



# PRIMEAU NEWS!

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## **School Learning Team**

Principal - Mr. Allan Menduk  
Vice Principal - Mr. Sleight Anstruther  
Vice Principal - Mrs. Cara Mazur  
Learning Support Facilitator - Mrs. Jodi Ostafichuk  
School Counselor - Mrs. Tracy Delhez  
Pedagogy - Mrs. Dianne Hutton

## **Message From Administration:**

Happy New Year! We hope that the Christmas Break was peaceful and fulfilling for all of our families. The first four months of the school year have been busy, yet it has been an excellent start to the school year. G.H Primeau finishes with a flurry of activities:

- Excellent participation in service projects within our school community and community at large
- An uplifting & re-energizing Christmas Celebration
- A very impressive band concert featuring our grade 7 & 8 full year band students
- We saw some great successes with our volleyball teams this year

We are excited for the return from the Christmas break and we look forward to working with our families.

Allan Menduk / Cara Mazur / Sleight Anstruther

## **General Information**

### **New Faculty:**

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Walter Boldt has been hired to teach the band program and electives component taught by Ms. Hemstock. Mr. Boldt brings to GHP a distinguished career teaching band in the greater Edmonton, and most recently Bonnyville, areas. Mr. Boldt brings a "passion for good music and its performance in the classroom." In addition to teaching band, Mr. Boldt is a professional trumpet player (he plays all band instruments), as well as an accomplished community band director and clinician. In the near future, Mr. Boldt will be in contact with all band parents.

For Ms. Hemstock's grade 7 social studies classes, Mr. MacMillan who is currently on staff will be assuming these teaching responsibilities. Mr. Anstruther will cover her term 2 grade 8 PE teaching complement.

These changes will in effect for January 8, 2018 after we return from the Christmas break and plans are already in place to ensure a smooth transition between teachers. We want to thank our parents/guardians and students for their patience and support as we underwent the recruitment process for a new faculty member for GHP.

***"Living Like Jesus - We Are Servants"***

### **Parent Teacher Interviews:**



On Wednesday, January 24th & Thursday, January 25th from 5:30-8:30pm we are holding our second Parent Teacher Interviews of the year.

Please book your interviews online:

[www.schoolbookings.net](http://www.schoolbookings.net)

Event code: qx5bn

The website will open at 10:00am on Tuesday, January 9th.

### **Registration/Option Fees:**

Please be advised that registration fees for your child for the 2017/2018 school year, as well as Term 1 options are now overdue. All term 2 option fees are due by January 15th. These fees can be paid through school cash online or at the front office by cash or cheque.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 780-939-3593

### **Library News- Lost Textbooks**

Money collected for lost textbooks or binding of textbooks that is collected during the school year will be used to purchase new textbooks or binding of older textbooks. When collecting the money we are doing it as a cost recovery and any excess will be used to pay for new textbooks or binding for the following school year.

### **Safe and Caring:**

#### **Cold Weather Protocol:**

Upon our return from the Christmas Break, we are expected to see a change in the weather with very cold temperatures. We wanted to remind parents surrounding our cold weather protocol. For colder days when school is in session, where the temperature is colder than **-20 Degrees Celsius, including the wind chill and humidex factor as per Environment Canada,** the following will occur:

- When students are arriving to school, they are to be let into the school as soon as they arrive— they will wait in the boot rooms. All supervisors will be at their boot rooms and can let students into the boot room, but students are kept them out of the hallways.
- Outdoor recesses will become indoor breaks. Students can go to any of the non-outdoor activities, but are not

roaming the halls. Outdoor supervisors will be re-deployed.

- Any Curricular activities that are scheduled to be conducted outside (e.g. Physical Education, Outdoor education, etc), will need to be adapted or changed and conducted indoors.
- The decision to determine if it will be an indoor recess will be made at the same time and announced over the intercom to inform faculty prior to the arrival of the students in the morning.
- The temperature will be assessed over the course of the school day if it is increasing to determine if it will be an indoor or outdoor recess for lunch. The announcements will be made over the intercom if there is a change from the morning announcements.

### **Confidentiality:**

As an administration team, we are working to establish effective communication between the school and parents. When we contact parents to advise them of any incidents that involve their child and other students, many parents will inquire about the consequence(s) that is/are issued to the other student(s).

