

Green Valley School

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WELCOME TO FALL!!! Just like that, we are done with our first month of school. GVS has been buzzing with so many engaging and fun learning opportunities for our students. Thanks to our many staff and coaches that have dedicated so many hours to our extra-curricular programs. Our soccer, volleyball, and X-Country teams are proudly representing GVS as they attend games, tournaments, and running events.

Our student council is full of energy and enthusiasm this year!!! They have planned many awesome events for this upcoming school year. Please feel free to follow all the events on our school website.

As we begin October, we give thanks to our students, our staff, and our families. The month of October offers us a time to pause and appreciate the beauty around us. We give thanks for the opportunity to work with your child(ren) and for your ongoing support of our school community. It is our hope that your children will feel and believe that they are deeply valued and cared for by our entire team here at GVS.

October will be a super busy month with our annual chocolate fundraiser, completing our food drive, and extra-curricular programs. If you can come out to games and events, our students would love to see you applauding them and cheering them on, as they excel in their out-of-class pursuits.

I want to personally thank our entire school staff for working incredibly hard in preparation for the start of the school year. It has been a great start to the 2025-2026 school year. We look forward to all the wonderful things that this year has in store for our students. I wish everyone a safe and active fall as our farmers, complete harvesting.

Get out and enjoy the beautiful colors that only the season of fall can produce. Happy Thanksgiving!

Kind regards,

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

***Correction* Our 2025-2026 Student Handbook**

lists the 2026 Graduation Day as June 24th

in error. The GVS Graduation will take

place on Thursday, June 25th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 30th - National Truth & Reconciliation Day (NO CLASSES)

Oct 3rd to 23rd - Chocolate Sales

Oct 7th - Gr 6/8 Immunizations

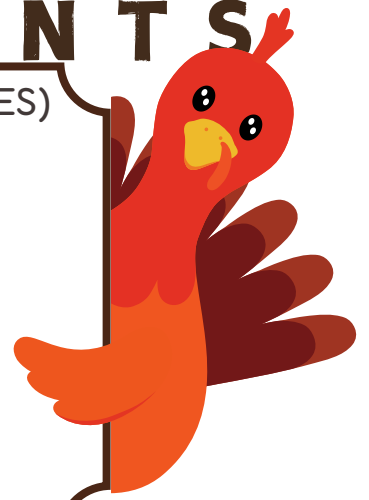
Oct 13th - Thanksgiving Day (NO CLASSES)

Oct 16th - Picture Retakes

Oct 24th - MTS PD Day (NO CLASSES)

Oct 27th to Oct 31st - Spirit Week

Nov 5th - Gr9: Take Our Kid To Work Day



Thank you

To our GVS Families: we couldn't have had a such a successful Food Drive without your support & donations!



Our Grade 9 Textile arts and design students are going to be working on a special mitten-making project, and we'd love your help! If you have any spare material at home such as fleece, flannel, wool, or other cozy fabrics, please consider sending it to the school. All mittens created will be donated to those in need this winter.

Thank you for supporting our students as they learn and give back!

**TAKE
OUR
KID TO
WORK
DAY**

Grade 9s should start planning where they will be going on Wednesday, November 5th. Talk to Mr. Gerbrandt for more details.

2025 GVS Chocolate Sales

Students will be carrying home cases of chocolates starting on Friday, October 3rd. This year GVS students will be selling the World's Finest Chocolate 3 for \$5 Bar Variety Pack (peanut free).

Each case contains 60 items; 18 Milk & Almond Chocolate Bars, 12 Chocolate with Crisp Bars, 12 Milk Chocolate with Caramel Bars, 12 Pure Milk Chocolate Bars, and 6 Dark Chocolate Bars.

All items are sold in sets of 3 for \$5 each or \$100 per case.

As chocolates are sold, please send in money as soon as possible and in the largest denominations possible. Cheques may also be written to the school for the entire \$100. Students selling at least one complete case of chocolates will be entered to win a variety of daily prizes and larger grand prizes at the end of the fundraiser. All money and product must be returned to the school no later than October 23rd.

