



PRIMEAU NEWS!

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Message From Administration:

Wow, it's already the beginning of November and we are well on our way into this new transformed school year. We are very pleased for the start of our school year. We certainly hope you are experiencing a positive response from your son/daughter about being here at Primeau. The month of October was 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, and Thanksgiving celebrations are just a few the events and activities that took place last month..

For our Grade 7 and 8 parents, you can access your son or daughter's success in their classes by visiting our school website at www.ghp.gsacrd.ab.ca. Click on the PowerSchool link on the left-hand side of the website. If you need assistance in doing so, please contact the school.

In the month of November, 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 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

Important Dates:

Friday, November 9th - PD Day (no school for students)

Monday, November 12th - No School (School Closed)

Friday, November 23rd - Day in lieu of P/T Interviews (school closed)

Halloween:

We want to extend a big thank you to our parents for their support with honouring our requests for snacks and costumes. It made the day enjoyable for all of our students along with our guests from Notre Dame Elementary!



"Living Like Jesus - We Are Stewards"



Swimming Dates:

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

Wednesday, November 7th - grade 5 students

Wednesday, November 14th - grade 8 students

Wednesday, November 21st - grade 7 students

Wednesday, December 5th - grade 6 students

Please remember to pack your swim suit, towel, and a snack!



Safe and Caring Schools:

Pedestrian Safety:

We want to ensure that students are safe walking to and from school. As we enter the winter months, students are arriving to school in the dark and we are encouraging parents and guardians to reinforce safe practices as students are walking to and from school.

When crossing a street, students are encouraged to always:

- Be extra careful for turning traffic and vehicles backing up from driveways.
- Use the marked crosswalks and light signals (if available).
- Use the POINT, PAUSE, and PROCEED
 - **POINT** - Lets the drivers know you want to cross the road.
 - **PAUSE** - Look left, right and left again before proceeding to cross the road.
 - **PROCEED** - Cross when traffic has come to a complete stop and make eye contact with drivers in each lane that you cross to ensure you are seen

Other Safety Tips to consider:

- Always walk on the sidewalk in town.
- Wear bright coloured clothing.
- Be aware of your surroundings - avoid texting and walking.

For more information on pedestrian safety, please go to Alberta Transportation:

<https://www.transportation.alberta.ca/3275.htm>

Driving in Proximity of the School:

Thank you to parents who do not come into the parking lot to drop off their children. For the safety of all children's:

- Please use the Drop Off Zone outside of the parking lot.
- Have your children exit the vehicle on the passenger side of the vehicle and not into the street.
- Refrain from picking up and dropping your child/ren off in bus lanes, the driveway into the parking lot, obstructing crosswalks, or any location with a yellow painted curbs

To increase traffic safety around the school, we are asking families who drive their children:

- to be extra cautious in school zones;
- to avoid entering the school main parking lot;
- not to park in the bus lane; and,
- to avoid areas designated as "no parking."
- Follow the 'rules of the road...'

We have witnessed vehicles making a U-turn in the middle of the road after students have been dropped off and individuals who are failing to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. If witnessed, we will be recording license plates and forwarding them to the RCMP and/or bi-law enforcement for follow up.

Safeguarding Personally Owned Devices:

We have had several students report missing devices to the office so far this year. For the most part, they are turned into the office and the rightful owners have claimed them, but there are still a number of devices that are missing or that are unclaimed. Please remind students that they should not leave their devices unattended. When not in use, they need to be locked in their lockers. As indicated in the Technology Use Agreement:

The school is not liable for student owned devices that are lost, stolen, damaged or broken. Students are expected to keep all devices on their person or locked in their locker.

It is important for parents/guardians to record the type of device type (e.g. I-phone 8) and the serial number for their reference. There are apps that are available for download that allow for:

Tracking the device

Deleting all content – in the event the device is lost.

In addition, concerns revolving around theft or misplacements, it is recommended that each device have a robust protective case in the event it is dropped. There are many devices that have broken screens from being dropped.

As a reminder, any device with a camera is not permitted in the gymnasium change rooms or bathrooms.

Student Learning Opportunities:

Volleyball:

The volleyball season is quickly coming to an end. Both teams will compete in the SAPEC final tournament on November 3rd. 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. The season has been so much fun on and off the court!