As an administration team, we believe that this is a natural question that any parent would ask. Due to our commitment to confidentiality and compliance with the Alberta FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection) Act, we are not able to discuss any matters pertaining to students unless it is about your own child/ren. We recognize that a response of: *"I am not able to discuss matters of a student with people who are not parents/legal guardians"* may be a frustrating response. However, please keep in mind the following:

***Would you like the school administration or staff to discuss matters pertaining to your child with other parents?***

### **Student Learning Opportunities:**

#### **Ski Trips In The New Year:**

Primeau Ski Club is hosting three ski trips this year. The following are the dates, times, and locations for the trips:



Trip #1: Rabbit Hill

Date: Friday, February 2, 2018  
Time: 11:45am-8:00pm

Trip #2: Rabbit Hill  
Date: Friday, March 2, 2018  
Time: 11:45am-8:00pm

Trip #3: Marmot Basin Jasper  
Date: Friday, April 6, 2018  
Time: 4:45am -10:00pm

Ski Trip Forms for the first trip will be available at the office in the middle of January. There is limited seating available, so please return forms and money as soon as possible.

### **Swimming Dates:**



Our grades 5-8 students will have the opportunity to enjoy a morning of swimming in January. Students will leave GHP at 8:15am and will return at 11:30am. Each grade level will head to Fountain Park Pool for some water fun on the following dates:

Grade 5 swimming - Thursday, January 11th, 2018  
Grade 6 swimming - Thursday, January 18th, 2018  
Grade 7 swimming - Thursday, January 25th, 2018  
Grade 8 swimming - Thursday, February 1st, 2018  
Please remember to pack swimming suits, towel and a snack for your child.

### **GHP Basketball:**



Junior Girls & Boys basketball teams are underway. League games and tournaments will challenge our teams throughout this month! GHP will be hosting the first tournament of the season on Friday, January 12th & Saturday, January 13th- Good Luck to both teams!

Thank you in advance to our coaches for their time & efforts:

Mr. MacMillan - Junior Girls Coach  
Mr. & Mrs. Grams - Junior Boys Coach

### **AMA Youth Run Club**



A great way to stay physically and mentally fit is to run. All are welcome to join the AMA Youth Run club that meets a few times a month. Run days vary but goal is to run/walk once a week from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. Some Fridays at lunch there maybe run/walk practice. There is also a bulletin board with more information and run dates. This club is a year round one. You can join anytime. Please see Mrs. Sansano, Mrs. Vervynck or Mrs. Gratton, our GHP Run Coaches, for more information.

### **WE LEAD:**



WE Lead is planning a special hotdog lunch for Wednesday, January 24.

The menu includes a hotdog, veggies and dip, brownie and a drink for \$6.00 Extra hotdogs are \$2.00 each.  
All lunches must be pre-ordered by January 19.

We are also in the process of planning something for Family Literacy Day. A used book collection and sale? A lunch time 'Read-In' with snacks served? A school wide Boggle Challenge? A visit to read with youngsters or seniors? We will keep you posted. Whatever we decide will take place on January 31.

### **Toonies For Teens:**

The week of December 11-15th, toonies were collected to raise funds for families in need.. The total amount collected by students, staff, and parents throughout the week was \$525.00. Way to go Primeau!

### **Field Trips and Refunds:**

In the past, we have had some parents request a refund because a child is absent or he/she no longer wishes to take part in a field trip. In the past there was a range of practices that have been done in relation to this. As of last year, we are

only able to process a refund in the event a parent/child changes their mind to go on a field trip only up to the date the money and consent forms are due. After that time, no refunds can be issued. When charging a fee for a field trip, we do so on a 'cost recovery basis.' When we book these trips and factor in things like transportation costs and numbers have to be confirmed in advance with the venue, we end up being in a situation where the school loses money on the field trip. For example, if a field trip is scheduled on December 12th and money and consent forms need to be in on December 5th, we can only issue a refund no later than December 5th.

## **Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship:**

### **Competencies:**

Many parents may have heard their Child/ren speak to them about competencies and their school work. Students are the artists, scientists, thinkers, innovators and leaders of the future. They will be tasked with solving the problems of today, while imagining and creating a new tomorrow. Competencies are critical for equipping students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that they will need to successfully navigate their personal journeys in learning, living and working.

