

# GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL



## MONTH AT A GLANCE

**September 12**

Parent Grad Meeting  
@6:30 PM

**September 13**

Strong Connections  
(Gr. 5-8)

**September 16**

Strong Connections  
(Gr. 5-8)

**September 17**

Picture Day

**September 17- October 4**

FCC Food Drive

**October 19**

SAGE/MTS Day  
(No Classes)

**September 18**

Gr. 5 Indigenous Day

**September 24-25**

Grad Retreat

**September 30- October 21**

Chocolate Fundraiser  
(Gr. 5-12)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear GVS parents and community, welcome back to Green Valley!

Greetings to everyone, whether you are new to Green Valley School or if we've worked together for the last few years, welcome to an exciting new school year! This has been a busy summer for the administrative team and staff participating in professional development, planning activities for character education, designing lessons for the new school year, and working hard to put the best possible staff in place for our students. I am so excited about the 2019-2020 school year with approximately 490 students currently enrolled at GVS.

It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our GVS school community. Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to grow in their social/emotional and academic abilities while attending GVS. At GVS we have GREAT teachers who spend hours planning and creating learning activities to engage our students in their learning journey. Our teachers utilize research-based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current skill levels and to help set goals for growth and improvement for all of our students. We believe that once our students leave GVS they will be prepared for the demands of post-secondary education, meaningful careers in the trades industry and to be positive contributing citizens.

Our staff is eager to work with your children this school year. We consider it a privilege to be a part of their lives. GVS is fortunate to have the following new staff members bring their talent and experiences to our school: Mr. Alexander Grant (grade 5), Mr. Jonathan Kornelsen (grade 7 and 8) and Mr. Connor Wiebe (Physical Education). We are bidding farewell to two very dedicated and supportive Educational Assistants. We wish Mrs. Helen Beaudette and Mrs. Sylvia Reimer all the best in their future endeavors. We would like to welcome Ms. Desiree Enns to our team of EA's. Green Valley School is also excited to host two teacher candidates from the University of Manitoba. We wish Ms. Olga Serdeschni and Ms. Alana Donohoe all the best with their field experience. GVS is also thrilled to welcome back Ms. Helen Robidoux as our divisional Learning Coach for the school year.

We hope that you will find our website helpful and informative. Parents are reminded that all extra-curricular practice and game schedules can also be found on our school website. Daily announcements are also posted and updated every day. In order for us to serve our students in the best way, it is necessary that you update information unique to your family each year. Please contact our main office if you have had an address change or if contact information changed over the summer months.

Please note our school hours for the 2019-2020 school year: 8:00 am–4:30 pm. If you are driving your student to school in the morning please drop them off after 8:25 am. Adult supervision will begin at 8:25 am daily. Another very important safety announcement regarding student drop offs: NO vehicles will be permitted in our bus loop (the front of our building and parking lot) between the following times: 8:20-9:00 am and 3:25-4:00 pm. There will be signs out to remind our school community about this new safety procedure. We want to ensure that our bus traffic and passengers have the safest environment for unloading and loading our students on a daily basis. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in helping us achieve this.

Throughout the year we send many pictures and updates via Twitter. If you are interested in getting those fun posts, please follow us on Twitter at @GrnValley.

I am honored to be entering my seventh year as principal at GVS. I am blessed to serve such an amazing school community where staff, parents, students and community members strive to build positive, lasting relationships that support academic and social growth in all of our students. It is truly a privilege to belong to a community that truly believes: "It takes a village to raise a child." Please feel free to contact me at 204-434-6415 or aschinkel@hsd.ca

Once again, welcome back! Let's make it another great year at GVS for all of our students!

