

Note from the Principal

Connections. That word has come up a lot in our discussions this year as we prepared for and started school. Connections with others are one of the most important aspects of our daily lives. We long for connections when we are lonely, and connecting with others can bring a smile to our faces. And yet in a world where we are connected 24/7 through our electronic devices, true connection seems more elusive than ever before.

Helping students truly connect with other students and with their teachers is important to us here at GMS. We want to do our part to create times and spaces for that to take place. That looks a little different for the different-aged students. For our younger grades it means playtime where students are monitored but allowed time to play freely. Studies show that free play is vital to young children learning how to cope and get along in the world. For a little older student, it might mean working in groups and encouraging them to help each other and learn together. For the older students, group work is also important and we have found it important to put them in groups with students that they wouldn't necessarily choose to work with on their own. Close friendships are hugely important but learning to work with anyone is also important.

I think we would all agree that cell phones are one of the enemies of connecting with others. This is true for students and for adults. Putting the phone down and chatting directly and without distraction is a challenge we need to meet head on. We often want to tell our kids to "put the phone away and look at me". We may need to look in the mirror and say the same to ourselves - I'm talking to myself here as well.

Study after study has shown that less screen time leads to happier and more settled kids. (If you are considering a smartphone for your middle schooler, wait, we need to talk.) I challenge each of us adults to model what it looks like to put down our devices and connect with those in front of us. It is a battle worth fighting.



Mr. Miller

GOD IS OUR
REFUGE
&
STRENGTH
A very present
HELP
in trouble
PSALM 46:1

See You At The Sign

September 25, 2024 | 7:30am

We'd like to invite any and all (students, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, etc.) to a time of worship and prayer around our school sign. Our freedom to have prayer and Bible teaching in our school is a privilege we don't take lightly. We welcome your prayers for our students, staff, faculty, administration and school board!



September 2024

GREENWOOD MENNONITE SCHOOL CALENDAR



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 9 4pm 🏐 Vars VB @ Seaside 4pm ⚽ MS Soccer @ Epworth 4pm 🏐 MS VB @ Epworth Pork BBQ Sandwiches (chips/coleslaw)	10 Chicken-etti	11 3:15 pm 🏐 Instructional Volleyball Pizza	12 8:30 Elem (2nd–4th) Chapel: Ms. Geiser 4pm ⚽ Vars Soc @ Fairwinds 4pm 🏐 Vars VB @ Fairwinds Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches	13 <i>Grandparents' Day (8:20–9:30)</i> 4pm ⚽ MS Soccer @ Delmarva Chr. 4pm 🏐 MS VB @ Delmarva Christian Chili & Rice	14
16 4pm ⚽ Vars Soccer @ Holly Grove 4pm 🏐 Vars VB @ Holly Grove 4pm ⚽ MS Soccer vs. Holly Grove 4pm 🏐 MS VB vs. Holly Grove Cheesy Ham & Potatoes	17 4pm ⚽ Vars Soccer vs. Faith Baptist 4pm 🏐 MS VB vs. Faith Baptist 5:15 🏐 Vars VB @ Faith Baptist Mexican Shepherd's Pie	18 3:15 pm 🏐 Instructional Volleyball Pizza	19 8:30 Elem (PreK-1st) Chapel Chicken Tender Wraps	20 8:30 HS Chapel: Connection Groups 9:30 MS Chapel: Ms. Geiser 4pm ⚽ Vars Soccer vs Concord 4pm 🏐 MS Volleyball vs Concord 5:15 🏐 Vars VB vs Concord Sloppy Joes	21 🏐 Varsity Volleyball– Tome Tournament
23 Mid-Term 1 Meatball Subs	24 9am NED Show Assembly Chicken Nuggets and Rice	25 7:30 am See You at the Sign 3:15 pm 🏐 Instructional Volleyball Pizza	26 8:30 Elem (2nd–4th) Chapel 4pm 🏐 MS VB @ Calvary 4:15 ⚽ Varsity Soccer @ Calvary 5:15 🏐 Varsity VB @ Calvary Taco Salad	27 PreK–1st Grade Library Visits 8:30 HS Chapel 9:30 MS Chapel Pizza Bites	28
30 4pm 🏐 Vars VB vs Seaside 4pm ⚽ MS Soccer @ Worcester Pr 4pm 🏐 MS VB @ Worcester Prep Chicken & Rice Casserole	October 1 4pm ⚽ Vars Soccer vs Holly Grove 4pm 🏐 Vars VB vs Holly Grove Cheeseburgers	2 3:15 pm 🏐 Instructional Volleyball Pizza	3 8:30 Elem (PreK-1st) Chapel: Mr. Miller 4pm ⚽ Vars Soccer vs Chestertown 4pm 🏐 Vars VB vs Chestertown Orange Chicken	4 8:30 HS Chapel 9:30 MS Chapel 4pm ⚽ MS Soccer @ Salisbury Chr. 4pm 🏐 MS VB @ Salisbury Chr. Hot Dogs	5