

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES:

MARCH 12

MY Admin Day/SY PLC/PD Day
Grad Pictures
(No Classes)

MARCH 19

MY Report Cards Issued

MARCH 26

Last Day of Classes
Before Spring Break

MARCH 26 - APRIL 4

Spring Break



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We only have four school weeks left until Spring break! As I am visiting classrooms and standing in the hallways, I continue to be amazed to see how well our students are adapting and finding a sense of normalcy while at school. Please continue to encourage your child to stay focused as we make it through the home stretch to Spring Break.

March also marks the first anniversary since our whole way of educating our students drastically changed. As we look back and reflect on this past year, many positive things are outweighing the negative impacts that we have all endured in the last year. We know that the last year has brought up many challenges and struggles for our students and our families. We continue to encourage our entire school community to reach out and seek assistance when things are not going well. Find ways to be kind and assist neighbors or other community members that might be struggling. I know the phrase ***"We are in this together"*** has been used in an abundance in the media, but it truly is a powerful reminder that we are ALL facing similar situations. We need to continue to reach out to each other and to those families that have been stricken by unfortunate situations. Rural prairie communities are known for their generosity and for always helping and supporting their own local community members. I want to **THANK** everyone that has shown gratitude with kind and generous gestures that have been extended to our entire staff. The individual packaged meals that have been purchased by Royal LePage Realty for our entire school staff, the motivational cards and chocolates sent to teachers from our GVS PAC both have been so incredibly appreciated as we continue to weather the pandemic storm.

GVS would like to wish Mrs. Gwen Allary all the best, she will be out for a couple of months and will be returning in May. We wish her a healthy and speedy recovery. Our school community would like to congratulate Mrs. Tara Duval and her husband Leo on the arrival of their beautiful daughter Rorie Leona Duval.

Wishing our GVS families a healthy, safe and active March.

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

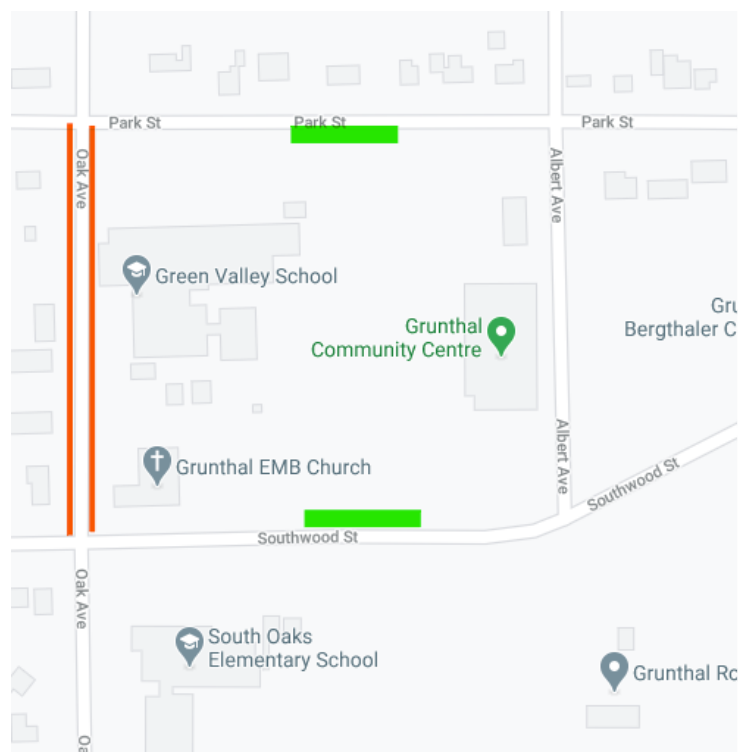
Important Drop Off And Pick Up Reminders For Parents

We would like to kindly remind parents that they are not to be dropping off students in the main bus loop between 8:20 and 9:00 am and between 3:20-4:00 pm. Parents have been coming into the bus loop and disregarding the bus safety rules.

Here are some VERY IMPORANT REMINDERS FOR ALL PARENTS:

- Flashing red lights indicate that the bus has stopped and that students are getting dropped off. It is illegal to pass a school bus from either direction once it's stopped with lights activated. GVS has had parents disregard these rules and they have been subjected to fines under The Highway Traffic Act.
- Parents are reminded **NOT** to use **Oak Ave.** as a drop off for their children. This is a very busy street with bus and vehicle traffic before school starts and at 3:30 pm. We have had numerous "close calls" of students almost being hit by either buses or other vehicles. Students are darting across the street as their parents drop them off on both sides of **Oak Ave.** Oak Ave. is a *high* traffic area. Parents need to refrain from stopping, parking and dropping off their students on this street out of convenience for them. GVS is highly concerned about the safety of our students and our community members. We must work together to model and adhere to all traffic laws that are posted on **Oak Ave.** **NO PARKING** signs are posted on Oak Ave.
- PARENTS are reminded that the designated drop off area for students in grades 5-8 is on **Southwood Street**. The designated drop off and pick up areas for high school students is along the chain linked fence on **Park Street**.
- During school hours, we have assigned entrances due to our COVID protocols. Parents may use the bus loop from 9:00 am till 3:15 pm ONLY. Unless your child is in grades 9-12, students will still have to walk around the building to go through their designated entrances.

