



Green Valley School

January 2023

Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

The staff at GVS hope you all had a great break and are looking forward to a successful and inspiring new year in 2023.

Our first full week back to school is coming to an end and we have been happy to get back into our daily educational routines. The conclusion of the first semester and report cards for our grade 9-12 students is fast approaching. Please be sure to have a look at your child's exam schedule for the last week of January.

As we move forward into 2023, one of our biggest goals remains to help all students feel welcome, respected, accepted and safe. We continue to strive to motivate our students to find success in all aspects of school.

We are happy that many extra-curricular activities are in full swing. Parents can find practice and game times on our school website under daily announcements.

We continue to take pride in our relationships with parents/guardians and encourage partnership in the important job of educating the children of our community. Do not hesitate to keep open and ongoing communication between home and school.

All the best in 2023.
Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

MONTH AT A GLANCE:

January 27

Last Day of First Semester

January 30- February 2

Grades 9-12 Final
Assessment Block

February 2 (PM)

Grades 9-12 Exam Make-Up Day

Music

With the last sounds of Christmas and ringing in the New Year behind us, the GVS bands and choir have an exciting few months ahead. We are in full swing preparing for the upcoming festivals and concerts. Please add following dates to your calendar:

- February 23: Family of Festivals in Winnipeg (grade 9-12 band)
- March 23: Spring Concert (grade 7-12 bands and 9-12 choir)
- June 15: Summer Concert (grade 7-12 bands and 9-12 choir)

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.



SY Winter Activity Day

Winter Activity Day for grades 9-12 will be on Thursday, February 9. Sign up will take place at the end of January before exams.

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

February is I Love to Read Month. The GVS Scholastic Virtual Book Fair will be held in February 2-15. Information on the Book Fair and other February library activities will be available at a later date.

High School Sports

Our Varsity and JV Boys Basketball teams have been busy preparing for the upcoming season. League play will begin on January 9 with our Varsity Boys in action at home vs. Ste. Anne. Our JV Team will travel to SRSS the following day, Tuesday January 10. For a full list of games and tournaments for each team, please see below. Good luck to both of our teams!

JV Boys Games:

- January 10: vs. @ SRSS
- January 17: @ Niverville RED
- January 23: @ Niverville BLACK
- February 7: vs. Gab Roy (@ South Oaks)
- February 16: vs. LCI (@ South Oaks)
- February 21: @ Ste. Anne
- February 23: South Semi-Final
- February 28: South Final
- March 2: Zone Final

Varsity Boys Games:

- January 9: vs. Ste. Anne (@ South Oaks)
- January 16: vs. Gab Roy (@ South Oaks)
- January 23: @ Sprague
- January 25: vs. SCS (@ South Oaks)
- February 6: @ Niverville
- February 8: @ Landmark
- February 15: South Semi-Final
- February 22: South Final
- February 24: Zone Final

Varsity Boys Tournaments

- January 6-7: Steinbach Christian
- January 20-21: Green Valley
- February 10-11: Northlands Parkway
- March 4: Provincial Qualifier
- March 16-18: Provincials @ Virden

All game results will be posted at www.mhsaa.ca, along with current Provincial Rankings! For practice times and league games, visit 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/>.

Middle Years Sports

Basketball season is underway, and we have three teams in middle years. Our grade 8 girls team coach is Ed Giesbrecht, grade 7 girls coach is Steve Elias, and a combination of grade 7 and 8 boys team is being coached by our newly highered EA, coach Bruce Gasmena. Thank you to our coaches for volunteering their time.

Please check the Pirates calendar at www.gvs.hsd.ca for all practice times and upcoming games, the game schedule will be posted up later this month. Girls will play on Tuesdays and boys on Thursdays. All games will start at 5:30 PM. Buses will be booked for all the away league games.

Come out and cheer on your Green Valley Pirates!

College and University Applications

Please note that the application deadline for applying to the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg is March 1, 2023 if you wish to be eligible for an entrance scholarship. This date is also the last date for faculties that have direct entry as an option. Students may still apply after March 1, but the only option will be University 1 at the U of M. 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

Manitoba Career Prospects is hosting an online career fair on January 26th. Here is the link to register: <https://www.manitobacareerfair.ca/>.

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 part of these tools. 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!

Mental Health

Taking care of your mental health each day is like taking care of your teeth. You do not wait for a problem to occur and then start taking care. Rather, you brush your teeth each day to try to prevent or minimize problems down the road. Getting about 8 hours of sleep per night, eating regular meals, getting daily physical exercise, connecting with others, having healthy hobbies and limiting daily screen time are all ways to help promote strong mental health. If you have any questions or concerns about mental health for you or a loved one, please contact our school counsellor, Mr. Cam Gerbrandt and he can help you with next steps to take.

GVS – January 2023

Final Assessment Schedule

Monday, January 30, 9:00 (period 2)

9 - ELA	N. Little	Rm. 108
9 - Math	A. Penner	Rm. 110
10 - Science	G. Dueck	Rm. 106
10 - ELA	C. Epp	Rm. 105
11 - Physics	C. Thiessen	Rm. 109

Monday, January 30, 1:00

10 - American Hist.	M. Zwaagstra	Rm. 113
---------------------	--------------	---------

Tuesday, January 31, 9:00 (period 3)

10 - Pre-Cal Math	G. Dueck	Rm. 106
11 - Chemistry	C. Thiessen	Rm. 109
12 - ELA	C. Epp	Rm. 105
12 - Law	M. Zwaagstra	Rm. 113
9 - ELA (period 4)	N. Little	Rm. 108

Tuesday, January 31, 1:00

11 - Art	M. Wiens	Rm. 100
----------	----------	---------

Wednesday, February 1, 9:00 (period 4)

9 - SST	M. Zwaagstra	Rm. 113
9 - Science	C. Thiessen	Rm. 109
11 - Agriculture	R. Schroeder	Rm. 112
12 - Pre-Cal Math	G. Dueck	Rm. 106
12 - Applied Math	A. Penner	Rm. 110

Wednesday, February 1, 1:00

Thursday, February 2, 9:00 (period 5)

10 - ELA	C. Epp	Rm. 105
10 - Geography	R. Schroeder	Rm. 112
11 - Pre-Cal Math	G. Dueck	Rm. 106
11 - ELA	N. Little	Rm. 108
11 - Applied Math	A. Penner	Rm. 110
12 - Chemistry	C. Thiessen	Rm. 109

Thursday, February 2, 1:00

Make-up Exams

Friday, February 3, Admin Day

*Each exam slot is two hours; students are expected to remain in exam rooms for a minimum of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

**Once exams are completed, students are expected to be in the assigned study room or have arrangements made to return home.