

What an incredible start to the school year! September at Green Valley School has been nothing short of busy, exciting, and full of energy. As we settle into routines and get to know new faces, it has been wonderful to see our GVS students and staff embrace the many opportunities that a new school year brings.

Our school-wide opening assembly was a great way to begin our year together. It reminded us that while we may each have different goals, interests, talents, and experiences, we are all an important part of the GVS family. The sense of school spirit and community throughout September has been something to celebrate.

Our students also demonstrated tremendous compassion and generosity through our Terry Fox Run and our Food Drive. These events are wonderful reminders that being part of a school community is about more than what happens in the classroom, it is also about caring for others and making a difference. Thank you to our students, families, and staff for supporting these important initiatives.

And now... the highly anticipated Chocolate School Fundraiser is here! We know this is always an exciting time at GVS, and we look forward to another successful fundraiser. Thank you in advance to our students and families for your support.

September also marked an important milestone for our graduates of 2027. On September 24, parents gathered to begin planning for this very special year. We are excited to announce that our Parent Grad Committee has been established! We look forward to working alongside this dedicated group of parents as we begin preparing for the many celebrations and memories that will make graduation a truly memorable and unforgettable experience for our graduates.

Our student-athletes have also been busy representing GVS in Cross Country Running, Soccer, Golf, and Volleyball. We are proud of the commitment, perseverance, teamwork, and school spirit our students demonstrate as they participate in athletics. A very special thank-you goes to our volunteer coaches and teaching staff who give so generously of their time and energy to provide these opportunities for our students. Your dedication does not go unnoticed!

It is hard to believe how much has happened in just one month. September was jam-packed, and now we turn the page to October. October is a time when the leaves begin to change, the days get a little shorter, and we officially welcome the beautiful season of fall.

As we enter October, I would also like to extend our very best wishes to our entire farming community. Harvest is an incredibly busy time of year, and we recognize the long hours, hard work, and dedication that go into bringing in the crops. Please take the time to slow down, stay alert, and stay safe as you meet or pass farming equipment. Your safety is what matters most.

Thank you to our students, staff, parents, and community for making September such a fantastic beginning to our school year. There is already a tremendous sense of excitement at GVS, and I look forward to all that October will bring. Here's to a wonderful October, full of learning, laughter, school spirit, and making memories together!

Go GVS! *Angela Burtnack-Schinkel*

FOOD DRIVE 2026: WELL DONE GVS COMMUNITY!



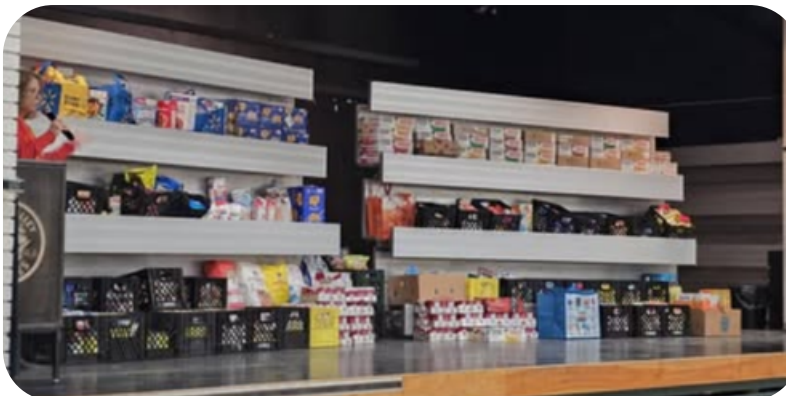
The 2026 GVS Food Drive ended Monday, September 27th and wrapped up with a short assembly on the 28th to unveil the food collected. To make sure we were collecting the items that were most needed by the local food bank we assigned points to the food categories. The more needed the items, the more points that they were worth. For example, a canned meal/soup was 5 points. The competition between grade levels to see which grade could bring in the most donations was led by the grade 7's for most of the week. In the end the grade 12s pulled it out at the last minute with 3294 pts thanks to some shopping by a group of grade 12 guys! They were determined not to be beat by the grade 7s. The grade 7s were in second place with 1477 pts, and the grade 11's were in third place with 613 pts. As the highest middle years grade, the grade 7's will get to drench Ms. Thiessen and Mrs. M. Friesen with water balloons. As a school we surpassed 3000 pts by a lot, so we will get to see a reverse Mr. G (Mr. G with hair). We also surpassed 4000 points, so Mr. Dueck booked an appointment to get his hair coloured bright blue and green. We are all looking forward to seeing that. We did not reach 8000 points, so Ms. Schinkel will not get duct-taped to the wall... but maybe next year. We did surpass last year's points, so Mr. Zwaagstra will be wearing jeans for a week. As a school we reached a total of 7908 points! Well done and thank you to all those who collected and donated to this year's food drive. There were some great and thoughtful donations. Some students spent a fair bit of time collecting donations in their families and neighbourhoods or shopping with their own money. Thanks to all the high-school and middle years volunteers who helped in recording, collecting and sorting the food donations each morning for a week, as well as getting the food loaded and unloaded for the food bank. The Grunthal Caring Hands food bank was so thankful for the help and all the great items. Thank you GVS community!

