



PRIMEAU NEWS!

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Message from Administration

Welcome Back! Our school start-up has been busy after our first month of school, we would like to thank our staff, students and families for a wonderful start to the school year. Our Faith Theme for this year is *Living Like Jesus; We Are Shepherds*. Through the school year we will explore the responsibilities of the shepherd and apply this understanding to our day. Each of us is called to help shepherd the flocks entrusted to us. At school our flock includes staff: students and the families we serve. We look to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as our model.

During the month of Thanksgiving we are encouraging our students to demonstrate an attitude of gratitude by making it a habit to express thankfulness and appreciation for all gifts received, both big and small. During the week of October 7 - 11 our school will be collecting donations for the food bank.

We invite all parents, grandparents and siblings to attend our **Thanksgiving Liturgy on Wednesday, October 9 @ 2:00 pm** in our school gym with Father Trini.

2019-2020 Coyote Cheer Team

Ava M.	Caitlyn M.
Danica M.	Parker H.
Emerson E.	Ashley C.
Harper G.	Ava A.
Alyssa M.	Lauren S.
Adrian M.	Jordan P.
Danielle B.	Emma P.
Philomena A.	Kacie L.
Sophie C.	

Did you know..... September was an amazing month at GHP!

Our Terry Fox Walk invited our students to walk for cancer research. Our school raised \$667.00 in donations! Way to show your PRIDE! Thank you to Mr. Falcone for organizing our event.

Our first Bake Night was on September 19 after school. Our students made delicious take and bake apple pies! Our next Bake Night will be on Thursday, October 10 where students will create a Scary 🎃 Pudding recipe. Thank you to Mrs. Kuzio and Mrs. Hutton for organizing these tasty events!

We would like to thank all of the students who attended tryouts for our first set of school teams this year. Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school sharing their athletic talents!

2019- 20 Volleyball Team

Girls

Emily P.	Tyra G.
Cazlen R.	Emerie F.
Emily C.	Ashleigh E.
Parker H.	Ashley T.
Devyn W.	Jayda C.
Savanna J.	Leah T.

Boys

Kayle H.	Sam S.
Jairon B.	Matthew M.
Finnegan O.	Adam S.
Ty M.	James M.
Caleb T.	Graeson J.
Carter P.	Aiden R.

October 2019

Thanksgiving Celebration

Wed, Oct 9th @ 2:00pm

Picture Re-Take Day

Tues, October 22nd (AM)

No School

Mon, October 14th
Thanksgiving Day

No School/PD Day

Tues, October 15th
Fri, Nov 1st

School Council Meeting

Tues, October 1st @ 6:30

Band Parents Meeting

Tues, Oct. 1st @ 6:45
(Location- MCHS)

Parent Teacher Interviews

Tues & Wed, October 22nd & 23rd from 4:30 – 7:30pm
*Online bookings open on October 8th @ 10:00 AM
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Bake Night

Thurs, October 10th @ 2:45 pm

GHP WE Scare Hunger!

Thurs, October 31st

Cross Country District Runners **Grades 7 & 8**

Sophie C.	Parker H.	Matthew M.
Taran M.	Amy B.	Mattias K.
Kacie L.	Karsyn R.	Zachary D.
Jillian A.	Avery P.	Owen Q.
Olivia S.	Ashleigh E.	Shawn R.
Brooklyn J.	Caitlyn M.	
Gabrielle C.	Danica E.	
Alyssa E.	Hannah S.	
Savanna J.	Alexis W.	
Emily C.	Caleb T.	
Ashley T.	Kaleb I.	
Emily P.	Seth C.	
Morgan S.	Liam B.	
Sofiya C.	Lukas P.	
Hannah R.	Bradley M.	
Jordan P.	Kayle H.	
Emma D.	Owen Z.	

Grades 5 & 6

Cohen L.	AJ P.	Aliyah P.
Shaw S.	Daniel M.	Asha C.
Daileas C.	Deondre S.	Cassie N.
Luke N.	Gavin R.	Ava R.
Carter P.	Kingston W.	Cailin R.
Ethan D.	Easton O.	Kiona A.
Hudson K.	Elyse R.	Megan S.
Kingston R.	Ava H.	Michael S.
Reid P.	Brooke A.	Jackson B.
Riley S.	Abby P.	Ryder L.
Imogen P.	Lana H.	

Maker Club

Maker Club will have the first meeting on October 1st for grades 6 and 7 students. Students will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-3:45 PM unless otherwise specified. Grade 5 students will begin after the Christmas Break.

