



Green Valley School Planning Priorities 2014-2015



School Mission

Parents, students and staff striving together to create a safe, caring learning environment which promotes academic excellence while validating the uniqueness of the individual as a contributing member of the community.

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School Planning Priorities for 2014-2015

Priority Area #1 - We will improve learning for all through focus on Literacy and Numeracy.

Initiatives:

- ❖ We will continue to implement First Steps Numeracy diagnostics and interventions for grade 5 & 6 students.
- ❖ We will continue to improve on our Strong Connections program for our students in grade 5 & 6.
- ❖ We will test reading levels of all middle years students twice per year and provide interventions for all students below grade level in reading comprehension.
- ❖ We will continue to implement the Grade 9 *Reading is Thinking* subject area literacy course.

Priority Area #2 - We will improve learning for all through engaging instruction, relational teaching and purposeful planning and assessment.

Initiatives:

- ❖ We will continue to increase the use of Mimeo interactive projectors in classrooms to further develop learning strategies utilizing information and communication technology.
- ❖ We have implemented a new Learning Centre for senior high students and are developing teaching strategies that address diversity through the Universal Design for Learning.
- ❖ We will take part in Dream Box Learning which will provide rigorous math curriculum for deep conceptual understanding in a highly engaging technology based learning environment.

Priority Area #3 – We will develop a positive school culture through emphasis on respect, student voice and social justice.

Initiatives:

- ❖ We have developed opportunities for student leadership in both Middle Years and Senior Years through development of a GVS Student Advisory Group.
- ❖ We will continue to develop opportunities for student involvement in social justice, social responsibility and ESD initiatives.
- ❖ We will continue to promote student voice through participation in the *Tell Them From Me* student surveys.
- ❖ We will continue to develop school-based anti-bullying, respectful behaviour initiatives at all grade levels.

About Us

General Information About the School

- GVS is a grade 5-12 school with 515 students, 38 teachers and 20 educational assistants. We teach a full academic program including French and German, Home Ec and Tech Ed, Business Ed and ICT.
- GVS is organized into a grades 5-8 middle years division in which home room teachers teach all core subjects, and a grades 9-12 senior years division in which students attend classes taught by subject area specialists.
- GVS supports Visual and Performing Arts with grades 5-12 Art classes, Choir and Band classes at all grade levels, plus two major dramatic productions per year.
- GVS features a Physical Education program at all grades that includes full inter-school sports programming in Hanover School Division and MHSAA Zone 13 AA leagues.