



# 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 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. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. I would also like to remind you of our \$500 referral bonus that can be applied to your 2018-19 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. Open House is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8 pm. And on Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to Noon, we will have open house designed for classroom visits. 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.

## New This Year – Country & State Displays by 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are diligently preparing displays on different States and Countries. These displays will be setup in the gym for you to view on Tuesday evening (Feb. 13) during Open House for you to look at. You will also have an opportunity to look at the Wednesday morning during Open House as well.



## Spelling Bee/PTF

The second of three PTFs is scheduled for Monday, January 29 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!**

## 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.

	<b>Income to Date</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Still Needed</b>
Church Offerings	\$3,649	\$17,500	\$13,851
Donations-Business	\$3,100	\$12,000	\$8,900
Donations-Patrons	\$20,599	\$41,000	\$20,401
Donations-Grandparents	\$9,993	\$13,000	\$3,007
Fundraisers	\$33,679	\$54,000	\$20,321
Foundation Donations	\$11,000	\$7,000	\$(4,000)
Other Donations	\$12,300	\$7,000	\$(5,300)
Special Education Fund	\$11,120	\$22,000	\$10,880
TOTALS	\$105,440	\$173,500	\$68,060

## Service Day at GAIN

We are looking forward to Wednesday, Jan. 30, 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.

## 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.

## Schedule of Events

Wednesday	Jan. 10	Geography Bee – 8:45 A.M. in the Gym
Thursday	Jan. 11	End of 2nd Quarter
Friday	Jan. 12	11:30 A.M - Early Dismissal
Monday	Jan. 15	No School (Snow Make-up Day)
Wednesday	Jan. 17	Jr. High Basketball Game @ Fairview, beginning at 11 A.M.
Thursday	Jan. 18	Fundraiser Hot Lunch - Parents Invited
Wednesday	Jan. 24	Grades 5-8 go to Camp Calvary (11 AM – 3 P.M.)
Tuesday	Jan. 30	Service Day @ GAIN
Monday	Jan. 30	PTT/Spelling Bee – 7 P.M.
Wednesday	Feb. 7	Talent Program – 1 P.M. in the gym
Tuesday	Feb. 13	Open House Evening (6:30-8 P.M.)
Wednesday	Feb. 14	Open House Morning (9 A.M. – 12 noon)

