

# GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

## FEBRUARY 2025

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Greetings GVS families,

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 at GVS. Parents are reminded that along with the Louis Riel long weekend, students will also not be in school on February 27th and 28th. 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, parent volunteers, and student helpers 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 Burtack-Schinkel*

**COMING  
SOON**

♥ FEB 3RD:  
SEMESTER 2 BEGINS  
(GR 9-12)

♥ FEB 7TH:  
SY REPORT CARDS  
ISSUED

♥ FEB 13TH:  
WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

♥ FEB 17TH:  
LOUIS RIEL DAY  
(NO CLASSES)

♥ FEB 19TH:  
WINTER CARNIVAL

♥ FEB 27TH & 28TH:  
ADMIN/PD DAY  
(NO CLASSES)

GVS Carnival Fundraiser is on February 19th,  
from 6-7:30 in the GVS Gym.

Come for games, popcorn, prizes, cotton candy, music and more!  
Entry fee is \$5, which includes 10 tickets and 3 guessing ballots.  
4 & under are free.

Cash, debit and credit will be accepted.

Winter Activity Day  
f e b r u a r y 13th

#### 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 7th - 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:

This fun-filled day will feature frosty adventures while maintaining a relaxed snow day vibe! Activities will last approximately one hour for all Grade 5 to 8 students and will include skating at the arena, outdoor games, gym games, and an indoor activity, which students will sign up for with their homeroom teachers. The day will conclude with a choice of attending a dance in the gym, playing board games, watching a movie, or reading in the library.

Please ensure your middle years student dresses warmly to stay comfortable and happy during their icy adventures!

Permission forms for the dance will be sent home soon. To skate during their grade's ice time, students must wear a CSA-approved helmet. A face mask is not required for skating; however, students who wish to play shinny must wear a full-face mask. Students are reminded to bring their skates in a school bag, not a plastic bag, to protect bus seats. Hockey sticks are not permitted on buses and must be transported by other means.

Are you a local business owner looking to support our future leaders?

Or are you a local family seeking to do the same?

Would you consider sponsoring a scholarship at our graduation? Contact our school counsellor, Cam Gerbrandt for details. [cagerbrandt@hsd.ca](mailto:cagerbrandt@hsd.ca)

Most post-secondary schools have open house events during the week of February 18th-21st. If you or a student in your home is interested in colleges or universities, this can be a great opportunity to find out more and find out what these institutions are like. Search online or contact our school counsellor for more details.

Students applying to universities for Fall 2025 entrance should be sure to apply before March 1st, 2025.

### **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, 2025. 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.



# **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.**

We have wrapped up January with the Scholastic Book Fair. 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! I appreciate all the students, staff and parents who took time out of their busy days to help make the Book Fair a success. Thanks for believing in books and the impact reading has on the students' future. We achieved an amazing amount of sales of almost \$4000 which means that with the Scholastic Rewards \$ commission, we can purchase new books and/or resources for the library and classroom libraries, 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 and more! Keep on reading, Pirates!



From the Library



# PAC News

## Hot Lunch Schedule

- Feb 7 - Pizza
- Feb 14 - Fries / poutines / chicken fingers / Bubble Tea
- Feb 21 - Subway

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)

## 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/>



**MIDDLE YEARS, 5-8**



Besides Mr. Hill and Mrs. Harder's Eagles making it to the Super Bowl and the 4 Nations Cup coming up in mid-February, we have a number of basketball teams in the midst of their seasons.

The grade 7 & 8 boys teams coached by Steve Elias and Mike Braun are off to a great start. Both teams have a great deal of talent and play a sound game worth coming out to watch. We have home games almost every Thursday and could use your support. The grade 8 Girls team coached by Mrs. Fisher are on their own this year as last year we were teamed up with Kleefeld. Good luck girls and to all our teams and we look forward to the playoffs in March.

A reminder that on Thursday February 13th is the GVS winter Carnival day.



# 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.

The Grade 8 band will be at the festival on February 19th and the Grade 9 - 12 Band students will be at the festival on February 20th

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.

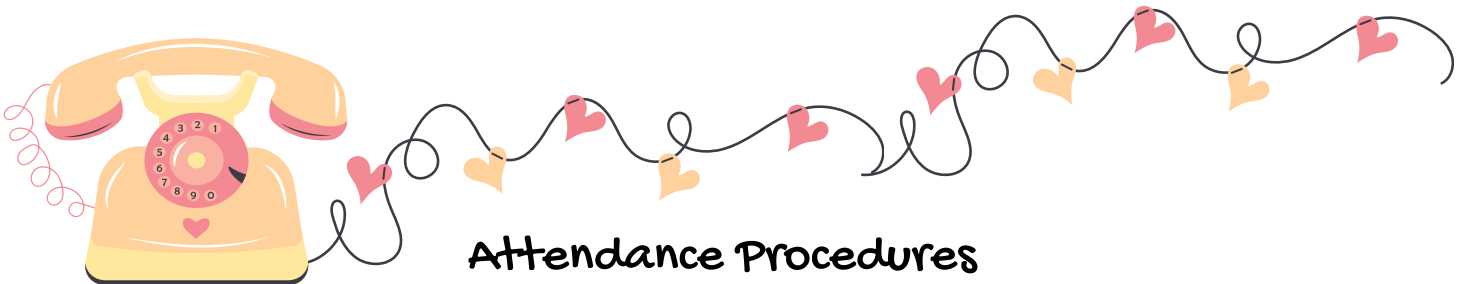


## Grab & Go Snacks

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