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GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

October 2023

WELCOME TO FALL!!!

Just like that, we are done with our first month of school.

GVS has been buzzing with so many engaging and fun learning opportunities for our students. Thanks to our many staff and parent coaches that have dedicated so many hours to our extra-curricular programs. Our soccer, volleyball, and X-Country teams are proudly representing GVS as they attend games, tournaments, and running events.

Our student council is full of energy and enthusiasm this year!!! They have planned many awesome events for this upcoming school year. Please feel free to follow all the events on our school website.

As we begin October, we give thanks to our students, our staff, and our families. The month of October offers us a time to pause and appreciate the beauty around us. We give thanks for the opportunity to work with child and for your ongoing support of our school community. It is our hope that your children will feel and believe that they are deeply valued and cared for by our entire team here at GVS.

October will be a super busy month with our annual chocolate fundraiser, yearly food drive, band concert, and extra-curricular programs. If you can come out to concerts or games, our students would love to see you applauding them and cheering them on, as they excel in their out of class pursuits. I wish everyone a safe and active fall season. Get out and enjoy the beautiful colors that only the season of fall can produce. Finally, I want to personally thank our entire school staff for working incredibly hard in preparation for the start of the school year. It has been a great start to the 2023-2024 school year. We look forward to all the wonderful things that this year holds in store for our students.

Kind regards,

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel
Principal

Important Dates to Remember

September 28 - October 13:
Chocolate Sales

September 30:
National Day for Truth
& Reconciliation

October 2-13:
GVS Food Drive

October 3:
Admin/PD Day, NO CLASSES

October 9:
Thanksgiving Day, NO CLASSES

October 12:
PAC Meeting, 4:30-5:30
GVS Library, all welcome

October 19:
Fall Music Concert

October 20:
MTS PD Day, NO CLASSES

November 1:
Take Our Kid To Work Day (Gr 9s)

November 3:
Picture Retakes

We acknowledge the traditional territory upon which the schools of Hanover School Division reside as the lands of Treaty 1 territory and the homeland of the Métis people. The Hanover School Division operates on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe. In the spirit of truth, reconciliation, and collaboration, we honour our relationship with Indigenous Peoples and respect the contributions of history, culture, and language of Canada's original peoples.



Chocolate Sales

GVS is resuming our annual chocolate sales fundraiser!

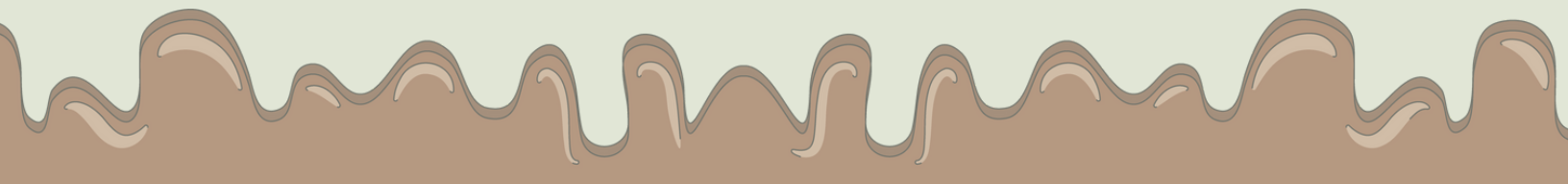
Chocolates were sent home on September 28th.

This year we will be selling the World's Finest Chocolate 3-for-\$5 Bar Variety Pack.

Each pack contains; 18 Milk & Almond Chocolate Bars, 12 Milk Chocolate with Crisp Bars, 12 Milk Chocolate with Caramel Bars, 12 Pure Milk Chocolate Bars, and 6 Dark Chocolate Bars. They are sold 3 bars for \$5.

As chocolates are sold, please send the money in as soon as possible--and in the largest denominations possible. Cheques may be written to the school for the entire \$100. Students selling one complete case of chocolates will be entered to win a daily prize and larger grand prizes at the completion of our fundraiser.

