



Green Valley School

June 2022

June 13

Admin Day
(No Classes)

June 22

Last Day of Classes Grade 9-12

June 23-24

Grade 9-12 Make Up Days

June 28

Graduation

June 29

Last Day of Classes Grades 5-8

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 2021-2022 school year. As difficult as this last year 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 scaled back or did not 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 the last year.

June will be an exciting month that will be filled with Learning Excursions to the Zoo, Roseau River, and Rainbow Stage. Our Grade 5 Orientation, class celebrations, and of course, GVS's 2022 Graduation Ceremony at the Bergthaler Church, are some of the things we are planning for the weeks ahead.

The month of June also marks the last month at GVS for a few of our teachers. We bid farewell and extend our sincerest best wishes to Mr. Connor Wiebe, Ms. Julie Wiebe, Mrs. Joelle Klassen, Ms. Kaitlyn Kalabanka, Ms. Dana Falk, Mr. Matthew Hoskins, Ms. Olga Serdeshni, and Ms. Sandra Froese. We are truly thankful and appreciative of all the contributions that these teachers have made here at GVS. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

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 5-12 on June 13. This is a division wide administration 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.

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?

Graduation is Coming

Hey Grade 12's and parents of grade 12's. Grad is coming up on June 28. If you are wondering about anything or have some questions, please let us know. We would be glad to help. We will be having our last grad meeting of the year at the beginning of June and we will talk about some final grad details then.

Students and Sleep

Many students lately have developed some poor sleep habits. They stay up well past their normal bedtime and spend time on their screens. Parents are encouraged to be well aware of the sleep habits of their children. Developing ways to turn the home wifi off at night, taking phones, tablets and other screens out of bedrooms, and having honest discussions about the importance of good sleep habits can go a long way for better life success. We encourage all parents to regularly monitor these habits in their children. It is quite easy to assume everything is fine when actually problems are occurring.

Library

Wow! It's June already! Over 11,000 books were signed out using the Destiny Library program over the school year. Way to go, Pirates! The Summer Break is almost here. 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, ELA books, library loaner chromebooks and chargers) that need to be returned.

Return due dates for library items are June 21 for Gr. 9-12 students and June 24 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.

The GVS Summer Reading Program will not be running this year but there are lots of Scholastic Camp Read-A-Lot Summer Reading activities and contests to register for and check out on: <https://classroomessentials.scholastic.ca/s/cec-ca/en/camp-readalot>.

If you purchase books from the Scholastic Reading Club online over the summer, put in the GVS classroom code RC165287 to earn rewards for our school.

Most of all, keep on reading and have a happy and safe summer!

SY Sports

The Pirates baseball season came to a close at Zone 13 Baseball Championships on May 25 and 26 at Stahn. After defeating Ste. Anne 12-1 to finish off league play, the boys lost in a thrilling 4-2 game to Landmark. Thanks to our coach, Dwayne Penner, for all your hard work this season!

Track and Field will end our High School sports season! Our team has been busy preparing for Zones on June 1 in Beausejour. Provincials will be at the U of M Stadium June 9-11 for all who qualify.

Looking ahead to next season, we are in search of a volleyball coach for our JV Girls Volleyball team. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Justin at juhart@hds.ca.

MY Sports

GVS was able to once again have it's grades 5-6 Pirate Mania track meet in May. It was a great day and all those who placed in the top 5 of their categories will be headed to SMS on June 7 to represent GVS at the HSD track meet. The grade 7- 8 track and field team will be participating in the Barb Cheop track meet on June 2. Good luck to all contestants!

Volunteering

The paper work for volunteering is taking longer than usual. The current wait times is 2-3 months. If you are planning or interested in coaching or volunteering for the next school year, we strongly recommend that you stop by the GVS office to pick up the paper work and get it submitted before the end of June so you are ready to go for September. Unsure if your checks are still current? Call the office and we will be happy to look into that for you.

2022-2023 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. Mr. Neufeld 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 very much look forward to seeing the band sign ups roll in.

Final Assessments

This year, senior year students will not be writing final assessments during a traditional final assessment block. Similar to semester one, any final assessment will happen within the regularly scheduled classes. The final day of classes has been changed to Wednesday, June 22, while June 23 and 24 will be makeup days for students to complete and hand in any outstanding assignments.