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Message From Administration:

September has come and gone and we have a great deal of thanks to our students, parents, and staff for a great start to the school year. In the month of September, we held our annual meet the faculty evening. Our theme was Meet us in the Middle - You Donut Want to Miss This! We had a fantastic turn out and we want to thank all of the parents and students who took the time out of their busy schedules to spend the evening with us and grab a donut.

As we approach Thanksgiving, there is much to be thankful for. We want to thank our parent volunteers who came out to assist with the Terry Fox Run. We are also very pleased to have a number of parents who have offered to be volunteers in our school, and have handed in their volunteer forms that went out in September. We continue to encourage parents to volunteer in our school.

The month of October is a busy month for our school: sports teams are up and running, students engaging in service projects, school council, parent-student-teacher interviews, picture retakes, the beginning of Healthy Hunger hot lunches, and Thanksgiving celebrations are just a few the events and activities taking place this month.

In the month of October, we continue to look forward to working with our students, parents, and community stakeholders to build our culture of excellence in learning. If you have any questions or concerns surrounding the programming for your child, please feel free to contact the school.

Allan Menduk / Cara Mazur / Sleight Anstruther

General Information:

Registration Fees:

Please be advised that registration fees, as well as option fees for your child for the 2018/2019 school year are due by December 17th. 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

School Pictures- RETAKE DAY



Retakes will be taken on Tuesday, October 23rd in the morning. Students MUST bring the original proofs back to school with them on this day if they are taking retakes.

No School Days

There is no school for students on October 8th (Thanksgiving Day) and October 9th (PD Day)

Enjoy your extended long weekend!

Early Dismissal Day

Students will be dismissed at 11:35am on Friday, October 19th in order for our GHP Faculty to attend our monthly staff meeting.

Primeau Wear:

GHP is excited to offer our students the option to purchase some GHP apparel and show off your Coyote PRIDE!

Online ordering will be available on **Tuesday, September 4th.** All purchases as well as payment can be done through the following website:

www.nine88.ca/primeau

Password: PRIMEAU

Please note that when you make an order it will not be available until the cutoff date has passed as the clothing company processes all orders at one time and then delivers it to the school.

Ordering is open until October 8th, 2018

The Great GHP Halloween Carnival:

Once again GHP will be hosting our annual Halloween Carnival on Wednesday, October 31st. An invitation has gone out to the students from Notre Dame School. Our students will be setting up and working in a variety of booths for students to take part in. Students are encouraged to dress up in costumes on this day.

To assist the "We Lead - We Scare Hunger" campaign, we are asking students to bring a food bank donation on this day.



Hot Lunch Program:



GHP is pleased to once again be able to offer the Healthy Hunger hot lunch program to our students and families.

The first day of the lunch program will be Tuesday, October 16th. Lunches will be available every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the school year.

Please visit <u>www.healthyhunger.ca</u> to place your order and pay

Please note: all orders must be placed online only!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Morin.

Safe and Caring Schools:

Allergy Alert:

With Halloween around the corner and birthday parties being a special time for children, we want to inform parents that we do have a number of students in our school that have severe tree nut and peanut allergies. This can be a difficult time for the food-allergic children. If you would like to send in baked goods, please be careful about the ingredients. Please list the ingredients on the outside of the package and when preparing "treats" please pay close attention to cross contamination in your kitchen.

There are a number of Halloween treats that can be purchased at the supermarket that are certified 'nut free' or 'peanut free' that are available at no additional costs should you wish to send Halloween treats with your child on October 31st.

It would be especially helpful if you could let you child's teacher know a few days ahead of when you'd like to celebrate your child's birthday or Halloween, so that the food-allergic child can provide his/her own safe treat.

As with birthday and holiday parties, we must be extremely careful about the ingredients in all of the food items. Please do not enclose candy or other treats with holiday/birthday cards.

Halloween at School:

Halloween is an exciting time of the school year for students where they have the opportunity to dress up as their favorite heroes, fantasy characters, or professionals in our community. There are a wide variety of costumes that are available for purchase. For the most part, they are suitable for middle schools in terms of theme and 'coverage.' All costumes need to be respectful of their bodies and display a sense of modesty, respectful to diversity, and positive messaging with slogans and images. With this said,

- · Make up that creates the illusion of excessive gore.
- · Student clothing is to cover undergarments.
- Costumes are not to contain offensive or suggestive slogans/phrases, promote or be related to the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
- 'Culture is not costume.'

