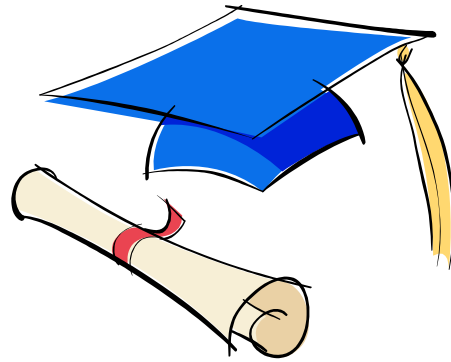


GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL



Graduation Handbook 2017

Graduation Requirements:

Students must obtain 30 credits to receive a **provincial** graduation diploma:

Grade 9 students must have the following 5 credits:

English/Math/Social Studies/Science/Phys. Ed. & Health

Grade 10 students must have the following 5 credits:

English/Math/Geography/Science/Phys. Ed. & Health

Grade 11 students must have the following 5 credits:

English/Math/History/Phys. Ed. & Health and a minimum of another Gr. 11 Dept. of Education credit

Grade 12 students must have the following 6 credits:

English/Math/Phys. Ed. & Health and a minimum of another two Grade 12 Department of Education credits

In addition to the compulsory courses, another 9 course selections must be made to complete a minimum of **30 credits** for graduation. These courses may be selected from any of the options that the school makes available.

Pre-requisites for Post-Secondary Programs:

It is the responsibility of each student to continually check to ensure that they have all pre-requisites to enter the post-secondary institution or vocational opportunity of their choice. Since pre-requisites differ from institution to institution and are subject to change, students must make a point of continually updating their information so that they make appropriate course selections.

Mr. Gerbrandt will provide course selection counseling to all Grade 12 students.

Graduation

Students who earn 30 credits, including all the required courses, are invited to participate in a school graduation sponsored by the Hanover School Board and GVS.

The Board provides a per capita amount to cover the cost of a basic graduation banquet and convocation for all graduates. Graduates and their escorts and parents/guardians are invited guests of the Board and the school at both of these events. The Staff Grad Committee of the school is responsible for the planning of these official graduation events, although suggestions and requests from the graduation class may be considered. **Any other activities associated with graduation are not school sponsored and we ask that no school time be taken to raise funds or to organize such activities. Likewise, the school cannot participate in promoting or organizing such activities.**

Choosing the Valedictorian

Graduates will vote for valedictorian from a list of high-achievers in the graduating class chosen by the Senior High teachers. Those students who receive the most votes will be approached as candidates to give the valedictory address at the convocation. The valedictorian represents an example of the class' achievement and character.

Criteria for the valedictorian short list include:

- Academic achievement
- Respect of the faculty and the community
- Exemplary attendance and behavior

The valedictory address should be an articulate and dignified formal speech about the past, present and future of the graduating class.

Grad Individual Portraits

These have been scheduled for Friday March 10. Grads will have to sign up in February and pictures will be taken from @ 8:30 am – 3:30 pm on the 10th of March. This is an Administration Day, there will be no regular classes on this day. Pictures will be taken at GVS in the gymnasium.

Grad Supper

On June 2, 2016 staff and GRADS get together for one last school trip. GRADS will be transported to Quarry Oaks for supper by HSD Transportation Dept. This school outing will cost each GRAD \$25.00. Students will depart from GVS at 5:15 pm.

Distribution of Rose

During the recessional, grads will receive a rose to pass on to someone that has impacted their educational journey through the past 13 years.

Pre-Convocation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal is at 10:00 am at the Evangelical-Free Church in Steinbach Manitoba. ALL GRADS are to meet at GVS and ride the school bus to the GRAD rehearsal. The rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, June 27th, 2017. All graduates are expected to make arrangements to attend and to be punctual so as not to inconvenience the entire group.

GRAD Group Picture

It has been a long standing tradition for a formal GRAD Group picture to be taken at the Grunthal Fair Grounds. It is imperative all GRADS show up at 12:30 pm at the fair grounds on the June 28th. (Day of GRAD)

Convocation Ceremony

Convocation – The convocation ceremony is at 4:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Free Church, 360 McKenzie Ave. Steinbach Manitoba on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 28th, 2016. All graduates are expected to be at the church a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of convocation.

Invocation – Mrs. Schinkel asks the pastor of a local church on a rotational basis to deliver the invocation.