Science Club

Sign-up for the science club will commence at the start of October, students are to stay tuned for more information and dates! The science Olympics will be held at the University of Alberta Butterdome on February 22nd, 2020. We will have two teams entering for grades 5 and 6 and one team for junior high.

October Bake Night

The October bake night will be on Thursday, October 10th from 2:45-4:00 PM and students will be creating a “spooky pudding dessert.”. Students are to see Mrs.Dugan for payment and sign-up as there are limited spots available.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our first set of Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday & Wednesday, October 22nd & 23rd from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. We look forward to celebrating student growth and progress and collaborating on plans to support continued improvement at our parent teacher interviews!

The Website will open at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019.

To book your Interviews go to www.schoolbookings.net
Event Code: 225uf

To accommodate as many guardians as possible, we are limiting appointments to one slot per teacher. If you require more time, please contact the teacher or administration.

Book Fair is Coming!

Make sure to stop by for a visit on October 23-25 during the day and the 22nd and 23rd from 4:30-7:30 PM (during parent teacher interviews).

WE Lead

WE Lead has a busy October planned! The first event will be a special lunch of “3 B’s” with Bannock, Beef Stew and Brownies for \$8.00 and will be held on October 10th with the last day to order being October 4th. The second lunch will be a hot dog lunch (Hot Dog, Chips, Fruit and a drink) for \$6.00 happening on October 24th with the last day to order being October 18th.

WE Lead will also be organizing a WE Scare Hunger Food drive on Halloween. Please have a food donation ready for our eager

Trick or Treaters and we will get your donation to the Morinville Food Bank!

Lastly, looking ahead we will be happily taking all of your unwanted coffee mugs as we prepare our snowman soup for the town parade. Send the mugs in with your students and we will put them to good use!



School Cash Online

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.schoolcashionline.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.

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.

Notification 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

Justine.attwell@gmail.com if you have any questions.

School Picture Retake Day

School Picture Retake day will be on Tues, October 22, 2019. Parents should have received online ordering information for Lifetouch.

School Council Meeting

Please join us for our next school council meeting @ 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 1st, agenda will be as follows:

1. Call to Order- Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
4. Reports
 - a. School Admin Report
 - b. Trustee Report
 - c. Teachers Report
 - d. Friends of Primeau Report
5. Old Business
6. New Business

GSACRD Voice - Mental Health Capacity Building Initiative.

Lauren Chow is the program manager of the Mental Health Capacity Building grant funded by Alberta Health Services that has been awarded to the rural schools of the Greater St. Albert Catholic School Board. The main purpose of this grant is to promote positive mental health in children, youth, and families. Brittany Kindzierski is our school assigned VOICE facilitator at GHP.

You may have already heard from us when we wanted to gain an understanding of your community's needs in a survey we created. This time, we're asking for your feedback in a quick online survey in order for Alberta Health Services to evaluate our grant. This will only take minutes of your time, is completely anonymous, and will allow us to begin programming in your schools. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at lchow@gsacrd.ab.ca or bkindzierski@gsacrd.ab.ca.

Thank you!

St. Albert Youth Basketball League

St. Albert Youth Basketball League is still looking for players! Please contact

GHP Parent Survey Link - This survey will close on October 11, 2019

*Please note that this survey should only be completed ONCE (1X), and is only intended for parents with children attending the schools of: Morinville Community High School, Georges H. Primeau Middle School, Notre Dame Elementary School, and Legal School.

School Immunizations 2019-20

Alberta Health (AH) provides overarching guidelines to Alberta Health Services (AHS) for the school immunization program through the Alberta Immunization Policy.

The 2019-2020 School Immunization Program is as follows:

- **Grades 1-9:** Review immunization records of all students, and offer relevant vaccines to all children who are not up to date according to Alberta Health recommendations.
- **Grade 6:** Offer Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) along with all other vaccines the student is eligible for according to Alberta Health recommendations.
- **Grade 9:** Offer Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (combined) vaccine, Meningococcal vaccine along with all other vaccines the student is eligible for according to Alberta Health recommendations.

As more people are immunized, the risk of disease for everyone is reduced. For parents to learn more information about immunity, immunization, and how to protect themselves and their family, visit www.immunizealberta.ca or call Health Link at 811.

