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Dear GVS School Community,

Senior Years report cards went home two weeks ago, and Middle Years report cards go out Friday, December 1, which means Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on December 7. Parents can book their appointments on the Parent Portal. We appreciate you taking the time to meet with your child's teacher. We hope that you understand the progress your child is making and that you feel that there is a partnership between you and the teachers. If you are unable to make it to the conferences, please feel free to call or email your child's teacher.

In the coming weeks, we plan on celebrating the festive season with "Spirit Week" activities here at GVS. The dress up days will be posted on our school website, www.gvs.hsd.ca. Our band and choir students are rehearsing and working hard to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Concert. Please check the newsletter and our website for the scheduled times for our afternoon and evening public performances.

With the start of December, the cooler, blustery days of winter are most certainly on the way. We highly encourage our students to dress in their winter gear. Our students in grade 5-8 still have daily outdoor recess and noon hour breaks, so dressing for the weather is important.

Wherever you are or however you celebrate, our wish is for you to have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable holiday. May this holiday season end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year. We look forward to welcoming back our students and staff on January 8th, 2024.

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

Dates to Remember:

December 1st: Middle Years report cards issued
Student Council Cookie Sale


December 7th: Parent Teacher Interviews
(booking will be live Dec 1st on the Parent Portal)

December 14th: Christmas Concert


December 18th-22nd: Holiday Spirit Week

December 22nd: Last day of classes

December 25th-January 5th: Christmas Break



The GVS Grade 7 Leadership students have organized a coin drive to support the local Christmas hampers. They will be collecting monetary donations in the morning from 8:40-8:55 and from 12:15-12:40 from Nov 27th through Dec 1st. Thanks for helping us help our community!



GVS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday, December 14th, 2023

Afternoon Performances – Middle Years, 1:30pm
– Senior Years, 2:15pm

Combined Evening Performance* – 7:30pm
(students to arrive at 6:45pm)

**please be advised that seating is limited*



HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, Dec 18th - Ugly Sweater Day

Tuesday, Dec 19th - Formal Day

Wednesday, Dec 20th - Winter Movie/Song Character Day

Thursday, Dec 21st - Merry & Bright Day

Friday, Dec 22nd - Clash of the Carols/Grade Wars



- Gr 12 - red
- Gr 11 - green
- Gr 10 - white
- Gr 9 - blue
- Staff - silver or gold



December Student Council Activities

December 1st - Cookie Sale at lunch, 50¢ each

December 18th-20th - order a Candy Cane for a friend
(delivered on December 22nd)

December 19th - Photo Booth at lunch

December 20th - Christmas Movie Trivia at lunch
(1 for Middle Years & 1 for Senior Years)

December 22nd - Candy Grams delivered

PAC Pizza Day: Pizza is delivered on Fridays at noon
Orders must be placed on the Wednesday prior to Pizza Day.

Wednesday Mornings, 8:30-9:00am

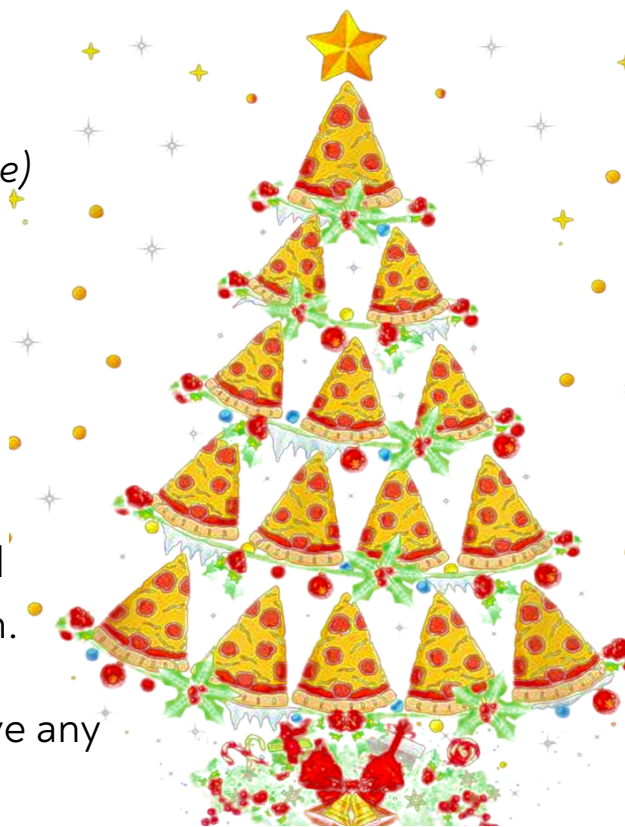
Coupons can be purchased at the canteen
(cannot be purchased on Parent Portal or at the office)

