GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2026

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What a wonderful fall we have had. Many of our classes here at GVS have taken advantage of the warm fall weather. ELA, Woodworking, PE/HE, and Science classes have all had many wonderful learning opportunities outside of the classroom this past month.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Varsity Boys Soccer team for making GVS history!! This year's team was the first team to ever win a Zone 13 Championship. Considering this was the first time a GVS team competed in a provincial play-offs, our team came in fourth place!! Thanks to our dedicated coaches and the support of our fan base. GVS is proud of all the players and their efforts this season. We can't wait to see what this team will do in the coming years!!!

Mr. Neufeld and his band and choir students are now beginning preparations for this year's Christmas Concert. Please take note that this year we will be hosting the concert in Steinbach. Our gymnasium can no longer accommodate the number of audience members that we have in attendance. As such, the concert will take place on Monday Dec. 7th, 7:00 pm at Crossview Church- 345 Loewen Blvd. Doors will only open at 6:30 pm. It will be rushed seating.

CONGRATULATIONS to our student body and staff at GVS for bringing food in for the food drive. Mrs. Maria Friesen continued to organize and promote this very worthy community event at GVS for the 18th year. Thank you to all staff and students for their help in collecting food for the food drive this year.

The infamous chocolate fundraiser was in full force at GVS this year. THANKS to our entire school community for buying and supporting this fundraiser. Our students did a great job selling tasty treats to family and friends throughout the entire community.

We will be commemorating Remembrance Day on Tuesday Nov. 10th with poems, prayers, an Act of Remembrance, Last Post, A Moment of Silence, a Commitment to Remember, wreath laying and honoring our National Anthem.

Electronic copies of report cards for grades 9-12 will be available online after 4:00 pm on Monday, Nov. 23rd. Paper copies of report cards will be handed out to grades 7 & 8 students on Friday Nov. 27th.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday November 19th. Parents will be able to book conference times on Parent Portal starting on Nov.12th starting at 4:00 pm. Parents are the best resource for a child to make their grade. When teachers and parents work together, we can help a child have a successful school year.

Angela Burtnack-Schinkel

COMING SOON

Nov 3rd - Picture Retakes
Nov 4th - Gr9: Take Our Kid To Work Day
Nov 5th - Grad Meeting
Nov 10th - Remembrance Day Service
Nov 11th - Remembrance Day (No Classes)
Nov 16th - Admin Day (No Classes
Nov 19th - Gr7-12 Parent/Teacher Meetings, 4-6:30pm
Nov 19th - Hockey Players & Parent Meeting, 7pm
Nov 23rd - Gr9-12 Report Cards Issued (4pm on PP)
Nov 27th- Gr7-8 Report Cards Issued
Nov 30th- Gr9-12 Deadline to Drop Courses

WINTER WEAR SHARE EVENINGS

In anticipation of the cold weather that is coming, Green Valley School has been collecting gently used winter wear at school from October 21st - 28th. Our Winter Wear Share Evening will be held on

Wednesday, November 4th and Thursday, November 12th from 4:00–7:00 p.m. in the school library

Families in the area are welcome to come find warm items for the season; we will have a variety of sizes from toddler to adult. If you can't make it that evening, please call the school at 204-434-6415 to arrange another time.

If you have gently used coats, jackets, mittens, hats, scarves, or boots, that are clean and in good condition, we'd really appreciate your support! Please reach out to Maria Friesen or Lisa Hildebrandt at Green Valley School or drop them off in the donation bin in the front foyer or at the school office before November 4th. Any leftover items will be offered to the local food bank and to the food bank and outreach in Steinbach.

Thank you for helping keep our community warm this winter!

