

École Georges H. Primeau Middle School



Pride & Faith in our Students!



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Land Acknowledgement



We honour the spirit of the land, the land that has sustained us all since time immemorial. We acknowledge that we are gathering on Treaty 6 territory, meeting grounds and gathering place of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Dene and Nakota Sioux, and the homeland of the Métis people of Alberta. We acknowledge, honour, and respect the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

*Together we call upon all peoples to build a stronger understanding of those who dwell on this land we call home. The recognition of our collective histories on this land is a meaningful act of reconciliation.
We honour those who walk with us - we are all Treaty People.*

At GHP, we endeavour to have students come to know Christ. We are called to Grow in the Trinity with Love, Mercy & Grace.



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Growing in the Trinity: Love, Mercy & Grace



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Artwork by Tara Ricioppo

*“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we
should be called children of God! And that is what we are.”
1 John 3: 1*



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Prayer for All Students

Father of all that is good and holy,
We ask that You bless us with Your infinite love and mercy
As we work with all students made in your image.

Those students that read with grace,
And those that need grace to read.
Those that lift others up,
And those that need to be lifted up.
Those that embrace learning,
And those that need to be embraced to learn.
Those that make us smile,
And those that need a smile.

Grant us the knowledge, patience, and compassion to serve
all student in our care for they have Your gifts to celebrate.
We ask this in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ, Amen.



All students at GHP take part in Religious Education classes as well as our Masses, Liturgies & Celebrations. We have a strong connection to our Parish and Father Trini.



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Middle School- What's Different?

Grade 6

Phy. Ed. - All students have PE three days a week and need to ensure they have indoor runners.

Block Schedule - Start and dismissal times are different but we still provide 950 hours of instruction, same as elementary.

Lockers - Students store their backpacks & jackets in their locker. Outside footwear is kept in our Grade 6 boot room.

Lunch & Breaks - Students eat in our cafeteria. Eating period is 20 minutes followed by 20 minutes of outdoor recess.

Middle School- What's Different?

Grade 6

Our Dress Code - Modest dress that fits our morals & values.

Updates from Kids - They may not share much from their day, ex. "Good" "Nuthin" "It's alright". Be sure to ask us, Please call or email if you have a question or concern.

Help - There is always help for students & parents who need it. You have only to ask. We have a full time Counsellor and a part-time VOICE Wellness Coach.

**GHP offers a variety of
programs,
complementary courses
and clubs to suit the
needs of many students.**

Including...

Sports Academy



The Morinville Sports Academy is based on the philosophy that students can learn through sport to maintain or improve academic standing and improve sports skills at the same time. GHP offers both a Hockey and Cheer Academy.

French Immersion

GHP offers full French Immersion programming for student in Grades 6, 7 & 8.

Students with Identified Needs

For all students with mild to moderate academic or behavioural needs within the classroom we provide:

***Regular inclusive program**

***Diverse Learning Teacher Support**

***Continuum of Supports** (Classroom instruction
→classroom supports →School supports → Intensive external supports)

Intensive & Targeted Supports



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Intensive and targeted supports are in place to meet the needs of our students with moderate to severe learning difficulties. We have programs in place to meet social, behavioural and academic requirements. As much as possible, programming takes place in an inclusive classroom setting.

Our Current Schedule

École Georges H. Primeau Middle School 2023-24 Schedule and Bell Times - 45 minutes blocks

School Schedule Monday to Friday

8:00 am	Doors Open
8:07 am	Entry Bell
8:10 - 8:19 am	Attendance, Announcements & XL
8:21 - 9:06 am	Block 1
9:08 - 9:53 am	Block 2
9:53 - 10:03 am	Nutrition Break
10:03 - 10:48 am	Block 3
10:50 - 11:35 am	Block 4
11:35 - 11:55 am	Lunch - Eating
11:55 - 12:15 pm	Lunch - Activities
12:15 pm	Entry Bell
12:20 - 1:05 pm	Block 5
1:07 - 1:52 pm	Block 6
1:54 - 2:39 pm	Block 7

**We currently run
a Monday-Friday
rotation.**

Technology

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BYORD

(Bring Your Own Robust Device)

Teachers allow students to use their devices for research, notes and more. Our wifi network provides a robust student connection.

Students are encouraged to bring a robust device to school as all teachers are working to integrate technology including working with Google Classroom, Drive and more.

