

# Green Valley School



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**January  
Newsletter**

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 2024. Our first two weeks back to school are 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 2024, 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 2024!

*Angela Burtnack-Schinkel*



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## January 2024 Final Assessment Schedule

### Thursday, January 25, 9:00

9 - ELA	N. Little	Rm. 108/109
10 - American Hist.	M. Zwaagstra	Rm. 113
11 - Agriculture	R. Schroeder	Rm. 112
12 - Pre-Cal Math (P)	G. Dueck	Rm. 106

### Thursday, January 25, 1:00

11 - Physics	C. Thiessen	Rm. 109
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### Friday, January 26, 9:00

9 - Science	C. Thiessen	Rm. 109
10 - Science	G. Dueck	Rm. 106
11 - Can. History	R. Schroeder	Rm. 112
12 - Art (portfolios)	M. Wiens	Rm. Art

### Friday, January 26, 1:00

### Monday, January 29, 9:00

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

### Monday, January 29, 1:00

10 - Pre-Cal Math	G. Dueck/A. Penner	Rm. 106/110
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### Tuesday, January 30, 9:00

9 - Social Studies	M. Zwaagstra	Rm. 113
10 - Geography	R. Schroeder	Rm. 112
11 - Pre-Cal Math	G. Dueck	Rm. 106
11 - Applied Math	A. Penner	Rm. 110

### Tuesday, January 30, 1:00

Make up exams

### Wednesday, January 31, 9:00

Student Portfolios and Interviews

### Wednesday, January 31, 1:00

Make Up Exams

### Thursday, February 1, Semester 2 Begins

### Grade 12 Provincial Exams

- English Language Arts 40S - January 9-12, 2024
- Applied Mathematics - January 23, 2024
- Pre-Calculus Mathematics - January 25, 2024

### Student Information

- If you have an exam conflict, please let your teacher know ASAP.
- 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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 24th to 26th: Scholastic Book Fair

January 25th to 31st\*: Final Assessment Block (Gr 9-12)

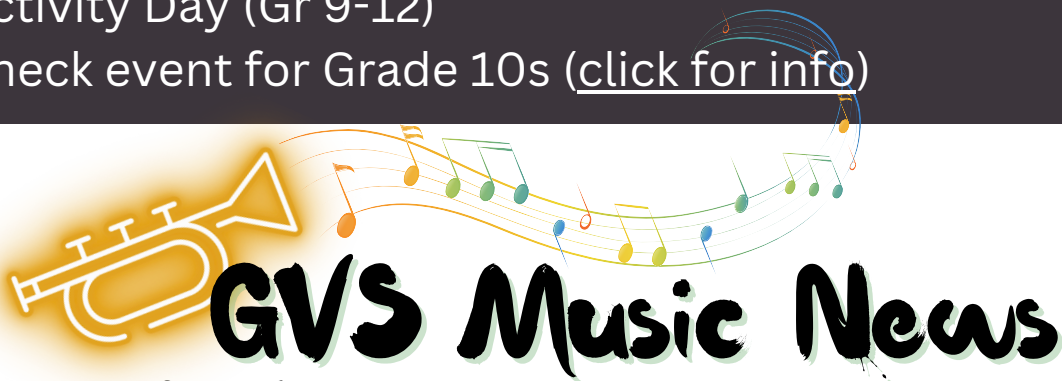
\*January 31st: No SY classes / Make-up Exams

February 1st: Semester 2 Begins (Gr 9-12)

February 2nd: Admin/PD Day – NO CLASSES

February 15th: Winter Activity Day (Gr 9-12)

February 21st: Reality Check event for Grade 10s ([click for info](#))



The new year brings us into the music festival season.

The GVS bands will be participating in the Family of Festivals that takes place at the Convention Centre in Winnipeg.

Grade 9 – 12 Band students will be at the festival on February 20th, and the Grade 8 band will be at the festival on February 22nd.

