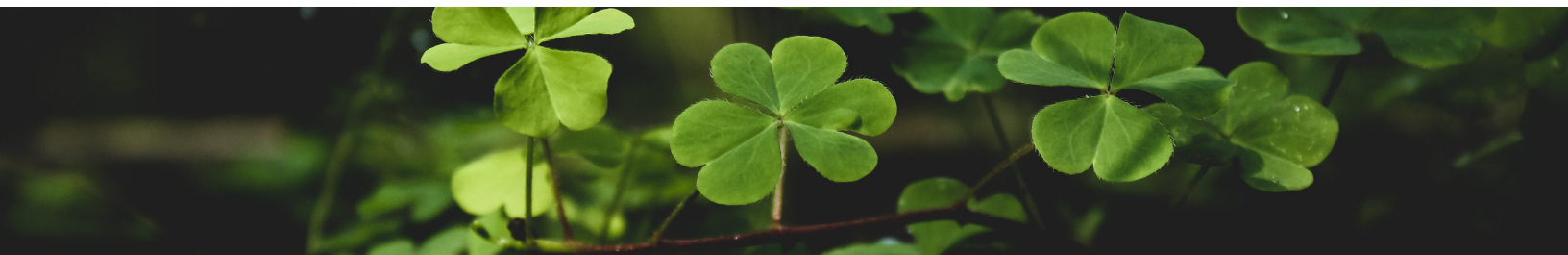


# GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

MARCH 2023



## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

We only have four school weeks left until Spring Break!?!? How is that possible??

This winter has been far more bearable than last winter. Thankfully, we did not see a lot of student contact time lost due to inclement weather. Spring is fast approaching which also means our clocks will be springing ahead on March 12, 2023.

A HUGE shout out to our staff members that helped with “I Love to Read Month”. This was a very successful event. “Bookflix,” “Stop, Drop, and Read,” and “Blind Date with a Book,” were some of the popular activities and promotions that captured the attention and interest of many students and staff. As we bid farewell to the fun activities that took place in February for “I Love to Read” month, March will be just as exciting with Numeracy month activities.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Vernon Neufeld and our GVS Band for their great performances and showings at this years Optimist Festival in Winnipeg. I highly encourage parents to attend this festival next year to see our students showcase their musical talents.

Our Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball teams will be preparing to play in wild card games next weekend to qualify for the AA Boys Basketball Provincials being held this month. We wish them well as they represent Pirate Nation and as they play hard to make it to Provincials.

A reminder to our parents of our grade 5-8 students about our Middle Years Learning Expo that will be taking place on Wednesday March 22 at GVS from 4:00-6:30 pm. Our Grade 9 Orientation has been rescheduled for April 5, 2023, at 6:45. Grade 8 parents will receive an email and a phone call reminder of the date and time of that event. This is a very important meeting for our grade 8 students and their parents/caregivers to attend. After the orientation, students will be selecting their high school courses for the upcoming school year.

Speaking of the upcoming school year, Green Valley School is excited to welcome high school students from Kleefeld. Current grade 8 students from Kleefeld have been given the option to attend high school at the SRSS, or here at GVS for the 2023-2024 school. If parents with high school students in the Kleefeld catchment have any further questions about this opportunity, they are more than welcome to contact GVS.

We would like to remind our school community to check their home emails for regular school and divisional updates. Parents/guardians/caregivers are also encouraged to check the GVS website for daily announcements and updates for all school related activities.

Wishing our GVS families a healthy, safe, and active March,

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel  
Principal

## NUMERACY

At GVS, we are calculating that more activity time, over less days will be equivalent or greater to our Numeracy Months of the past. Welcome to this year's **Numeracy Week**, beginning on Monday, March 13 and culminating with middle year's Math Olympics on Friday, March 17. Activities to highlight and celebrate Math will be going on each day. Students will have opportunities to earn ballots for guessing the number of candies in a jar that will be on display.

World Pi Day is on Tuesday, March 14 or 03/14. **Pi** is a special math number. **Pi** is the ratio of a circle's circumference compared to it's diameter.....so, for any circle, dividing it's circumference by it's diameter will give you the exact same number: 3.14159...(goes on forever without repeating - which makes it an irrational number)... or **Pi**. For March 14 we are encouraging all staff and students who have **GVS Pi-rate gear** to wear it to school.

Check out the special days and events below, as well as some useful sites in the links below. If you are interested in helping out with the grades 5-8 Math Olympics on the morning of Friday, March 17, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Maria Friesen.

