GREENWOOD MENNONITE SCHOOL PARENT PAGE

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PRAYER WALK Reminder

Join us Sunday, November 1 at 5pm for about an hour. Meet outside of the office, and we will walk the school premises and hallways, and cover GMS in prayer!



You're Invited to Thanksgiving Dinner

PreK/K	10:40 - 11:05
1st /2nd	10:50 - 11:15
3rd /4th	11:10 - 11:35
5th - 8th	11:30 - 12:00
9th - 12th:	12:00 - 12:30

November 19 | Adult Meals are $12.00

Greenwood Mennonite School Fall AUCTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

- **Breakfast 7am - 9:30**
- **Auctions (Live & Silent) begin at 9am**
- **Lunch Concessions served at 10:30**
- **Class baskets will be sold at 11am**

How can you help? We need items to sell! Anyone wishing to donate to the LIVE auction MUST HAVE items to the school by 7:00pm Thursday, November 5th. Baked Sale Goods can be brought the day of.

Message from the Principal: Mr. Miller

I recently read *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. There are very few books that I would call "must-reads" for parents and educators but this is one! Go read or listen to the book, you won't be sorry!

The subtitle of the book is *How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.* At the risk of sounding overly dramatic, I agree with Haidt that the current prevalence of technology use by children, including social media, Youtube, and video games, is truly rewiring their brains. But, I don't believe our children are doomed to this fate; it is worth bucking the trend and making certain that our children's experience is different from that of most of the world today.

One of the biggest challenges in working with students is helping them learn to interact with their peers in a healthy, kind, and Christlike manner. This changes as students go from elementary to middle school and then again as they go to high school. At each level it is a little different due to hormone changes and other factors. This challenge is made exponentially more difficult for middle school students if they have a smart phone!! Things are said by text and on social media that would never be said face to face. For some reason, mean words are easier to type than they are to speak. And often things are taken in a way that was never intended because you can't tell the tone when it is an electronic communication.

The author of the book suggests four foundational reforms that I believe are worth considering for every family and every school, including GMS. They are

1. *No smartphones before high school*
2. *No social media before 16*
3. *Phone-free schools*
4. *Far more unsupervised play & childhood independence.*

Technology is not inherently bad. The internet and smart phones are amazing and helpful in many ways. However, putting these things in the hands of our children can have a huge negative impact that will affect them for life! ***Guard your children well.***

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2026 November

*A special note that the athletic calendar is up-to-date at the time of printing, but games change often. Please check gmsflamesathletics.com/calendar for the latest schedule.

Please note that the lunch menu is always subject to change at the cook's discretion.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
2	**3** • 8:30 Elem (2nd-4th) Chapel: Julianna Mast	**4** • 8:30 HS Chapel: Matt Deputy • Middle School Day Out	**5** • **No School (Parent Teacher Conferences)**	**6** • **No School (Parent Teacher Conferences)**	**7** 
Mexican Shepherd's Pie	*Cheesy Ham & Potatoes*	*Pizza (HS: Salad Option)*	*No Lunch Served*	*No Lunch Served*	
9	**10** • 8:30 Elem (PreK - 1st) Chapel: Julianna Mast	**11** • 8:30 HS Chapel: Aaron Routon • 9:30 MS Chapel: Aaron Routon • 2:15pm Poetry Contest (K-4)	**12** • 9am All School Mentoring • 9:45 2nd Grade to Country Rest Home	**13** • **LifeTouch Picture Day**	**14**
Meatball Subs	*Chicken-etti*	*Pizza (HS: Salad Option)*	*Chicken Nuggets*	*Hot Dogs*	
16 • Treble Choir Festival - Wilmington, DE	**17** • 8:30 Elem (2nd - 4th) Chapel: Tom Bull	**18** • 8:30 HS Chapel: Connection Groups • 9:30 MS Chapel: Jill Deputy	**19** • Thanksgiving Lunch	**20** • 3rd & 4th Grades Field Trip • 5:15 Vars Boys 🏀 @ DE Valley Classical	**21**
Chicken & Rice Casserole	*Taco Salad*	*Pizza (HS: Salad Option)*	*Thanksgiving Lunch*	*Ham & Cheese Sliders*	
23	**24** • 8:30 Elem (PreK - 1st) Chapel: Tom Bull	**25** • **No School**	**26** • **No School**	**27** • **No School**	**28**
Chili & Rice	*Cheeseburgers*	*No Lunch Served*	*No Lunch Served*	*No Lunch Served*	
30 • **Mid Term 2** • 4pm MS Boys 🏀 vs Central • 5:15 Varsity Boys 🏀 vs. Central	**December 1** • 8:30 Elem (2nd - 4th) Chapel: TBD	**2** • 8:30 HS Chapel: Matt Deputy • 9:30 MS Chapel: Matt Deputy	**3** • 1:30 All School Mentoring	**4** • 4pm MS Girls 🏀 vs Salisbury Christian • 5:30 MS Boys 🏀 vs. Salisbury Christian • Varsity 🏀🏀Teams @ Harford Tournament	**5** • Varsity 🏀🏀 Teams @ Harford Tourn-ament
Cheesy Mac & Ham	*Orange Chicken*	*Pizza (HS: Salad Option)*	*Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese*	*Pork Nachos*	

Be thankful Together