



# Green Valley School

February 2023

**Feb 6**  
Semester 2 Begins (Gr. 9-12)

**Feb 2-15**  
Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

**Feb 9**  
SY Winter Activity Day  
MY Snow Glow Away

**Feb 10**  
SY Report Cards Issued

**Feb 20**  
Louis Riel Day (No Classes)

**Feb 24**  
HTA PD Day (No Classes)

## Principal's Message

We would like to wish 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 Monday, February 13.

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 3 and 24. Please continue to check our GVS website for update information regarding PD and Admin days.

If parents or community members haven't come out to any of our basketball games, we highly encourage you to come and watch some exciting middle years and high school action. Check our daily announcements on our web page for upcoming games being played at GVS and South Oaks.

We highly encourage our GVS caregivers/parents to talk to their children about the many different obstacles they must 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. We want our students to revisit and reflect on their goals. 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

# SPORTS

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## SY SPORTS

January has been a busy month for our basketball teams, as league play and tournaments are in full swing. Our Varsity Boys team has had some awesome results at tournaments, placing 3rd at SCS and 2nd at their home tournament, here at Green Valley. The Varsity Boys are currently the 5th ranked AA team in the province. Our JV Boys team are undefeated in league play so far and are currently the # 1 ranked A/AA Jv Boys team in the Province. League play continues in February. As well, the Varsity Boys will be attending the Northlands Parkway tournament on February 10-11, 2023.

High School Badminton will begin in February. Students should listen to the announcements for practice days and times.

All game results will be posted at [www.mhsaa.ca](http://www.mhsaa.ca), along with current Provincial rankings. For practice times and league games, visit [www.gvs.hsd.ca](http://www.gvs.hsd.ca) and access the Pirates calendar. For all Zone 13 information and League Schedules visit our Zone 13 league website at <http://z13aa.weebly.com>.

## MY SPORTS

Our basketball teams are playing throughout the month of February. The grade 7 and 8 girls games are on Tuesdays, while the grade 7 and 8 boys play on Thursdays. All start times for games are 5:30. Check the school sports calendar for games and practices along with the schedules that were taken home by the players. Teams usually have one game and one practice per week. If any past students who still have a middle years GVS jersey would like to sell it to the school, we are interested and may offer up to \$20. We are currently out of jerseys and would like to recycle some if possible to suit those students that are interested in playing badminton later this spring. Next year we are most likely changing the jersey to a different design.

# GVS GEAR

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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.

# LIBRARY

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February is I Love to Read Month, a busy time at GVS. There is DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read) each day. The Scholastic Virtual Book Fair is Feb. 2 - 15. Blind Date with a Book is back. The Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg has a calendar of activities for the month, including reading books by Canadian and Indigenous authors. Happy reading!

# VIRTUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK

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Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Due to space restrictions, the Scholastic Book Fair will be a Virtual Book Fair only. It will still provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together. So save the date! Our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair will take place on **February 2 - February 15, 2023**. The link below will be on the GVS website under the latest news:

**<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5202430>**

Let's continue to give our students access to the books they want to read! We are excited to provide this opportunity for families to shop together, from the comfort of home. Share this link with Grandparents and extended family, too! Orders will be delivered directly to the school so **NO** shipping costs for customers! All purchases benefit our school and earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and resources for GVS.

If you need to order and pay with cash or cheque (payable to GVS), please talk to the librarian or email [tfriesen@hsd.ca](mailto:tfriesen@hsd.ca)

Go online for a sneak peek by visiting our school's website. Click on the Virtual Book Fair Feb 2-15 icon and it will take you directly to our very own shopping site where you can Preview featured books and Watch videos of popular new titles. The site will be open for purchasing on February 2 - February 15, 2023.

Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.

## COUNSELLING

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### **GRAD INFORMATION**

There will be a Grad Meeting during period 2 on February 10, 2023. We will be deciding on valedictorian, grad mural, guest speakers and more. All grade 12 students should attend and bring their Chromebook for voting.

### **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, 2023. 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 13 to change their second semester courses. Please reach out to Mr. Gerbrandt if you have any changes you would like to make.