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

# SY SPORTS

The Green Valley School Athletic Department is looking forward to the beginning of the 2019-2020 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 for our High School Teams are as follows:

- Varsity Boys Volleyball Tues / Thurs 4-6 @ SO
- Varsity Girls Volleyball Tues / Thurs 6-8 @ SO
- JV Boys Volleyball Mon / Wed. 4-6 @ SO
- JV Girls Volleyball Mon / Wed. 6-8 @ SO
- Soccer Practices TBD @ Tri-Star Field
- Cross Country Practices TBD

Our Soccer teams will once again be co-oping with Ste.Pierre-Jolys to form "GVSP." The girls will kick off their league play September 7 in Steinbach @ 1:00 pm vs. Niverville. The boys will begin their league play September 10 in Grunthal vs. Ile des Chenes @ 5:30 pm. In June, our student athletes wanting to play Soccer and Volleyball this fall attended a meeting where they were presented with a player contract and parent letter. The contract and letter outline 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. If your student athlete did not receive a contract in the spring, they can either see their coach or Mr. Hart for one. Please make sure you review this with your student athlete, sign the contract, and have it returned with payment to the general office before your student athlete plays their first game for the team. **All fees must be paid in order for your student to be eligible to play in games and tournaments.**

We are very pleased to offer Green Valley Pirate Pride wear 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>. All orders are completed and paid for online and can be shipped right to your door or to the school for pickup!

For further information on dates and times for practices, tournaments and games as well as results for your Green Valley Pirates, please visit <https://gvs.hsd.ca/athletics/sports-calendar/>. For all Zone 13 athletics results and information results please visit: <http://z13aa.weebly.com/>, all Provincial High School Sports results and information, Top 10 Provincial rankings and news please visit: [www.mhsaa.ca](http://www.mhsaa.ca).

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

## MY SPORTS

Welcome back to all students! In athletic news the cross country running team will get going with practices at noon hours. Mrs. Kate Babij will be coaching once again. Specific practice times are yet to be determined, but we do have the dates of the two Hanover runs which will be held in Steinbach on Friday, September 20 and on Friday, September 27. Our annual Terry Fox run will be on Thursday, September 26 at 11:00. The community is invited to attend our run as well. Extracurricular teams like volleyball have sign up sheets by the gym doors. This year the fees are \$30 for league and \$30 for a jersey which students may wear in gym classes as an option. GVS is looking for coaches for the grade 7 and 8 boys teams. If you are interested or have questions please feel free to contact Mr. Hill at the school. Please encourage your child to participate in our grade 7 and 8 intramural program that runs on even days of the cycle from 12:30 to 1:05. Volleyball and flag football will be our introductory sports. Sign ups will be in the gym with Mr. Hill.



## BUS LOOP & TRAFFIC

Please note that the bus loop is closed to traffic and student drop offs during 8:20 to 9:00 am and 3:25 to 4:00 pm. Student drop-offs can happen on the west entrance of the building on Oak Ave. Please be reminded that the speed limit on Oak Ave. and Park Street is 30 km/h. This is a high traffic area in the mornings and after school with cars entering and leaving GVS, buses carrying students, students being dropped off and pedestrians crossing the road. Please drive safely and slowly.

## COURSE CHANGES

All course changes for semester 1 must be done by September 13, 2019.

# LANGUAGE CREDITS

Students who speak, read and write in a language other than French or English can apply to write an exam to prove their language knowledge. High school students can earn up to four credits by passing this exam. Talk to Mr. G. for details.

## MUSIC

The band / music room is once again filled with the sound of music. Choirs and bands are practicing and memories are being made. It is great to see so much enthusiasm for making music at GVS!

Concerts at GVS are a natural result of what we do in the music room. Throughout the year we learn new techniques, we improve on what we already know and we grow together as a music community. Concerts are the times where we open up the doors to the public and invite you to be part of what we are doing. It is expected that band and choir students be at their respective concerts. So in order to make sure you keep those dates open for you and your children, here are the dates for this years concerts. Please mark these dates on your calendars, and make sure to keep them open for these events.

- **Fall Concert:** October 23- Grade 7 - 12 bands
- **Christmas Program:** December 11- Grades 7-12
- **Spring Concert:** April 15- Grade 7 - 12 bands
- **Summer Concert:** June 13 (outdoor) Grade 7 - 12 Bands



## TERRY FOX RUN/ BBQ

Terry Fox Run and BBQ will be on September 26. We will start the run with an assembly at 11:00 am. Please remember to bring a "Toonie for Terry" in support of the Terry Fox Foundation.

Student Council will be doing a hot dog BBQ. \$5 for a hot dog, chips and a drink. You may purchase extra hot dogs for \$1 each. No single hot dog purchase allowed.



