

# GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL



## Principal's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome to a new decade! I am wishing you all a prosperous and healthy 2020! I am very excited to see what this second half of the school year holds in store for our school community. As we kick off the New Year, our high school students are winding down their first semester courses. Our entire high school teaching staff highly encourages our students to start their reviews for the subject areas that will require written exams. We wish our students all the best as they prepare for the completion of their first semester. Grade 12 Provincial Exams begin this week with our ELA exam to be administered first. Please check the exam schedule that is included in this newsletter. All information related to our exam schedule can also be found on our school website.

Our grade 8 teachers and students will be heading out to Camp Cedarwood for their winter excursion field trip. We are very appreciative of the hard work that goes into planning a trip of this magnitude by our staff. Our students are given the opportunity to embrace and experience many winter activities that we may not be able to offer in our regular classes of Physical Education.

Our basketball teams are practicing hard and are getting ready for league play. Please remember that all varsity basketball games are played at South Oaks. Grade 7-8 HSD Basketball League will be played out of both GVS and South Oaks gymnasiums. I would also like to remind all parents and students that have outstanding sports fees, course and activity fees that we kindly ask that it gets looked after by February 1. All payments can be made on the parent portal.

GVS is very pleased and excited to announce that there will be a Spring drama production this year. Students will begin the auditions for 'Into the Woods Jr.' next week, with rehearsals starting in February.

Please continue to check our school website for daily announcements and all information regarding sporting practices, games, drama rehearsals and school field trips. I would also like to remind parents to double check that their children are wearing suitable winter clothing prior to leaving for school. Our students in grades 5-8 still have outdoor recess and noon hour, so wearing winter jackets, winter boots, head gear and mitts are highly recommended. Also, a reminder to parents that the weather closure policy for HSD has been changed for this year. The policy reads as follows:

*The division will close for cold weather reasons when the temperature at the Environment Canada weather station in Kleefeld at 6:00 am is at minus 35 degrees Celsius or colder, OR is experiencing a wind chill of minus 45 degrees Celsius or colder.*

Have a great start to 2020 year. All the best to our entire GVS community.

### MONTH AT A GLANCE

#### January 6

First Day of Classes of 2020

#### January 7-10

Grade 12 ELA Standards Exam

#### January 21

Basketball Season Begins  
Grade 12 Applied Math Exam

#### January 21-22

Grade 8 at Camp Cedarwood

#### January 22

Grade 12 Essentials Math Exam

#### January 23

Grade 12 Pre-Cal Math Exam

#### January 27-30

Grade 9-12 Final Assessments

#### January 31

Admin/PLC/PD Day (No Classes)

# SPORTS

## SY Sports

Our Basketball teams have been very busy preparing for the upcoming season. In December our Varsity Boys took part in the John Kipe Classic in Niverville. After a tough first loss, the boys rebounded to win the rest of their games and finish as Consolation Champions.

League play will begin January 6 and 7 for our Varsity Boys, JV Boys and JV Girls teams. The following are upcoming tournaments in the month of January for our teams:

Jan 10-11: JV Girls @ Carman

Jan 10-11: JV Boys @ Winkler –Northlands Parkway

Jan 17-18: JV Boys @ Niverville

Jan 17-18: Varsity Boys @ MacGregor

Jan 31-Feb 1: JV Girls @ Immanuel Christian Varsity Boys @ Carman

Good luck to all our teams as they begin their seasons!

All game results will be posted at [www.mhsaa.ca](http://www.mhsaa.ca), along with current Provincial Rankings! For practice times and league games, visit [www.gvs.hsd.ca](http://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

Basketball season is just around the corner. After posting sign ups and a few practices GVS will have a grade 7 girls team and both grade 7 and 8 boys teams. The boys will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays while the girls will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays. Schedules for games will be available shortly.

Skating classes earlier in December were great, however we still are in need of skates and helmets for some of our students. If you have any used skates that you would like to donate to the school it would be greatly appreciated.

# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The 2020 Scholastic Book Fair is being held February 18- 20, with Family Night on Wednesday, February 19. Fliers will be sent home in early February, giving parents and students an idea of some of the books that will be available. We look forward to another profitable Book Fair as good sales help us add more reading material to the library, resource area and classrooms. Any parents with time to volunteer to help at the Fair is encouraged to call the school and talk to the librarian.

*"Read every day - live a better life."*

# WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

Winter Activity Day for grade 9-12 will be on Thursday Feb 20. Sign up will take place at the end of January.

# MUSIC

This years Optimist Festival is coming up in February. The grade 8 band will be in Winnipeg for this festival on February 19. The grade 9-12 bands will be in Winnipeg for the festival on February 20.