GHP Immunizations Dates for Grade 6 students: **November 26th, 2019 and May 26th, 2020**

Parent Parking & Exit/Entry Procedures

As a school, we value our partnership with our parent community, as we endeavor to

work collaboratively in order to create a safe and caring environment for our children. This includes creating a safe and caring journey to and from school as well as within our school day, for our students and families. The following information is in an effort to communicate expectations for our community regarding parking, pedestrian safety, entry and exit procedures, and security with our building.

Neighborhood Courtesy

A reminder to all parents to be courteous with regards to our community neighbors. Please be mindful of driveways, cul-de-sacs, sidewalks and congestion during our busy times. Bylaw officers regularly patrol the area and complaints will be directed to their office by community members.

Parking and Drop Off Zones

Our parking lot is for staff only and families with identified needs to access our parking lot. All visitors and parents are asked to park on the side street, especially during our peak drop off times @ 7:45-8:05 AM and 2:30-2:50 PM. In order to ensure the safety of our children and to alleviate congestion and confrontation, it is essential that parents DO NOT drive into the parking lot to drop off or pick up their child. Please do not use the entrance driveway to turn your vehicle around. This causes unnecessary congestion and limited visibility that places our students at risk.

A reminder that there are signs posted on either side of the crosswalk that indicate there should be no parking within 5 meters of the crosswalk. Encourage your children to use the designated crosswalk areas to avoid jaywalking. Administration consults with our local city bylaw to help reinforce parking in this crosswalk area and speed limits. Cars that are in violation of the posted signs may be ticketed.

We are strongly encouraging all families that routinely pick up their after school children to use a designated area away from these trouble zones to ensure the safe crossing and reduce risk to all students. We truly need everyone's cooperation and best effort to faithfully follow the recommendations. Please communicate this information with aunts, uncles, grandparents, spouses who may be dropping off or picking up your child(ren).

Jaywalking/Safe Street Crossing

Please help us to model for all of our students safe street crossing behaviors. Please choose safety over convenience by accessing our lighted crosswalk. This is the only safe route for all students and adults to access our school. Please do not encourage your child to jaywalk between parked cars for everyone's safety. Modelling is key for our students!

Morning Entry/Afternoon Exit Procedures

Supervision at our school begins at 7:50 AM. Our first bell rings at 8:07 AM and students will enter the school through their designated doors at this time. Students proceed to their lockers to get organized for morning classes that begin at 8:10 AM. If students arrive after this time, students must report to the front office to receive a late slip prior to entering their classroom as attendance has already been completed at this time. We will adjust entrance times with inclement weather.

After school, all students will be dismissed through their designated doors. Students will walk around to the front of the building to meet parents for pickup. Please designate an area for pickup with your child so that your child knows where the meeting spot is.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR ALL PARENTS

Parents are a vital and welcome partner in our school community. We ask that you assist us in maintaining a safe school upon your arrival

Security and Visitors

Visitors are always welcome to École Georges H. Primeau Middle School, but **MUST** report to the office to receive permission to be on the school property. All parents and visitors are required to sign in upon arrival and sign out when leaving. Such procedures minimize disruptions and ensure a degree of safety for our children. Parents picking up their children from school are asked to report to the office, and their child will be called to the office at this time.

Parents/visitors that have not signed in at the office, will be redirected back to the main office to ensure the safety and security protocols have taken place. Persons who are unlawfully on the premises may be charged with trespassing under the Alberta School Act.

With the exception of the main entrance, all outside doors leading into the building will be locked for most of the day to ensure maximum amount of security for your children. The boot room entrances will be opened for students in the morning and during the noon hour so that students have access to the building during inclement weather.

Arrangements Before or After School

Please arrange these with your child prior to the school day to avoid additional messages to our front office and interruption of class time.

Illness/Doctor's Appointments

If your child is sick, they will be waiting in our main office for pickup by parents.

If you are picking your child up for an appointment, parents will come to the main office to sign out their child and we will call your child down to minimize class disruptions. Please remember to notify the office of all student absences through [Safe Arrivals/School Messenger](#).

Consulting With Your Child's Teacher

The staff of École Georges H. Primeau Middle School encourage regular communication between home and school. It is important to student progress and

supportive relationships. We encourage communication whenever concerns, questions or bouquets should be shared. Conferences with the teachers and administrators are welcomed at all times. We ask that you contact the teacher involved prior to visiting the school so that they can prepare a complete report. Teachers can be contacted through email or calling our main office

Please keep the school informed of anything that may affect your child's education! If there are changes in circumstances that may affect your child's day at school, communication to the homeroom teacher will assist us in supporting them.