Greetings from the Board – Our local trustee will be invited to deliver greetings on behalf of Hanover School Division.

Awards and Scholarships – Mr. Gerbrandt will invite outside sponsors to present their awards during the convocation. School awards and any awards not presented by sponsors will be presented by staff.

Presentation of Diplomas – Mrs. Schinkel, assisted by Ms. Rachel Thiessen (VP) and Mr. Cam Gerbrandt (Acting Principal & Guidance Teacher) will present graduates with their graduation diplomas.

Gown - Graduates are responsible to see that their gown is returned to the designated staff member after the convocation. The grad cap and tassel are souvenirs to be kept by the graduate. Any gowns that are not returned or damaged a student will be charged \$500.00

Banquet

The graduation banquet is sponsored by HSD and hosted by GVS staff. The administration and staff members look after the arrangements for the banquet. These include:

- Booking the venue
- Selecting and ordering the number of meals
- Arrange seating arrangements with input from the graduates (place 2 graduates and their guests per table)
- Prepare place cards for the tables
- Prepare a list showing the order in which the graduates will enter the banquet room.
- Banquet will begin at 6:45 pm

A letter is sent to each potential graduate in early May inviting the graduate, their escort, and their parents/guardians to attend the banquet. In early June, each graduate is asked to confirm if they are bringing an escort and the number of parents/guardians that will attend. This is an important date to remember. The selected caterer establishes a date by which they are to be notified with the number of people attending, it is imperative that the graduate forwards this information to Mr. Gerbrandt as early as possible.

If any person attending the banquet has allergies to a particular food or is vegetarian, it is the responsibility of the graduate to notify the staff member in charge of this so an appropriate alternative can be made for a meal for that person(s).

For seating arrangements, graduates are asked to choose another graduate that they would like to share their table with as two graduates and their guests are seated at each table. If the graduate does not have a preference, then another graduate will be selected to share the table.

Graduates are informed at the dress rehearsal of the time they are to be at the banquet venue and the order in which they will enter.

At the banquet venue, graduates will be announced one by one to make their grand entrance. Parents and others are welcome to take pictures as the graduate makes their way to their respective table. Families will be assigned tables by the school planning committee.

Appropriate areas are set up for pictures to be taken – individual, family, group pictures.

Often a PowerPoint presentation is prepared of the graduates and is running prior to the start of the banquet for all to see.

Grace at the banquet is delivered by the pastor of one of the local churches on a rotational basis.

Emcee – The Vice Principal will emcee the banquet.

Teachers' Message to Graduates – A teacher may bring tributes to the graduates with prior arrangement.

Parents' Message to Graduates – A parent or two, may bring tributes to the graduates with prior arrangement. Grads will need to create a short list of Parents to approach.

GVS Alumni Message to Classmates – Former GVS alumni may bring tributes to the graduates with prior arrangement.

Students who are short of credits for graduation are not considered graduates and may attend the banquet as one of the invited guests of another grad.

Graduation Awards

Following is a list of graduation awards we expect to be able to give out at convocation, pending continued sponsorship from our generous community donors.

Grads take note: Most monetary awards are given to students who are registered for post-secondary education the next year and who are active participants in school life. In some cases, the amount of the award is applied directly against tuition in a qualifying post-secondary institution.

Monetary Awards

Scholarships/Bursaries – at graduation, several awards are given to students who plan to continue their education at a post-secondary institution.

- University Entrance Scholarships – awarded automatically by the universities through the application process on the basis of high school marks. Value is set according to a graduated scale, beginning with 80%.
- Chown Centennial Scholarship – awarded to the top graduate at GVS with an average of 85% or higher, who is enrolled full-time at the U of M the following year and who meets the U of M admissions criteria. Value: \$500

NON-MONETARY AWARDS:

- Laureate Awards – Certificate – average 80% or higher over the 15 compulsory mark-based credits.
- Governor-General's Bronze Medal – an award of distinction given to the GVS graduate with the highest academic standing in Grade 11 and 12 courses.

REGIONAL MONETARY AWARDS

- Hanover Teachers' Association Scholarship – one award available to 3 rural Hanover schools, awarded on the basis of a scholarship test written by 2 candidates nominated by the staff from each school. Candidates must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution. Value: \$500.
- Hanover Teachers' Association Education Award – awarded to a Hanover graduate enrolled at a university or college. Interested students should see Mr. Gerbrandt for an application. Value: \$500.

