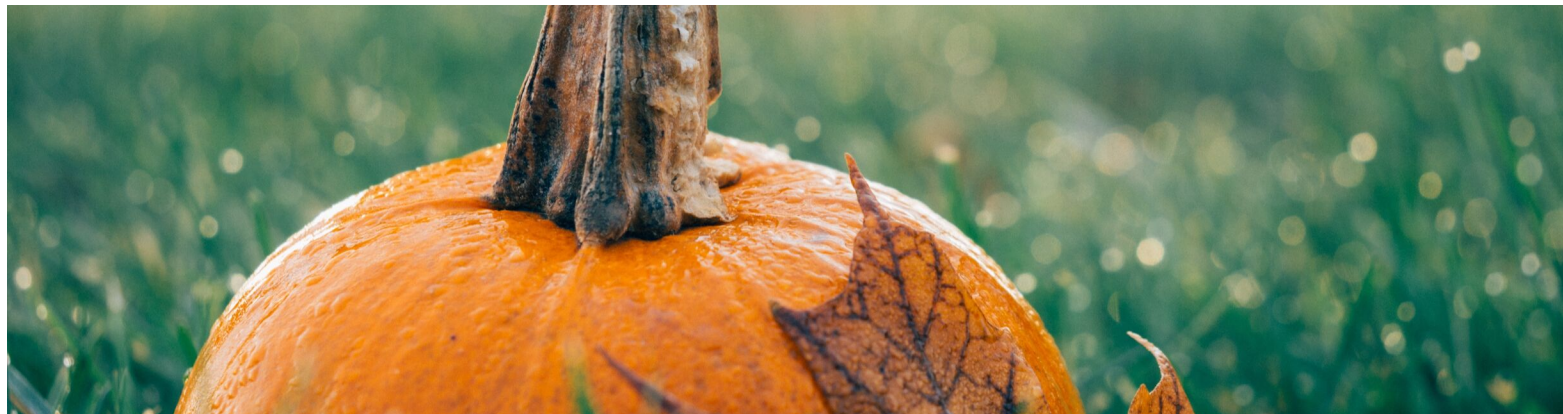


GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct 7- Oct 28
School Wide Fundraiser-
Chocolate Sales

Oct 10
Grade 12 Options

Oct 14
Thanksgiving Day
(No Classes)

Oct 18
Eastman Choral Workshop

Oct 23
Fall Music Concert
(Gr. 7-12 @7pm)

Oct 25
SAGE/MTS Day
(No Classes)

Oct 26
JV Boys and Girls
Volleyball Tournament

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fall is in the air, the leaves are changing color and the temperatures are starting to dip to single digits. With the start of fall, we want to acknowledge and wish all of our farming families much safety and bountiful crops during this harvest season. Fall is a spectacular time of the year with all of the rich colors that mother-nature puts on display for all of us to enjoy.

We were off to a VERY busy start to the 2019-2020 school year. Strong Connections, Picture Day, Grad Retreat, Terry Fox Run, Kick off to the FCC Food Drive and the start to our annual Chocolate Fundraiser and Orange Shirt Day. With all of the activities and excitement that come with these events, our students have been able to settle nicely into their new learning environments. Making new friends and getting to know new teachers, has been a very memorable start for our students and staff.

Our school community at GVS will be very busy for the month of October. Our extra-curricular programs are in full swing. Our school wide social justice program this year continues to be the FCC Food Drive. We would like to thank all of our parents and community members in advance, for their continued support in helping GVS bring in food for the Grunthal Helping Hands. We certainly could not reach our projected goals without the support from our community members. GVS Band students will be putting on their first show of the season on October 23 at 7:00 pm at GVS. Come on out and enjoy an evening of great talent.

Parents/Guardians are reminded that if they have any concerns surrounding their child's progress, parents are asked to connect with their child's teacher. Your child's teacher is able to answer any questions or concerns you may have about what is happening in their learning environment on a daily basis. Teachers can be reached via email or by phone. We as a staff truly appreciate the open lines of communication we establish with the parents of our school community.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, please remember: Thanksgiving is a time to give, a time to love, and a time to reflect on the things that matter most.

HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

SCHOOL FEES

As we begin October, we kindly remind all students to pay their outstanding school fees. Without these fees getting paid, we hamper the opportunities for our students to take part in some of the most engaging and highly interactive learning opportunities possible. These fees include, volleyball, cross-country, ART, BAND instrument rental fees, HUMAN ECOLOGY, and TECH ED FEES. Students in grades 7-12 taking any of these courses, will have fees that will need to be paid. THANK-YOU for your attention towards getting these fees paid.



BUSING

A reminder to students that are on the second bus wave, you must stay in your class room until the second bus dismissal bell. As well that GVS students are to load onto their bus at GVS and NOT at South Oaks School.

SY SPORTS

This fall sports seasons are upon us and our Soccer, Cross Country and Volleyball teams are busy preparing for a very important month of October.

