

Senior Years' Student Council

Spirit Week, a GVS tradition, happens every year at the end of October. This year, spirit week was full of new activities like: cool whip & cheezies, frozen t-shirt relay, and peanut butter sandwich eating, all of which were a great success in promoting GVS school spirit. Back by popular demand was the penny race, which raised over \$1000 for South East Helping Hands!

December is a busy month for the Senior Years Student Council. We are starting a new GVS tradition this year. A pancake breakfast, is being planned for the last week of school in December. Also in December is the annual Christmas Banquet. This year the banquet will be held on **Thursday, December 10th**. The 10th is closer than it seems, so get your tickets to the banquet as soon as they come out.

Don't miss out! GVS gear is coming. We've got hoodies, t-shirts, lanyards, and even stainless steel water bottles. Everything you need to be a true GVS pirate, on sale soon.

Philanthropy Club

This year's Philanthropy Club consisted of seven Grade 12 students who volunteered their time over several lunch hours to meet with a representative of the Loewen Foundation to learn about philanthropy. The group then interviewed different charitable organizations around Grunthal and the surrounding area. After the interviews, the students narrowed down their selections to four main organizations that all held values that were important to them such as education, health, safety, and building community. After thoughtful debates and conversations, the Philanthropy Club decided to donate the Loewen Foundation's \$2000 grant to the Grunthal Menno home to purchase food cabinets. The cabinets will play a big part in making the Menno Home a safer facility while enhancing the lives of the residents. The students were able to present the cheque to the Menno Home's facility manager, Maria Krentz, at the annual luncheon in Steinbach. The Philanthropy Club would like to thank the Loewen Foundation for the grant and the opportunity to make a difference in their community.



Yearbook News

Forget to order a yearbook last week? You can still order the 2009/2010 yearbook. There will be an additional \$5.00 charge for late orders, so a yearbook without personalization costs \$35.00 and \$40.00 with personalization.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Thank you to all parents, community members and work places who hosted students on Wednesday, November 4th for Take Our Kids to Work Day. Green Valley School had 79 Grade 9 students who were able to experience the world of work on that day. The students learned a great deal and have increased their knowledge about the world of work. Thank you!

Universities, Colleges and Scholarships

Check out our school website and the Grad 2010 link. It has many valuable links and information on universities, colleges, careers, scholarships, etc:

<http://gvs.hsd.ca/Grad2010.html>

Many universities and colleges have early admissions policies and deadlines. Many of these are fast approaching. If you or your son/daughter are interested in applying, you can contact Mr. Cam Gerbrandt for more information or you can contact the post-secondary institution in which you are interested.

Scholarships are a great way to decrease the cost of post-secondary studies. When the school receives information on scholarships, notices and posters are put up in the Grade 12 area of the school. Students should pay attention to these and watch for new posters that might pertain to them and their interests. Another useful resource which lists numerous scholarships and bursaries available to our graduating students is <http://www.studentawards.com/>.

Christmas Hampers

The GVS food hamper drive has begun! Starting on Monday, December 7th, students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items that will be collected and given to Grunthal Ministerial. As an added incentive, a number of GVS staff have offered to color their hair on the last day of school if a specific amount of food is brought in.

Medical Discovery Day

On November 6th, two of our high school students and one teacher were able to attend a Science Medical Discovery Day in Winnipeg. They learned

about various aspects of the Health Care system and participated in a variety of tasks and occupations related to Science and Health Care.

Sports News

The annual high school ringette tournament is taking place December 27th – 30th at the Oak Bluff Arena. Come out and cheer on our team as they look to capture another medal! The schedule will be posted on the schools website once it becomes available. Go Pirates go!

Green Valley Sports Dept. is looking for basketball coaches for Gr. 7 and 9 girls teams. Any parents wanting to volunteer are to call Mr. Hill at the school.

Religious Exercises

All parents who would like their children to attend daily religious exercises should have signed a petition or written a letter to the school giving permission for their children to attend. If you haven't done so, you may still write a letter to GVS. Please note that we do not take attendance for religious exercises; if you expect your children to attend, you will need to check with them that they are actually there.

Gideon New Testaments

Once again, the Gideons International of Canada are making New Testaments available to all Grade 5 students. In order to receive a New Testament, students will need to fill out a request card, have it signed by a parent or guardian, and return it to their homeroom teacher. New Testaments will then be distributed to all Grade 5 students who have returned their cards, with parental approval.

H1N1 Immunization Clinic Information

Manitoba Health and regional health authorities are starting to make the H1N1 vaccine available to all Manitobans who need or want and will benefit from the vaccine.

Parents looking for information on the immunization clinics can call the automated South Eastman Health/Santé Sud-Est Flu Line at 1-877-371-9159 for flu clinic updates or visit our website at www.sehealth.mb.ca.

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An H1N1 Clinic will be held in Grunthal at the Lions Club on Wednesday, December 2nd from 2 – 6 pm.

Christmas is a season of hope
and joy!
We wish all of our staff,
students and families
a New Year filled with the
special peace and love of
Christmas!



Christmas Greetings from the
Hanover School Division
Board of Trustees and
Administration

Hee Haw Variety Show – A Huge Success!



The Hee Haw Cast & The Kounty Kornfield Band



Sound & Lights and Backstage Crew



Makeup Crew

In the past weeks, Green Valley School, in conjunction with the GVS PTA, presented its annual dinner theatre production. This year we performed the drama, *Hee Haw*, based on the old television show of the 70's and 80's. The production was a great success and was enjoyed by cast, crew and audience alike on each of its three performance nights. There are several wonderful things about the dinner theatre that are worth highlighting:

- ❖ The actors on stage were a collection of about 20 GVS students, a number of parents, several alumni, an EA, a librarian and a school administrator, all working side by side.
- ❖ The band was composed of three GVS teachers, a few parents and a couple of students. They sounded great.
- ❖ Sets were constructed by a few teachers and parents, helped out by several students. The barn looked incredible and worked perfectly.
- ❖ Sound and lights were done by parents and students. Make-up was done by parents and students, EAs, and student teachers. Publicity, tickets and programs were done by a number of GVS staff. Photography and video were done by students. All of this came together well.
- ❖ A group of PTA members and parents made sure that the meal was served and tables were set. They were joined by a large group of students who helped serve meals, clean tables, serve coffee and tea and wash dishes. Together, they made sure that all of this happened.
- ❖ Direction was provided by a GVS teacher, Margaret Wiens, who not only brought the whole production together, but actually joined a group of parents and alumni and wrote the entire production. What a great job!
- ❖ The audience was sold out each night; around 500 family and community members joined in the celebration.

One of our school goals is to develop links between the school and the community. There cannot be many events that do so as dramatically as the dinner theatre.