Money raised from chocolate sales is used to contribute to outdoor playground equipment, field trips, guest speakers, special events, and sports programs. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Hardern.



GVS Food Drive 2023

Collection of non-perishable food donations will take place from

Monday, October 2nd to Friday, October 13th.

Thanksgiving weekend takes place during this time span & would be a great time to collect non-perishable donations from family members who don't have students in our school.

Our community has come through with supporting our past food drives.

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.

Our food drive kick off took place on Thursday, September 28th during our school assembly.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this great project for our community!



Pictures! Ordering Information & Retakes

By now you will have received your picture proofs; they were handed out on Sept 22nd.

Ordering Options:

1) Online at mylifetouch.ca: you will need the Picture Day ID/Portrait ID plus the Access Code, both can be found on the proof sheet.

- Online orders placed before October 3rd will be included with paper orders sent to the school for distribution.
- Online orders placed after October 3rd will ship to the school up to 45 days after Picture Day. After 45 days, online orders will ship direct-to-home for an additional fee.

2) Return the payment envelope to the school: must include completed order form and cheque or money order. Cheques are payable to LifeTouch Canada. **Orders must in to the office by Monday, October 2nd.**

Retakes will take place on **November 3rd** - please return your original picture package at this time. This day is also open for students who missed Picture Day.



Fall Concert

The GVS music department invites you for this year's fall concert,
October 19th, at 7:00 pm in the school gym.

The music program is in full swing and we are busy preparing for the fall concert.

The fall concert is presented by

the grade 7 & 8 bands, grade 9 - 12 choir and grade 9 - 12 band.

Band and choir students should arrive between 6:15 - 6:30 in concert attire.

University & College Applications

For students in grade 12 who plan to attend a university or college in the fall of 2024, 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, 2024 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.

Suicide Alertness Training for Parents and Students

GVS is planning to offer a suicide alertness course for students over 16 years of age and parents. The course is developed by LivingWorks and is called safeTALK, which stands for Suicide Alertness for Everyone. This 1-evening course takes approximately 3.5 hours and teaches participants how to recognize signs of someone considering suicide and how to connect them to others who can help keep them safe. Please contact the school office if you are interested in being part of this 1-evening course in November.

Go to the following for more information: <https://livingworks.net/training/livingworks-safetalk/>

or view this short YouTube video

<https://youtu.be/QQ-CdrWgz1c?si=7xdp6jNQV0aFVUqs>

SPIRIT WEEK

**all Spirit Week costumes must adhere to the GVS Dress Code

- **Wed, Oct 25 - Kindergarten Self**

Dress as yourself from your Kindergarten days!

- **Thu, Oct 26 - Seniors Day**

Dress like a senior citizen!

- **Fri, Oct 27 - Heroes vs Villians**

Dress as your favourite superhero OR villain!

- **Mon, Oct 30 - Cozy Day**

Come to school in your coziest clothes!

- **Tue, Oct 31 - Free Dress Up Day!**

Wear your best costume or outfit!

Big thanks to our Student Council for planning this fun event!

October 31st Activities

Pumpkin Carving Contest! Bring in your *pre-carved* pumpkin & enter to win in these categories: FUNNY - CUTE - SCARY

Haunted House! Will be setup on the stage during lunchhour



Take Our Kid To Work Day

Wednesday, November 1st is Take Our Kid To Work Day (TOKWD).

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.

Library News

Welcome back! 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. Remember, if you are done with a library book, return it. If you need it longer, come get it renewed. Keep on reading, Pirates!