- GV-SP (Green Valley – St. Pierre Co-op) soccer teams continue to battle hard, as they work their way toward Zone Championships in Niverville, on October 10. Good luck to both teams on their remaining games this season as they fight for a spot in Zone 13 Championships! For a complete league schedule visit <http://z13aa.weebly.com/>.
- Our Cross Country running teams are busy training for zones, which will be held at the Pine Falls Golf Course on October 2nd. Participants who Qualify from our Zone will head to Stony Mountain on October 16 for Provincials.
- September has been full of practices for all of our Volleyball teams, as they prepare to get their league schedules underway in October. The season is off to a great start, with our Varsity Boys finishing 3rd at the Warren tournament! The Zone 13 High School Volleyball league will kick off September 25 with the Varsity Girls traveling to Steinbach Christina for a pair of games. For a complete run down of the Volleyball Schedules, please visit the Zone 13 website at <http://z13aa.weebly.com/>.
- We are very pleased to offer Green Valley Pirate Pridewear through our online store! The store offers a wide range of wear including Hats, Hoodies, T-Shirts, Sweatpants, bags from brands such as Under Armour, Champion and Russell. You can check out the wear at <https://greenvalleyschool.entripyshops.com/> or follow the link on our website. All orders are completed and paid for online and can ship right to your door or to the school for pickup.
- A reminder that all contracts must be completed and athletic fees paid to the general office. A failure to pay fees will result in ineligibility of the athlete to play in league games and tournaments.
- All game results will be posted at www.mhsaa.ca, along with current Provincial Rankings.
- For practice times and league games, visit www.gvs.hsd.ca and access the Pirates calendar.
- For all Zone 13 information and League Schedules visit our Zone 13 league website at <http://z13aa.weebly.com>.



MY SPORTS

Our sports programs are well underway as our Cross Country Running and Volleyball teams have been busy practicing. The Cross Country Running team had one race rained out and are awaiting their one and only race on Friday, September 27th at AD Penner Park. Thanks goes out to Mrs. Babij and Mrs. Skelton for running with our athletes. The results will be in the next newsletter.

As for Volleyball, the coaching staff includes Mr. Grant (gr. 7 boys), Desirae Enns (gr. 8 boys), Ana Persowich (gr. 7 girls) and Kara Friesen, Judith Driedger and Katelyn Corbin (gr 8 girls). The league games begin the first week of October and run till the middle of November. The girls will play on Tuesdays while the boys play on Thursdays. Schedules will be out shortly and put on the school website. Come on out and cheer on our teams!

YEARBOOKS

2018-2019 yearbooks are still available for sale, \$30, at the office.

"THE DRIVE FOR FIVE...PLUS TWO"

The food drive is on! Our school is once again participating in the Farm Credit Canada Drive Away Hunger program. All donations go directly to our local food bank. The food drive runs until Friday, October 4. Get those non-perishable food donations in... if we make it to 7000 pounds, Mr. Gord Dueck will get a new hair style to celebrate... a green mohawk! Some students are shopping, some students are collecting from their family and neighbours. Let's make the Drive for Five happen again! A few of the most needed items are: rice, dry pasta, canned meat, canned fruit or veggies, pasta sauce and canned soup.



MUSIC

We would like to invite you to the annual GVS fall concert, presented by the grade 7-12 GVS bands on Wednesday October 23. The grade 7's will be making their debut on the concert stage, so come on out with your family and friends and enjoy this start to the band concert year.

Eastman Choral Workshop will be on Friday October 18. The choral workshop is a special opportunity for students from GVS and across Hanover School Division who enjoy singing. Participating students will spend the day in Steinbach singing with other students in their grade bracket (grade 5 - 12) under the expert leadership of professional choir directors. This is an opt in event, and email, google form and paper signup forms have been sent out for students to sign up. If you would like more information about this event, please contact Mr. Neufeld.

OPTIONS

On October 10, all grade 12's in Hanover will attend a field trip at the SRSS. There, students will be able to speak with representatives from a variety of post-secondary options - including universities, colleges, Bible schools, the RCMP and more. In the evening, there will be a Parent Information session beginning at 6:30 pm starting with a 30 minute presentation held in the SRSS Theatre. This will be followed by display booths and coffee held in the Gold gym. Display booths will be open until 8:00 pm.

POST-SECONDARY NOTE

Beginning in 2021, those starting at the University of Manitoba will need to take both an English course and a Math course at the University. This may affect which math course students wish to take in grade 10, 11 and 12. If you have any questions about requirements for university or college programs, please talk to Mr. G.

TAKE YOUR KID TO WORK

November 6th is the annual Take Our Kid to Work Day. On this day, parents, friends and community hosts welcome grade 9 students to experience a day of work. Instead of coming to school, all grade 9 students are out seeing what working for a living is like. So don't be surprised if a grade 9 student you know asks if you are willing to be their host that day. As long as students are registered with the school, they are covered by Workplace Safety & Health that day. Grade 9 students will be receiving registration forms. Thanks to all for their preparation and planning for this day.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER



Students will be carrying home cases of chocolates on Monday, October 7. All chocolates are peanut free, and the Laura Secord chocolates are nut free. Each child will be given the choice of which case (almonds or Laura Secord) they want to take home.

As chocolates are sold, please send in money as soon as possible and in the largest denominations possible. Cheques may be written to the school for the entire \$90. Students selling one complete case of chocolates will be entered to win a variety of daily prizes. Larger prizes at the end of the sales including a movie and dinner night, speakers, headphones and a variety of smaller prizes. To get a ticket into the draw, students must sell their case and have money returned by October 28.

If you do not wish to have your child sell chocolates, please contact the office by email gvs@hsd.ca or phone 204-434-6415.