Every Wednesday at The Pirates' Cove

Order before 9:00am / Cash only



Chicken Taquitos.....$1.00
Salsa & Sour Cream available.....$0.25/ea

POGO Corndogs.....$1.50
Ketchup & Mustard available

Hot Dog.....$2.00
Gluten-Free buns available upon request

Double Dog w/ cheese.....$3.00
Gluten-Free buns available upon request

Chicken Burger.....$4.00
Available toppings: lettuce, cheese & tomato

Applying to a college or university before December 1st has advantages. Get in touch with Mr. Gerbrandt if you need some assistance.

December 7th – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are pleased to share that our Gr 7-12 Band & Choir Concert will be held at Crossview Church in Steinbach.

Doors open at 6:30pm | Concert starts at 7:00pm

Students will be rehearsing at Crossview Church during the afternoon on Dec 7th. They will eat lunch at school before leaving for Steinbach. Students will remain at the church until the evening concert.
We ask that all students bring full performance wear and a bagged supper.

Attention Hockey Players & Parents!

There will be a parent and player meeting to gauge the interest in starting a high school hockey program here at GVS. Players and parents of students in grades 7-11 are welcome to attend.



November 19th at 7:00pm in the GVS Library



GVS will once again be offering school clothing, available to students & their families. Details to come in November!

2026 GVS Chocolate Sales

Our annual fundraiser has come to an end. THANK YOU to all our students, families and community for your support!



Congrats to our Grand Prize Winners:
Liam Stoesz - Nintendo Switch 2
Elliott Suderman - Walmart Gift Cards
Parker Matiation - Niki's Diner Gift Cards
Kara Graham - McDonald's Gift Cards

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

GRADE 9-12

A big congratulations to our High School Boys Soccer Team! This was a historic season for soccer at Green Valley, as our boys became the first ever soccer team in school history to win the Zone 13 banner. The boys defeated Niverville in penalties to win the banner and move onto Provincials. The history making continued as the boys won the first ever Provincial soccer game in school history, defeating Swan Valley 5-3, to move onto the A side semi-final. The boys lost their next two games, but not before finishing 4th in the Province. We are very proud of all your accomplishments this season. Thank you to Josiah Rogge and Noah Froese for coaching the team this past season.

November will mark the end of the volleyball season for our Volleyball teams. Each team continues to work towards playoffs, Zones and Provincials. Some important dates (locations TBD):

- Nov. 6 and 7th: Varsity Boys and Girls Volleyball tournament @ Brandon
- Nov. 12th: Varsity Zone 13 Championships @ TBD
- Nov. 12th: Jv Girls Volleyball Playoffs @ TBD
- Nov. 21st: AA Volleyball Provincial Round 1 @ TBD
- Dec. 3 - 5th: AA Provincials Boys @ Arborg, Girls @ Warren

Best of luck to all of our Volleyball teams as they wrap up their seasons this month! With Volleyball coming to an end, basketball season will be ramping up. Basketball meetings have taken place at the end of October to determine interest and to review expectations of the season. If you are interested in joining a basketball team, please see Mr. Hart for more information and to sign-up.

For league results, you can check out the MHSAA website.

To access the GVS athletics calendar for practices, league games, zone & Provincial Championship dates, please visit the GVS Pirates calendar on our website.

GRADE 7&8

We are now two months into the school year, and it has already been an exciting start to Middle Years Athletics! Our Grade 7 and 8 Cross Country runners once again rose to the challenge this season, pushing themselves to achieve new personal bests across the three runs they participated in. We are proud of the effort, determination and growth our athletes demonstrated throughout the Cross Country season!

Now, we have shifted our focus to volleyball, and we are excited to have four teams representing Green Valley School this season! We have a Grade 8 Girls team, two Grade 7 Girls teams, and a combined Grade 7 & 8 Boys team. It has been great to see so many students getting involved, developing their skills, and representing our school with pride.

As the volleyball season continues, all four teams are showing excellent development, both individually and as teammates. From improving their fundamental skills to building teamwork, communication, and confidence on the court, our athletes continue to make great strides with every practice and game. We look forward to seeing our teams continue to grow, challenge themselves, and have fun throughout the remainder of the season. Way to go, Pirates!