Gehmans Mennonite School

Newsletter – November 2026



Administrator Transition

I am thankful to have come through my stem cell transplant successfully and have been recovering from that the last few months. I am very grateful for Barry Wenger's willingness to step in and fill the role of administrator in my recent absence. I am getting to the point where we will begin the transition process in my return to school. I will be around school more regularly as we work together over the next few weeks with the goal of returning full-time as soon as is feasible. I want to thank you all for your prayers and support throughout this time. –Mike Weaver

Thanksgiving Feast

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast is scheduled for Wednesday, November 25. There will be a small program following the meal, and this will take place in the gym.

As has been the tradition, students may come dressed as Pilgrims and Native Americans if they would like. Please keep in mind that the school dress code does still apply.

A big thank you to the Thanksgiving Feast committee for planning it and to all those who will be making this an enjoyable day. *Special note* - We will be dismissing for Thanksgiving Break after the program is finished, and **bus service will be provided** in the afternoon. If you plan to attend the program and take your children home, please notify Ms Shianne at the office ***before the program starts***. School will be dismissed after the program ends at approximately 2:00 pm.

December 7 - Spelling Bee PTF

Everyone is invited to come out to PTF on Monday, December 7. This evening we will be having our annual spelling bee, which will consist of students from grades 5-8. As a school, we are enrolled in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which means that the top two finishers of our spelling bee will then move on to the next round, a written test. The top 36 spellers from the written test will advance to the oral Grand Championship Spelling Bee, the final local spelling bee. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to compete with other students in academics.

School Website

You can check the school website for the school calendar, Bible memory audio, and current newsletter. Please tell grandparents to take a look. The school website can be accessed at www.gehmansmennoniteschool.com.

Christmas Programs: Friday, December 11

We will again be giving two programs. The first one will be at 12:30 p.m. in the afternoon and the second one in the evening at 7:00 pm. We encourage grandparents and friends to come to the afternoon Christmas program. We hope that having two programs may alleviate any potential parking problems.
The students are working hard during music class to prepare and **are expected to attend both programs.** This is the updated program date, so be sure to mark your calendars.

Inclement Weather Announcements

For announcements concerning school closings or delays, we will continue to use the web-based program DialMyCalls.com. I believe all of you have submitted phone numbers that have been put into the system. This system will be used to inform of cancellations and changes due to weather or other circumstances. When you receive a message from this system, the caller ID will display the school phone number (717)-484-4222. We will still have closures and delay announcements made on WDAC, and the information will be posted on their website as well.

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	$11,617	$34,000	$22,383
Donations-Business	$0.00	$10,000	$10,000
Donations-Patrons	$2,000	$20,000	$18,000
Donations-Grandparents	$500.00	$45,000	$44,500
Fundraisers	$94,940	$110,000	$15,060
Foundation Donations	$0.00	$35,000	$35,000
Other Donations	$15,160	$15,000	$0.00
TOTALS	**$124,217**	**$269,000**	**$144,943**

Calendar of Events

November

9-10	Mon-Tues	Parent Teacher Conferences–11*:30 Dismissal*
11	Wednesday	Mom's Prayer Group
12	Thursday	Height, Weight and Vision for K1
13	Friday	Height, Weight and Vision
25	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Feast - *2:00 Dismissal, Bussing Provided*
26-30	Thurs-Mon	No School - Thanksgiving Vacation

December

7	Monday	PTF: Spelling Bee @ 7:00
8	Tuesday	Hot Lunch
9	Wednesday	Mom's Prayer Time
11	Friday	12:30 Christmas Program
11	Friday	7:00 Christmas Program
17	Thursday	Jr High Basketball games vs. Way of Jesus
@ GMS *(12:00-2:00)*		
23	Wednesday	1:00 Dismissal
Dec. 24–Jan. 1, Thur-Fri		No School–Christmas Vacation

January

13	Wednesday	Mom's Prayer Time
13	Wednesday	Parents' Hot Lunch
14	Thursday	Jr High Basketball Games @ Weavertown, 11:00-2:00
15	Friday	End of 2nd Quarter
18	Monday	Parent Teacher Conferences, 1:00 Dismissal
21	Thursday	Jr High Basketball Games @ Fairview @11:15
30	Saturday	York Quiz-a-Thon*; All are welcome to come watch!*

