

# Green Valley School

# SEPTEMBER KICK OFF TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

SEPT. 8

MEET THE TEACHER (1:00-7:00 PM)  
NO CLASSES

SEPT. 9

GREAT EXPECTATIONS (GRADES 5 & 9 ONLY)

SEPT. 10

FIRST DAY (GRADES 5-8 & TRACK B)

SEPT. 11

FIRST DAY GRADES 9-12 TRACK A

SEPT. 15

PICTURE DAY (GRADES 5-8 & TRACK B)

SEPT. 16

PICTURE DAY (TRACK A)

SEPT. 18 & SEPT. 21

STRONG CONNECTIONS (GRADES 5-8)

# CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents are asked to verify their emergency contacts in Parent Portal. Please call the school if emergency contacts need to be updated. In the event a child needs to be sent home due to illness, please ensure that you have provided sufficient emergency contacts.

## LEARNING CONTINUES ON NON-GVS DAYS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students and parents are reminded that on days students are not in school, they are still required to be working on subject material at home. Work that has been assigned to do at home must get done. Failing to keep up with assignments at home will result in a student falling behind in their course work.

## FILLING STATIONS FOR WATER

Students will not be allowed to use the water foundations. Rather, parents are asked to make sure that their child brings a plastic water bottle to school. The water bottle can be filled at the water refill stations.

## SCHOOL FEES

In the event that we have to return to remote learning, we will only be asking students to pay half of their subjects' fees by September 11, 2020. Payments can be made in Parent Portal. Students accounts will only be charged for the amount due in September. If schools remain open past November, the remainder of the subject fee will be charged and due upon receipt. Chromebook Insurance must be paid in full by September 11, 2020.

Here is the list of subjects that have user fees:

### GRADE 9

Tech Ed. \$40.00  
Human Ec. \$40.00  
Band Instrument Rental. \$150.00  
Art \$30.00  
Chromebook Insurance. \$20.00\*\*

### GRADE 10

Wood Working/Construction \$40.00  
Clothing & Textiles. \$30.00  
Foods & Nutrition. \$40.00  
Band Instrument Rental. \$150.00  
Art \$30.00  
Chromebook Insurance. \$20.00\*\*

### GRADE 11

Wood Working/Contrction \$40.00  
Food and Nutrition \$40.00  
Band Instrument Rental. \$150.00  
Art \$30.00  
Chromebook Insurance. \$20.00\*\*

### GRADE 12

Wood Working/Construction \$40.00  
Foods & Nutrition. \$40.00  
Band Instrument Rental. \$150.00  
Art \$30.00  
Grad Hoodie \$90.00  
Chromebook Insurance. \$20.00\*\*

Student accounts will be charged the full amount for Chromebook Insurance and Grad Hoodie and half the amount for all other courses.

## MEET THE TEACHER

Our annual Meet the Teacher is planned for September 8 from 1:00PM - 7:00PM. Instead of face to face or in school meetings, all meetings are now by appointment and will be held virtually online or by phone. All parents are encouraged to register for an appointment with the teacher. Children are encouraged to be a part of this meeting also. These meetings provide an opportunity to be introduced to your child's teacher and to answer any questions that you may have. Appointments can be scheduled on Parent Portal or by calling the school office. You will be prompted to choose either Virtual Meeting or Phone Call. If choosing Phone Call, please put the phone number that works best for teacher to call in the comment box.

# GRADE 7 & 8 RECESS CLARIFICATION

Please note our grade 7 and 8 students will have outdoor recess separately from the rest of middle years students. Each grade 7 and 8 homeroom teacher will take their classes out individually to prevent our cohorts from mixing. Sorry for the miscommunication in the previous newsletter.

## GRADES 9-12 SCHEDULE

**TRACK A (STUDENTS ATTENDING ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS):** Students who have a last name that begins with the letters A-J will attend in person classes at GVS.

**TRACK B (STUDENTS ATTENDING ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS):** Student who have a last name that begins with the letters K-Z will attend in person classes at GVS.