1 ticket = \$1.75 / 1 sheet of 10 tickets = \$17.50

Pizza orders for Middle Years can be placed in their classrooms, with their homeroom teachers, on Wednesday mornings, before 9am.

Pizza orders for High School Students can be placed at the canteen on Wednesday mornings, before 9am.

Please contact a member of the GVS PAC if you have any questions, or if you would like to volunteer.



MENTAL HEALTH NOTE

The three most important and "doable" things a person can do to support positive mental health is SEE: Sleep/Eat/Exercise

- Sleep about 8 hours each night. Keep a regular sleep and wake schedule.
- Eat three balanced meals per day. Skipping meals lowers a person's ability to concentrate and learn.
- Exercise for at least one 20 minute time frame per day. Daily exercise has been shown to have as much benefit as taking mental health medication.

Talk to Mr. Cam Gerbrandt if you are looking for strategies and ideas to support your mental health.



Hey there families! Ready to discover the characters and stories your kids love? The Scholastic Reading Club makes it easy for you and your child to buy books that will spark a love of reading!

Every time you place an order, our school benefits. There are paper order forms available each month for those who need them. For those who want to order online, the Scholastic Reading Club website is <https://bookclubs.scholastic.ca/> where you can shop for items 24/7 by grade or by digi flyers. This option also has a lot more items than the paper flyers. When you have your items ready to checkout online, please enter the Class Code **RC165287** for our school to earn rewards. You can pay with credit card or PayPal. If you need to pay with cash or cheque, please bring your order (with your name and homeroom on it) and the money to Mrs. T. Friesen (the Librarian) and she will place your order for you. All cheques should be made payable to Green Valley School. All items ordered online or through GVS, will be shipped to the school. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. T. Friesen by email at tfriesen@hsd.ca or by calling the school at 204-434-6415.



A big thank you to everyone who helped with the *Reading Gives You Wings* bulletin board. It was fun to see so many of you involved in colouring feathers for the display.

Finally, I wish you all Happy Holidays. Keep on reading over the break!
See you January 8th, 2024.

~Mrs. Friesen



GRADE 12 STUDENTS, TALK TO MR. GERBRANDT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT APPLICATIONS.

MONEY AND FUNDING FOR POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLING, BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS, MANITOBA STUDENT AID & MORE COULD BE SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR FURTHER EDUCATION. TALK TO MR. G ABOUT THESE TOO.



MIDDLE YEARS, 5-8



Volleyball season ended with our grade 8 girls team white making it to the finals against Blumenort. The girls lost the first set and roared their way back to win the second set. We got off to a bad start in the final and deciding set and lost 15 - 12 in the finals. The girls learned a great deal from the experience and are off to a great start in their volleyball careers here at GVS.

The grade 8 boys team lost in the quarter finals against Landmark which was held at SCS. The boys had a great season and improved as the year went on. Good luck next year!

Basketball sign ups have been posted. It looks like student interest is there, but we are in need of coaches for the grade 7 girls and gr 8 boys basketball teams. If interested please contact Mr. Hill at the school. Practice times will be announced soon and can be found on the GVS sports calendar.



