children to and from school.

I am grateful for the skilled drivers that we have.

As a reminder, there are stiff penalties for school bus drivers and their companies who use a handheld cell phone while driving. Therefore, if you have information for your bus driver, please **do not call their cell phones** while they are on their route. The best practice is to give them a note the day before of any changes, and also send a note along for the office as well. Thank-you for being considerate.



Exterior Renovation Project

Last month I had mentioned about the fundraising for the redoing of the exterior of part of the building. We are blessed and excited by the donations that have been coming in towards this project and encourage you to remember this project in your giving and prayers. When you can stop by school, feel free to ask me to see a rendering of this project.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday	Jan. 10	Jr. High Basketball Games @ EMS, beginning at 10:45 A.M.
Wednesday	Jan. 11	Geography Bee – 8:45 A.M. in the gym
Thursday	Jan. 12	End of 2nd Quarter
Friday	Jan. 13	11:30 A.M - Early Dismissal
Monday	Jan. 16	No School (Snow Make-up Day)
Thursday	Jan. 19	Jr. High Basketball Game @ Fairview, beginning at 11 A.M.
Wednesday	Jan. 25	Service Day @ GAiN
Thursday	Jan. 26	Fundraiser Hot Lunch - Parents Invited
Monday	Jan. 30	PTT/Spelling Bee – 7 P.M.
Tuesday	Feb. 7	Open House Evening (6:30-8 P.M.)
Wednesday	Feb. 8	Open House Morning (9 A.M. – 12 noon)

