



# Gehmans Mennonite School

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While I typically enjoy a good winter snowstorm, I'm not sure that I am keen on the forecast of snow after such beautiful spring-like days. However, I am not in control of the weather and am grateful that I don't have that 'job'.

Even though the weather hasn't kept us 'busy', there have been plenty of events happening at school. Since the Christmas break, we have had a Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, service day at GAiN, Jr. High basketball games, and the ending of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. All those different activities have kept life around school eventful.

## Financial Information

Following is information about the financial needs of the school. I urge you to take the time to analyze it and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

While Christian education is valuable in many ways that cannot be tied to monetary value, there is a 'cost' to make it possible. God has been faithful in meeting the needs of the school and I am praying and trusting that He will continue to provide.



	Income to Date	Annual Budget	Still Needed
Church Offerings	\$3,864	\$17,500	\$13,636
Donations-Business	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$6,000
Donations-Patrons	\$4,775	\$41,000	\$36,225
Donations-Grandparents	\$4,253	\$13,000	\$8,747
Fundraisers	\$29,723	\$58,000	\$28,277
Foundation Donations	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$(3,000)
Special Education Fund	\$15,791	\$27,000	\$11,209
TOTALS	\$74,406	\$175,500	\$101,094

## Exterior Renovation Project

I am excited about the progress in fundraising towards our summer exterior renovation project. The board has set a budget of \$150,000 for this project. At this point, we need approx. \$20,000 to meet that goal. We have contracted with Hoover Building Specialties for this project and are working on the details for timing and permits.

As we plan for this project, we will have different opportunities/need of volunteer labor to cover some aspects of the project as a way of keeping costs down. We will let these needs be known as they come up.

### **Open Positions for the coming school year**

As we plan for the coming school year, there will be some changes in staff. I am very grateful for the excellent team members that I get to work with and appreciate their dedication and hard work.



Joel Wagler (Jr. High), Georgina Good (2nd grade), and Melissa Brubacher (driver of bus #4) are not planning to be part of our staff team next year. While they will be missed, we do wish them the Lord's blessing as they move on to different callings/vocations.

We are seeking candidates to fill these positions. If you have suggestions or know of someone that might be interested, please let me know and/or make them aware of the openings.



### **Schedule of Events**

- Feb. 14 Tues. Mom's Prayer Group
- Feb. 14 Tues. Free Hot Lunch
- Feb. 17 Fri. 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service
- Feb. 20 Mon. No School/Snow Day???
- Feb. 23 Thurs. Quiz-A-Thon
- March 6-10 Mon. – Fri. Pre-KG Testing
- March 7 Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Play