



## IMPORTANT DATES

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Food Drive	Oct 3-14
Thanksgiving (No Classes)	Oct 10
Fall Concert	Oct 20
MTS PD Day (No Classes)	Oct 21

# GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2022

Welcome to October!

As we all settle back into the school routine, October has arrived in a hurry. The weather and the leaves point us to the reality of Fall blooming before our very eyes! It has also brought us Truth and Reconciliation Day, where we can stop, slow down and deepen our understanding of the residential school system.

GVS' Student Council has been in full planning force this month. We would like to thank our Student Council and the staff members that organized and pulled off a highly successful Terry Fox Run BBQ. Thanks to Mr. Sheldon Hill for organizing the run for our school community.

Soccer, volleyball, and cross-country running activities are all under way. A huge thank-you to our volunteer coaches that are working with our teams this fall.

GVS will be hosting a fall band concert on October 20. This will be our first fall concert in two years! We look forward to hosting this event for our school community.

Just a couple of reminders: please send your child to school with their own, labelled water bottles every day along with a change of clothes for Physical Education classes. Now that fall is here, parents are reminded to have their children pack jackets for the cooler morning bus rides/walks. Parents can find all GVS related information on our school website [www.gvs.hsd.ca](http://www.gvs.hsd.ca). Announcements are updated daily to keep our students, staff and parent/caregivers up to date on practices, games, and school wide events.

We hope you get a chance to be with family on the Thanksgiving weekend to celebrate all that you are grateful for.

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

# SY SPORTS

The fall sports season is upon us and our soccer, cross country and volleyball teams are preparing for a busy month in October.

GV-SP (Green Valley – Ecole Heritage St-Pierre) girls soccer team will battle hard as they work their way toward Zone Championships in Niverville on October 6. Good luck to our girls as they conclude their season!

GVS cross country running team is busy training for zones, which will be held at the Pine Falls Golf Course on October 4.

September has been full of practices and tournaments for all of our volleyball teams. They will get their league schedules at the beginning of October. For league results, you can check out <https://www.mhsaa.ca/schools/view/166/green-valley-school/>. A couple of notable finishes for our Varsity Girls; they placed third at both the Steinbach Christian Tournament and Northlands Parkway Tournament.

A reminder to all our student athletes: all contracts must be completed and athletic fees paid to the school office. A failure to pay fees will result in ineligibility to play in league games and tournaments.

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

# MY SPORTS

Green Valley school had a successful Terry Fox Run on Monday September 26 with the whole school participating. The student council had a BBQ and we will announce the funds raised in the next newsletter. Terry Fox videos and discussions were held in most health classes, so that students fully understood what the run was all about.

The Middle Years Cross country running team had a great first run in Steinbach on September 22. We had six students place in the top 10 with two of our students finishing in first place overall. Come October 5, GVS might have some of our runners receiving medals for the top 4 runners per category. Next year, we hope some of our soccer players who play at recess, join the team to increase the chances of winning the banner.

Volleyball teams are in full swing with practices. Make sure to check the athletic calendar for practices and games. The season starts on Tuesday, October 11 for grade 7 and 8 girls. Grade 7 boys start their season on Thursday, October 13. Good luck to our teams moving forward.

## LIBRARY

Welcome back to the library. In September, there were over 3000 books checked out! This includes in-person checkouts and Destiny Holds. If you are interested in how to use the Destiny library program, there are instructions on our GVS website. Also, there are new books arriving on our shelves weekly. Come on in and check them out.

## MUSIC

The music program is up and running and music is once again spilling out of the music room. There are a number of events coming up before Christmas.

### **Choral Workshop: October 14**

Most of you will have already received the email invitation to the annual Choral Fest on October 14. The registration deadline is October 3. If you have missed the deadline but would like your child to attend please be in touch with Mr. Neufeld.

### **Fall Concert: October 20**

We would like to invite you to take in the Fall Concert which takes place on October 20 at 7 PM. The grade 7 - 12 bands, and the grade 9 -12 choir will be presenting a long overdue concert.

## GVS GEAR

Show off your pride in Green Valley School by ordering some GVS Gear through our online store! The store offers a wide range of wear including hats, hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants and 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.

## CHOCOLATE SALES

GVS will resume our annual chocolate sales fundraiser in October. Chocolates will be sent home during the first week of October. As in previous years, we will be selling Laura Secord Chocolates (variety pack) and the World's Finest Chocolate Almonds. Each case contains 30 boxes of chocolates or almonds and each item is sold for \$3. All chocolates are peanut free, and the Laura Secord chocolates are nut free. Each child will be given the choice of which case (almonds or Laura Secord) they want to take home.

As chocolates get sold, please send in the money as soon as possible and in the largest denominations possible. Cheques may be written to the school for the entire \$90. Students selling one complete case of chocolates will be entered to win a daily prize. Larger prizes at the end of the sales include a variety of gift certificates and large chocolate bars for the top sellers.

Money raised from chocolate sales is used to contribute to outdoor playground equipment, field trips, guest speakers, special events, and sports programs.

# UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

For students in grade 12 who plan to attend a university or college in the fall of 2023, consider applying as soon as you can. Spots fill up, especially in colleges. Also to students applying to universities, applications should be submitted by March 1, 2023 in order to be eligible for entrance scholarships. If you or your children have any questions about any of these, please contact our school counsellor, Mr. Cam Gerbrandt.

## FCC FOOD DRIVE

In recognition of World Food Day, Sunday, October 16 and the rising need due to rising food prices, our school is once again collecting donations of non-perishable food for people who are struggling with food insecurity. We are thrilled to be partnering with Grunthal Caring Hands Food Bank to ensure that the food collected is distributed to families in our area.

Collection of non-perishable food donations will take place from Monday, October 3 to Friday, October 14. The Thanksgiving weekend takes place during this time span and it would be a great time to collect non-perishable donations from family members who don't have students in our school. You can gather donations at your gathering.

Even with the craziness of the past couple of years, our community has come through with supporting our past food drives. We have often had the goal to get to 5000 pounds. Can we "Drive for 5" ? We would like to be able to do that again this year, so keep your eyes open for good deals and stock up early. For ideas of most needed food items, check out the following website:  
<http://grunthalcaringhands.org/donations.php> (Things to Donate)

A little healthy competition is always fun, so we will be keeping track of points for each grade, as well as a running total of the pounds of food brought in altogether. Our food drive kick off will take place on Monday, October 3 during our school assembly. Thank you in advance for your participation in this great project for our community!

## TOKTWD

Wednesday, November 2 is Take Our Kid to Work Day (TOKWD). We are planning and hoping for a normal year. Grade 9 students will go with a parent, a relative, or a community host and experience the world of work for the day rather than going to school. This gives all grade 9 students in the province a chance to experience the world of work through job shadowing a parent, relative or family friend. It is best to try to arrange this day as soon as possible. Some employment locations need plenty of planning and in others the spots fill up fast. Please contact our school counsellor, Mr. Cam Gerbrandt, if you need more information.