

February  
2024

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# Green Valley School

**This Month**

## Principal's Message

We would like to wish our high school students and teachers all the best as we kick off the start of Semester 2. Students that need to make course changes are urged to see Mr. Gerbrandt to make those changes.

February typically tends to be a very busy month. Parents are reminded that along with the Louis Riel long weekend, students will also not be in school on February 23rd. Please continue to check our [GVS Website](#) for update information regarding PD and Admin days.

If parents or community members haven't come out to any of our basketball games, we highly encourage you to come and watch some exciting middle years and high school action. Check our daily announcements on our web page for upcoming games being played at GVS and South Oaks.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Tracey Friesen for organizing a highly successful and exciting book fair. It was great to have parents visit the book fair and engage in the excitement that the book fair created in our school community.

We highly encourage our GVS caregivers/parents to talk to their children about the many different obstacles they must face and endure. Let your child(ren) know that during difficult times it's OK for them to share their frustrations and their concerns. As a school community, we are working extremely hard to understand where our children are socially, emotionally, and academically. We want our students and their caregivers/parents to know we are here to help. We want our students to revisit and reflect on their goals. We want to help sustain a steady course of action to help our students reach their long-term goals. Having smaller goals will help our students not feel too overwhelmed. Parents and school staff need to be the shining lights of hope that can help guide our students through these difficult times.

Until next month, we wish our families all the best. Please join us in embracing and celebrating "I Love to Read" month by picking up a good book to read yourself or to read as a family. A family that reads together, grows and learns together. Wishing our entire school community a safe, active, and healthy February.

*Angela Burtnack-Schinkel*

**Fri, Feb 9th**

**SY Report Cards Issued**

**Thurs, Feb 15th**

**Gr 9-12, Winter Activity Day /  
Gr 5-8, Winter Fun Day**

**Mon, Feb 19th**

**NO CLASSES**

**Mon, Feb 21st**

**Grade 10 Reality Check event**

**Fri, Feb 23rd**

**NO CLASSES**

**Wed, Feb 28th**

**Gr 7-12 ICE Unit Presentation**

# IMPORTANT!

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 9TH  
TO CHANGE THEIR SECOND SEMESTER COURSES.  
PLEASE REACH OUT TO MR. GERBRANDT IF YOU HAVE ANY  
CHANGES YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE.**

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR GRAD INFORMATION  
[HTTPS://GVS.HSD.CA/GRAD-2024/](https://gvs.hsd.ca/grad-2024/)**

**CLASS OF  
2024**

**Winter Activity Day  
February 15th**

**Grades 9-12:**

Students have had the opportunity to choose their option for Winter Activity Day. All payments and consent forms should be submitted by **February 9th** - this can be done through Parent Portal or at the GVS Office.

Please note that some activities will require an additional waiver and \$\$ for lunch.

**Grades 5-8:**

Chili + bun will be available for Middle Years Students for \$5.

Please sign up with your homeroom teacher and bring all money in by **Feb 9th**.

Thanks to the GVS PAC for planning this lunch!

**POST SECONDARY: DEADLINES ARE FAST APPROACHING FOR APPLICATIONS  
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG.**

To be eligible for entrance scholarships, students must have applied to the U of M and to the U of W before March 1, 2024. Slots are also filling up and wait lists are starting for many Red River College programs. Students are encouraged to apply to these institutions ASAP. If help is required, please speak to Mr. Gerbrandt. Speaking of post secondary, the U of M, U of W and Red River College all have virtual open houses in February. Many other schools are as well. These are a great way to get to know these institutions and ask questions and get answers. Talk to, or email, Mr. Gerbrandt for more information.



# GVS MUSIC NEWS



**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.**

**Reality Check is a one-day event for Grade 10 students from GVS, LC & NHS.**

**Wednesday, February 21st in the afternoon at Niverville High School.**

Each student will be assigned a career, salary, and possibly a family. A list of careers was made based on jobs in the surrounding areas and salary expectations from Stats Canada. A local accountant will be involved in calculating tax deductions for each household so that the numbers are realistic to the current economic situation in Manitoba. The salaries for the students are based on the assumption that they are a 25 year old starting a professional career.

The goals of the program are:

- To introduce students to current national financial statistics of young adults.
- To introduce students to tracking their income and expenditures.
- To simulate a real time budgeting experience with many variables and responsibilities.
- To allow students to reflect on the importance of financial choices in a low risk situation.
- To provide students with a practical experience upon which to build their financial learning.



