

GVS Sports—Senior Years

Our High School Athletic season is off to a great start!



Our co-oped Boys and Girls Soccer teams continue to work hard as they prepare for Zone 13 Championships on Friday October the 7th. In order to participate in Zones, teams must rank in the top 3 within our League. Currently our Boys are tied for 1st with three other teams. This should make for an exciting final week of league play! Good Luck Boys. Our Girls have had a solid first season, but will finish just outside of the top 3 this year and will finish off their season this week.

Our Cross Country team is busy training for zones, which will be held at the Pine Falls Golf Course on October 4th. Participants will then be making their way up to Nelson House for Provincials on October 12th. Our bus will be leaving on the 11th heading for Thompson, MB, and then will travel to Nelson House on the 12th for the race, before returning home that evening.

September has been a busy month for our Volleyball teams, as they prepare for the upcoming season. Our Varsity Boys and Girls kicked off their season Sept. 23rd and 24th with tournaments. The Boys travelled to Kildonan East winning 5th place! Our Girls travelled to Morris where they finished 3rd. Zone 13 league play kicked off September 27th for our JV's and our Varsity league play commenced October 3rd. Good Luck to all teams on their upcoming seasons!

For more information on league games, tournaments and practices for all our teams, please visit www.gvs.hsd.ca and click the calendars tab to view the "Pirates" calendar of events.

GVS Sports—Middle Years

The Cross Country Running team attended two meets this year, one at Abe's Hill and the other at AD Penner Park. Taylor Huska in grade 5 was our top finisher with a 7th overall standing. Next year we would like to see more involvement out of our grade 5 – 8 students as Cross country is a great sport to prepare for other things like volleyball, soccer, hockey and ringette.

Our volleyball teams will be kicking off their seasons with games in the first week of October. The grade 7 & 8 Girls have league games on Tuesdays while the grade 7 & 8 boys play on Thursdays. Game times start at 5:30. Check the school website for a schedule of games. Good luck to our coaches and players in their upcoming season.



All urban bus routes are posted on the HSD website with times and maps. Any bus **urban or rural** that will be late due to weather or mechanical issues is listed on the HSD website in the bus delay area.

The website is at: hsd.ca

Go to drop down menu of Departments /Transportation where you can choose:

1. School Bus Delay Bulletins where any bus that is late is posted with approximate delay.
2. STEINBACH URBAN BUS ROUTES - When you go to your school specific routes and click on the map icon you will see times as well as a map AM/PM displayed.

Thank you for checking these options before calling the Hanover School Division Transportation Department with your questions regarding bus delays and Steinbach urban bus route times and maps.

GVS NEWS



Principal Angela Burtack-Schinkel ~ Vice-Principal Marlin Adrian

We have enjoyed a wonderful start to the new school year! What resonates with me the most as I walk through the school and visit classrooms, are the happy faces of students who are engaged in their daily learning. I am pleased to see the level of commitment, creativity, and excellence our students bring to their daily work, assignments, and projects. I am delighted to see the students' natural curiosity and critical thinking skills at work as they delve into their work projects with eagerness and excitement.

Our students have immersed themselves in all aspects of GVS life where risk-taking, new opportunities, and fun are incorporated. Varsity Sports, Electives, Choirs, Bands, Drama, Art and more provide our students with a wide range of extra-curricular activities to ignite their interests.

We were very honoured to welcome volunteers from the Grunthal Food Bank to our FCC Food Drive Assembly. The FCC Food Drive is one of our major social justice initiatives for the school year. Our goal is to bring in over 7000 pounds of food for the community of Grunthal. We also would like to thank the staff and students over at South Oaks for participating in this year's Terry Fox Run. This event not only reminds our students about the sacrifice Terry made, but it also lends us a great opportunity to build stronger partnerships within our community. We would like to thank the members of the Grunthal Fire Department for their continuous support in this event. Our dedicated fire fighters always provide a safe route and manage the traffic during our run. Thanks to the Grunthal Food Bank volunteers for the BBQ and to all staff and students that helped organize such a successful event.

Many thanks to all parents who attended the recent Meet the Teacher night, Grad Parent night and our Parent Information evening on Deeper Learning. We hope that you found the presentations informative as we spoke about the overall vision of Our Kid, innovative additions to our curriculum and programming, and topics that pertain to your child's grade level. If you were unable to attend any of these meetings, please feel free to contact GVS or check our website.

If you have not already done so, please mark our Parent/Teacher Conferences on your calendar for November 22, 2016. We are also looking forward to this year's first band concert, taking place on Oct.27 at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing our parents at both of these events.

GVS students are eagerly anticipating an array of exciting events this month. Please visit our website for further information.