Students use and develop competencies when they encounter unfamiliar or challenging situations. Competencies help students draw and build upon what they know, how they think and what they can do. In school, students develop and apply competencies through subject-area content and learning experiences. Alberta's curriculum promotes development of the following competencies, which are a streamlined expression of the competencies identified in the Ministerial Order on Student Learning (#001/2013):

- CRITICAL THINKING
- PROBLEM SOLVING
- MANAGING INFORMATION
- CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION
- COMMUNICATION
- COLLABORATION
- CULTURAL AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
- PERSONAL GROWTH AND WELL-BEING

Alberta students develop competencies to achieve their full potential as lifelong learners and active citizens, today and in the future.

## **Parental Engagement:**

### **School Council**



The next meeting will be held on January 9th at 6:30pm. All parents/guardians are invited to join us.

### **Morinville Band Parents**

The next band parents meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:15pm at Morinville Community High School.

## **Faith Formation:**



## **Continuous Improvement:**

### **Accountability Pillar Surveys:**

When we return after the Christmas break, As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 7 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 7 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving,

so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2018, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports. This data assists our school with our planning.

We will be sending more information out to parents and guardians in the new year.

### **Professional Development Topics 2017/18**

It has been an incredible year of growth amongst our faculty. Teachers and support faculty have learned about Indigenous History and Learning, Competencies, and Faith development. Several teachers expanded their expertise in their subject areas and competencies. A better understanding of the Middle School Model and the 21st Century Learner is had by all! We are a community of learners committed to serving your child!

### **On-Going Reminders:**

#### **Booster Juice Days:**



GHP is pleased to offer students the option to purchase a Booster Juice once a month. Please order online at <https://gsacrd.schoolcashionline.com> or by sending the form and payment back to the school by the following dates:

January 24th for Jan 31st Booster Juice  
February 21st for Feb 28th Booster Juice  
March 14th for March 21st Booster Juice  
April 18th for April 25th Booster Juice  
May 23rd for May 30th Booster Juice  
June 13th for June 20th Booster Juice

They can be paid for all at once, or each month separately!

#### **Lost and Found:**

Are your children missing any personal belongings? If so, please come down and have a look at our lost and found or encourage your child to have a look.

As in previous years, all electronics, jewelry, and glasses are kept in the office. We presently have a number of electronic devices and jewelry items that have not been claimed.



#### **GHP Attendance Line:**



There are three convenient ways to report your child's attendance:

Call: 1-844-818-9908

Website: [gsac.schoolconnects.com](http://gsac.schoolconnects.com)

Smart Phone App: SafeArrival App

#### **Hot Lunch Program:**

We will be offering hot lunches through the Healthy Hunger program on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** throughout the year. Please visit [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca) to place your order and pay online.

Please note: all orders must be placed online only!



Profits made by the Healthy Hunger Lunch Program go to fund school-wide activities and presentations.

#### **School Parking Lot:**

Please **DO NOT ENTER** the school parking lot at school opening and closing time!



For the safety of our students we need to insist that you **DO NOT** enter the school parking lot to drop off or pick up your son/daughter between 7:30 & 8:15am and 2:30 & 3:00pm. And, please do not stop in the bus drop off areas!



You may pay by e check, credit card, or deposit money to your e wallet. Go to the following website for instructions.

***Parents please register! Here's how:***

**Step 1:** Go to this website:

<https://gsacrd.schoolcashonline.com>

**Step 2:** Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and follow the steps

**Step 3:** After you receive the confirmation email, please

select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

**Payments:**

Not only is this a ✓**Convenient** ✓**Safe** ✓**Secure** way to pay fees.

You will also receive Email Notifications letting you know that there are items to be purchased.

To verify that you have accepted email notifications, select the "My Account" tab, click on the "Manage Email Notifications" option. Click on the option to activate the email notification, and then select the CHANGE button to save your information.

**Notifications Only:**

To receive NOTIFICATIONS and REMINDERS of a new item, you MUST select the box by the following:

If you are already registered and are **NOT** receiving the emails, you simply need to go into 'My Account' and click on 'Change Email Notifications' and select the box.

