



Green Valley School

February 2022

Feb 4
Admin Day (No Classes)

Feb 7
Semester 2 Begins (Gr. 9-12)

Feb 11
SY Report Cards Issued

Feb 21
Louis Riel Day (No Classes)

Feb 18-28
Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Feb 25
HTA PD Day (No Classes)

Good-Bye January, HELLO February!

Despite the unusual return after our holiday break, our staff and students have pivoted yet again to the changes in our school schedule. I want to commend our students for their positive attitudes and for their resiliency in adapting to the changes in their learning environments. I also want to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our entire staff. As a school community we have had to overcome many instructional and scheduling obstacles. Our staff have been supportive and have approached many obstacles with positive attitudes. Our staff have exhibited patience and grace as their working environments have also had multiple changes since September.

We would like to wish all of our high school students and teachers all the best as we kick off the start to semester 2. Students that are needing to make course changes are reminded to do so by February 14, 2022.

This month, GVS would like to welcome the following new staff members to our team of EA's; Ms. Danni Cole, Ms. Lorissa Wall, Ms. Elizabeth Reimer-Falk, and Mrs. Karen Wiebe. GVS is also thrilled to welcome back Mr. Vernon Neufeld, Ms. Tara Duval and Ms. Desiree Enns.

February typically tends to be a very busy month. Parents are reminded that along with the Louis Riel long weekend, students will also not be in school on February 4 and 21. Please continue to check our GVS website for update information regarding PD and Admin days.

We highly encourage our GVS caregivers/parents to talk to their children about the many different obstacles they have to face and endure. Let your child(ren) know that during these uncertain times it's OK for them to share their frustrations and their concerns. As a school community, we are working extremely hard to understand where your children are at socially, emotionally and academically. We want our students and their caregivers/parents to know we are here to help our students. We want our students to revisit and reflect on their goals and we want to help sustain a steady course of action to help our students reach their long-term goals. Having smaller goals will help our students not feel too overwhelmed. Parents and school staff need to be the shining lights of hope that can help guide our students through these difficult times.

Until next month, we wish our families all the best. Please join us in embracing and celebrating "I Love to Read," month by picking up a good book to read yourself or to read as a family. A family that reads together, grows and learns together.

Wishing our entire school community a safe, active and healthy February,

Mrs. Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

GRAD INFORMATION

There will be a Grad Meeting during period 2 on Thursday, February 10, 2022. We will be deciding on valedictorian, grad mural, guest speakers and more. All grade 12 students should attend and bring their Chromebook for voting. The meeting will be held in the gym.

POST SECONDARY

Deadlines are fast approaching for applications to the U of M and the U of W. To be eligible for entrance scholarships, students must have applied to the U of M and to the U of W by March 1, 2022. Slots are also filling up and wait lists are starting for many Red River College programs. Students are encouraged to apply to these institutions ASAP. If help is required, please speak to Mr. Gerbrandt.

Speaking of post secondary, the U of M, U of W and Red River College all have virtual open houses in February. Many other schools are as well. These are a great way to get to know these institutions and ask questions and get answers. Talk to or email Mr. Gerbrandt for more information.

SY COURSE CHANGES

High School students have until February 14 to change their second semester courses. Please reach out to Mr. Gerbrandt if you have any changes you would like to make.

I LOVE TO READ

February is I Love to Read Month! There are some reading activities occurring during the month, including daily Drop Everything and Read times and the Scholastic Virtual Book Fair. Listen to the announcements to find out what is happening. Keep on reading, Pirates!

SCHOLASTIC VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Soon you will be able to explore exciting new books to enhance your home library and inspire the young readers in your life! Hundreds of books, carefully chosen to delight kids of all reading levels, will be waiting for you when our virtual doors open on February 18!

- REMEMBER! Every purchase earns valuable Book Fair Rewards that can be used to support our students.
- Shop any time! Your fair is open 24 hours, beginning at midnight on your start date!
- No shipping fees! Orders are sent directly to our school.

**Free shipping where available, some restrictions may apply*

- Visit <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5171497> to preview some of the books available at our Virtual Book Fair.
- Anyone who needs to pay by cash or cheque, will need to order through Mrs. T. Friesen in the library by February 23.

Grunthal Winter Carnival

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- *Kicksled races*
- *Archery*
- *Broomball*

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When: February 26th

Time: 11-4pm

Where: Grunthal Ag Grounds

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- *Puppies*

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