Dates to Remember:

**March 14:** Numeracy Month at GVS begins and Pi Day activities, also wear your GVS Pirates gear

**March 15:** Wear a Pattern Day

**March 16:** Wear a Number Day

**March 17:** Math Olympics for the middle years

**March 20:** Candy jar winner is announced

Looking for some online sites that offer extra math practice?

- All grade 5-9 students have a Mathletics subscription and they can access this online.
- [www.youcubed.org/resource/youcubed-at-home/](http://www.youcubed.org/resource/youcubed-at-home/)
- [www.coolmathgames.com/1-number-games](http://www.coolmathgames.com/1-number-games)
- [www.multiplication.com/games](http://www.multiplication.com/games)
- [www.mathplayground.com/math-games.html](http://www.mathplayground.com/math-games.html)

## SY SPORTS

March Madness takes over Green Valley as both our JV and Varsity boys look for births in the Provincial Championships.

The Varsity Boys previously defeated Landmark in the South Zone Semi-Final. They played the South Final and came up short against the #1 ranked team from Gab Roy. The boys will take part in a Provincial Qualifier Saturday, March 4, with Provincials taking place March 16-18 in Virden. The Varsity Boys are currently ranked 4th in the Province.

Our JV Boys are also working toward a birth in Provincials. They lost in the South Finals and are waiting for a Wild Card. An interzone will be played March 2nd. Provincials take place in Cranberry Portage March 9-11. The JV Boys are currently ranked 4th in the Province.

Our High School Badminton team will begin in March, in preparation for their first tournament on March 21 (JV) and March 22 (Varsity) in St. Pierre. Practices are scheduled for 4-5:15 at South Oaks School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The following is a complete run down of the badminton team tournaments:

**March 21:** JV at St. Pierre

**March 22:** Varsity at St. Pierre

**April 4:** JV at Ste. Anne

**April 5:** Varsity at Ste. Anne

**April 11:** JV at SRSS

**April 12:** Varsity at SRSS

**April 18 :** JV South Zone Playoffs at St. Pierre

**April 19:** Varsity South Zone Playoffs at St. Pierre

**April 25:** JV and Varsity in Niverville Zone Playoffs

For all game and tournament results and current rankings please visit [www.mhsaa.ca](http://www.mhsaa.ca). For a schedule of practices, tournaments and upcoming games, please visit the Athletics calendar at [www.gvs.hsd.ca](http://www.gvs.hsd.ca).

**MARCH 12  
DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME**



## MONTH AT A GLANCE:

### March 10

MY Admin Day/SY PLC/PD Day  
Grad Pictures  
(No Classes)

### March 17

MY Report Cards Issued

### March 22

MY Learning Expo 4:00-6:30

### March 23

Spring Concert

### March 24

Last Day of Classes before Spring Break

### March 27 - April 2

Spring Break

### April 3

First Day of Classes After Spring Break

## COUNSELLING

### Grad Cap and Gown Portraits

Grade 12 students will be taking cap and gown pictures on Friday, March 10, 2023. Be sure to book your appointment time online. Check with Mr. Cam Gerbrandt if you have any questions.

### Students Going into Grade 10 Next Year

For all students in grade 9, going to the SRSS is an option for grade 10 if the student is majoring in a vocational program. Interested grade 9 students will be taken on a tour in March. There will also be a parent evening at the SRSS. Contact Mr. Cam Gerbrandt for more details.

### Put This Number in Your Kid's Phone: Kids Help Phone

If you're located in Manitoba, you can text the word "TALK" to 686868 to be connected to a trained Crisis Responder to help you with any issue – big or small. The service is free, confidential, and available 24/7. Of course you can always call as well - 1-800-668-6868.

### Internet Safety

No matter the age, all children can make use of a reminder about internet safety. Please have a conversation with your children about the protection of and sharing of personal information online. NeedHelpNow.ca is a website designed to help teens stop the spread of sexual pictures or videos and provides support such as information about how to involve a safe adult, helping a friend, how to report, and the laws in Canada.

## SCHOOL FEES

If your student(s) are enrolled in shops, food, art, band or sports, please make sure to pay the fees for those courses and activities. Online payments can be made by logging into the HSD Parent Portal or cheque and cash payments may be made directly at the school office.

## BUS LOOP

Parents and students are reminded that drop-offs in front of the school (in the bus-loop) are not permitted. Please do not drive into the main parking lot/bus loop during these times:

**8:15-9:15 AM** and from **3:15-4:15 PM**.

Vehicles that pass buses during drop-off and pick-up times could be subjected to a fine under The Highway Traffic Act. Buses are equipped with cameras and vehicles that drive by buses while their stop signs are out, will be reported. PLEASE help us keep our students and bus drivers safe during drop-off and pickup times.