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Catholic Middle School

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GHP Sports Academy offers both Cheer and Hockey! Students meet two afternoons a week, (Tues. & Thurs.) with trained coaches to grow in their sport.



HOCKEY

- Two 1 hour ice sessions each week from September - March
- On Ice sessions will include technical skill development, specialty coaches and tactical concepts
- Small area skill development to enhance players skills and game understanding
- April - June: additional excursions that compliment hockey specific dryland training and additional athletic activities (i.e. wall climbing)

CHEER

- 10 month program with 2 training sessions per week.
- Training will be skill development for Cheer athletes
- Includes additional excursions to try different activities (i.e wall climbing)

How is Middle School Different?

Lunchtime



Grade 6s & 7s eat in our cafeteria. Our Snack Shack sells some lunch items as well as treats. Lunchtime is broken into the eating period and lunch recess. During recess, grade 6s play outside in the field or on the playground. Sports equipment is available. Please note that Grade 6s are not able to leave school grounds to go to Circle K.

Switching Rooms for Classes



Grade 6 students spend the majority of their day in their home classroom. They may move for complementary courses and spend Phys. Ed. Class in the gym or outside. Grade 7 & 8 students change classes more often for their various subjects. Students are expected to plan ahead by having the books and supplies needed for each part of the day.

Timetable

Students enter the building at 8:00 am. All students are expected to be in their homerooms when announcements begin at 8:10 am. There are 7 blocks each day; two morning blocks followed by a 10 minute Nutrition Break, two classes followed by lunch and three classes before the end of the day at 2:39 pm.



Please note that revision to school schedules can occur from year to year.

Lockers

Grade 6s are assigned half lockers outside of their homeroom class. Students are expected to store backpacks, jackets, phones and winter gear in their lockers. Students can access their lockers before school, at Nutrition Break, lunch and after school. School supplies and books are stored in their desks.



Key Dates

Please take note of the following important 2024 dates from now to September:

February 22nd (Thursday)

Parent/Guardian Info Night

7 pm- GHP Lounge

The leadership team from GHP will be presenting information and answering frequently asked questions regarding the changes from elementary to middle school.

March 19 (Tuesday)

Coyote Activity Challenge

4 pm - All grade 5s are invited to this special afternoon of games just for them. An afternoon of activities including games, team builders and more.

April (Dates TBD)

Follow Up Visits

Mrs. Baker & Mr. Pedersen, along with the GHP Grade 6 team will be meeting with the Grade 5s to answer any further questions and get feedback from them about making next year the best one yet!

May 2 (Thursday)

GHP OPEN HOUSE!

Meet the staff, check out the food trucks! Students will lead tours of the school and staff will be on hand to meet you and answer questions about our programs.

August 28th & 29th

Staggered Entry

Based on last name, students will ease into classes on one of the two days. This includes meeting teachers, getting their schedules and learning about their classes.

August 30th

First Day of School- 8 am

First day of regular classes with all students.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We asked our students what they were most concerned about before coming to GHP. The following were their questions/concerns as well as what they found once they started middle school.

Q: Will the schoolwork be hard?

A: The work is manageable. Teachers know a lot about the subjects they teach which makes it fun. Often it is easy.

Q: I am nervous about being around the grade 7s and 8s. Will I be okay?

A: The older grades were once grade 6s. They remember what it was like and are very nice.

Q: If I have health problems will I be safe?

A: There are teachers and office staff who are trained and well informed that I can count on to help if I need it.

Q: With students from different schools coming to GHP, am I going to make new friends?

A: YES- People are so nice and everyone is excited to meet new people. It is easy to make new friends.

Q: What if I go to the wrong class or get lost in the halls?

A: I have a homeroom class and will get to tour the school to find my way. If I get lost, there are lots of staff & students to help me.

Q: Am I going to have problems with my locker or forget my combination?

A: My teacher helped our class learn how to use locks and even write down my code for me. By the end of the first week I had the hang of it.

Q: Will I be able to get up and start school so early?

A: Yes, it takes no time at all to adjust to the new schedule.