We will continue with previous years' requests that all costume props (e.g. swords, brooms, toy guns, etc.) be left at home.

Too frequently, these items are misplaced or are inappropriately used within a school context.

For safety reasons, please speak to your child/ren about refraining from wearing masks that limit visibility to and from school.

Any student who wears a costume that is not appropriate for a school setting will be asked to remove it. If they arrive to school wearing it, parents will be contacted to come pick up their child(ren).

Inclement Weather:

Our District believes that, schools should remain open during inclement weather; however, we also recognize that weather conditions may result in school closures, early dismissals and/or adjustments in regular bus schedules. However, in extreme weather conditions, the final decision to send a child to school or to the bus rests with the parents even though buses and schools may be operating.

Parents shall ensure that their children who are passengers on a school bus or who are walking to school are properly dressed in accordance with prevailing or potential weather conditions. For all students accessing transportation services, parents/guardians will be advised of the status of transportation operations and school closures on our school website. Our school website is updated immediately upon changing conditions as well as posting of any alerts.

Further to this, we employ the following methods: automated phone notification system, radio, television, and/or website messaging. In each instance, these announcements will be made the preceding evening or between 6:00 a.m and 7:00 a.m. on the same day that bus services are to be suspended. The decision to operate the busses is made by the Secretary Treasurer from our District Office.

During the winter months, it is very important that parents make advanced and adequate provisions for their child(ren) in the event that weather or mechanical difficulties may:

- Force suspension of regular bus service.
- · Cause early dismissal of students.
- Result in a bus being more than ten (10) minutes late for a scheduled stop (pick up or drop off).

As a school community, we are working on an internal protocol to explore how the 'school day looks' for students who are attending school during poor weather.

Student Learning Opportunities:

Jr. Volleyball:

Our Jr. volleyball teams have started off the season with a well-earned 3rd place finish in our GH Primeau home tournament. The players have already put in many hours to practicing their skills and coming together as a team on and off the court. Both the boys' and girls' teams play teams in St. Albert throughout their September-October season. A special thanks to our coaches- Mrs. Palidwar, Mrs. Knight, Ms. Burton, and Mr. Molzan for their time and energy put into tryouts, practices, games & tournament weekends. Please check the school calendar for games and tournament schedule. Go Coyotes!



Leadership News:

GHP Leadership Class is asking for your help!!
Leadership students are conducting a Food Bank Drive for the
Morinville Food Bank for Thanksgiving. Items needed include:
Peanut Butter, jam, school snacks, canned goods, and boxed
foods.



Items can be brought to students' Homeroom classes until Wednesday October 3rd.

Thank you for your support in helping the Morinville Food Bank.

GHP Cheer News:



Congratulations to our GHP Coyote Cheer Team who have been selected to participate in a flash mob with other cheer teams at the October 27 Oil Kings Game. Quite an achievement and a nice recognition for our team!

WE LEAD:



Our social justice club is in full swing! WE already have one special lunch under our belt, and our second one will take place on October 17th. The menu this time is Homemade Vegetable Soup, Toasted Garlic Cheese Naan or Gluten free Crackers, Three Chip Cookies (Gluten Free) and juice for \$7.00. Lunches can be paid for online or with cash brought to the office from Oct. 5-12.

A number of us will also be attending WE Day at Roger's Place on October 12. This is an action packed event geared to social justice focused youth. Students are chosen by their commitment to serving others this school year. At this time we are limited to 18 students.

On Halloween we will have some students out collecting food bank items as we try to Scare Hunger. Your generosity is appreciated! Donations can also be dropped off at GHP if you are trick or treating in the area.

Looking well ahead...we are always on the lookout for donations of coffee mugs. Our WE leader elves 'magically' transform these mugs into Snowman Soup, which we hand out at the Lite The Town Parade in November. All mugs can be dropped off at GHP at any time, or sent to school with your child.

As always-Thank You for your support!

October Bake Night:



Bake Night will be held on Monday, October 22 from 3:00-5:30 in the Home Ec Room. We will be making carrot cake cupcakes and caramel apples. Information regarding registering and payment will be given in XL. All grades are welcome. Stay tuned!

Terry Fox Run:

A big thanks to all of the students that participated in our Terry Fox Run on September 19. Bringing awareness and supporting a very important cause that had affected at least one person in each of our lives!



