



Note from the Principal

Each year at this time we give our alumni and other supporters a chance to meet some needs at GMS in our End of the Year Fund Drive. Current families are, of course, welcome to give but we know that you are also paying tuition and may not have the funds to give more. The following is part of a letter that we will be sending to our alumni, current grandparents, and others. Thanks for being a part of the GMS family!

With the end of the year in mind, we covet your prayers and encourage your generous giving to the school. Looking ahead we have a vision of three ways that God is directing us to move and each of these will require a considerable amount of funds to accomplish. If you feel called to support us in any of these, we would appreciate it immensely.

1. The time has come to **replace our gym floor and bleachers** and we plan to do so this coming summer. The cost for this project is about \$200,000 and between the athletic department and the general fund we have set aside about 25% of that, which leaves us with a need of about \$150,000.

2. As you will see in #3 below, we have started the process of building additional space, but the process from design, permitting, and fundraising to the actual construction takes a lot of time. We have an immediate need and would like to meet that need with **the addition of one or two additional modular classrooms**. We are estimating that the cost to create the space we need now will be approximately \$100,000.

3. The third part of our plan is to build additional space to meet current need and to be able to continue to grow. The building that we have in mind would likely **add eleven classrooms as well as offices and other needed facilities such as bathrooms, storage, etc.** The GMS School Board has been developing this project and we hope to have plans ready within the next three months to start the fundraising and actual building process.

Thank you in advance for considering a gift to the school for one or more of these projects. We are excited about the future of GMS and want to be good stewards of the resources God provides and make wise decisions as we move forward.



Sincerely, *Mr. Duane Miller*

Christmas Fundraiser Project

Asheville Christian Academy (in North Carolina) experienced devastating loss from Hurricane Helene. We'd like to raise money for their rebuilding project.

Students may wear Christmas sweaters/shirts for \$1 and jeans with no rips (\$1) every Friday in December. Other donations above and beyond are welcome, and we have a matching donor if we can raise \$3,000 by January 1!

Homeroom teachers will collect the money, and the class who raises the most will get a donut reward celebration in January.



Lunch Price Change

* Please note that as of January 1, 2025, cafeteria lunch prices will change to the following:

PreK & Kindergarten	\$3.25
Grades 1-4	\$3.75
Grades 5-8	\$4.25
Grades 9-12	\$4.50



December 2024

GREENWOOD MENNONITE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 9 4:15 🏀 Vars Girls Bball @ Calvary 5:45 🏀 Vars Boys Bball @ Calvary Cheesy Mac & Ham	10 6pm Elementary Christmas Concert (K–4th grade) Taco Salad	11 9th grade trip to DC Pizza	12 8:30 Elem (PreK–1st) Chapel: Cindy Long 3rd–4th grade field trip Orange Chicken & Rice	13 8:30 HS Chapel: Connection Groups 9:30 MS Chapel: Jill Deputy 4:30p 🏀 Vars Boys Bball @ Rockbridge Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches	14
16 4pm 🏀 Vars Girls vs Seaside 5:15 🏀 MS Boys vs Central 6:30 🏀 Vars Boys vs Central Pork BBQ	17 6pm Middle & High School Concert (5-12) Bands and Choirs Chicken Nuggets & Rice	18 10th grade trip to DC Pizza	19 8:30 Elem (PreK-4th) Chapel: Carol Sing-a-long w/ Kevin Yoder 4pm 🏀 Vars Girls Bball vs Concord 5:30 🏀 Vars Boys Bball vs Concord Ham & Potatoes	20 8:30 HS Chapel: Sandy Good 9:30 MS Chapel: Sandy Good 9:30 1st/2nd to Country Rest Home 1:30 Powder Puff Volleyball Games Hot Dogs	21
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30	31	January 1	2	3	4
SCHOOL WILL BE OUT OF SESSION THE WEEKS OF DEC 23–27 AND DEC 30—JAN 3. ENJOY FAMILY TIME AND CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR!					
January 6 4pm 🏀 MS Girls @ Country School 4pm 🏀 Vars Girls vs Chestertown 5:30 🏀 MS Boys @ Country School 5:30 🏀 Vars Boys vs Chestertown Chicken & Rice Casserole	7 French Toast	8 9:30 School-Wide Mentoring Pizza	9 8:30 Elem (2nd–4th) Chapel Konnect HQ Taco Salad	10 8:30 HS Chapel: Matt Deputy 9:30 MS Chapel: Matt Deputy 4pm 🏀 MS Boys @ The Cross Varsity Basketball Tip-Off Tournament Hot Dogs	11 Varsity Basketball Tip-Off Tournament

Please send yearbook photos to gmsyearbook@gmsflames.org | Please note that the lunch menu is always subject to change at the cook's discretion.