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# GVS



**Principal: Angela Burtnack-Schinkel**  
**Vice Principal: Dean Hardern**

Dear GVS School Community,

Your Senior Years report cards went home two weeks ago, and Middle Years report cards go out Friday, November 29, which means Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on Thursday December 5. 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](http://www.gvs.hsd.ca). Our band, choir, and music students are rehearsing and working hard to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Concert season. Please check the newsletter and our website for the scheduled times for our afternoon and evening public performances. PLEASE NOTE, that we are having two separate concerts this year. One for our students in grades 5-8, and the second one for our students in grades 9-12. There will be a 2:00pm afternoon performance on both December 11th and 12th. The evening performances will begin at 6:30 pm. We have had to move to two performances to adhere to fire safety regulations, and so that our guests will have a better viewing experience. We kindly ask that you only attend the concert that your child will be performing in.

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 6, 2025.

**Angela Burtnack-Schinkel**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 5th - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Dec 11th - MY Christmas Concert, 2:00pm & 6:30pm

Dec 12th - SY Christmas Concert, 2:00pm & 6:30pm

Dec 23th to Jan 3rd - Christmas Break

Jan 5th - First Day of Classes 2025



## Why do Teens Hide in their rooms?

Many parents often wonder why they see so little of their teenage children. While there are many factors, one psychologist recently suggested two things that are important:

1) Many parents ask their teens tons of questions. To the teen, it can feel like an interrogation every day.

The teens start to avoid interactions with parents. Ask yourself, if your teen asked you those same questions each day, would you appreciate it? The solution is to connect without it seeming like an interrogation. Take interest, but do so if you are truly interested. Pay attention to the answers.

2) Many teens stay in their room because every time they emerge they are assigned another chore. Again, avoidance becomes the norm. Making time to have positive interactions and not always asking for things can be helpful. Making a list of daily or weekly chores that the teen can look at might be less stressful on all parties rather than resulting in nagging.

Parents who want meaningful relationships with their children must always keep in mind that good relationships take work, good relationships are not always transactional, and that teens need modeling of good behaviour.



**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.**

# Christmas Concerts @ GVS

Dec 11th - Middle Years  
2:00pm & 6:30pm

Dec 12th - Senior Years  
2:00pm & 6:30pm

*Students should arrive at 5:45pm on the  
night of their performance.*



There will be a 50/50 raffle and bake sale on December 11th and 12th at the Middle Years and Senior Years Christmas Concerts. All money raised will go towards the Senior Years Ski Trip planned for February. Raffle tickets will cost \$1 each, 7 tickets for \$5, or 20 tickets for \$10. Bake sale items will be \$5 and up. We appreciate your support!

## PAC NEWS

### December Hot Lunch Schedule

- Nov 29th - Pizza
- Dec 6th - Fries / Poutine / Chicken Fingers
- Dec 13th - 6" subs
- Dec 20th - Pizza

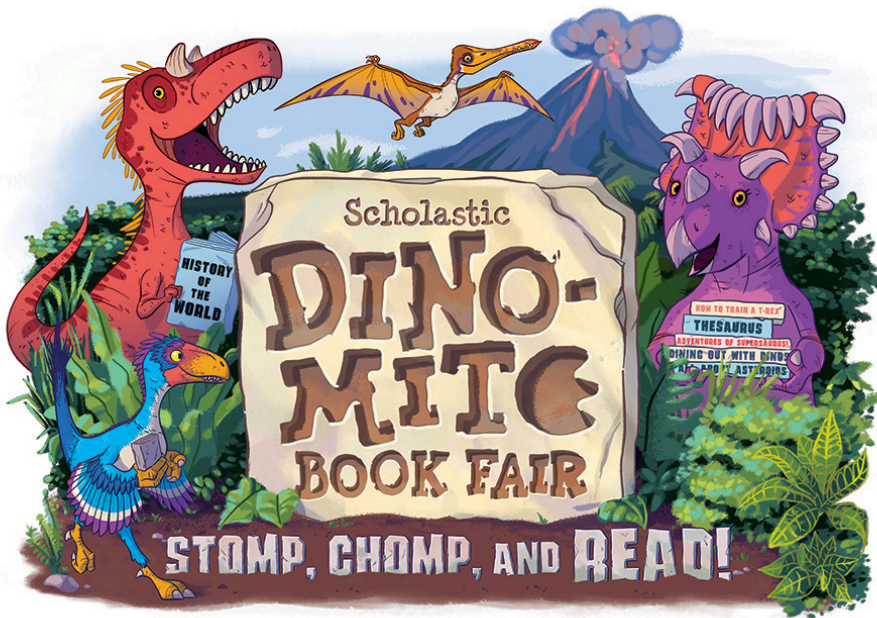


Hot lunch is now online! Orders can be placed using the Munch-A-Lunch program. Please follow this link to setup your account.

