



GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2021

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 20-22
Spirit Week

December 22
Last Day of Classes
before Christmas Break

December 23- January 5
Christmas Break
(No Classes)

January 6
Classes Resume

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear GVS School Community,

Report cards went home two weeks ago and Parent/Teacher phone conferences took place last week. Please know that it is always good to talk with you. We appreciate you taking the time to meet with your child's teacher. We hope that you understand the progress your child is making and that you feel that there is a partnership between you and the teachers. If you didn't get a chance to speak to your child's teacher because it wasn't convenient, please feel free to call or email your child's teacher to book another time that works for you.

In the coming weeks, we plan on celebrating the festive season with "Spirit Week" activities here at GVS. The dress up days will be posted on our school website, www.gvs.hsd.ca.

Just a reminder to our school community that with the current public health guidelines, we are graciously declining all delicious home baked treats. Unfortunately, this means our students will not be able to bring homemade treats to share with their classmates or teachers this year. Commercially baked/ individually wrapped food is acceptable.

With the start of December, the cooler, blustery days of winter are most certainly on the way. We highly encourage our students to dress in their winter gear. Our students in grade 5-8 still have daily outdoor recess and noon hour breaks, so dressing for the weather is important.

Finally, our staff and students have been doing a fantastic job following our health and safety protocols to keep COVID-19 at bay. Please continue to encourage your child to: self-screen, social distance, wear masks and wash hands.

Again, we wish everyone the very best of the holiday season. Wherever you are or however you celebrate, our wish is for you to be safe and happy. Thank you for a great fall. We look forward to seeing you on January 6, 2022!

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

MY SPORTS

Volleyball season ended last week with both of our grade 8 teams making it to the final 4. Both the boys and girls teams had their dreams of making it to the Divisional Finals cut short by the tough serving CMS teams. Our players have improved tremendously over the season, and went from learning basic passing, setting, serving and hitting skills, to learning how to play specific positions with a three hit mentality. The coaches saw a great deal of improvement and dedication to the sport of volleyball. The fair play, encouragement of one another and the respect for the other teams was evident here at GVS, as we held our heads high knowing that we played a great game. Thanks to all of our coaches, referees, scorekeepers and video people for making this season possible. Let's hope we can have the parents back in the stands for next season.

Basketball sign ups have been posted. We will most likely have a grade 8 boys and a grade 7 girls team this season. Grade 8 girls and grade 7 boys numbers so far are too low for a team. If students are not sure or still interested in signing up, are to talk to Mr. Hill. Practice times will be announced soon and can be found on the GVS sports calendar.



SY SPORTS

Volleyball season has once again wrapped up here at GVS. Despite steadily improving throughout the season, both teams' seasons ended against Gab Roy (Ile Des Chenes) in the South Zone playoffs. Nevertheless, it was awesome to once again be able to play volleyball and build toward future success. Thank you to our coaches Doris Wiens and Katelyn Hart (Varsity Girls) and Ken Friesen and Justin Hart (Varsity Boys) for their time and effort in coaching our teams this season.

With one season ending, another begins! Basketball is underway for the season. This year, GVS will have Varsity Girls and Boys teams, as well as a JV Boys team. Practices have started and shortly a Zone 13 League schedule will be released. Once league games are released they will be available on our website. For upcoming practice times and dates please visit our GVS Pirates calendar. Thank you to our Coaches: Kevin Wiebe (Varsity Girls), Ed Giesbrecht and Mike Braun (JV Boys), and Steve Elias and Aaron Barkman (Varsity Boys) for stepping up to coach our teams this season!

For league results, you can check out <https://www.mhsaa.ca/schools/view/166/green-valley-school/>. At this point in time, all basketball league games will take place without spectators. A livestream for home games will be available on our schools website. For away games, the home team's school website should have a link to the livestream of the game.

To access the GVS athletics calendar for practices, league games, zone and Provincial Championship dates, visit <https://gvs.hsd.ca/sports-calendar/sports-calendar> to access the Pirates calendar.

GVS PRIDEWEAR

We are very pleased to offer Green Valley Pirate Pridewear through our online store! The store offers a wide range of wear including hats, hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants, bags from brands such as Under Armour, Champion and Russell. You can check out the wear at <https://greenvalleyschool.entripyshops.com/> or follow the link on our website. All orders are completed and paid for online and can ship right to your door or to the school for pickup.

