



Green Valley School

January 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 18
In School Learning Resumes for
Tracks A & C

January 19
In School Learning Resumes for
Track B & D

January 22
Track C In School

January 29
Track D In School

Principal's Message

WELCOME TO 2021!

With the holidays and festive season of 2020 behind us, we all very much welcome the start to a new year. We are very excited to welcome back our grade 7-12 students to in person learning beginning on January 18. Our students will remain on the "TRACK" attendance system that they followed prior to leaving for remote learning back in November. I would like to personally congratulate students and families for their continued efforts and commitment to school during this time. Remote learning definitely cannot take the place of our in-class learning experiences. Despite the challenges, our students and staff worked extremely hard to remain engaged and connected in all of their classes.

As our grade 7-12 students return on January 18 we anticipate we will continue with our students in grades 7-12 attending on their Track days at least until Spring Break. Again, any restrictions that need to be lifted or implemented will be decided by Manitoba Health.

Our entire team here at GVS would like to thank our parents/caregivers for their cooperation and for their support over the last few months. We have very much appreciated your emails and phone calls lending kind words of support as we navigated through our learning models for code RED. I continue to encourage our parents to check their emails and our school website on a regular basis to stay current on any changes our updates that we provide our families. I fully recognize that it becomes quite tiresome checking and trying to stay on top of all the updates that may fill your inbox. Let's hope that we our COVID numbers decline, so that we can see many of the current restrictions lifted, so that we can start to bring some normalcy back into our lives. Please know that our entire team here at GVS is here to help our students through this very difficult time of isolation and restrictions. We have an incredible team of highly dedicated and passionate staff members that want to help our students however we can. Please reach out to any of our caring team members here at GVS.

All the best as we look forward to a better and healthier 2021.

Angela Burntack-Schinkel

Grad Meetings

A parent grad Zoom meeting will be taking place on January 28 at 6:30 PM. An email will be sent out prior with more information.

Our next grad meeting for grade 12's will be on Friday, February 12 during period 3. 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 deadline for applying to the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg is March 1, 2021 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!

Scholastic Book Fair

Hi Readers! There will be a Scholastic Book Fair in February. However, due to COVID restrictions, it will be a Virtual Book Fair. **SAFE. EASY. ESSENTIAL.**

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More information will follow in the February newsletter. Keep on reading!

Breakfast Program

A HUGE thank you to Grunthal Access Credit Union for their generous donation to GVS' Breakfast Program!

Staff and Course Changes

In keeping with Social Distancing protocols GVS will not be able to offer any in-school band courses for the second semester. Mr. Neufeld will work with those students virtually on their off Track days.

Due to a shortage in Specialist teachers GVS will not be able to offer any grades 9-12 French classes.

Starting January 18, 2021, Mrs. Marie Schriemer will no longer be a part of the GVS teaching staff, she has been reassigned to HSD to be a Remote Learning teacher. We want to thank her for her dedication to our students' education and wish her the best in this new assignment.

GVS is Moving Back to Restricted Level Orange

GVS will be returning to the Restricted Level (Orange) in Manitoba's Pandemic Response System. We will not be opening up any extra-curricular activities until the entire province is out of the RED Level and until Manitoba Health deems it safe to slowly and safely reopen other recreational activities and facilities. Please note that the plans shared here may be subject to change as schools in the entire province get further guidance and direction from Manitoba Public Health and Manitoba Education.

Beginning January 18, GVS will fully move back to the Restricted (Orange) Level. Students in grades 9-12 will return to their in-school learning on their assigned track days. Friday classes will continue to be remote for our high school students. TRACK A students will attend on January 18 and TRACK B students will attend on January 19.

On January 18 our grade 7-8 students will also resume their in-school learning on their assigned track days as well. TRACK C students will attend on the 18th and TRACK D students will attend on the 19th. See below calendar for January's Track Calendar:

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 TRACK A TRACK C	19 TRACK B TRACK D	20 TRACK A TRACK C	21 TRACK B TRACK D	21 TRACK C	23
24	25 TRACK A TRACK C	26 TRACK B TRACK D	27 TRACK A TRACK C	28 TRACK B TRACK D	29 TRACK D	30

Reminders for Students Returning to In-School Learning

- Students are reminded to enter GVS at their designated entrances.
- Two grade 5 classes have been moved to larger teaching spaces so students can stay a minimum of two meters apart at all times.
- Masks must be worn at all times when distancing is not possible.
- Grade 5 and 6 students will attend school every day, unless they have opted out for remote learning.
- Grade 7 & 8 students will return back to GVS on January 18 on their assigned track days.

Reminders/Information for Remote School Learning Model

- Students will follow the schedule determined by their new HSD assigned teachers.
- We will focus on the following courses: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education.
- Monday, January 25 Remote Learning will commence.

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