Please email Carla Campbell, PAC Chair, if you have any questions:  
[campbellcarla79@gmail.com](mailto:campbellcarla79@gmail.com)

PAC is looking for volunteers to help with the hot lunch program. You can sign up by following this link: [GVS PAC Signup.com](http://GVS-PAC-Signup.com) -- Friday Hot Lunch

(all volunteers in the Hanover School Division must complete a Child Abuse Registry Check (CAR) and an enhanced Police Information Check (PIC) sometimes referred to as a criminal records check).



# COMING JANUARY 25TH!

Howdy families! Ready to discover the characters and stories your kids love? The Scholastic Book Fair is returning, in-person, to GVS  
Jan. 28 - 30, 2025!

Our theme is the "Dino-mite, Stomp, Chomp & Read! Book Fair". It's the ultimate sale event with books and boutique items such as pencils, erasers, posters and more for sale. There will also be 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.

Closer to the event, more information will be posted on the GVS website, a parent letter and flyers will be sent home and there will be a link to visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website to read reviews of the Featured Books, watch book trailers and author videos and more. All sale transactions will be done at the Book Fair, not online, and you can pay with cash, debit card, credit card or cheques made payable to GVS.

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!

## GREEN VALLEY TEAM GEAR IS HERE!!

We are very pleased to offer Green Valley Gear through our online shop. Rep your team, or your school pride with a shirt, hoodie, jacket, sweatshirt and much more!

All gear is fully customizable and is delivered right to your door or to the school if you wish!

Visit: <https://greenvalleyschool.entripyshops.com/>





November marks the end of volleyball season. Our JV Girls and Boys Volleyball teams had a strong end to the season, bowing out in the Zone 13 Championship playoffs. Thanks to Doris Wiens (JV Girls tier 1), Randy Fast (Jv Girls tier 2) and Michal Nogaj (JV Boys) for coaching these teams this past season.

The Varsity Boys Volleyball team defeated Landmark, winning the Zone 13 AA Championship banner. The boys then went onto Provincial Qualifiers at Elton, finishing second and earning a berth in Provnicals Nov. 28-30 @ Morris. Results to come in next newsletter!

The Varsity Girls Volleyball where Zone 13 AA Volleyball finalists, defeating Sagkeeng in the semi-finals and falling to Gab Roy in the finals. The girls went onto Provincial Qualifiers, where they finished second, earning a berth at Provincials Nov. 28-30 @ Rosenort. Results to come in next Newsletter!

Our JV boys and Varsity boys and girls basketball teams have already started to prepare for the upcoming season! The Varsity Boys will kick off their season Dec. 6/7 with a tournament in Powerview, while the JV Boys will attend the Immanuel Christian tournament Dec. 13/14. League schedules will be released the second week in December.

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/>.



Volleyball season has just ended for our gr 7 & 8 teams. The gr 7 girls team had won a majority of their games while both gr 8 teams lost in the quarter finals. Thanks to our coaches and supervisors for making this season a success.

Basketball season is right around the corner. After sign ups we have 4 teams. We are registering two grade 8 boys teams, a gr 7 boys team and a combined gr 7 & 8 girls team. GVS is looking for one more coach to help out with one of the grade 8 boys teams. Please contact Mr. Hill if you are interested. Practice times and league schedules are to follow. Also anyone interested in reffing gr. 7 & 8 basketball are to contact the Phys Ed. Department.

# CALLING ALL ALUMNI OF GVS



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

We are trying to track down the Alumni from GVS.

When did you graduate?  
What employment have you had?  
Where have you lived?

We want to show our current students the wide variety of things our students do after graduation.

Please email our school counsellor:  
[cagerbrandt@hsd.ca](mailto:cagerbrandt@hsd.ca)



## Grab & Go Snacks

Thanks to the Nutrition Grant funding provided by Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, we will be enhancing students' access to nutritious snacks at Green Valley School. This initiative ensures every student can access fresh fruit and vegetables, helping them stay energized and ready to learn.

As part of this program, our school will have fresh fruit and vegetables readily available during the school day. This is intended for students needing a healthy snack to help them concentrate and participate fully in their learning. We understand that access to nutritious food is essential for physical and mental well-being, and we are committed to ensuring that no child goes hungry while in our school.

**These snacks will be available in front of the main office.**

## 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