



Green Valley School

June 2021

June 17
Last Day of Classes for Grade 12

June 22
Grade 5 Orientation/Graduation
(No Classes)

June 25
Last Day of Classes Grade 9-11

June 28
Last Day of Classes Grade 5-8
Grade 9-11 Make Up Day

June 29
Grade 5-8 Make Up Day

June 30
Admin Day/Report Cards Issued
(No Classes)

Principal's Message

Here we are!!!! It is hard to believe that we are entering the last month of school for the 2020-2021 school year.

As difficult as these last 15 months have been, we want to SINCERELY THANK our parents for their patience, understanding, grace, and support as we navigated through these trying times. It has been evident that during these trying times, our school community has rallied around each other to make the most of these unprecedented times.

As we reflect and celebrate the accomplishments that took place this year, it is remarkable to see the resiliency and strength that our students and staff have exhibited.

Granted, many activities and events were unable to occur because of public health restrictions, but our students and staff have still made the most of their time together here at GVS.

Grace, kindness, flexibility, and perseverance would best describe the climate and culture we have experienced here at GVS during these trying times.

June will be an exciting month that will be filled with **Learning Forward Days, Grade 5 Orientation, class celebrations**, and, of course **GVS's 2021 Graduation Ceremonies**.

The month of June also marks the last month for a couple of our teachers. GVS bids farewell and extends our sincerest best wishes to Mr. Kurt Hangle and Mr. Alexander Grant. Both teachers will be embarking on new teaching positions in Winnipeg. GVS is very pleased to announce that Mr. Dwayne Penner and Ms. Olga Serdeschni will be replacing Mr. Hangle and Mr. Grant. We are truly thankful and appreciative of all the contributions that Mr. Hangle and Mr. Grant have made to GVS for the last few years.

Finally, we would like to remind parents/caregivers and students to check their email for updates and information that will be sent from GVS throughout the month of June. Please take note that there will be **NO REGULAR CLASSES FOR STUDENTS GRADES 5-11** on Tuesday June 22. This is the day of GVS's GRAD. Students in grades 5-11 will not be in school that day.

Enjoy the warmth and brightness that the month of June brings. Get out and enjoy the great outdoors and make the most of the lovely weather that often accompanies the kick off to summer.

Learning Forward

Learning Forward is an event that will be two days of student assessments for grades 5-8 on June 4 and 7, 2021. The purpose of this event is to provide teachers a clear understanding of where each student is both academically and in terms of their social-emotional well-being after a year of COVID, lockdowns and remote learning.

Learning Forward days will be structured the same as Strong Connections that take place in September, with half the students in one class attending one day and the other half on the next day. An email was sent earlier this week with which day your student is to attend their Learning Forward day.

GVS Library

Can you believe it is June already? The last day to sign out library books is June 11. This also means that the yearly library inventory count has begun. Please check your backpacks and lockers, your classrooms and homes for library items (library books, textbooks, library loaner Chromebooks and chargers) that need to be returned. Return due dates are June 18 for Gr. 9-12 students and June 23 for Gr. 5-8 students. Please be aware that any library items that are not returned by these dates will be added to your student fee account.

- Grade 5-8 Students: by June 15, your homeroom teacher will have the list of all the books you have signed out. You can also check your Destiny library account for your list.
- Grade 9-12 Students: please check your Destiny library account for your list or send me an email.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be able to run the GVS Summer Reading Program this year. However, Scholastic Canada is running a reading program called Camp Read-a-Lot. It will get you started on a fun, rewarding summer full of books and weekly printable activities. Get registered for Camp Read-a-Lot starting June 1 at:

<https://classroomessentials.scholastic.ca/s/cec-ca/en/camp-readalot>

Parents: This site also gives you links to the Scholastic Reading Club Shop. You can buy books and they will be delivered right to your home. If you are buying an item, enter in the classroom code RC165287 and GVS gets rewards to purchase books and other supplies for our classrooms and library.

You can also follow Scholastic on Instagram @ScholasticReadingClubCanada to participate in weekly contests throughout the summer. One contest is the "Catch Your Kid Reading Giveaway". It runs from July 1 to August 14. Want to know how to enter?

1. Snap a photo of your child reading one of their books for the Camp Read-a-Lot Summer Reading Challenge. It's fun for parents, too!
2. Upload it to Instagram and tag us (Scholastic) in the picture @Scholastic Reading ClubCanada.
3. Make sure you include #CatchYourKidReading, #CampReadaLot, and #giveaway in your post to qualify.
4. You could WIN a coupon code for \$50 plus FREE SHIPPING to spend on scholastic.ca/clubshop! For more info, visit

scholastic.ca/rc/contests

Have a safe and happy summer! Keep calm and read on!