SENIOR YEARS, 9-12



A huge congratulations to all of our Volleyball teams on an incredible season of play!

Thanks to all of our coaches for their dedication to our teams!

JV Boys Volleyball Team @ Provincials

Our JV Boys are Zone 13 Champions! The boys defeated both St. Joachim and Landmark in straight sets to claim the A/AA Zone 13 Banner. The boys traveled to The Pas for Provincials Nov. 23-25. The boys finished 3rd in their pool and lost their first playoff match to the eventual Provincial Champions. Thanks to Ken and Marcus Friesen for their time and dedication to coaching the boys this season. We are proud of all of you.

Varsity Girls Volleyball Team @ Provincials

Our Varsity Girls have had an incredible season of play. The girls defeated Landmark in Zone 13 Championships, before falling just short to Gab Roy for the title. The girls earned themselves a spot in Provincials Qualifiers in Birtle, MB and went in ranked #8 in the Province. The girls had an awesome weekend of volleyball, on there way to a tight match against # 1 ranked Major Pratt. The girls pulled off a huge upset, winning in three sets (25-27, 25-23, 15-11) to book themselves a spot at Provincials in Lac du Bonnet from Nov. 30th - Dec. 2nd. Stay tuned to next newsletter to see how the girls did at Provincials.

Our JV and Varsity boys basketball teams have already started to prepare for the upcoming season! Both teams will kick off their seasons in December with the Varsity Boys traveling to Powerview Dec. 8/9. The JV Boys will travel to Immanuel Christian Dec. 15/16 for a tournament. We will also be fielding a JV Girls team this season.

We are very pleased to offer Green Valley Pirate Clothing through our online store! The store offers a wide range of wear including Hats, Hoodies, T-Shirts, Sweatpants, 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.

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/>.

COLD/HAZARDOUS WEATHER GUIDELINES

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Extreme Hazardous Weather

Schools will close when weather and road conditions in Hanover School Division are such that it is not advisable to transport students via school buses. If the weather conditions deteriorate after the school day has started, resulting in unsafe driving conditions that necessitate cancelling bus service for the return trip home, students will remain in school until other arrangements can be made. HSD will not send buses out early.

Extreme Cold Weather

Schools will close due to cold weather when the Environment Canada Kleefer Weather Station temperature (recorded at 6:00 a.m.) is -35° Celsius or colder, or indicates a wind chill of -45° Celsius or colder.

Notification of Weather-Related Closures

Parents/Caregivers will receive an automated phone message between 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Closure notices will also be posted at www.HSD.ca and on Twitter @HanoverSD. Visit the HSD website for a list of local news outlets that announce weather-related closures.

If concerned about child safety during periods of extreme weather, parents/caregivers may choose (at their discretion) to keep their children at home. Those choosing to exercise this option should inform the school on that day as per regular absence procedures.

INDOOR RECESS

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise, and outside activities/play affords students an opportunity for movement and socialization. However, inclement weather conditions sometimes warrant students to remain indoors during recess/lunch for safety reasons. The decision to limit students' outdoor exposure is at the school principal's discretion and will be based on local weather conditions, including wind direction and outdoor shelter protection.

A shortened outdoor recess period may be considered when the temperature or wind chill is between -25° and -29° Celsius. A temperature or wind chill of -30° Celsius or colder may necessitate moving the recess indoors.

WINTER CLOTHING

Parents/Caregivers can help our students be prepared for their walk to school and recess activities by dressing them in layers and ensuring their child has a toque, mitts and warm winter boots. Warm winter clothing is essential in Manitoba, and facial protection is recommended. Including an extra pair of socks and mittens in your child's backpack will ensure they have dry replacements if needed.

BUS DELAY BULLETINS

The HSD Transportation Department will post delay bulletins for buses running more than 10 minutes late. Access bus delay bulletins by scanning the QR code below or by visiting HSD.ca.



hsd.ca/services/transportation

If you have any questions not addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.





Green Valley School

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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