



# Gehmans Mennonite School

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## 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.



## 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 set up in the gym for you to view on Tuesday evening (Feb. 13) during Open House. You will also have an opportunity to look at the Wednesday morning (Feb. 14) during Open House as well.

## Snow Make-Up days

Since we had off on 2 different days due to inclement weather, we will be using **Monday, Feb. 19 and Tuesday, April 3**, to make those missed days up. Please note that these 2 dates will be regular school days.

## 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.

	<b>Income to Date</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Still Needed</b>
Church Offerings	\$4,607	\$17,500	\$12,893
Donations-Business	\$8,200	\$12,000	\$3,800
Donations-Patrons	\$23,249	\$41,000	\$17,751
Donations-Grandparents	\$11,068	\$13,000	\$1,932
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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$115,223</b>	<b>\$173,500</b>	<b>\$58,277</b>

**Staffing Update 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.

As was mentioned at PTF, Shannon Miller (currently teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) will be transitioning to the secretary position. This leaves a vacancy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom. Also, Joanna Hollinger is not planning to return next year as well.

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.

Also, please continue to pray that God would provide in the need for an Administrator as well.



**FEBRUARY - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- Mon. 12**      **Talent Program 1:00**
- Tues. 13      Mom's Prayer Group
- Tues. 13      Open House 6:30-8:00
- Tues. 13      Free Hot Lunch – meatball sandwiches, mac-n-cheese, carrots, celery & dip, chips, ice cream dessert & applesauce.
- Wed. 14      Open House 9:00-12:00 – Snack Menu coming on Monday
- Mon. 19      Snow Make Up Day
- Tues. 20      Jr. High going to Sunny Crest
- Thurs.22      MACSA Quiz-A-Thon
- Thurs.22      6<sup>th</sup> Grade Colonial Lodge