**Every Friday** (except September 11) our students in grades 9-12 will be expected to attend their virtual lessons with their entire class. These virtual classes WILL NOT be optional; attendance for these classes are **mandatory**. Students that have issues with at-home-WIFI access will need to talk with their teachers to make alternate arrangements for Friday lessons.

### September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 DAY 1 Great Expectations ALL Grades 5 & 9's ONLY	10 DAY 2	11 DAY 3	12
13	14 DAY 4 TRACK A	15 DAY 5 TRACK B	16 DAY 6 TRACK A	17 DAY 1 TRACK B	18 DAY 2 VIRTUAL LESSONS	19
20	21 DAY 3 TRACK A	22 DAY 4 TRACK B	23 DAY 5 TRACK A	24 DAY 6 TRACK B	25 DAY 1 VIRTUAL LESSONS	26
27	28 DAY 2 TRACK A	29 DAY 3 TRACK B	30 DAY 4 TRACK A	1 DAY 5 TRACK B	2 DAY 6 VIRTUAL LESSONS	

## PICTURE DAY

Picture Day will be held Tuesday, September 15 and Wednesday, September 16. After Picture Day, order pictures on mylifetouch.ca using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day order form.

## REMOTE LEARNING

Many parents/guardians have been calling and inquiring whether or not their child can be enrolled in remote learning.

Currently HSD will only deliver remote learning for students with health conditions who are medically advised not to attend classes.

Every child has the right to an education whether a child has a health condition or not. Programming for these students will be provided through technology or paper work packages. Teachers, Learning Support Staff and HSD Student Services will be in regular contact with these students and their parents. For children that are in care and require learning accommodations, GVS needs to be called by the child's legal guardian.

HSD Student Services clinicians will be available to help support teachers, families and students.

# MUSIC/BAND/CHOIR CLASSES/COURSES

I am very excited to be able to share the good news that we will be offering band/choir/and general music at GVS this year! Music plays such an important part in the life of so many of our students and rather than saying the challenges are too big to handle, we have taken the approach that we will rise to the challenge and make music happen at GVS. Having said that, we also need to be clear that these classes will look substantially different than they have in previous years. Since there are so many moving pieces as to what can and cannot be done in the classroom at the moment, it is hard to say exactly what learning will look like in each of these areas. We will share information with you as soon as it becomes available. There will be a substantial digital component to all of the music learning this year, but there will also be hands-on learning opportunities, and students will continue to learn how to play their instruments, and develop their voices and other music making skills. So to recap: We will have music classes at GVS; so band students: do not return rented instruments. You will need them. Choir students I need you now more than ever. Grade 5 and 6, we will explore music in so many different ways than we ever have before. My hope is that we can experience music learning from a completely new and different angle, finding and creating beauty in the midst of a very challenging season.

Mr. Neufeld

## STRONG CONNECTIONS

On Friday, September 18 and Monday, September 21, 2020, GVS will be implementing Hanover School Division's Strong Connections program with our grade 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 they are 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. We are currently working on the schedule, an email will be sent out in the beginning of September letting you know which day your child(ren) are to come to school.

## COURSE CHANGES

All course changes for semester 1 must be done by September 25, 2020.

## HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT COVID-19 BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

We ask all of our parents and guardians to provide reassurance to children and youth about their personal safety and health. Letting your kids know that it is okay to be anxious or concerned is comforting. Continue to reassure them about their safety and explain there are many things they can do to stay healthy.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

HSD has partnered with Kevin Cameron and the work that he does with the North American Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response. Kevin presented to all HSD principals, vice-principals and teaching staff and our support staff. As a staff we will be implementing and working on the guidelines for re-entry into the school setting as we continue to deal with a world wide pandemic. The presentations to HSD staff focused on Psychological First Aid for students and teachers.

## ZIPLOC BAGS

Please send two Ziploc bags labeled with your child(ren)'s name for them to store their masks while not wearing them.