Grade 7s - At the starting line, photo from Coyote One

Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship:

Counsellors Corner

Did you know that mental health is largely affected by physical, emotional and spiritual health also? Surprisingly, one thing that helps manage stress is *organization*. As we move into our second month of the 2018-2019 school year, it can be helpful to focus on establishing healthy routines and habits at home and at school. Mental health can be improved when we focus on the basics: getting a full night's sleep, having a workable morning routine, eating regular meals, making time to finish homework, and setting aside time for leisure and socializing. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Gisele Trottier at gtrottier@gsacrd.ab.ca for questions or extra supports..

Goal Setting:

Student goal setting is a process where the student with the support of their teacher and parents, students generate their goal(s). The emphasis is on the development of skills, not the acquisition of knowledge. The basis for the goals is based on a student's self-assessment of one's skills and abilities with the input of teacher (and parent) observations. There will be the opportunity to discuss these goals at our Parent-Teacher Interviews later this month.

Once the goal is created, instructional strategies are selected that will be most effective in helping students attain the goal – Differentiated instruction. Then, upon implementation, these instructional strategies are implemented and monitored for effectiveness. The strategies are refined or revised, as necessary, based upon student performance and progress. At the end of the course or year, the student in conjunction with

the teacher and parent/guardian assesses whether the goal has been achieved.

Research also has documented a strong, positive correlation between setting student achievement goals and student achievement. Marzano, Pickering, and Pollock, drew the following two generalizations from the research on setting student achievement goals:

Instructional goals narrow a student's focus. This means that while students generally score higher on the instruction related to the specific academic goals, they likely would score lower (about eight percentile points) on information that is incidental to the goals, but still covered in the class.

Students should be encouraged to personalize the teacher's goals. Once classroom academic goals are set, students should be encouraged to customize them to fit their personal needs.

Research indicates a strong, positive correlation exists between targeted goals and student performance on standardized tests.

For instance, students whose teachers developed high-quality student achievement goals showed more than a year's worth of gains on independent state standardized assessments and national assessment.

Similarly, when student achievement goals were created, a strong correlation between the formulation of student achievement goals and student achievement was found.

Student Groups:

As part of the counseling program, students have the opportunity to meet in small groups. The purpose of these groups is to allow the students to acquire information and skills that will help them become more successful in the school and home setting. School success depends not only on academic ability, but on self confidence and social adjustment.

If you wish to have your child participate in a small group please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Trottier.

Parental Engagement:

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Wednesday & Thursday, October 17th and 18th from 5:30-8:30pm we are holding our first Parent Teacher Interviews of the year.

Please book your interviews online:

www.schoolbookings.net/code

Event Code: uj7a9

The website will open at 10:00am on Monday, October 1st.

At this time, if you have a child with multiple subjects, with a single teacher, please only book one time slot as to ensure there is sufficient opportunity for all interested parents to meet with their child's teacher. You will notice only core subjects and Physical Education classes will be available for booking.

We are asking all parents to schedule an interview time if they wish to meet with the teacher(s) of their choice. Most of the time slots will be filled; therefore it may not be possible for our teachers to meet with parents/guardians who have not scheduled an interview during our interview times.

Grade 5 and 6 interviews will be held in their classrooms, and the Grade 7 & 8 will be held in the gymnasium.

Parent Council:



The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30pm in the GHP Library. All parents are welcome to our meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Morinville Band Parents:



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

Parent/Guardian Volunteers:



We are very blessed to have volunteers that come into assist our school with a wide range of events: field trips, overnight excursions, athletics, dances, fundraising, school council, school events, and the list goes on. If it was not for the continued support that we receive from our volunteers, we would not be able to offer what we do for our students...

If you are interested in volunteering for school events, we do require parents to have current Criminal Records (Vulnerability Sector) and Child Intervention Checks. Please contact Mrs. Rogers or Mrs. Durand for more information.

After School Arrangements:

We are receiving a number of requests from parents to speak to their child/ren regarding after school arrangements or students wishing to contact their parents to make plans after school. This is presently creating a number of concerns for students, parents, and our faculty:

- Students are only permitted to make phone calls from the one phone inside the office otherwise, all our phone lines are tied up as in the past

 No other calls can come in or go out.
- Our front office faculty members are busy attempting to locate students prior to the end of the day and pass on messages, where they are struggling to get these messages to the student. We do not page over the intercom during classes in order to minimize disruptions.
- We are concerned that students may miss busses as they wait to speak with their parents.
- Students will contact their parents when they get to the 'alternative arrangement,' but not before their parents contact the school after dismissal inquiring where their child is at they have not arrived home.

We do recognize that there are instances where emergencies do occur, and as a school we can accomodate. With this said, this is the exception and not the norm.

