

School Safety Reminders

The safety of students is a priority at Green Valley School, both while students are at school and on their way to and from school. As we start the 2016 year we would like to remind students, parents and guardians of procedures we have in place to ensure student safety and some tips for you to review with your children.

- Upon their arrival at the school, all guests (including parents and former students) must sign in at the office and wear a visitor tag
- Parents picking up or dropping off students should do so at the EMB Church or on the South side of Park St by the staff parking. There is no parking on the West side of Oak St.
- Students walking to and from school should walk with a friend or family member, refrain from talking with strangers and, if approached by a stranger, students should let an adult know upon their arrival either at school or at home
- Students walking to or from school should not walk through the buses in the bus loop but instead make their way to either end of the bus loop and use the sidewalk
- Students riding the buses should follow bus safety procedures as posted in all buses
- All students should only arrive at school after 8:25 a.m. unless previous arrangements have been made with a teacher, as supervision of students only begins at 8:25 a.m.
- **Please remember that the speed limit in the school zone is 30km/h - we have lots of foot traffic around the school throughout the day**

We thank you for your help in keeping our students and your children as safe as possible.

Grade 5 Aboriginal Day Field Trip

The grade five Aboriginal Day field trip will take place on Wednesday, September 21 in Kleefeld. Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather as the event will take place rain or shine. If parents are interested in volunteering, please remember that in accordance with provincial regulations, all volunteers must have completed a child abuse registry form prior to the event (by Friday, September 16). Please contact the GVS office in person to do so.

High School Students Changing Courses

Please note that students have one complete school-day cycle to change courses. That means all course changes for semester 1 need to be completed by September 16th. Course changes must be approved by the parents/legal guardians of the student and are subject to limitations because of maximum class sizes. Please see Mr. Gerbrandt to make these changes.

Middle Years Sports Report

Welcome back to our students and to our new grade 5's as we head into another athletic calendar year. Looking at the calendar, September is one of our busiest months. September 28th is our annual Terry Fox Run. Parents and community are welcome to join in as we jog, walk around town from 11:00 am to 11:40. Thanks in advance goes out to our local fire department for helping out at designated spots along the route.

Volleyball practices will be starting as early as the second week of school. Please check the school website for practice times as we will be starting the week of September 12th. Anyone interested in being an assistant or head coach for one of our gr 7 volleyball teams are to contact Sheldon Hill at the School. We are still without a gr 7 boys and girls volleyball coaches.

The Cross Country Running team will have a meeting on Thursday, September 8th in the gym at 12:15 to discuss practice times and run dates. The following runs are on the calendar. Run #1 at AD Penner Park is Friday September 23rd and the second run at Steinbach soccer complex is on Friday September 30th. Any parents wanting to help chaperone are to contact the school. Also any parents who are involved in volunteering at the school or will be volunteer driving this year are to fill out forms in the office ASAP.

Senior Years Sports News

The Green Valley School Athletic Department is looking forward to the beginning of the 2016-2017 Athletic Season. We are very excited to have a full slate of teams competing in Volleyball, Soccer and Cross Country Running to start the year off! Practices will begin Sept. 8 and 9th with the following teams:

Sept. 7th: JV / Varsity Boys Volleyball 4-6 @ South Oaks

Sept. 7th: JV / Varsity Girls Volleyball 6-8 @ South Oaks

Sept. 8th: Varsity Boys Volleyball 4-6 @ South Oaks

Soccer Practices TBA (refer to Pirates calendar on website)

Please refer to our website <http://www.gvs.hsd.ca/> for a complete update on practice schedules, league games and tournaments for our respective teams! Just click the "Pirates" calendar!

Our Soccer teams will be co-oping with ICSP this year and will play under the title "GVSP." We are very excited about this co-op as it will give students in each community a chance to play on a High School Soccer team, and grow the sport within our area. Soccer league play will be getting underway Sept. 10th with a mini tournament for our boys teams, held at the Steinbach Soccer Complex.

We are currently searching for a Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact Justin Hart at 434-6415 or by e-mail: juhart@hsd.ca

At the beginning of the athletic season, our student athletes will be presented with a player contract. This contract outlines the athletic, academic and behavioral expectations of students in order to be eligible to play for our teams. It also contains some important information for parent conduct, as well as fee information. Please make sure you review this with your student athlete, sign the contract, and have it returned with the fee to the general office before the student athlete plays their first game for the team.

We will once again be partnering with Momentum Fundraising to sell our GVS discount cards, which offer purchasers discounts at local shops. All athletes will be attending an informational meeting (date TBA), where incentives will be explained for selling the cards.

We want to wish everyone an excellent start to the school year and remember, GO Pirates GO!