Q: Am I allowed to use my computer or tablet?

A: Yes I am. Depending on the situation, teachers allow students to use their devices for research, notes and more.

Q: I am in Sports Academy. Do I get to take Complementary Courses?

A: Sigh, unfortunately not BUT I still got Art, Phys Ed & FSL. In Grades 7 & 8, Academy students get 3 options in addition to Academy.

Q: What am I allowed to do at lunch.

A: Students eat in the cafeteria and then get to go out and play on the playground or in the field. I am also able to go home for lunch if I live close by and my parents (guardians) can bring lunch if I forgot OR if they are bringing me a special treat like fast-food.

GHP offers a range of organized athletics including volleyball, basketball, track & field, cross country running, and badminton. Boys and girls are encouraged to try out for any and all sports.

Need more? You got it! We have lunchtime and after school activities including intramurals in the gym ranging from basketball to dodgeball. We have leadership opportunities for theme days and student activities, snack shack crew, morning and lunch prayer readers, mass & liturgy readers, yearbook, library activities, video game competitions and MORE! If we don't have it, ask for it.

This is your school!



Contact Us

Feel free to call or email us with any questions or concerns at 780-939-3593.

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Complementary Courses for the 2024-2025 school year

Options are a big part of any Junior High allowing students to experience a variety of courses outside of the core curriculum. For the past four years, GHP has gone with a Complementary Course model. In lieu of choice, students experience each of the courses we offer, (Cheer and Hockey students opt for Academy in place of some courses.)

We have heard from students that this exposure to a number of different subjects was fun, engaging and eye-opening. Courses that students may not have chosen in the past were some of their favourites.

Complementary courses run in 3 terms from September to December, December to March and from March to June. Students are placed in option groups with students in their grade and take the same complementary courses as everyone else, (with the exception of Academy.)

NOTE: Hockey & Cheer **Academy** students would not receive the same amount of complementary courses as other students, instead opting to take part in Academy.

- For Grade 6 Academy students, this would mean they would only have Cheer or Hockey Academy.
- For Grade 7 & 8 students, they would take part in Academy as well as three additional complementary courses, (one per term.)

Complementary Course Fees

Please note that many of the courses charge a fee to students that covers material costs such as supplies, ingredients, software, etc. The approved maximum fee for 23-24 courses can be found on our website at <https://www.ghp.gsacrd.ab.ca/download/440031>

Please note that these fees are subject to change to a maximum of 4% per year.

Fees for each course will appear in RYCOR during the term your child is taking each course.

Students in Grade 6 would experience Physical Education and French as a Second Language as part of their weekly curriculum. On top of that, non-Academy students would take the following courses, (one per term):

- Foods & Fashions
- Art
- Band

**Please note that both the complementary course model and the offerings from year to year may change depending on staffing, timetabling and feedback from stakeholders.*

Students in Grade 7 & 8 would experience two different complementary courses each term for a total of SIX for non-Academy students.

TENTATIVE COMPLIMENTARY COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 2024-2025

GRADE 7	
All Students	Non-Academy Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art• Communication Technology• Health & Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Film Studies• Financial Management• Foods/Fashions

GRADE 8	
All Students	Non-Academy Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art• Communication Technology• Sports Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Driver's Education• Computing Science Principles• Foods/Fashions

BAND 7 & 8: Band is a full-year option. Students choose band in lieu of three other options. This will depend on the day it is offered.

DRAMA Production/School Play: This will be an extracurricular program for students in grades 6, 7 & 8. Students will be able to audition for roles as well as volunteer to join the backstage crew. The rehearsals will take place after school starting in December and the production will take place in spring.

Fabrications/Construction: Please note that we have been without a certified instructor for this course for the last two years. We understand how popular this course is and we are making efforts to bring this course back.

