



JANUARY 2026

Principal: Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

Vice-Principal: Michael Zwaagstra

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 2026. GVS is thrilled to announce that starting this September we will be welcoming Kleefeld students to GVS for the start of their high school journey. Stay tuned for more information regarding this amazing partnership we will be building with the newest members of our GVS school community.

We are excited 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 2026, 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. Please do not hesitate to keep an open and ongoing communication between home and school.

As we enter January, please be mindful of the frigid temperatures that often accompany the month of January. Students are reminded to wear proper outdoor gear. Students in grades 6-8 still participate in outdoor recess and noon hour breaks. Indoor recess and noon hour recess occur when the temperature is -30 or below. Wishing our entire school community a healthy, joyous, and exciting 2026!

~ Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

January 5th: Classes Resume

January 14th: Gr 10 Reality Check

January 26th-30th: Gr 9-12 Exams

*see schedule below for more details

February 2nd: PD Day (No Classes)

February 3rd: Semester 2 Begins

EXAM PREPARATION

Study early--cramming the night before the exam is not a successful study strategy. Instead, spend 15-20 minutes per evening, starting at the beginning of January:

- Study one subject per evening.
- Write things down.
- Make flashcards.

Staying up late studying the night before the exam can actually cause sleep loss and result in poorer exam performance. See Mr. Gerbrandt, Mrs. Dennis, and/or your subject teacher to get more study tips and ideas.



STARTING JANUARY 7TH	
Pizza Pops.....	\$2.00
Single Hot Dog.....	\$2.00
Double Dog.....	\$3.00
*2 wieners + 1 bun	
Farmer Burger.....	\$5.00
*with lettuce & cheese	
Chicken Burger.....	\$5.00
*with lettuce & cheese	

Students can pre-order & pay at the canteen before 9am on Wednesdays

January 2026 Final Assessment Schedule

Monday, January 26, 9:00

9 Social Studies (P4)	U. Doukler	Rm. 113
9 ELA (P4)	K. Hiebert	Rm. 107
9 Math (P4)	A. Penner	Rm. 110
11 Can History	T. Roberecki	Rm. 112
11 ELA	C. Epp	Rm. 105
12 Chemistry	C. Thiessen	Rm. 109

Tuesday, January 27, 9:00

9 Science (P5)	C. Thiessen	Rm. 109
10 Science (P5)	G. Dueck	Rm. 106
10 Am. Hist.	U. Doukler	Rm. 113
10 Geo (P5)	T. Roberecki	Rm. 112
11 Biology	A. Penner	Rm. 110

Wednesday, January 28, 9:00

9 Social Studies (P2)	U. Doukler	Rm. 113
9 ELA (P2)	K. Hiebert	Rm. 107
9 French	T. Duval	Rm. 104
10 Essential Math	G. Dueck	Rm. 106
11 Agriculture	T. Roberecki	Rm. 112
12 Psychology	C. Epp	Rm. 105

Thursday, January 29, 9:00

9 Science (P3)	C. Thiessen	Rm. 109
10 ELA (P3)	C. Epp	Rm. 105
10 Geography (P3)	T. Roberecki	Rm. 112
11 Applied Math	A. Penner	Rm. 110
11 Pre-Cal Math	G. Dueck	Rm. 106

Friday, January 30, 9:00

Student Portfolios and Interviews

Monday, January 26, 1:00

11 Chemistry	C. Thiessen	Rm. 109
Make up exams		

Tuesday, January 27, 1:00

Make up exams

Wednesday, January 28, 1:00

11 Bio Lab	A. Penner	Rm. 110
Make up exams		

Thursday, January 29, 1:00

Make up exams

Friday, January 30, 1:00

Make up exams

Tuesday, February 3, Semester 2 Begins

Provincial Exams

- English Language Arts 40S - January 6-9, 2026
- Applied Mathematics - January 20, 2026
- Pre-Calculus Mathematics - January 22, 2026

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.



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 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, 2026 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.



DID YOU KNOW

We have a student-run newspaper!

Check out all the issues
on the GVS Website!





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 Kleefeld Weather Station temperature (recorded at 6:00 a.m.) is -35° Celsius or colder, or indicates a wind chill of -45° 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 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.

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



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° and -29° Celcius. A temperature or wind chill of -30° Celcius 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.



hsd.ca/services/transportation

