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#### Green Valley School January 2022

#### **MONTH AT A GLANCE:**

**January 17** Students return to In School Learning

**January 18** Parent Grad Meeting

**January 31- February 4** Grades 9-12 Final Assessment Block

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to learning to kick off the 2022 school year. We are looking forward to welcoming back our entire student body to in person learning starting January 17, 2022.

We want to express our sincerest gratitude towards our GVS community in making the necessary changes to accommodate our one week of remote learning. We fully recognize how difficult this is for some of our families, and we are extremely grateful for the communication we have been getting from our students and parents. As we navigate through this one week of remote learning, please continue to connect with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your patience and support as we work hard to educate our GVS students remotely.

As we gear back to in person learning, we continue to remind our entire school community about school news and communicating this to our parents and students. Please check your emails or GVS/HSD websites for updates regarding situations that pertain to school weather closures, extra-curricular announcements, etc.

One last reminder, parents of students in grades 5 and 6, you can pick up a rapid COVID test packages from our main office at GVS if you haven't already done so. Each student in grade 5 and 6 are able to have one kit.

GVS is currently experiencing some staff leaves. We would like to congratulate Mr. Justin Hart and Ms. Katelyn Hart on the early arrival of their first child, Addison Eleanor-Anne Hart. Ms. Teighlor Porth will be taking over for Ms. Hart till the end of June, Mrs. Doris Wiens and Mrs. Jade Penner will be covering Mr. Hart's 10 week leave. Mr. Sheldon Hill has been away from GVS for four weeks, and we are hoping to see him back next week. We also have Ms. Lisa Skelton and Ms. Kate Babij away. GVS will be hiring for Ms. Skelton's leave later this week, while we have hired Mrs. Sandra Froese for Ms. Babij's leave until February 11, 2022.

We wish our entire school community all the best as we begin 2022. May the new year bring you peace, joy, and happiness. New adventures are around the corner!

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

# **Cold Weather**

Please take the time to read and have a conversation with your child(ren) regarding "Dressing for Cold Weather." This helpful insert will provide a better understanding of how our kids should be dressing during these next couple of months of winter weather.



## **Grad Meeting**

With the start of the New Year, we are full of hope and are planning for upcoming events. Our Grad Parent Virtual Meeting will be taking place January 18, 2022. We were initially running this meeting for January 11, 2022 but have postponed it until next week. Grad parents will be receiving a ZOOM meeting invite later this week.

### Community

Eastman Raiders Football Club assists youth in South East Manitoba communities in remaining physically active while developing leadership skills both on and off the field. Through our various football programs, we aim to make a positive difference in the lives of youth and families in the South East Manitoba area.



## **College and University Applications**

Please note that the application deadline for applying to the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg is March 1, 2022 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 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 Virtual Book Fair**

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