From our GVS family to yours, we wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

~ William Arthur Ward

Yours in Education,

Principal ~ Angela Burtack-Schinkel



October 3-25

School Wide Chocolate Fundraiser

October 4

Volleyball Season Starts

October 5

Provincial Milk Run

October 10

Thanksgiving Day—NO CLASSES

October 13

Grade 12 Options (SRSS)

October 14

Eastman Choral Workshop

October 21

SAGE Day—NO CLASSES

October 27

Fall Music Concert (Grade 7-12) & Bake Sale

October 28 & 29

JV Boys & Girls Volleyball Tournament

October 31

SY Admin Day—NO CLASSES

MY PD Day—NO CLASSES

Chocolate Sale Fundraising

Chocolate sales began on Monday, Oct. 3rd. Note that there is a slight change in packaging - more chocolate for \$3 per box and \$90 per case. To encourage sales we will be having daily draws for smaller prizes and gift certificates, and several large prizes that will be drawn at the end - dinner and a movie, iPad mini, and Jets Tickets. Money raised from the sales will be used for funding activities such as field trips and special events at GVS, sporting events, subsidizing yearbooks and student council activities, and saving for and a new play structure.



Chromebooks

Chromebooks were rolled out Thursday and Friday (Sept. 29 and 30th) and students are excited by the potential of this new technology. Any students that didn't get Chromebooks on Thursday or Friday but are still hoping to get one, please see Mr. Adrian. If insurance was not purchased there is a two week opportunity to still purchase it, until Oct. 14th. Students that don't have a Chromebook can sign one out for the day from the library. Additionally, If you have any questions or concerns, or need information about the Chromebooks, please contact Mr. Adrian.

Band News

Choral Workshop - Friday, October 14th

Choral Workshop is a full day event that takes place in Steinbach. Students who enjoy singing from across Hanover School Division get together to spend a day singing under the leadership of expert choral conductors and voice teachers. If your child would like to participate in this event, please contact Mr. Neufeld by October 5th.

Fall Concert - Thursday, October 27th

Our annual Fall Concert will take place on October 27th at 7:00pm in the school gym. All band students and this year for the first time, all of our grade 5 & 6 students will be part of the concert as well. Students need to arrive by 6:45PM and go to the assigned classrooms.

Dress Code for Fall Concert:

Grade 7-12 Bands - Band uniform shirt, Black Dress Bottoms, Black Shoes

Grade 5 & 6 Students—Solid Coloured Tops and Dark Bottoms—NO shorts

Fundraising and Bake Sale

At the fall concert we will kick off our fundraising for this years band trip. We will be holding a bake sale before and after the concert.

GVS 2017 Band and Choir Trip

This year the grade 9—12 bands and choirs will be going to Edmonton to participate in the Cantando Music Festival. We will be leaving on April 9th and returning on April 13th. We will send more info home with students over the next few weeks.

Drama News

SAVE THE DATE! Green Valley School is excited to announce that it will be presenting its first student led production. *Hamlet Hears a Who* is a one-act Shakespeare, Dr. Seuss mash-up that does away with iambic pentameter and goes straight to the rhyme! Performance dates are set for November 24th and 25th. You won't want to miss it!

FCC Food Drive

The food drive is on! In recognition of World Food day, our school is once again participating in the Farm Credit Canada Drive Away Hunger program by collecting donations of food for kids and adults who are hungry in our area. We are so thrilled to be partnering with **Grunthal Caring Hands Food Bank** to insure that the food collected is distributed to families in our area.

On Thursday, September 22nd, we had an assembly to kick off our 6th year of collaborating with FCC. Volunteers from the Grunthal Caring Hands food bank were invited to share about the work of the food bank, how important this food drive is to the operation of it, and that 250 kids benefit regularly. Two challenges were thrown out: if we collected 6000 lbs of food, Bobby Friesen agreed to wear Justin Bieber clothing for a week, and if we collected 7000 lbs of food, Ms. Schinkel said she would shave her head in front of the school. Seeing 7000 lbs of food would be amazing!

In support of the food drive, students could bring "tins for the bin" for the Terry Fox BBQ this year. Thank you to Grunthal Bigway for helping sponsor the BBQ, along with the school. Thank you to the Caring Hands Food Bank volunteers and Student's Council for serving. The food drive continues **until Friday, October 7th**. Thanks to our students, youth groups, families and staff for shopping, collecting and bringing in food. We have just over 2000 lbs so far. Keep bringing in those non-perishable food items!

Community News

- **FCC Food Drive:** On the evening of Wednesday, October 5th, grade 7-9 students will be collecting food in the town of Grunthal. Students interested in helping out, meet at the Bergthaler church at 7pm. Call the church for more information.
- The Hanover School Division Public Consultation on Divisional Budget is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th @ 7:00pm at the HSD Office - 5 Chrysler Gate in Steinbach.
- **Immunizations** for grade 6 girls and boys will be November 21st starting about 9:30AM. Parents, please have your child's consent forms handed into the office as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Public Health Nurse (Southern Health-Santé Sud) Jocelyn King-shot - jkingshott@southernhealth.ca.



FCC Drive Away Hunger

Most needed items:*

- Pasta products and rice
- Canned meat and fish
- Dry and canned soups, stews
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Flour
- Breakfast cereal
- Peanut butter
- Canned or powdered milk
- Fruit juices
- Pasta sauce
- Beans and legumes
- Infant formula and baby food

*provided by Food Banks Canada

