



# APRIL 2026

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As we approach Spring Break, students, staff, and families alike to take this opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend quality time together. Whether it's enjoying the outdoors, connecting with loved ones, or simply slowing down from the usual routine, this time is important for overall well-being. GVS will be bidding farewell to Mrs. Rachel Novak on March 27th...Mrs. Novak will be moving to Kleefeld where she will become one of the Learning Support teachers. We want to thank Mrs. Novak for her dedication, passion, and for her many years of service here at GVS. We wish her all the best with her new position.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our Varsity Boys Basketball Team for capturing the Consolation Final at the "AA" Basketball Provincials. This is an outstanding accomplishment and a testament to the team's hard work, resilience, and commitment throughout the season. Congratulations as well to the players who received individual recognition for their performance. A sincere thank-you goes out to all our basketball coaches for their unwavering dedication, leadership, and countless hours spent supporting our grade 7,8, and varsity programs. Your impact on our student-athletes is truly appreciated. Our basketball programs have excelled over the last ten years because of the heart, passion, and dedication of our coaches. You are all greatly appreciated.

Finally, a huge shout-out to our incredible fans and school community. Your support at games and tournaments throughout the season created an electric and encouraging atmosphere for all of our basketball teams. School spirit like this makes a meaningful difference.

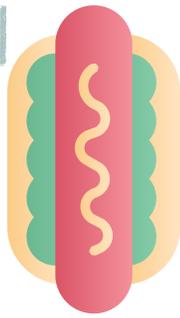
Thank you for your continued support of our school community. Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and enjoyable Spring Break.

**Angela Burtnack-Schinkel**

# UPCOMING DATES

- March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Spring Break
- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Student Council Bingo Night
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - High School Spring Dance
- April 17<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards Issued
- April 10<sup>th</sup> - Admin/PD Day, No Classes
  - Grad Pictures (2<sup>nd</sup> Date)
- April 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - SY Parent/Teacher Interviews
  - MY Learning Expo

# HOT LUNCH



- The Pirates' Cove (GVS Canteen)
- Every Wednesday
- PAC Lunch (Munch-A-Lunch)
- Fridays

**GVS PRESENTS**

# CURTAINS

**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> TO 8<sup>TH</sup> - 7:00PM**

**DESSERT THEATRE**

**TICKET SALES**

**CAST & CREW - APRIL 6TH TO 8TH**

**OPEN TO EVERYONE - APRIL 9TH**

**\$15.00 / TICKET (8 PEOPLE PER TABLE)**

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR GRAD INFORMATION**

**[HTTPS://GVS.HSD.CA/GRAD-2026/](https://gvs.hsd.ca/grad-2026/)**



## COURSE SELECTION FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

High school course selection will be coming up soon. It would be wise for students and parents to discuss their wishes and wants for courses for next year. We advise students and parents to read about the offered courses under the 'Students' tab on our website.

GREEN VALLEY TEAM GEAR IS HERE!! We are very pleased to open our online clothing shop through [entripy.com](https://greenvalleyschool.entripyshops.com/)! This is your one stop shop for all Green Valley School Gear! 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/>

## GRADE 6-8 LEARNING EXPO

On Thursday, April 23rd from 4:00-6:30 pm, Green Valley school middle years students will be hosting the annual Learning Expo in the GVS gymnasium. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your child showcase some of their learning from term 2. We look forward to seeing you there!



# LIBRARY NEWS:

Happy Spring! From September to March, over 15,000 books were checked out from the GVS Library! Amazing! That is around 2143 books a month or 535 books a week or 107 books a day!

Way to Read Pirates! Thank you :)

Speaking of books, are you ready to discover more stories? If so, read this!

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to GVS, in-person, April 20-24, 2026!

Our theme is the "Happy Camper Book Fair - S'More Fun With Books!".

It's the ultimate sale event with books and boutique items such as pencils, erasers, posters and more for sale. There are also 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. Scholastic Book Fair flyers and information will be sent home in April, after the break.

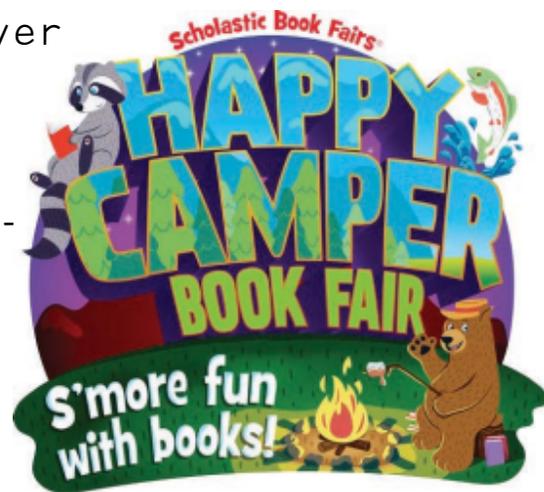
Book Fair Dates: April 20-24, 2026

Location: GVS Library

Family Night Event: Thursday, April 23, 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Location: GVS Library

During the book fair, we will accept debit and credit cards, cash and cheques (made payable to GVS). Visit the book fair on Family Night for a chance to win \$25 in books for your home library and \$25 in books for your students' classroom library. Soon you can visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website to read reviews of the Featured Books, watch book trailers and author videos and more. 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 again, for helping make our students lifelong readers - we couldn't do it without your participation and support.

~Mrs Tracey Friesen



SENIOR YEARS, 9-12



## Basketball

The 2025-2026 Basketball season is quickly coming to a close. Our Varsity Boys won the Zone 13 AA Varsity Boys Basketball banner - the first for the school since 2010! The boys went on to qualify for Provincials which were in Gimli, March 19-21. Congratulations to the team on capturing the Consolation Final at the "AA" Basketball Provincials. This is an outstanding accomplishment and a testament to the team's hard work, resilience, and commitment throughout the season. Congratulations as well to the players who received individual recognition for their performance.

## Badminton

Badminton season is underway! The JV and Varsity teams have been busy preparing for the upcoming tournaments (see below). Thanks to Jade and Dwayne Penner for coaching the team this season!

- JV (All games at Niverville Rec Center, 5:00-8:30)
  - March 17th, 24th, April 7th, 14th (South Zones)
- Varsity (All games at location below, 5:00-8:30)
  - March 18th (St. Pierre), March 25th (Ste. Anne / PDC), April 8th (SRSS), April 15th (SRSS, South Final)
  - Zone playoffs for all who qualify will take place April 21st at Niverville Rec Center.

## Softball

For the second year in a row, we will have a Softball team! Softball zones will take place May 19th and 20th at AD Penner Park in Steinbach. Thanks to Josh Winter and Shannen Friesen for coaching this team.

## Volleyball Next Season

We are currently searching for high school volleyball coaches for next year. If you or someone you know is interested in head coaching, or helping coach, please contact Justin Hart [juhart@hsd.ca](mailto:juhart@hsd.ca), (204) 434-6415.

For all game and tournament results and current rankings please visit [www.mhsaa.ca](http://www.mhsaa.ca). For a schedule of practices, tournaments and upcoming games, please visit the Athletics calendar at [www.gvs.hsd.ca](http://www.gvs.hsd.ca).