Food Drive Points Race Results:

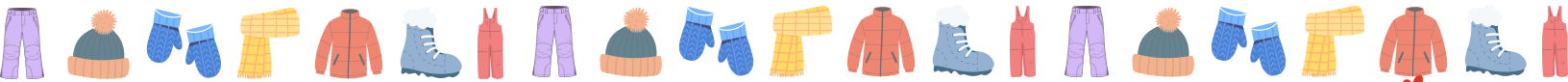
Grade 7 = 1477
Grade 8 = 581
Grade 9 = 295
Grade 10 = 225
Grade 11 = 613
Grade 12 = 3294
Staff = 1423

Total School Points = 7908

(2025 was 7732 pts)



Wondering what great thing is happening next at GVS? As we are now in Fall and cooler weather will be coming, we want to be prepared to help out families in need of winter clothing, which can be very expensive. We will be doing a Winter Wear Clothing Drive starting on October 19th to the end of October. Any size clean and gently used winter jackets, snow pants, boots, mitts, toques etc. can be donated. Items can be dropped off to donation bins at GVS. These items will be available at the end of October and into November and there will be 1 or 2 after school events to allow families to find needed items. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact the school office.



Oct 1st to 22nd - Chocolate Sales

Oct 6th - Grad Meeting

Oct 7th - Gr 8 Immunizations

(for those students who returned signed consent)

Oct 9th - Picture Day

Oct 12th - Thanksgiving Day (NO CLASSES)

Oct 15th - Grade 12 Grad Retreat

Oct 23rd - MTS PD Day (NO CLASSES)

Oct 26th - 30th - Spirit Week

Nov 3rd - Picture Retakes

Nov 4th - Gr9: Take Our Kid To Work Day



COMING
UP

IMPORTANT GRAD MEETING: Tuesday, October 6th starting at 12:30 in the library. Information about the upcoming chicken BBQ fundraising initiative will be discussed. There will also be a grad survey that ALL grads will be asked to do. FREE PIZZA and DRINKS will be provided.

Grade 9 LifeWorks students will be receiving a presentation from Safe Workers of Tomorrow on October 16th, in preparation for TOKWD

Grade 9s should start planning where they will be going on Wednesday, November 4th.
Talk to Mr. Gerbrandt for more details.

TAKE
OUR
KID TO
WORK
DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th

Students and staff will be getting their pictures taken throughout the morning.

Proofs will be sent home with your student.
Picture packages can be ordered online.

SPIRIT WEEK:
Oct 26th-30th
*Stay tuned for
more details*



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.

Our High School Boys and Girls soccer teams are right in the middle of their league play. The boys are currently 1-1-1, while

the girls are 1-2. Both teams are playing extremely well and have a great chance at not only attending zones, but winning it. Zone 13 Championships will take place on Oct. 8th at Niverville. Good luck to both teams on the remainder of your season.

September has been full of practices and the start of tournament play for all of our Volleyball teams, as they prepare to get their league play underway starting the week of Oct. 5th. Student athletes will receive a league schedule from their coaches once it is available. The schedule will also be posted on the PE bulletin board, and all league games will be entered onto the GVS Pirates online calendar.

A reminder to all our student athletes and parents 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, visit <https://gvs.hsd.ca/sports-calendar/sports-calendar/> and access the Pirates calendar.

2026 GVS CHOCOLATE SALES

Students will be carrying home cases of chocolates starting on Thursday, October 1st. 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 22nd.

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 our office know.



NEW YEAR

NEW LOGO



Green Valley School is excited to unveil our new branding to our school community!

You may have already seen changes to our website and informational letters that have been sent out to families.

The next step will be a clothing/merch drop.

Stay tuned for all the ordering details!



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.