The money earned from this fundraiser is used to support student activities such as playground equipment, special grade events, and field trips across all grade levels. The money is also used to supplement the cost of referees, tournaments, and events run by the student council. Your support means that we can keep fees low and affordable for all students. Thank you for supporting Green Valley School by supporting our fundraising sale!

Please feel free to contact Mr. Zwaagstra if you have any questions or concerns regarding the sale. If you do not wish to have your child sell chocolates, please let the office know.



PAC NEWS

2025-2026 Hot Lunch

Orders can be placed through Munch-A-Lunch:

New Parents

Returning Parents

Please email Carla Campbell, PAC Chair,
if you have any questions: campbellcarla79@gmail.com

SPIRIT WEEK:

Oct 27-Oct 31

Stay tuned for more details



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/>



SENIOR YEARS, 9-12



The fall sports seasons are upon us and our Soccer teams have been busy with league play in the month of September, while our Volleyball teams are preparing for a busy month of October:

GVS-EH (Green Valley-Ecole Heritage) boys and girls soccer teams are battling hard in league play as they work their way toward Zone Championships in Niverville, on Oct 2nd! Both teams are playing extremely well and have a great chance at not only attending zones, but winning it. Good luck to both teams on the remainder of your season.

September has been full of practices and tournaments for all of our Volleyball teams, as they prepare to get their league play underway starting the week of Sept. 22nd. Student athletes will have received a league schedule from their coaches. The schedule can also be viewed on the bulletin board outside the gym and all games have been posted to the GVS Sports calendar.

A reminder to all our student athletes that all contracts must be completed and athletic fees paid to the general office. A failure to pay fees will result in ineligibility of the athlete to play in league games and tournaments.

To access the GVS athletics calendar for practices, league games, zone and Provincial Championship dates, [follow this link](#) to access the Pirates calendar.



MIDDLE YEARS, 6-8



Welcome back to all of our Junior Pirates as we head into another year filled with amazing athletic opportunities! Opportunities that would not happen, without the incredible parents and staff who volunteer their time to coach our next generation of athletes, or who assist in the running of our athletic events here at GVS. Thank you!

We are very excited to once again have our Terry Fox Run on Friday September 26th. Thank you to our staff and the local fire department for helping out along the route.

This year we have over 30 students from grades 6-8, who are participating in Cross Country, being coached by Mr. Penner and Ms. Thiessen. They are looking forward to competing in three runs this year, including the Manitoba Milk Run at La Barriere Park on Sept. 24th, Cross Country Division Run #1 at Abe's Hill in Steinbach on Oct. 1st and Cross Country Division Run #2 at AD Penner Park in Steinbach on Oct. 8th.

We are also happy to be offering three Volleyball teams for Middle Years Athletics this year:

- Grade 8 Girls Volleyball is being coached by Danielle and Devin Penner on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4-5:30PM @ GVS
- Grade 7 Girls Volleyball is being coached by Mrs. Dennis and Mr. Roberecki on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-5:30PM @ GVS
- Grade 7&8 Boys Volleyball is being coached by Mr. Rogge & Coach Cainen on Tuesdays from 4-5:30PM @ South Oaks and on Fridays from 4-5:30PM @ GVS

If you are interested in getting involved in Middle Years athletics, please get in touch with Mr. Rogge. LET'S GO PIRATES!!!



Stay Connected and Informed!

The HSD Parent Portal is a communications tool designed to enhance and increase parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children. The portal provides parents/guardians with secure online access to our Student Information System. With a single username and password, parents/guardians can access information regarding attendance, school fees, payments, permission forms, report cards, parent-teacher meetings, and graduation/credit summary. Visit <https://hsd.ca/parent-portal/> for more info

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

Attendance Codes...what do they mean??

You may notice a few different codes used for your child's attendance.

Here is a brief description of what is used & why:

IC = In Class: used on occasion by the Division for attendance reporting

A = Absent: student has not been present for the majority of the period and has not been excused by parent/guardian or the school.

P = Parent Excused - will be used if a parent/guardian has excused their student for the majority or entirety of the class time.

L = Late: student arrives late for the period but will be in attendance for the majority of the class. If excused by parent/guardian, an additional comment will be added by the office.

LE = Left Early: student needs to leave class early but has been in attendance for the majority of the class. If excused by parent/guardian, an additional comment will be added by the office.