SY Lunchhour Activites

Wed - Kindergarten games
in the gym with Mr Friesen

Thu - Bingo in the gym

Fri - Dodgeball in the gym
heroes vs villains

Mon - hot drinks for sale

Tue - treat bags for sale

Middle Years Sports Report

Green Valley Athletics have been busy this past month. We had about 25 Gr 5 - 8 runners participating in the Hanover Cross Country Run which was held on September 21st. We had 4 runners move on to participate in the Milk Run last Wednesday at La Barriere Park. Our previous best at such a race might have been a 7th place finish back in 2014. This year GVS made a statement that there are some pretty good runners outside the perimeter and some were asking "Where is Green Valley"? Keep in mind there were about 120 runners per category. The results were as follows. Emma Bergen 21st, Kinsley Harder 9th, Aodhan Steeves 2nd and Brendan Steeves 1st. Well done team. Let's hope this generates more enthusiasm for Cross Country and we can get more runners to enter in the team category next year.

The Volleyball program is up and running with GVS entering 4 teams into the Hanover league. We are fielding two Gr.8 girls teams, one Gr. 8 boys team and one Gr.7 girls team. The league is divided into 2 categories of "big schools" & "small schools". We are allocated into "small schools" where we participate mainly against teams like Kleefeld, Landmark, Blumenort, Steinbach Christian and New Bothwell. Good luck to all our coaches and teams. Come out and support our Athletes during the first week of October: the girls will play on Tuesday evenings while the boys play on Thursdays. Game times start at 5:30. Schedules will be out soon.

The Annual Terry fox Run was held on September 22. We had a new twist to the fundraising efforts: each toonie entered gave students a chance to win a new pair of sneakers.

Congratulations to Ben Young (gr 11) and Kallan Beaudette (gr 7)!

Together we raised over \$900 for The Terry Fox Foundation!

A big thanks goes out to the Grunthal Fire Department for assisting with the route & keeping us safe during the run.

Senior Years Sports Report

The fall sports season is upon us and our Soccer, Cross Country and Volleyball teams are preparing for a busy month of October.

GV-EH (Green Valley-Ecole Heritage) boys and girls soccer teams are battling hard in league play as they work their way toward Zone Championships in Niverville, on Oct 5th!

Good luck to both our teams as they finish up their seasons.

Our Cross Country running team is busy training for zones, which will be held at the Pine Falls Golf Course on October 4th.

September has been full of practices and tournaments for all of our Volleyball teams, as they prepare to get their league play underway starting the week of Sept 25th.

Teams' full schedules can be seen at:

<https://www.mhsaa.ca/schools/view/166/green-valley-school/>.

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

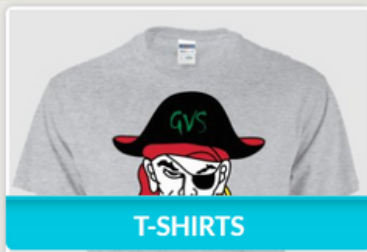
To access the GVS athletics calendar for practices, league games, zone and Provincial Championship dates, visit

<https://gvs.hsd.ca/sports-calendar/sports-calendar/> to access the Pirates calendar.

GVS School Wear

Show off your school pride by ordering some GVS Gear through our online store! The store offers a wide range of options 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 (listed under the STUDENT tab).

All orders are completed & paid for online. Can be shipped right to your door or to the school for pickup.



Stay Connected and Informed!

The HSD Parent Portal is a communications tool designed to enhance and increase parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children. The portal provides parents/guardians with secure online access to our Student Information System. With a single username and password, parents/guardians can access information regarding attendance, school fees, payments, permission forms, report cards, parent-teacher meetings, and graduation/credit summary. Visit <https://hsd.ca/parent-portal/> for more info

Attendance Procedures

Please let us know when your child will be absent from school, for any reason:

Phone: (204) 434-6415

Email: gvs@hsd.ca

Through the HSD Parent Portal

*if your child is absent from school and the office has not been notified, you may receive an automated telephone message & email asking you to contact the school

GVS Mission Statement

We strive to create a safe, caring, learning environment which promotes academic excellence while validating the uniqueness of the individual as a contributing member of the larger social community.