



Gehmans Mennonite School

Newsletter – February 2026



Snow Make-up day

We will plan on having school on Monday, February 16. On your School Calendar this is marked as a snow make-up day.

Open House

On February 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm we will be having our annual Open House here at school. If you know of anyone that would be interested in enrolling, please let them know. Also, we plan to have an open house February 11 from 9-12 noon. This is a great opportunity to see school in action.

Bus Drivers & School Cleaners Needed

We are still in need of 2 bus drivers for next school year, as well as openings for school cleaning. If you would have any interest or know of anyone who would be interested, please let us know.

Referral Bonus

I would also like to remind you of our \$500 referral bonus that can be applied to your 2026-27 tuition for new families that enroll *because of your referral*.

Registration Renewal Forms

In the next week or two, a registration renewal form and a student handbook will be sent home. Please review the student handbook and make sure you and your student(s) are aware of the school guidelines as you re-enroll for next year.

Spirit Days

We have two school-wide spirit days planned in February: Formal Day will be on February 18 and School Spirit Day (school-colors etc.) will be on February 25. Keep in mind that students need to be in school dress-code, and students will still be required to participate in normal school activities such as recess.

Country & Missionary Displays by 5th & 6th Grade

The 5th & 6th grade students are diligently preparing to display their country and missionary reports. These displays will be set up in the gym for you to view on Tuesday evening (Feb. 11) 6:30-8 and Wednesday morning (Feb. 12) 9am - noon during Open House.

March PTF– Monday, March 23

At our March PTF, Zach Weaver from Reach Christian School will be coming to share a topic, *Why School*, with us. Remember to keep this event in your plans. We will also be doing our annual board elections at this meeting.

Field Trips

As we move into the spring of this year at school, this means field trips! If you will be going along on a field trip as a parent, we ask you to respect the guidelines that we have in place for our students when it comes to the dress code. Each family should have received a student handbook. You can also access the handbook at www.gehmansmennoniteschool.com under the “Admissions” tab or stop by the office for a paper copy. Thank you for your support as we work together to teach our students responsibility and the value of respecting guidelines.

Staffing Update for the Coming School Year

As we plan for the 2026-27 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. A special thanks to each one of these staff members for what they have contributed to Gehmans Mennonite School.



Not-returning: Annika Stauffer, Kindergarten; Kayla Weaver, Second Grade; Mimy Rollman, Third Grade

We are currently seeking candidates to fill these open staff positions. If you have suggestions or know of someone that may be interested, please pass that information on to Mr. Weaver and/or make them aware of the openings.

Financial Update

	<u>Income to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Still Needed</u>
Church Offerings	\$15,772	\$34,000	\$18,228
Donations-Business	\$4,500	\$15,000	\$10,500
Donations-Patrons	\$9,701	\$15,000	\$5,299
Donations-Grandparents	\$52,176	\$25,000	\$
Fundraisers	\$28,683	\$50,000	\$21,317
Foundation Donations	\$55,600	\$25,000	\$
Other Donations	\$11,500	\$7,000	\$
TOTALS	\$176,744	\$171,000	\$56,522

We have been truly blessed this year from donations. Thank you for your support. Our financial year for school ends on July 31, 2026. Please continue to keep school in mind in your giving.