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SPIRIT WEEK

December 20: Holiday Headwear/Colour Day

December 21: Christmas Sweater Day

December 22: Pajama Day

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POST-SECONDARY

Many universities and colleges have early admissions policies and deadlines. Many of these are fast approaching. If you or your son/daughter is interested in applying you can contact Mr. Cam Gerbrandt for more information or you can contact the post-secondary institution in which you are interested. Scholarships and RESPs are a great way to decrease the cost of post-secondary studies. RESPs can be started as soon as a child is born. When the school receives information on scholarships, notices and posters are put up in the Grade 12 area of the school and emails are sent out to students and parents. Students should pay attention to these and watch for new posters that might pertain to them and their interests. More useful resources which lists numerous scholarships and bursaries available to graduating students are scholartree.ca and scholarshipscanada.com. Contact Mr. Gerbrandt if you would like more information on scholarships, bursaries, or RESPs.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Looking after your mental health during this pandemic is very important. Making sure not to overindulge in news, getting a proper amount of sleep, eating properly and getting some exercise every day can all go a long way in helping keep you mentally healthy. Talking to a trusted person about your struggles can also be an important step. Please check out the counselling blog on our website for great tips to look after your mental health: <http://gvscounsellingthoughts.blogspot.com>.

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FINAL ASSESSMENTS & EXAMS

Given that we have had uninterrupted classes this semester, we have made the decision to go ahead with final assessments for this semester. The final assessment/exam schedule is posted.

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Final Assessments Schedule

Monday, Jan 31, 9:00 AM			Monday, Jan 31, 1:00 PM		
CCW A 10F	M. Zwaagstra	Rm 113	Study Hall	S. Hill	PE Hut 114
Math B 10F	A. Penner	Rm 110	ELA 30F	N. Little	Rm 108
ELA C 10F	N. Little	Rm 108			
PreCal 20S	G. Dueck	Rm 106			
Geo 20F	R. Schroeder	Rm 112			
Science 20F	J. Kornelsen	Rm 107			
Exercise Science 40S	C. Thiessen	Rm 109			
Psych 40S	C. Epp	Rm 105			
Study Hall	T. Donkersloot	PE Hut 114			
Tuesday, Feb 1, 9:00 AM			Tuesday, Feb 1, 1:00 PM		
ELA A 10F	N. Little	Rm 108	Chem 30S	C. Thiessen	Rm 109
Science 10F	C. Thiessen	Rm 109	Study Hall	S. Hill	PE Hut 114
Geo 20F	R. Schroeder	Rm 112			
Science 20F	J. Kornelsen	Rm 107			
ELA 20F	C. Epp	Rm 105			
Art 30F**	M. Wiens	Rm 100			
PreCal 40S	G. Dueck	Rm 106			
Applied Math 40S	A. Penner	Rm 110			
Study Hall	T. Donkersloot	PE Hut 114			
Wednesday, Feb 2, 9:00 AM			Wednesday, Feb 2, 1:00 PM		
Art 10F**	M. Wiens	Rm 100	Study Hall	J. Hart	PE Hut 114
American Hist 20F	M. Zwaagstra	Rm 113			
Canadian Hist 30F	R. Schroeder	Rm 112			
ELA 40F	C. Epp	Rm 105			
Chem 40S	C. Thiessen	Rm 109			
Study Hall	T. Donkersloot	PE Hut 114			
Thursday, Feb 3, 9:00 AM			Thursday, Feb 3, 1:00 PM		
PreCal 30S	G. Dueck	Rm 106	Study Hall	J. Hart	PE Hut 114
Applied Math 30S	A. Penner	Rm 110			
Law 40S	M. Zwaagstra	Rm 113			
Study Hall	T. Donkersloot	PE Hut 114			
Friday, Feb 4, 9:00 AM					
Make Up Exams	T. Donkersloot	PE Hut 114			

**Courses have portfolio assessments.

Classes not listed on the exam schedule will have final assessments during regularly scheduled classes prior to Jan 31st.
 Students should ensure that they arrive at their scheduled time.
 Students are reminded that these final assessments must be completed in class.
 Students should remain in exam rooms for a minimum of 1 hour and 30 minutes.
 Once exams are completed students must move to the study room or have arrangements made to return home.

The logo for After School Arts Programs (ASAP) features the letters 'ASAP' in a bold, stylized font. The 'A' is blue, 'S' is yellow, 'A' is blue, and 'P' is yellow. Below the letters is the text 'AFTER SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

2022 WINTER CLASSES

Focus on your physical, mental, and creative wellness. Register for visual arts, performing arts, creative wellness, and After School Arts Programs!

EXPLORE NOW AT [STEINBACHARTS.CA](https://steinbacharts.ca)

At the Steinbach Arts Council, we're working to make physical, mental and creative wellness a reality in all our programming. Find a class that will challenge and keep you inspired in the cold, winter months!

Visit our website for a full list of winter programs, keeping you safe, healthy and creative, all season long! Looking for free after school arts programs? Explore steinbacharts.ca or call 346-1077 for more info.