If you choose not to pay on line

Please **Register** to receive Notifications and Reminders

# GHP Event Calendar

# JANUARY 2018

| Sunday    | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                               |
|-----------|---|---|--|--|---|--|
|           | <b>1</b><br>Christmas Vacation  | <b>2</b><br>Christmas Vacation  | <b>3</b><br>Christmas Vacation   | <b>4</b><br>Christmas Vacation   | <b>5</b><br>Christmas Vacation                      | <b>6</b>                               |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>Classes Resume<br><br>Big Brothers/Sisters<br>@11:00am<br><br>Day B | <b>9</b><br>Band Parents Meeting-<br>MCHS @ 6:15pm<br><br>Parent Council Meeting-<br>6:30pm in the library<br><br>Day A   | <b>10</b><br><br><br>Day B   | <b>11</b><br>Gr 5 Swimming at Fountain<br>Park Pool<br>8:15-11:30am<br><br>Day A   | <b>12</b><br>GHP Basketball Tournament<br><br>Day B | <b>13</b><br>GHP Basketball Tournament |
| <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>Big Brothers/Sisters<br>@11:00am<br><br>Day A                      | <b>16</b><br><br><br>Day B  | <b>17</b><br><br><br>Day A   | <b>18</b><br>Gr 6 Swimming at Fountain<br>Park Pool<br>8:15-11:30am<br><br>Day B   | <b>19</b><br><br><br>Day A                          | <b>20</b>                              |
| <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br><br><br>Day B  | <b>23</b><br><br><br>Day A  | <b>24</b><br>Parent Teacher Interviews<br>5:30-8:30pm<br><br>Last Day to Order<br>Booster Juice<br><br>ME TO WE Hot Lunch Day<br>\$6.00 (must be pre-ordered)<br><br>Day B | <b>25</b><br>Parent Teacher Interviews<br>5:30-8:30pm<br><br>Gr 7 Swimming at Fountain<br>Park Pool<br>8:30-11:30am<br><br>Day A | <b>26</b><br>PD/Staff Meeting Day<br>No Classes     | <b>27</b>                              |
| <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br><br><br>Day B  | <b>30</b><br><br><br>Day A  | <b>31</b><br>Booster Juice Day<br><br>Day B  |  |   |  |
|           |   | <b>Notes:</b><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>© 2016 Vertex42 LLC. Free to Print. <a href="http://www.vertex42.com/Academic-Calendar-Template.html">Academic Calendar Template by Vertex42.com</a> |  |  |   |  |



# G.H. Primeau Ski Club



Primeau Ski Club will be hosting 3 ski trips. The following are the dates, times and locations for the 3 ski trips.

## Ski Trip Details:

### Ski Trip #1: Rabbit Hill

Date: Friday February 2nd, 2018

Time: Leave school at 11:45am and return at 8pm

### Ski Trip #2: Rabbit Hill

Date: Friday March 2nd, 2018

Time: Leave school at 11:45am and return at 8pm

### Ski Trip #3: Marmot Basin

Date: Friday April 6th, 2018

Time: Leave school at 4:45 am and return at 10pm

## Fee's for the Ski Trips:

### Trip #1 Rabbit Hill: (all prices include a lesson)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Bus only (for students with season passes to Rabbit Hill) | \$15.00 |
| Bus and Lift Ticket                                       | \$45.00 |
| Bus, Lift Ticket and Ski Rentals                          | \$60.00 |
| Bus, Lift Ticket and Snowboard Rentals                    | \$60.00 |

### Trip #2 Rabbit Hill: (all prices include a lesson)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Bus only (for students with season passes to Rabbit Hill) | \$15.00 |
| Bus and Lift Ticket                                       | \$45.00 |
| Bus, Lift Ticket and Ski Rentals                          | \$60.00 |
| Bus, Lift Ticket and Snowboard Rentals                    | \$60.00 |

### Trip #3: Marmot Basin: (all prices include a lesson)

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Coach Bus only (for those who hold a season pass to Marmot) | \$40.00  |
| Coach Bus and Lift Ticket                                   | \$120.00 |
| Coach Bus, Lift Ticket and Ski Rentals                      | \$140.00 |
| Coach Bus, Lift Ticket and Snowboard Rentals                | \$140.00 |



If you would like to join us as a chaperone please make sure you have your criminal record check and child welfare check handed into the office prior to the ski trips.

If your child would like to join us on any of the trips the ski trip forms will be posted across from the office in a folder holder on the wall. The first set of forms for the first ski trip to Rabbit Hill will be available on January 15th, 2018. The second set of forms for the second ski trip to Rabbit Hill will be available on February 5th, 2018. The April ski trip to Marmot Basin forms will be posted on March 5th, 2018. Please return all forms to the OFFICE.

There is limited space available so please return the ski packages as soon as possible.