Chromebook Roll Out

Over the summer the division invested a lot of money in technology for our school. All of our now classrooms have Apple TVs which will be used for projecting from the iPad. All grade 5 and 6 classrooms have a bank of ten Chromebooks (small laptops) installed which will allow students to work on their computer projects in class. Additionally, at the end of the month, all grade 9 and 10 students will be receiving their own Chromebook for work at school and home. Before this happens though, there will be a meeting on September 27th for parents to provide information and discuss any concerns; stay tuned for more information.

Community News

Mitchell Rec Hockey for grade 3 to 6 is starting in October. Cost is \$120 for the year with Saturday morning ice time. Visit mitchellrec.weebly.com for more information and to register; space is limited.

** Feel Free to contact cwark@hsd.ca to add your events to GVS Community News **

Green Valley School 2016-2017

Sept. 5	Labour Day	Feb. 10	SY Student Voice Meeting (9-12)
Sept. 6	School Admin / PD Day	Feb. 20	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
Sept. 6	Meet the Teacher	Feb. 21-23	Scholastic Book Fair
Sept. 6	PTA Meeting & BBQ (PM)	Feb. 21-23	Optimist Festival (Gr 8 & SY)
Sept. 7	Great Expectations Gr. 5 & 9	Feb. 24	HTA PD Day – No Classes
Sept. 8	First day of Classes Gr. 5-12	Mar. 10	MY Admin Day – No Classes
Sept. 8	Awards Assembly @ 11AM	Mar. 10	SY PD Day – No Classes
Sept 14	Picture Day	Mar. 10	Grad Portraits
Sept. 15	Parent Grad Mtg in Library 630p	Mar. 14	Basketball Finals
Sept. 16 & 19	Strong Connections Gr. 5 & 6	Mar. 16	Spring Concert (7-12)
Sept 19	FCC Food Drive	Mar. 17	MY Report Cards Issued
Sept 20-21	Grad Retreat – Camp Arnes	Mar. 22	MY Parent/Teacher Interviews
Sept. 23	HSD Cross Country Run #1	Mar. 22	Grade 9 Orientation
Sept. 28	Terry Fox Run	Mar. 24	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
Sept. 30	HSD Cross Country Run #2		Spring Break
Oct. 3-25	School Wide Fundraiser - Choc	Mar 27-31	Spring Break
Oct. 4	Volleyball Season Starts	Apr. 3	First Day of Classes after Spring Break
Oct. 5	Provincial Milk Run		Spring Break
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day – No Classes	Apr. 7	SY & MY Admin/PD Day – No Classes
Oct. 11	URIS Training	Apr. 13	SY Report Cards Issued
Oct. 13	Grade 12 Options (SRSS)	Apr. 14	Good Friday (No Classes)
Oct. 14	Eastman Choral Workshop	Apr. 20	SY Parent/Teacher Interviews
Oct. 21	SAGE Day - No Classes	Apr. 20	Art Show
Oct. 27	Fall Music Concert (7-12)	Apr. 21	Grade 5 Night at the Museum
Oct 28 & 29	JV Boys & Girls Volleyball Tour	Apr. 21	Community Clean-up
Oct. 31	SY Admin Day – No Classes	May 2	Badminton Round Robin Tourny
Oct 31	MY PD Day – No Classes	May 4	Badminton Final
Nov. 3	Take your Kids to Work (9s)	May 4	Open House
Nov. 4	SY Report Cards Issued	May 22	Victoria Day (No Classes)
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Service	May 29-June 1	Grade 12 ELA Standards Exam
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – No Classes	June 1	Grad Farewell Supper
Nov. 14	SY PD Day – No Classes	June 6	SMS/CMS Gr 5/6 Track Meet
Nov. 14	MY Admin Day – No Classes	June 7	1500M Run Gr 5-8
Nov. 16	Picture Retakes	June 7	Small Schools Track Meet Gr 5/6
Nov. 18	MY Reports Issued	June 7	Gr 5 Orientation
Nov. 22	Volleyball Finals	June 8	Tri-School Track Meet Gr 5/6
Nov. 22	MY Student Led Conference	June 9	Barb Cheop Track Meet Gr 7/8
Nov. 22	SY Parent Teacher Interviews	June 9	Barb Cheop Track Rain Date
Dec. 8	SY Christmas Program	June 12	Gr 12 Pre-Calculus Math Exam
Dec. 14 & 15	Fair Trade Festival Sale	June 13	Rain Date SMS/CMS Track Meet
Dec. 15	MY Winter Program @ GVS	June 14	Rain Date 1500M Run Gr 5-8
Dec. 22	Christmas Breakfast & Assembly	June 14	Rain Date for Small Schools Track Meet
Dec. 19-22	Spirit Week	June 15	Gr 12 Applied Math Exam
Dec. 22	Last day of classes before break	June 15	Rain Date for Tri-Schools Gr 5-6 Track Meet
Dec. 23-Jan 6	Christmas Break	June 15	Summer Concert Gr 7-12
Jan. 9	First Day of Classes	June 19	HSD Soccer Day
Jan. 10-13	Grade 12 ELA Standards Test	June 19-23	Final Assessment Block Gr 5-12
Jan. 19	MY Student Voice Meeting (5-8)	June 27	Grad Rehearsal/MY Activity Day
Jan. 23-25	Grade 8 @ Camp Cedarwood	June 28	Graduation
Jan. 24	Basketball Season begins	June 28	Last Day of classes before break
Jan. 24	Grade 12 Applied Math Exam	June 28	Assessment Make-up Day Gr 5-8
Jan. 25	Grade 12 Essentials Math Exam	June 29	HPETA Meeting
Jan. 26	Grade 12 Pre-Cal Exam	June 29-30	Admin Day/ Final Report Cards Issued – NO Classes
Jan. 30-Feb 2	Final Assessments (9-12)		
Feb. 3	SY Admin Day – No Classes		
Feb. 3	MY Admin Day - Classes		
Feb. 6	Semester 2 Begins (9-12)		
Feb. 9	Grad 2017 Meeting		
Feb. 10	SY Report Cards Issued		