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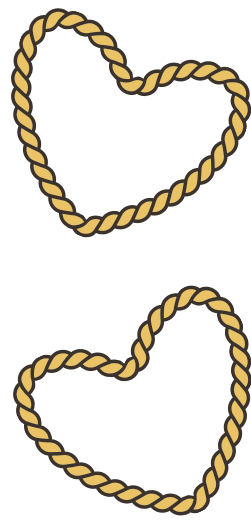
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**Thank you to all those who volunteered before, during and after the sale. There was a flurry of activity with decorating, unpacking boxes and organizing books and boutique items, putting up posters, cutting up prize draw entry tickets, setting up the contests, helping at the sales desk and the library counter, shelving books, packing up the leftover books and so much more. Congratulations to all the winners of the various Book Fair contests!**



**Thank you to all the GVS staff, students and their families for making the Scholastic Saddle Up and Read Book Fair a success! We achieved a record breaking amount of sales which means that new books and/or resources can be purchased for the library and classrooms, including most of the books on the library wish list.**



**February is I Love to Read Month, and it will be busy at GVS with different activities, including "Drop Everything and Read" (DEAR) time each day, a Reading Across Canada challenge featuring books by Canadian/Indigenous authors, Blind Date With a Book, Red any Good Books lately?, Guess Who? Is a Reader Like You! and more.**

**I appreciate all the students, staff and parents who took time out of their busy days to help make the Book Fair and all the upcoming library events a success. Thanks for believing in books and the impact reading has on the students' future. Happy reading, GVS Pirates!**



January has been a busy month for our basketball teams, as league play and tournaments are in full swing. Our JV Girls continue to work hard and improve every tournament and game. So far, they played in the Steinbach Christian and Prairie Mountain tournaments. They have one remaining tournament Feb 23/24 at Immanuel Christian. Our Varsity Boys hosted their annual tournament Jan 19/20. The boys dominated the tournament, defeating the #2 ranked Lac du Bonnet Chargers in the final. The boys head into February ranked #5 in the Province. Our JV Boys continue to play Zone 13 games and to date are also undefeated.

**Good luck to all our teams as they will head into playoffs at the end of February.**

Some important dates include:

### **Varsity Boys Playoffs**

- Monday Feb 12th: AA South Semi-Final @ # 2 Seed
- Wednesday Feb 14: AA South Final @ # 1 Seed
- Wednesday Feb 21: AA Zone Championship vs. North winner @ South Winner

### **JV Boys and Girls Playoffs**

- Tuesday Feb 20th: A/AA South Playoff @ TBD
- Thursday Feb 22nd: A/AA South Final @ # 1 Seed
- Tuesday Feb 27th: A/AA Zone Championship vs. North winner @ South winner

High School Badminton will begin starting in February.

Students should listen to announcements for practice days and times.

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/>.



**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.

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## Our Grade 7-12 students will be participating in a presentation from the Manitoba RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit on Internet Safety on Wednesday, February 28th.

As per the RCMP ICE Unit, this presentation explores the definition of the media coined phenomenon "sexting" and takes the audience through a scenario. The scenario will expose what "sexting" is, the impacts and offer options to prevent the risks associated with sexting behaviours. Additionally, the scenario aims to reduce the harm of actions already undertaken. The history of the presentation's development is in response to a noticeable and concerning increase in reports of both self and peer online sexual exploitation. We have recognized that the issue requires more than investigation and enforcement and that the victimization needed to be prevented through education and awareness. In a world that is becoming increasingly digital it is extremely important to educate students on the dangers of the internet.

In addition to "sexting" the presentation also covers off the following:

- Sending intimate images out to anyone (people they know or do not know in person). We run the audience through a texting scenario and give them some statistics on the commonality of trading nude/semi-nude imagery.
- Discuss the consequences of using social media.
- Talk about the emotional and mental health impacts of using social media.
- Provide strategies and resources to access if they need help with their mental health or have a social media concern.
- Discuss privacy settings on a variety of commonly used social media applications.
- Discuss how current decisions surrounding online activity and posting internet content can impact students as they get older.
- A discussion surrounding the criminal aspects of social media and the consequences of bullying someone online.

If you have any questions regarding this presentation, or if you are interested in attending the presentation please contact Mr. Dean Hardern.

### **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](mailto: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**