## PIZZA DAY

Pizza Friday is not going away, but it will look a bit different this year with two major changes taking place. First off, Middle Years students will no longer place their orders with their homeroom teachers but rather at the canteen as soon as they arrive at school. Secondly, cash or cheques will no longer be accepted for Pizza Day purchases. Families can purchase vouchers for pizza and milk in advance and students will use these vouchers when placing their pizza orders. Vouchers will be available through the Parent Portal or at the office from Monday – Thursday and can be paid for on the Parent Portal or by cheque. To purchase vouchers on the Parent Portal, simply add funds to your students account and email [gvs@hsd.ca](mailto:gvs@hsd.ca) stating amount of vouchers you have paid for, or send a note along with your student. As long as there is a positive balance in your students account it could be used for pizza and milk vouchers. Pizza vouchers are \$1.75/slice, \$1.50 for a 500mL chocolate milk. The first pizza day will be on September 20.

## LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program was a success! We had 70 students participate with just over 700 books signed out. A reminder to all students who participated in the GVS Summer reading program: you must return your library books before you can take out additional books for the 2019-2020 school year.



## GRADE 5 INDIGENOUS DAY

The grade five classes will be going on their first field trip on September 18. We will be meeting students from Kleefeld school and Bothwell School at the Kleefeld Park to learn about and celebrate aspects of Indigenous cultures. Look for the permission forms and information on parent portal. Parent volunteers will be needed, so please ensure that all of your volunteer paperwork is up to date if you are interested in helping out.

# STRONG CONNECTIONS

On Friday, September 13 and Monday, September 16 GVS will be implementing Hanover School Division's Strong Connections program with our grades 5-8 students. Strong Connections is designed to enhance the beginning of the year with each student. The activities done during Strong Connections are not tests, but rather tasks to help teachers get to know our students better and how they learn in order to best plan for their instruction early in the school year. The format for Strong Connections also provides an opportunity for teachers to extend and consolidate their understanding of each child through the one-on-one interview/assessment times, and help build a strong foundation for a positive relationship between the child and the teacher. Please check your Parent Portal account to see which date your child is to be at school.



# CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Students will be carrying home cases of chocolates on Monday, September 30. This year GVS will be selling Laura Secord Chocolates (variety pack) in addition to the World's Finest Chocolate almonds. Each case contains 30 boxes of chocolates/almonds and each item is sold for \$3. Each case of items is to be sold as is. 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 get 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 gift card, a drone, 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 21.

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

# FCC FOOD DRIVE

In recognition of World Food day, our school is once again participating in the Farm Credit Canada Drive Away Hunger program by collecting donation of non-perishable food for people who are hungry in our area. We are so thrilled to be partnering with Grunthal Caring Hands Food Bank to ensure that the food collected is distributed to families in our area. Collection of non-perishable food donations will take place from September 17 to October 4. Last year we crushed our 5000 lb goal and we were able to collect over 7000 lbs in donations! We would like to be able to do that again this year, so keep your eyes open for good deals and stock up early. For ideas of most needed food items, check out the following websites: [FCCDriveAwayHunger.ca](http://FCCDriveAwayHunger.ca). (Most Needed Items) <https://grunthalcaringhands.org/donations.php> (Things to Donate). More information will follow closer to September 17 to help the student body prepare. Our FCC food drive assembly will be the morning of Thursday, September 12. Thank you in advance for your participation in this great project for our community!



# GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM

For students in grades 5-8, parents are asked to first communicate concerns with your child's homeroom teacher. For all of our high school students, parents are encouraged to communicate with subject teachers. The support team at GVS for the 2019-2020 school year is as follows:

Grade 5-8 Student Support: Kerri Schroeder

Grade 9-12 Student Support: Carrie Dennis

School Counsellor: Cam Gerbrandt

Grade 9-12 Learning Coach: Tony Donkersloot

Literacy Support grade 5-8: Kate BabijLiteracy

Support grade 9-12: Nicky Little

Numeracy Support grade 5-8: Maria Friesen

Divisional Social Workers: Chantal Catellier & Curtis Kulpa

Occupational Therapist: Kellie Heintz

Programming Support Teacher: Lorie Lenchyshyn

Psychologist: Allison Bate

Speech Language Pathologist: Wendy Smook-Bataluk

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# PEANUT AWARE ZONE



Please remember to avoid peanuts and  
peanut products due to allergies.