We must come together to provide the safest environment possible for our students and for our community members. PLEASE do not hesitate to call GVS if you have any questions or concerns. The designated drop off areas have been done in consultation with HSD Transportation and the RCMP. Keeping our students safe is our prime concern.



Numeracy Month at GVS

At GVS everyone counts and we can count on Numeracy Month! Numeracy Month will be running from March 15 to March 26 at GVS this year. Activities to highlight and celebrate Math will be going on throughout this time. Students will have opportunities to earn ballots for guessing the number of candies in a jar that will be on display.

World Pi Day is on March 14 or 03/14. Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference compared to its diameter. ... So, for any circle, dividing its circumference by its diameter will give you the exact same number: 3.14159...(goes on forever without repeating)...or Pi. As Pi Day is on a Sunday this year, we will celebrate Pi Day on Monday, March 15 with Pi awareness information and activities for all. We also encourage all staff and students who have GVS Pi-rate gear to wear it on the 15th. Each day there will be DrEAM time (Drop Everything And Math) to explore different Math puzzles, games and problems. Check out the special days and events below, as well as some useful sites. Keep calm and calculate on!

Dates to remember:

- March 15: Numeracy Month at GVS begins and Pi Day activities, also Wear your GVS Pirates gear
- March 18: Wear a Number Day
- March 24: Wear a Pattern Day
- March 25: All Candy Guessing Ballots must be turned in by lunch
- March 26: Escape from Numeracy Month Math Escape Room and Announcement of the Candy Jar winner. Numeracy Month complete.

Looking for some online sites that offer extra Math practice?

- All grade 5-9 students have a Mathletics subscription and they can access this online.
- Greg Tang website - <https://gregtangmath.com/index>
- Youcubed At Home - <https://www.youcubed.org/resource/youcubed-at-home/>
- Cool Math Games - <https://www.coolmathgames.com/1-number-games>
- Basic Facts Games - <https://www.multiplication.com/games>
- Math Playground - <https://www.mathplayground.com/math-games.html>

Grad Cap and Gown Pictures

Grade 12s will be taking cap and gown pictures on Friday, March 12, 2021. Be sure to book your appointment time online. Check with Mr. G if you have any questions.

Grade 9 Orientation

For all students currently in grade 8 and their parents, we will be having a grade 9 Orientation evening. Students and parents will get to meet teachers, go into classrooms, hear about high school, and find out more about credits and how to be successful in high school. This event is a great way to transition into high school and help students feel comfortable with the transition. Students will have an opportunity at this event to sign up for their grade 9 courses. The date for this event has yet to be determined.

Students Going into Grade 10 Next Year

For all students in grade 9, going to the SRSS is an option in grade 10 if the student is majoring in a vocational program. Interested grade 9 students will be taken on a virtual tour in March. There may also be a parent evening at the SRSS. Contact Mr. Cam Gerbrandt for more details.

Put this Number in your Kid's Phone: Kids Help Phone

If you're located in Manitoba, you can now text TALK to 686868 to be connected to a trained Crisis Responder to help you with any issue – big or small. The service is free, confidential, and available 24/7. Of course you can always call as well - 1-800-668-6868.

Internet Safety

No matter the age, all children can make use of a reminder about internet safety. Please have a conversation with your children about the protection of and sharing of personal information online.

NeedNelpNow.ca is a website designed to help teens stop the spread of sexual pictures or videos and provides support such as information about how to involve a safe adult, helping a friend, and the laws in Canada/how to report.

After School Art Program – Check it out...ASAP!

What is it? ASAP is a free after school program for kids. It takes place from 4–6pm on weekdays between now and March 31, 2021. With a drop-in centre feel, all classes are being held virtually, and streamed from the Steinbach Cultural Arts Centre.

ASAP is for anyone. Any kids, from grades 5 – 9 are welcome, and encouraged to “drop in”. Everyone is included, and no one is left out.

There is no risk. Whether students are interested in asking questions, getting more experience, trying something new, or just finding out what's involved in learning a specific skill, our instructors meet kids where they are at, and encourage growth in a positive environment.

No supplies? No problem. We'll work to find you what you need. From guitars to pencils and paper - no kids will be left out.

Not what you thought? No worries. You've got to try it to know if an activity is right for you! Sometimes it's not a good fit, and that's ok.

Visit our website at www.steinbacharts.ca, and register for any...or ALL...of our sessions!

Don't miss the chance to explore everything that SAC has to offer. There really is something for everyone at the Steinbach Arts Council. Register today.

For more information contact David Klassen (Director of Programming) or Roxie Penner (Administrative Assistant) at 204-346-1077 or email DKlassen@steinbacharts.ca