Students will leave the school at 9:00am and will be back by 3:30pm.

More information will be sent home with students as these dates approach.

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.





# January 24th to 26th

## 9:00am - 4:00pm

### GVS Library

Howdy families! Ready to discover the characters & stories your kids love? The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to GVS! This year's theme is Wild West: Saddle Up and Read. It's the ultimate sale event with books and boutique items such as pencils, erasers, posters and more for sale. There are also contests and prize draws. Additionally, a portion of the sales benefits our school. It's the best way to raise funds while encouraging kids to read.

Book Fair Dates: January 24th-26th, 2024 Times: 9:00am-4:00pm

Location: GVS Library

Family Night Event Date/Times: Thursday, January 25th, 4:00pm-7:00pm.

We accept cash and cheques (made payable to GVS), debit and credit cards. Visit the fair on Family Night for a chance to win \$25 in books for your home library and your students' classroom library. Soon, you can visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website to read reviews of the Featured Books, watch book trailers and author videos and more. To sneak a peek at some of the books, [follow this link!](#)

If you are interested in volunteering to help or learning more about our Scholastic Book Fair, please contact Mrs. T. Friesen (librarian) at 204-434-6415 or by email [tfriesen@hsd.ca](mailto:tfriesen@hsd.ca).

Thank you in advance for helping make our students lifelong readers – we couldn't do it without your participation and support.



# 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  $-35^{\circ}$  Celsius or colder, or indicates a wind chill of  $-45^{\circ}$  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](http://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  $-25^{\circ}$  and  $-29^{\circ}$  Celsius. A temperature or wind chill of  $-30^{\circ}$  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](http://HSD.ca).



[hsd.ca/services/transportation](http://hsd.ca/services/transportation)

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





## SENIOR YEARS, 9-12



Our Basketball teams have been busy preparing for the upcoming season.

Our JV Girls kicked off their season January 9th with a home game vs Steinbach Christian. They will also participate in three tournaments:

Jan 12/13 @ Steinbach Christian

Jan 19/20 @ Prairie Mountain (Somerset)

Feb 23/24 @ Immanuel Christian

Our JV Boys started their season before Christmas Break, taking 2nd place at the Immanuel Christian Tournament. The boys are playing both JV and Varsity League this season, along with Varsity Tournaments.

The Varsity Boys basketball team traveled to Powerview on Dec 8th winning and losing a game. Unfortunately they could not travel back Saturday due to poor driving conditions. We are excited to once again host some very good teams at our annual Varsity Boys tournament Jan 19/20 @ South Oaks school. In addition, the boys will travel to Winkler (Feb 9/10) and Rosenort (Feb 23/24) for tournaments.

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/>.



## MIDDLE YEARS, 5-8



Basketball Season is in full swing for Grades 7s & 8s at Green Valley School.

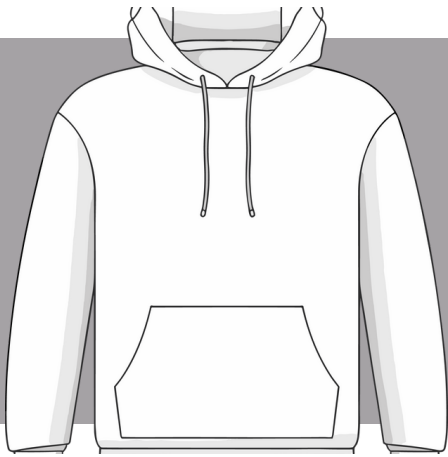
Please visit the website for all practice times and game schedules:

<https://gvs.hsd.ca/middle-years-winter-practices/>



We are very pleased to offer Green Valley Pirate Pridewear 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 [greenvalleyschool.entripyshops.com](http://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.



## College and University Applications

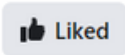
Please note that the application deadline for applying to the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg is March 1, 2024 if you wish to be eligible for an entrance scholarship.

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. Some university faculties, like Music, require earlier submissions.



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