GHP Cheer Team:



With the Cheer tryouts completed and practices underway, we want to inform all parents and guardians of our Cheer Athletes that a meeting will be held on Wednesday November 5th at 5:30 PM to review:

- Breakdown of Cheer fees
- Athlete Expectations
- Fundraising
- Overview of year competitions
- Provide opportunities for Parents and Guardians to ask questions.

WE LEAD:



October is behind us, and so is WE Day! The students had a great time attending. Thanks do much to Mrs. Grams and Mrs. Karl for taking them. Our Veggie Soup fundraiser was well received and encourages us to do more cooking this month.

This month we will be making Valentines for Veterans and preparing for the Lite the Nite Parade on November 24. This preparation involves making Snowman Soup...so if you have any unused coffee mugs, please send them our way ASAP. Be on the look out for our worker bee after school sessions mid month.

We will be hosting another special lunch in November. Taco in a Bag, juice and homemade ice cream sandwiches for \$7.00. The lunch will be on Wednesday, November 21. Check School Cash Online -which will be open for payment from November 8-16th.

Do you keep coming across pennies you stashed away, hoping they'd be valuable 'someday'? Gather them up as we challenge students to Put Their Money Where Their Mouth Is from November 26- December 6.

We are also looking for clean, dry 4 litre milk jugs, with their covers. We need LOTS of these, so please let your friends and

family know. Send them along to school as you collect them please.

November Bake Night:



This month's theme is "Christmas in November". We will be making two traditional Christmas goodies for the students to take home. Bake Night is Monday, November 19 from 2:45-5:30. Students are to stay tuned in XL for recipe details and cost. Bake Night is open to the first 20 students who register.

Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship:

Counselors Corner:

Please see the attachment included in this newsletter for November's Counselors Corner.

Parental Engagement:

Parent Teacher Interviews- Thank you!

Thank you to all our families that came out to our Parent Teacher Interview nights on October 17th & 18th. It was wonderful to see so many parents!

Term 1 Ends:

On Thursday, November 30th, Term 1 will come to an end for our students at GHP. Term 2 will begin on Monday, December 1st. This will be the start of new options for our students.

Parent Council



The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13th 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, November 13th at 6:15pm at Morinville Community High School.

Faith Formation:



Catholic Education Sunday:

École Georges H Primeau Middle School will be participating in the Mass on Sunday, November 4th at 11:00am at St Jean Baptiste Church. We will be acknowledging the value and blessing of Catholic schools and giving thanks for the faith-based education they offer.

Remembrance Day Celebration:

Our Remembrance Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, November 8th at 8:15am in our school gym. All GHP families are welcome to attend.



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

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 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!

Thank you for your cooperation.



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Wednesday Schedule Day B	2 Day A	3
4 Catholic Education Sunday	5 Day B	6 Day A	7 Gr 5 Swimming- 8:30-11:30am Day B	8 Remembrance Day Celebration @ 8:30am Wednesday Schedule Day A	9 PD/Staff Meeting Day- No Classes	10
11 Remembrance Day	12 No Classes- School Closed	13 Band Parents Meeting @ 6:15pm at MCHS Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm Day B	14 Gr 8 Swimming- 8:30-11:30am Day A	15 Gr 5 Fortis Presentation Day B	16 Day A	17
18	19 Day B	20 Day A	21 Gr 7 Swimming- 8:30-11:30am We Lead- Special Lunch Day Day B	22 Day A	23 No School- Day In Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews	24
25	26 Day B	27 Day A	28 Reconciliation @ 8:45am Day B	29 Day A	30 Father Primeau Day Term 1 Ends Day B	
		Important Reminders				
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Bullying Awareness Week November 18 - 24

What is Bullying?

<https://education.alberta.ca/bullying-prevention/>

Bullying is a repeated and hostile or demeaning behaviour intended to cause harm, fear or distress, including psychological harm or harm to a person's reputation. It often involves an imbalance of social or physical power.

Bullying Behaviours

Bullying behaviours are a form of aggression and can be:

Physical (poking, elbowing, hitting); Verbal (name calling, insults, racist, sexist or homophobic comments, put-downs or threats); Social (gossiping, spreading rumours, excluding someone from the group, isolating, ganging up); Cyber (social or verbal bullying through the use of email, text messages or social media).

