



Gehmans Mennonite School

Newsletter- April 2026



Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteer Appreciation week is April 19-25. The staff at GMS is very appreciative of our volunteers who do so much here at school. The availability and unselfish service of the volunteers helps the school operate smoothly and efficiently. **May God richly bless you!**

If you would be interested in volunteering next school year, please contact the office to see what is available.

Thank YOU!



Chicken BBQ Fundraiser, Apr 25, 2025



Let's pray together for beautiful weather for our annual BBQ event. God has often blessed this day in the past with beautiful weather, and let's not take it for granted, but petition for God's blessing on this year's event as well. Thank you for your support and hard work in selling tickets!

We are still in need of volunteers. If you have not already done so, please call to offer your help with one of the jobs. I look forward to a fun day of working together on Saturday, April 25!

Spring Program, May 1

We will plan to have an afternoon program at 12:30 p.m. Please let Grandparents know of this special time. We are hoping that this will cut down on the size of the crowd for the evening. Students will go home on the bus after the 12:30 p.m. program.

- We will have dismissal around 1:30 to go home. There will be bussing available. However, if you do plan to take your children home, please let the office know before the program starts. All students will be going on the bus unless we hear otherwise from you.
- A second evening program will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- *Please take your child to their classroom at 6:45.*
- *This year, K-2 will be sitting with their class for the whole program, so you do not need to save a seat for them.*
- *All students must dress neatly in accordance with the school dress code. Boys should wear dress shirts with dress pants. Girls should wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee and have no slits. Please dress appropriately as this is a formal event.*

An offering will be received at the program to support the operating expenses of GMS. If you would like a receipt for tax deductible purposes, please write a check made payable to *Gehmans Mennonite School*.

EITC Scholarship Applications

The EITC Scholarship application process is done annually and everyone who desires tuition assistance through this program needs to apply individually. Following are a couple of key points to remember about this program:

- The application that was emailed to you and required tax forms should be sent directly to Faith Builders Scholarship Services by **July 1, 2026.**
Faith Builders Scholarship Services
28527 Guys Mills Rd,
Guys Mills, PA 16327
- An emailed application was sent to you. If you do not have it, please contact the office to receive one.
- All personal financial income/tax information is held in strict confidence at Faith Builders Scholarship Services and not shared with the GMS Board or Administration.
- You will be notified of scholarship tuition assistance before school starts in the fall, so you will know what your adjusted tuition is at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year.

If you have any questions, please ask me. You can also call Faith Builders Scholarship Services at (814)789-4518.

Staffing Update for the Coming School Year

We ask that you continue to be in prayer for the staffing needs that are still needed here at school.

Kindergarten

2nd Grade

6th Grade

Bus Drivers

If you know of any person(s) interested in these positions, please notify Mr. Weaver.

Financial Info

Below is the current financial information. Please look this over. As we near the end of the school year, it is good to be mindful of what is needed to balance the books. We appreciate all the support that is received. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the school's operational needs.

	Income to Date	Annual Budget	Still Needed
Church Offerings	\$20,431	\$34,000	\$13,569
Donations-Business	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Donations-Patrons	\$19,895	\$15,000	\$
Donations-Grandparents	\$52,176	\$25,000	\$
Fundraisers	\$28,683	\$50,000	\$21,317
Foundation Donations	\$60,600	\$25,000	\$
Other Donations	\$39,520	\$7,000	\$
TOTALS	\$226,305	\$171,000	\$44,886



Calendar of Events

April

Tues	14	Hot Lunch
Wed	22	Kindergarten Field Trip
Thurs	23	Jr High Softball Game vs FCS at GMS at 12:00
Fri	24	3rd & 4th Field Trip, Landis Valley and Tom Sturgis Pretzel
Sat	25	Chicken BBQ
Thurs	30	5th & 6th Field Trip to Philadelphia

May

Fri	1	Spring Program at 12:30 and 7:00 at GMS
Mon	4	1st & 2nd Field Trip, Lake Tobias
Tues	5	Mile Run starting at 8:45
Thurs	7	Jr High Softball Tournament
Mon	11	Jr. High Field Trip to Baltimore.
Wed	13	Moms' Prayer Group
Thurs	14	No School—Ascension Day
Fri	15	Track and Field/School Picnic
Mon	18	Track and Field Rain Date
Thurs	21	No School—Records Day
Thurs	21	8th Grade Graduation
Fri	22	Kindergarten Graduation/Awards Ceremony
Fri	22	Last Day of School