Some Chromebooks are available to sign out on a day to day basis.

Complementary Courses

Grade 6 students receive Physical Education as part of their weekly regular programming. They also receive 3 complementary courses, one per term that runs for a third of the year. Currently, these courses take place twice a week.

NOTE: Sports Academy students choose Academy as their complementary course which runs the entire year.

Complementary Courses

Grade 7 & 8 students receive six complementary courses a year, two per term, three terms per year. Currently, each complementary course takes place twice a week.

NOTE: Sports Academy students choose Academy as one of their complementary course which runs the entire year. They still receive three complementary courses.

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

Complementary Courses

Here is the list of current complementary courses for this current school year.

Grade 6

Band

Home Economics

Art

Grade 7

Art

Home Economics

Communication

Technology

Financial Management

Film Studies

Health & Wellness

Grade 8

Art

Home Economics

Communication

Technology

Computer Science

Sports Medicine

Driver's Education

Band for Junior High takes replaces three of the complementary courses and runs for the entire year.

Activities

There are a variety of seasonal activities that take place at lunch, after school and on special days. If we don't have an activity, please ask.

- Library Activities
- Yearbook
- Spirit/Theme Days (spirit wear, jerseys, hair days, etc.)
- Service Projects
- Seasonal Activities
- Terry Fox Run
- Craft Nights
- Intramurals
 - Volleyball
 - Basketball
 - Dancing
 - Badminton
 - Dodgeball
 - Lacrosse
 - Soccer

The BIG SHOW

- Penny Carnival
- Pie Day
- Box Social
- Bike-a-Thon
- Carnaval

Sports

Organized team sports are one of many things that GHP is known for. We have boys and girls teams as well as junior and senior teams, (in cooperation with MCHS) for many of our sports. Grade 6 students are able to tryout and play for school teams.

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Track & Field
- Cross Country Running
- Badminton

Parental Involvement?

- **School Council**
- **Accessing Powerschool**
- **Contacting teachers**
- **Reading school emails**
- **Visiting the website**
- **Attending interviews**
- **Joining us for Mass**
- **Providing Feedback**

School Council

School Council is a collection of volunteer parents/guardians working with school administration to effectively support and enhance student learning. School Council provides a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide advice to the principal and the school board.

Meetings take place once a month and generally run 60 minutes in length.

Friends of Primeau

Friends of Primeau is a registered charity that fundraises to support the enhancement of programming opportunities at our school. Friends of Primeau consists of a dedicated group of parents/guardians and community members. We welcome volunteers to assist with ideas, collection and distribution of materials, parent orders and planning for future events.

Communication from GHP

- **Week at a Glance Smore**
- **PowerSchool**
- **Email from teachers**
- **Mass emails**
- **School website**
- **Google Classroom**
- **Phone out system**
- **Social Media**

Student Services

Contact:

Monday-Thursday

8:00am-3:00pm

cstanley@gsacrd.ab.ca

780-939-3593

School Counsellor
Carla Stanley

Student Services

Keeping students physically & emotionally safe and healthy is our highest priority. Students are encouraged to meet with staff for anything from academic, social and behaviour concerns to questions about the future including junior high & high school.

When we know there are concerns, we can do everything in our power to help. Encourage your children to come forward and let us know or call to tell us.

When we know - we can help

Student Services

**GHP currently provides support for students in the
forms of;**

School Counsellor

GSACRD Voice/Wellness Coach

Family Support Worker

GSACRD

VOICE

A MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE

OUR MISSION:

To promote positive mental health in children, youth, families and individuals in the community who interact with children and youth.

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For more information, contact Kara Meloche (Wellness Coach):
kmeloche@gsacrd.ab.ca

Key Dates

† **February 23rd - 7:00 pm** Parent Information Night

† **March 19th - Coyote Activity Challenge!** Just for Grade 5s and new students! An afternoon of activities including games, team builders and more. This GHP student-planned and lead event showcases the fun of Primeau.

† **April (TBD)** - Follow up visits with the Grade 5s. Grade 6 teachers from GHP will join admin to introduce themselves and answer questions.

† **May 2nd - GHP Open House - School Tours, Band & Cheer Performances and Food Trucks!!**

† **August 28th & 29th - Full Day Staggered Entry - 8:00 am**

Come and get your schedule, meet your teacher and ease into the year in preparation for the first regular day of school on **August 30th**.

Questions?

Thank You