



Gehmans Mennonite School

Newsletter – October 2025



School Fundraiser

Our 5th Annual School Auction is scheduled for next Saturday, October 11th. Please plan to attend this event held at school. Also, tell your family and friends about the auction. There will be plenty of food, children's activities, and auction items to purchase. You can preview the items on the school website, or the school Facebook page. The auction will take place in the gym, and chairs will be provided. The auction will begin at 4:00 PM.

The proceeds from items sold at the Auction will go towards our Capital Expense Fund. The next project we have planned for the school is new pavement for the parking lot.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

A big thank you to everyone who supported and participated in the recent Golf Tournament Fundraiser for GMS. We had a good turnout and were able to raise \$13,000 for the school.

Teacher Salary Meeting, November 20, 7:00 PM

As a patron school we want to keep you informed on the life of the school. One important issue that we face each year is our teacher salaries. We would like to have an informational meeting regarding this issue, and request that the head of each household make it a priority to be at GMS for this meeting. Due to the nature of the meeting, we would ask that children not be present. Our goal is to present information to you as patrons about our teacher's salaries so that we can work together on ways to improve this.

Sycamore School - <https://app.sycamoreeducation.com>

Sycamore School is a web-based Student Information System (SIS). Sycamore School basically brings everything related to school operation, management, and record keeping into one place. While it has many features and options, we are currently mainly using it for grade keeping, attendance, library, and events (calendar).

You could think of Sycamore School as having '2 sides' to it, the teacher side and the family side. The family/student side gives you the avenue to log in and see the current grades of your children. The teachers are expected to have grades updated by Wednesday of each week.

I encourage you to log in and click around to familiarize yourself with it. This is a tool to help you stay more in touch with your student's academic progress. If you have never received an invitation to access the Sycamore website or have previously utilized this resource but are now unable to, please contact the office and we will have another invitation sent to you.

Newsletter on Website

As last year, the school newsletter is available on the website. Also, an updated school calendar has been added as well. Both the website and the Sycamore calendars are the most current. Check these calendars for event dates and times!

Bible Memory

Bible memory is an important part of the Christian school experience. We feel that Bible Memory can help students long after they leave Gehmans. This year the students are memorizing the beginning of Genesis. Bible memory is something that is not only worked on at school, but it is vitally important that this be worked on at home. Here are some pointers that may help you as you work with your students:

-Since all students are memorizing the same passage every week, review it during your family devotions and prayer time.

-Have you and your child review Bible Memory while waiting for the bus to arrive.

-Another unique opportunity that is available is the Bible memory put to song. This also helps the students review. Here is the link to review the Bible memory by song:

<https://www.gehmansmennoniteschool.com/bible-memory/>

Parent Teacher Conferences

It is time to begin planning and scheduling the annual conferences between parents and teachers. These conferences are planned to take place on Monday, November 3 and Tuesday, November 4. Please save the date! This time is geared towards evaluating the performance of student(s), communicating what your family's experience is at GMS, and establishing healthy expectations. To aid in the scheduling of time blocks for each of your children, please return the form that was sent home by this Friday, **October 10**. 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	\$6,141	\$34,000	\$27,859
Donations-Business	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Donations-Patrons	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Donations-Grandparents	\$500	\$25,000	\$24,500
Fundraisers	\$13,000	\$50,000	\$37,000
Foundation Donations	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
Other Donations	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000
TOTALS	\$19,641	\$171,000	\$151,359

Yearbook Ads

I am currently collecting designs from those who are interested in placing an ad in our upcoming yearbook.

There are 2 sizes available

1/4 page = \$100.00

1/8 page (business card size) \$60.00

Designs may be dropped off at our office or emailed to me at

valerie@gehmanmennoniteschool.org Checks may be written out to Gehmans Mennonite School with Yearbook Ad written on the memo line.

Any questions feel free to call me.

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Miss Valerie

Height, Weight, and Vision Screening

Our annual required Height, Weight, and Vision screening will be held November 7.

Kindergarten Group 1 will have theirs on November 6, and for those who missed the hearing test or need a retake that will also happen on November 6.