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School Supply List

General Supplies Grade 6 - 8: This list applies to ALL students for GHP

☐ **Chromebook or Laptop**

Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own device to school if possible. If a student wishes to bring his/her own device to school, here are some recommended devices:

- Laptop (ex. Macbook Pro, Macbook Air, Acer Aspire, HP Laptop)
- Chromebooks (ex. Asus, Acer, HP, Lenovo)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Non-Marking Athletic Shoes for PE - (NO skateboard, flat, or black soled shoes) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Personal Bottle of Hand Sanitizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Set Headphones or Earbuds | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencil Case or Storage Box |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Durable, Nylon, 2" + Zipper Closing Binder | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencil Sharpener |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Box of Markers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Box 24 Pencil Crayons | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cloth or Rag for Dry Erase |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Dry Erase Markers | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Package of 8+ Subject Dividers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Ruler | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Highlighters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Box of Kleenex | |

Grade 6 Only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Blue Pens | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Multi Coloured Duotangs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Hilroy 80 Page Lined Work Books (non-coiled) | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 White Erasers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Small Pack of Post It notes | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Red Pens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Glue Sticks | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Scissors |

Grade 7 & 8 Only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Red Pens | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Blue Pens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Lined Notebooks (for Math) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 White Erasers |

CALCULATOR

- ☐ Grade 7: 1 Basic Function Calculator
- ☐ Grade 8: 1 Scientific Calculator [Suggested: Casio fx260 SolarII Scientific Calculator](#)

GEOMETRY SET

- ☐ Grade 7: 1 Full Geometry Set

French Immersion 6-8

- ☐ Bescherelle French Language Grammar Reference Book
- ☐ Le Robert Micro French Dictionary
- ☐ Fr Imm 6- 1 Hilroy 80 Page Lined Work Books (non-coiled) for French Language Arts



Bring Your Own Robust Device (BYORD)

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools encourages students to bring their own device to school. This device should be primarily used as a tool for learning. Students should ensure their device is functioning properly and fully charged each day. The Division recommends a student device that is compatible with Google Workspace for Education and can last for 4-6 hours when fully charged. There are many options available with a variety of features and specifications as well as related costs. Generally, students are most successful using a device with a physical keyboard and a screen size that is 10 inches or larger, connects to WIFI and has an up to date Google Chrome web-browser. Two types of devices that are adequate are listed below:

1. Chromebooks (ex. Asus Chromebook, Acer Chromebook, HP Chromebook, Samsung Chromebook)
2. Laptop (ex. PC or Mac, such as Macbook Air, Acer Aspire, HP Laptop, Toshiba Laptop, Surface, etc.)

Students who bring their own device to school are responsible to properly secure, store and manage their device. In addition, students must adhere to their school's student code of conduct, as well as the GSACRD's responsible use of technology agreement.

2024-2025 Important School Year Dates

Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools



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August 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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August

- Holidays and School Breaks - Schools Closed
- Early Dismissal
- Day in Lieu P/T Interviews - Schools Closed
- First/Last Day of Classes
- Operational (P.D.) Day - No School for Students
- National Day for T & R - Schools Closed

- 23 Teacher Preparation
- 26 Teacher Preparation
- 27 Teacher Preparation
- 28 First Day of Classes

September

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- 2 Labour Day
- 20 P.D. Day
- 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (T&R)

October

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- 11 P.D. Day
- 14 Thanksgiving Day

November

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- 1 P.D. Day / ATA Institute Day
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 12-14 Fall Break
- 15 Day in Lieu P/T Interviews
- 29 P.D. Day

December

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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- 23-31 Christmas Vacation

January 2025

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- 1-3 Christmas Vacation
- 6 Students Back to Class
- 30 P.D. Day
- 31 Second Semester Begins

February

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- 6-7 Teachers Convention - No School for Students
- 14 Early Dismissal
- 17 Family Day

March

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- 14 P.D. Day
- 21 Day in Lieu P/T Interviews
- 24-28 Spring Break

April

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- 11 P.D. Day
- 18 Good Friday
- 21 Easter Monday

May

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- 16 P.D. Day
- 19 Victoria Day

June

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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- 9 P.D. Day - Year-end Mass
- 26 Last Day of Classes
- 27 Last Day for Staff