# GUIDANCE

## **Grad Meeting Coming**

Our next grad meeting for grade 12's will be on Friday, February 7 during period 2. We will be voting on a number of decisions about grad including valedictorians, other grad speakers, the grad mural and more. Please be on time and informed.

## **College and University Applications**

Please note that the application for applying to the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg is March 1 if you wish to be eligible for an entrance scholarship. You may apply for college at any time, but note that their programs have specific start dates and the spaces do fill up for many of the programs.

## **Career Info**

Any students who wish to further explore career ideas or who have no clue what they might do after high school and want a clue can meet with our school counsellor, Mr. Gerbrandt, to discuss these topics and gain more information. We also have some great online resources that can assist in career planning. It includes personality and aptitude assessments, and aligning interests to careers. Links and information to myBlueprint are also included. MyBluePrint is a comprehensive education and career/life planning program used by Hanover to provide the tools students need to make the most informed decisions about their future. The link is on our homepage- check it out!

## **RCMP Youth Camp**

Each summer, the RCMP runs a youth camp for 16-19 year olds who are interested in the RCMP. Talk to Mr. Gerbrandt if you need more details.

## **Second Language Credit**

If you speak, read and write in a language other than English, it is possible for you to write an exam and gain high school credits. Our students have earned credits for a variety of languages, like German, Tagalog, and Spanish. Talk to Mr. Gerbrandt to get more details

# COMMUNITY

## **Clothes for Steinbach Outreach**

We need your help. We are collecting winter clothing for the homeless. Please bring in items that are either new or gently used, clean and not broken. What can you bring? You can bring in mitts/gloves, ski pants, jackets, touques, and scarfs. We will be collecting from January 13-31. There will be a bin in the front foyer to drop off the winter clothing. Please help us collect as much as we can.

If you have any questions please email Mrs. Maria Friesen at mafriesen@hsd.ca

# GVS - Jan 2020

## Final Exam Schedule

### Provincial Exams

ELA 40S Provincial Exam – Jan 7-10  
 Applied Math 40S Provincial Exam – Jan 21  
 Pre-Cal Math 40S Provincial Exam – Jan 23

<b>Monday, Jan 27, 9:00 am</b>			<b>Monday Jan 27, 1:00 pm</b>		
French 10S/20S	T. Duval	Rm 102	Study Hall	S. Hill	Rm 103
Chemistry 30S	C. Thiessen	Rm 109			
Law	M. Zwaagstra	Rm 113			
Study Hall	R. Schroeder	Rm 112			
<b>Tuesday, Jan 28, 9:00 am</b>			<b>Tuesday, Jan 28, 1:00 pm</b>		
CCW (Social) 10F	M. Zwaagstra	Rm 113	Study Hall	S. Hill	Rm 103
Geo 20F	R. Schroeder	Rm 112			
ELA 20F	N. Little	Rm 108			
Art 30S	M. Wiens	Rm 100 - Art			
Applied 30S	A. Penner	Rm 110			
PreCal 30S	G. Dueck	Rm 106			
Chemistry 40S	C. Thiessen	Rm 109			
Study Hall	T. Donkersloot	Rm 107			
<b>Wednesday, Jan 29, 9:00am</b>			<b>Wednesday, Jan 29, 1:00 pm</b>		
Science 10F - Per. 5	C. Thiessen	Rm 109	Study Hall	J. Hart	Rm 103
ELA 10F	K. Martin	Rm 105			
American History 20S	M. Zwaagstra	Rm 113			
Psychology 40S	G. Dueck	Rm 112			
Study Hall	T. Donkersloot	Rm 107			
<b>Thursday, Jan 30, 9:00 am</b>			<b>Thursday, Jan 30, 1:00 pm</b>		
Science 10F - Per. 4	C. Thiessen	Rm 109	Study Hall	J. Hart	Rm 103
Pre-Applied Math 20S	G. Dueck	Rm 106			
Can Hist. 30S	M. Zwaagstra	Rm 112			
Lit ELA 30S	K. Martin	Rm 105			
Bio 40S	A. Penner	Rm 110			
Study Hall	T. Donkersloot	Rm 107			
<b>Friday, Jan 31, 9:00 am</b>					
Admin Day					

**\*\*Courses have portfolio assessments.**

Classes not listed on the exam schedule will have final assessments during regularly scheduled classes prior to Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. Students should ensure that they arrive at their scheduled time. Students are reminded that these final assessments must be completed in class and any absences will affect the mark of their final assessment.

Students should remain in exam rooms for a minimum of 1 hour and 30 minutes. Once exams are completed students must move to the study room or have arrangements made to return home.