



Green Valley School

February 2020

Upcoming Events:

Feb 3

Semester 2 Begins (Gr. 9-12)

Feb 6

Grad Meeting at 10:15 am

Feb 7

SY Report Cards Issued

Feb 17

Louis Riel Day (No Classes)

Feb 18-20

Scholastic Book Fair

Feb 21

HTA PD Day (No Classes)

Feb 27

SY Winter Activity Day
MY Snow Glow Away

Principal's Message

Welcome to the start of February and semester two! We have had a busy start to the new year here at GVS. We are so grateful to all of our volunteers, our coaches, and our amazing staff that continue to dedicate so many hours to things like our breakfast program, our extra-curricular programs and to helping out in our classes. THANK YOU for being part of our school community!

With the start to semester two for our students in grades 9-12, we would like to remind parents and students that the cut-off date to drop a course will be February 10. Students that wish to drop a course must get a course drop form from Mr. Gerbrandt that needs to be signed by their parent/guardian.

On February 27, the entire GVS school community will be busy celebrating the best of winter and celebrating and caring for our community. Our high school students will be busy with their annual Winter Activity Day. Many great activities have been planned by our teaching staff. That same day, grades 5-8 students will be taking part in a fundraising sock-hop. Funds raised will be donated to the Grunthal Helping Hands. Students will also have options to take part in a Lego building challenge, a Read-a-Thon in the library and a board game/puzzle activity center.

February is "I Love to Read," month. Staff and students take part in so many wonderful activities that promote literacy. We ask our parents to continue to encourage their children to read for knowledge and for enjoyment. Reading is also a very good thing to do to reduce stress and to lower your heart rate. Pick up a great book, it's not only good for your brain, it's good for your heart as well.

Parents are reminded to check our GVS website for daily announcements and for all other information relating to GVS programs/activities.

Until next month, curl up with a good book and do your part to promote and celebrate "I Love to Read" month.

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

SPORTS

SY Sports

February will be a busy month for our basketball teams as they continue league play and prepare for Zone 13 League Playoffs. The following are upcoming tournaments for each of our teams:

Feb 14-15:

JV Girls @ Kildonan East

JV Boys @ Portage

Varsity Boys @ Winkler

Feb 21- 22:

Varsity Boys host at South Oaks

Playoffs

Feb 24:

Varsity Boys South league Semi-Final

Feb 25:

JV Girls South league Semi-Final

Feb 26:

Varsity Boys Basketball South Final

Feb 27:

JV Boys Girls Basketball South Finals

JV Boys South Semi-Finals

Feb 28:

Varsity Boys Zone Finals @ North

March 3:

JV Boys South Finals

JV Girls Zone Finals @ North Winner

March 5:

JV Boys Zone Finals @ North Winner

March 7:

Varsity Boys Provincial Qualifier

March 12-14:

JV Boys Provincials @ Carberry

JV Girls Provincials @ Winnipeg

March 19-21:

Varsity Boys Basketball Provincials @ Roblin

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/>.

Our High School Badminton Club is in full swing! The club meets every Wednesday from 4-5:30 at South Oaks. The aim of the club is to have students come and try out the game, play games and tune up their skills prior to the beginning of the high school badminton season.

MY Sports

Basketball season is well underway with our grade 7 and 8 boys playing on Thursday nights, with practices on Tuesdays. All players have their schedules and if needed, please check the school website for league games. Buses for away games leave the school at 4:45, unless the teams play the second game which then the bus will depart at 5:30. Basketball coaches this year are Ed Giesbrecht and Josh Grunninger. Thanks to our coaches, referees, score keepers and supervisors for making the games possible. All are welcome to come out and cheer on the pirates to victory! All home games are at South Oaks, except for February 6 which will be held at GVS.

Badminton season is quickly approaching. If any parents are interested in coaching, please inform the PE staff at the school.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNSEL

GVS PAC is looking for members! If you are interested in joining please contact Jenn Reimer at 204-995-6342 or email at jjreimer@mymts.net.

COUNSELLING

Post- Secondary

Deadlines are fast approaching for applications to the U of M and the U of W. To be eligible for entrance scholarships, students must have applied to the U of M and to the U of W by March 1. Slots are also filling up and wait lists are starting for many Red River College programs. Students are encouraged to apply to these institutions ASAP. If help is required, please speak to Mr. Gerbrandt.

Additionally, the U of M, U of W and Red River College all have open houses February 18 - 20. Talk to or email Mr. Gerbrandt for more information.

Grad Meeting

There will be a Grad Meeting during period 2 on Friday, February 6. We will be deciding on valedictorian, grad mural, guest speakers and more. All grade 12 students should attend.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR JUNGLE

Elephants, tigers and books, OH MY!

Scholastic Book Fairs give our school the opportunity to bring families, teachers, students and books together. It's the ultimate sale event with books and boutique items such as pencils, erasers, posters and more for sale. There are also contests and prize draws. Additionally, a portion of the sales benefits our school. It's the best way to raise funds while encouraging kids to read. Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs to read reviews of the Featured Books, watch book trailers and author videos and more.

Book Fair Dates: February 18 - 20, 2020

Times: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Green Valley School Library

Family Night Event Date/Times: Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

We accept cash and cheques (made payable to GVS), and most major credit cards. Every family that visits on the Family Night Event has a chance to win \$25 in books for their home library *and* their classroom library.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about our Scholastic Book Fair, please contact Mrs. T. Friesen (librarian) at 204-434-6415 or email tfriesen@hsd.ca. Thank you in advance for helping make our students lifelong readers – we couldn't do it without your participation.

OPTIMIST BAND FESTIVAL

Our grade 8-12 bands will be participating in this years Optimist Band Festival. The grade 8 band will be at the Festival on February 19. The grade 9-12 bands will be combined and will be at the Festival on February 20.