At this time, we are requesting that parents and students make after-school arrangements prior to the beginning of the day.

We recognize that there will be instances where there are emergencies, where plans change. These are the exception as opposed to the norm.

Donations:



- We would like to thank Lisa Harrower-Smeets for donating a microwave to be used in our classes.
- Midstream Society for their monthly donation to support our lunch program for students that are in need.

Faith Formation:

Thanksgiving Celebration:

Our Thanksgiving Celebration will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd at 8:15am in our school gym. All GHP families are welcome to attend.



The Living Rosary:

'The Living Rosary' which is on Wednesday Oct 10 @ 8:30 a.m. Parents/guardians are invited to attend. Religion students will be participating in this event.

Faculty Retreat Day:

G.H. Primeau Faculty volunteered on our Retreat Day (September 21st) to help Catholic Social Services prepare for Uplift: Day of Mercy. This was our second year in a row to volunteer with this event. The faculty sorted warm clothing, assisted in the set up for Uplift Day, and filled bags with donations that would be given to approximately 1000 people.







On-Going Reminders:

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 Smart Phone App: SafeArrival App

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 $\sqrt{\text{Convenient}}$ $\sqrt{\text{Safe}}$ $\sqrt{\text{Secure}}$ 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

École G H Primeau Middle School

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Maker Club @2:45pm	Thanksgiving Celebration @ 8:30am	Maker Club @ 2:45pm		
	Day A	Day B	Day A	Day B	Day A	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Thanksgiving Day	No School- PD Day	Gr 7 Money Matters Presentation	Maker Club @ 2:45pm	WE Day- Edmonton	
		Band Parents Meeting @ 6:15pm at MCHS	Presentation			
		Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm				
			Day B	Day A	Day B	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Maker Club @ 2:45pm	Parent Teacher Interviews 5:30-8:30pm	Parent Teacher Interview 5:30-8:30pm	Early Dismissal @ 11:35	
		Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch Begins	Gr 8 Money Matters Presentation	Maker Club @ 2:45pm Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch		
	Day A	Day B	Day A	Day B	Day A	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Picture re-take day		Maker Club @ 2:45pm		
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	Day B	Day A	Day B	Day A	Day B	
28	29	30	31			
		Maker Club @ 2:45pm				
		Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch				
	Day A	Day B	Day A			
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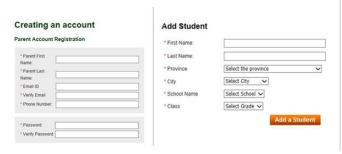




FUN LUNCHES ON-LINE

You've been asked to order your Fun Lunches On-Line... Now what? Go to www.HealthyHunger.ca and click "**No Obligation Sign Up**". After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches, place orders, and then pay for your orders Online with Visa, MasterCard, or Interac Debit.

HOW IT WORKS







STEP 1.

Click "No Obligation Sign up" and create your account.

STEP 2.

Login, and add your children to the account.

STEP 3.

View all of the Up-Coming Fun Lunch dates.

STEP 4.

Place your orders and make payment Online.





Add a student



Order now



Pay now

BENEFITS

- 1. Receive an email reminder if you have not ordered for an up-coming lunch.
- 2. Receive automatic email notification when your School posts a new Fun Lunch.
- 3. Order for multiple children attending the same or different Schools.
- 4. Flexibility & Control. Order for 1 lunch, 2 lunches, or the entire year.
- 5. Cancel orders at any time before the 5 day Cut-Off.
- Quickly review your orders at any time.
- 7. Free and Unlimited Tech Support from Healthy Hunger.



Maker -CLUB-

Come makers and tinkerers. An afternoon of fun turns into an evening of invention. Your creativity will bring your ideas to life. In this club expect to learn the basics of 3D design and the applications of 3D printing, basic circuity and robotics. This club is for beginners, adventurers, dreamers, and inventors.

We build anything you create. Anything!

When: 2:45pm to 3:45pm Tuesdays and Thursday's

Where: GH Primeau

What to bring: Chromebook and MOUSE < A MUST!



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- Burger King
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- Forever 21

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Cards are \$10.00

TO BUY YOUR CARD ONLINE ON JUNE 1st:

- 1. Go to www.spccard.ca/purchase
- 2. Fill out your info & use promo code : 102930

Student Name:	Grade/classroom:	Management
Contact name/phone number/email:		
Number of SPC cards ordered:		
Payment method: Cash	Cheque	