Identifying Bullying Behaviour

Below are some warning signs to help identify if a person may be engaging in bullying behaviour:

Not understanding or caring if someone is hurt; Boasting about taunting someone; Passing off teasing as a joke; Laughing when others get hurt; Demonstrating aggressive behaviour; excluding individuals; Name-calling

What Bullying is Not

Bullying behaviour is not the same as hurting someone's feelings if there is no misuse of power or a deliberate intent to cause harm.

Bullying behaviour is sometimes confused with conflict. Conflict is a disagreement. It is a normal part of healthy relationships. For example, friends may disagree over which movie to see or what game to play. Learning skills to resolve conflict appropriately is very important for building and maintaining positive relationships.



Catholic Education Sunday and Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools
Living Like Jesus; We are Stewards

Every November, typically on the first weekend of the month, we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday in Alberta.

In keeping with the theme for this year's Synod of Bishops: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, the theme for this Catholic Education Sunday is ***Rejoice and Be Glad.***

We recognize Catholic education as a gift – a gift that we treasure and protect. On Catholic Education Sunday, we acknowledge the value and blessing of our Catholic schools and give thanks for the faith-based education they offer. Here in Alberta, unlike some other provinces, we are especially blessed to have publicly-funded Catholic education, which benefits us in many ways, including:

- Our children and school staff have the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and the Church that Christ instituted.
- We enjoy the freedom and the benefit of prayer. In liturgical celebrations at school and in the church, our students and staff express and celebrate their faith.
- In every subject and in all aspects of school life, we freely apply and connect our faith. Faith is integrated or permeated in all we do whether it be science or Language Arts, Christmas concerts and especially in our interactions and relationships with students.
- Finally, in Catholic schools we have the opportunity to *inform* our young people in the faith and to help *form* them in the moral or Christian life.

In a letter to all parishes and schools, the Alberta bishops recognize that parents, in the context of the family, are the primary educators of their children in matters of faith, with the parish and the school taking a supporting role. We – all of us – are challenged by the emerging values of the 'popular culture' including relativism, individualism, secularism, and consumerism. However, we draw strength from the Holy Family of Nazareth as we strive to hand on the faith to our young people who in turn transform the world by being Christ for others.

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is honored, and proud to serve the students and families of Legal, Morinville, St. Albert and Nampa in providing a welcoming, Christ centered learning community.



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

Creating an account

Parent Account Registration

* Parent First Name:

* Parent Last Name:

* Email ID:

* Verify Email:

* Phone Number:

* Password:

* Verify Password:

Add Student

* First Name:

* Last Name:

* Province:

* City:

* School Name:

* Class:

Add a Student

Order Date	Restaurant	Payment Status	View Order	View Receipt
2013-07-28	MR. SUB	Paid	View Order	View receipt
2013-08-05	MR. SUB	Paid	View Order	View receipt
2013-08-10	MR. SUB	Order Now	View Order	View receipt
2013-08-15	MR. SUB	Order Now	View Order	View receipt
2013-08-20	MR. SUB	Order Now	View Order	View receipt
2013-09-17	MR. SUB	Order Now	View Order	View receipt

Student One
Restaurant Name
Mr. Sub - Crowfoot
Order Date
2013-08-29

Food Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
6" Smoked Turkey Breast	\$3.50	<input type="text"/>	\$
6" Maple Baked Ham	\$3.50	<input type="text"/>	\$
6" Assorted Cold Cut	\$2.50	<input type="text"/>	\$
6" Veggie	\$3.50	<input type="text"/>	\$
Beverage Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Juice Box - Apple	\$0.75	<input type="text"/>	\$
Juice Box - Orange	\$0.75	<input type="text"/>	\$
Snack Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Sun Chips Cereal	\$1.00	<input type="text"/>	\$
Chocolate Chip Cookie	\$0.50	<input type="text"/>	\$
			Total \$

Payment Options

1. Pay Now
Pay for your meal
Now using Visa, MasterCard or Interac

2. Add to Cart & Continue to Shopping
You must Pay Online after placing all your orders

Pay Now **Add to Cart**

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.

No obligation sign up



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.
6. Quickly review your orders at any time.
7. Free and Unlimited Tech Support from Healthy Hunger.

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