Our teachers often use their morning time prior to student's arrival to further plan and organize materials for the school day. Teachers also consult with one another and are assigned to school supervision in the morning.

Thank you for helping us by following our safety and security procedures during all times of the day. We welcome and appreciate feedback. Please contact Ms. Kushniruk, ckushniruk@gsacrd.ab.ca if you have suggestions to further enhance the safety at our school.

Reporting an Absence - Safe Arrivals/School Messenger

Attendance - Every School Day Counts

Parents are asked to notify the school using the SAFE ARRIVALS system when a child will be absent. Please note: Notifying your child's teacher of an absence may still result in calls/emails from the SAFE ARRIVALS system.

SafeArrival (SchoolMessenger) – Student Absence Reporting and SMS Text Messaging

The SafeArrival absence reporting process has been put in place to support families in having their children arrive safely to school. This system will make it easier for you to report, and respond to, school absences for your child. The SafeArrival system also integrates

with our notification system, School Messenger.

The **student absence reporting system** will allow the school to verify student attendance, and quickly notify parents and guardians of absences that were unexpected or unplanned..

Report your child's absence in advance with 3 convenient methods:

1. On a mobile device, install the **District App** (search "Greater St. Albert Schools" in the Apple App or Google Play stores).

Select **SafeArrival -> Attendance -> Report an Absence**. (Please note, to sign up for **School Messenger SafeArrival** it is best to use a computer. Your account **MUST** be verified within 24 hours)

2. On the **SafeArrival website**, go.schoolmessenger.ca.

Sign Up to create your account, then select **Attendance** followed by **Report an Absence**.

3. Call the toll-free number **1-844-818-9908** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

Report future absences using one of these three options 24 hours/ day, 7 days a week.

What happens if I do not report my child(s) absence?

If your student is marked absent and it is not explained in advance, the SafeArrival system will send notifications by automated phone call, text message, email, or mobile app push notification to get a reason for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up. Calls will continue for up to 20 minutes or until you choose an option to explain the absence.

How do I sign up to receive the NEW SMS text messaging option?

We are excited to now include some notifications via SMS text messaging. This service does not replace our existing means of communication, it is another option.

Step 1: Please make sure the district has your wireless number(s) in our student information database. If you have not already provided that information to your school please contact them and provide them with that information.

Step 2: To receive text messages to your phone you must provide your consent. The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete.

- **Simply text 'Yes' to 724665**
- You will receive the following reply message:

You're registered 4 SchoolMessenger. Txt STOP to quit, HELP for help. Std msg/data rates apply. Freq varies.
schoolmessenger.com/tm

Please repeat the opt-in process for any wireless numbers that you wish to include.

Please note: *the district does not charge you for this service and it does not pay for text message charges that may be incurred by you for sending or receiving text messages. Check with your wireless carrier for possible charges.*

Frequently asked questions:

- Why can I not see all of my children?
If you are unable to see all of your children through your account, it is because the email address on file for **you** does not match for each of your children. Please contact your child's school to update this information.
- What happened to my account? I created one but can no longer access it.
First, make sure you are using the email address the school has on file to login. Second, when an account is created you will receive an email asking you to verify your account. This account must be verified within 24 hours or you will need to recreate your account.
- Can I prevent my child from excusing their own absence?
Yes you can! At the bottom of the Attendance screen in [SchoolMessenger](#), there is a link to **Manage your PIN settings**. Create a unique PIN that must be entered when reporting/excusing an absence.
- Can I choose what numbers are called or where I receive emails?
Absolutely! The first step is making sure that your child's school has your correct contact information in the Student Information System. Once all contact information is up-to-date you

can select how you receive messages through the Preferences screen in [SchoolMessenger](#).

- I excused my child over the phone but still received an email/phone call telling me they were absent, why is that?
When excusing an absence over the phone you must follow all directions until the very end. Once the absence is properly reported you will be given a confirmation number and you will also receive an email letting you know your child has an excused absence. If you did not receive both confirmations, the absence was not properly reported and you will need to try again.

Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact G H Primeau if you have any questions. The school office hours are from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

Volunteering at Our School

We love to have our parents come and support us at the school. If you are planning to supervise for any extracurricular activities (field trips, sports, etc.) please request a volunteer application form from our main office.

Parental Feedback

If you have any feedback, suggestions or comments which you would like to give, please use this sheet and return it to the school office. All parental feedback will be given to our school administration. Please email the school directly or contact the main office at 780-939-3593 to speak to administration.

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