Credits for Working

For students who are 16 years old and older, credits are available for paid work. Students will not be allowed to count hours they have put in at work prior to contacting Mr. G and making the proper arrangements with the school. So, if you plan to have a summer job, why not talk to Mr. G and arrange to get some school credits too?

Practical Inquiry Based Design

So you've seen a piece of furniture in a design magazine that you would love in your home. Not only can you not find the piece, you want it slightly different so that it suits your décor and space. The Grade Twelve Design Class takes on the form of a custom furniture or cabinet maker. Green Valley School's Administrative Secretary, Tannis Bourgeois posed as a customer and allowed our class to design and build an island for her kitchen. Students developed a line of questioning based on size, space, budget, style, "must haves" and many other factors and then engaged in a discussion with Mrs. Bourgeois. Students developed a mock up sketch that she approved, then went on to develop working drawings with specific dimensions. With drawings complete, they built the island in the shop which went amazingly fast with that much student horsepower. The main goal of the project is to have students develop a thoughtful line of design questioning with a practical application, but there were many spin offs, from professional communication and planning, to the budgeting of time and money. Thank you Mrs. Bourgeois for trusting us with a center piece in your home.

"Thank you to Mr. Hangle and his amazing Woodwork Technology 40G class. We couldn't be more happy with the way our kitchen island turned out, it looks amazing and is the perfect fit for our kitchen renovation. I really enjoyed presenting my ideas to this class, they asked great questions and were wonderful to work with."

~Tannis Bourgeois



2021-2022 Grade 7 Band

Every year around this time, we usually have an instrument try out night for grade 6 students going into grade 7. This event is for all those grade 6 students that would like to join the band in grade 7. At this event students usually make their final decision on which instrument they would like to play. This year we will be going about it in a bit of a different way. I will be visiting each grade 6 class to talk about band, introduce the instruments available for band and answer any questions students might have. In addition I will be sending a good deal of information about band at Green Valley School home with the grade 6 students in paper format. Also, please be on the lookout in your email inboxes for a google sign up sheet for grade 7 band. You should be seeing this email around the end of the first week of June.. In this form you will be able to indicate if your child will be part of the grade 7 band next school year. I remain optimistic that we will be able to do band in a much more regular fashion next school year. I very much look forward to seeing the band sign ups roll in.

SY Sports

Sign-ups for Fall High School Sports (Grade 8-11) are up outside the gym office. This includes Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country Running. If you plan on playing you must sign-up and attend the following important meetings in the gym @ 12:30 on the dates below:

Boys and Girls Soccer

Track A and Grade 8 - Wednesday June 2

Track B - Thursday June 3

JV Boys and Girls Volleyball

Track A and Grade 8 - Monday June 7

Track B - Tuesday June 8

Varsity Boys and Girls Volleyball

Track A - Wednesday June 9

Track B - Thursday June 10

The sign-ups and meetings are very important to attend as they will allow us to see if we will have enough commitment to run our teams in the fall. As well, new volleyball players will have an opportunity to select a jersey size and number.

Middle Years Sports

Last month prior to further restrictions, we had the grades 7 and 8 badminton club and a grade 8 girls volleyball team doing some training to improve their skills and to get in a few games. The students enjoyed this experience and did get the opportunity to develop their skills and learned strategies in the games that they normally do not get in a PE class. We had full numbers of students attending that were allowed and the PE staff look forward to next fall to continue our extra curricular programs.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS SICK?



If your child displays one symptom listed in **Column A** or two or more symptoms listed in **Column B**, even if they are mild, they should immediately self-isolate and get tested for COVID-19. If a child displays such symptoms while at school, a staff member will contact the parent/guardian to pick up their child. Siblings in the same school, or those who attend other HSD schools, will also need to be picked up.

*Please note that if your child displays only one symptom from **Column B** and no symptoms from **Column A**, the school staff may request (in an abundance of caution) that you pick up your child. In such instances, your child can return to school once they are symptom-free for 24 hrs. If individual circumstances exist that you wish to discuss with the school, please contact the principal.*

COLUMN A

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any **ONE** of the following symptoms?

- Fever/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat/ hoarse voice
- Shortness of breath/ breathing difficulties
- Loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours

COLUMN B

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any **TWO** of the following symptoms?

- Runny nose
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Headache
- Skin rash of unknown cause
- Nausea or loss of appetite
- Poor feeding (if an infant)

WHEN CAN STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL?

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