*Please note that circumstances may necessitate changes, additions or deletions as the year progresses.

GVS NEWS



Angela Burtack-Schinkel -Principal
Marlin Adrian, Vice-Principal

WELCOME BACK!! Whether you are a new student to GVS, or a returning student, we are very excited to have you part of our GVS school community. The staff at GVS is honored to be travelling along with you on your Middle Years and Senior Years journey. Your teachers are excited and looking forward to working with our students in a safe, supportive, and engaging school community. Our entire staff at GVS continues to thrive on building strong, meaningful working partnerships with our students, their families, and with the entire community of Grunthal....after all, "It takes a village to raise a child."

GVS has very proud history of exemplifying excellence. We have high expectations for all of our students in academics, social justice, extra-curricular, student government and how we treat one another. As a staff it is one of our goals to foster and help support students in becoming the best that they can be. We want our GVS students to be recognized as contributing citizens, creative thinkers, engaged team members, life-long learners, students of strong character, and students that can think deeply and communicate effectively.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome aboard our new Vice-Principal Mr. Marlin Adrian. We are very excited to have Mr. Adrian join our team here at GVS. Mr. Adrian brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our school community. Please feel free to stop by GVS to meet and welcome Mr. Adrian to the community. I would also like to welcome four new staff members to GVS for the start of the school year. Ms. Anasia Persowich—Human Ecology, Mr. Gord Dueck—SY's Math/Science, Ms. Cassandra Paches—French/Phys.Ed, Ms. Whitney Reimer—ELA/French and Mr. Ken Peters—Grade 5. We wish all of our new staff members all the best as they begin this year here at GVS. I would also like to welcome the new Principal at South Oaks, Mr. Dale Martens to the community of Grunthal. Mr. Adrian and I look forward to working closely with Mr. Martens and his staff over at South Oaks.

GVS would also like to welcome and announce our team that will be joining us from HSD Student Services.; Speech/Language—Wendy Smook, Psychologist—Nick Enns, Social Worker—Brigitte Hildebrand, Occupational Therapist—Kellie Heintz, Physiotherapist—Kelsi Abbott, Programming Support—Lorie Lenchyshyn. The GVS school community sincerely appreciates the dedication, the contributions and the expertise our clinicians provide in supporting the academic and social/emotional growth to all of our students.

I am very honored to be returning back to GVS for my fourth year to serve you and your children. I look forward to working with parents throughout this school year. I encourage you all to see yourselves as active partners in our learning community here at GVS. There is no doubt that when home and school work together, we can make a difference in our students' education and ultimately in their lives. Let's all make a commitment to give the students at GVS our very best.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with your comments, suggestions, concerns and praises. Have a terrific start to the school year.

Angela Burtack-Schinkel

September 2016

Month at a Glance:

September 6

Meet the Teacher

September 7

Great Expectations Gr. 5 & 9

September 8

First day of Classes Gr. 5-12

Awards Assembly

September 14

Picture Day

September 18

6:30 pm - Grad Parent Meeting

September 16 & 19

Strong Connections Gr. 5 & 6

September 20-21

Grad Retreat – Camp Arnes

September 21

Gr. 5 Aboriginal Day

September 23

HSD Cross Country #1

September 26

HSD Cross Country Run #1

September 27

Grade 9 & 10 Parents Chromebook Meeting

September 28

Terry Fox Run

September 30

HSD Cross Country #2