



PRIMEAU NEWS!

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Message from Administration

We have had a busy first few months of school. We like to thank our Penny Carnival Team for an awesome Penny Carnival Day! We had students from Notre Dame School join us for this annual event along with our GHP students!

Our Students showed their PRIDE by going out “Trick or Treating” for food donations for WE Scare Hunger Campaign, way to go WE lead!

GRATITUDE PROJECT

Every day we have many choices to make in the way we treat other people and things. These little choices add up to big things. They define who we are as a person and our impact on the world. During the week of October 7 - 11, our students were encouraged to create post-it's for their peers to express gratitude for friendship. These are very simple words, but their action can change the world. When you practice kindness and caring, you bring happiness to others and it also comes back to you as well.



ATA INSTITUTE DAY – Friday, November 1st

On November 1, GSACRD staff came together as a professional learning community to address various outcomes that will improve teaching and learning at our school.

Remembrance Day Observation

Our Remembrance Day Observance will take place on Friday, November 8th at 10:00 AM in our gym. Everyone is welcome to attend. If your child is a scout, brownie, girl guide, or any

Report Cards

Report Cards for our Elementary students will be coming home to parents in December. It is important for the parents of our students to receive information on student progress. If you need an extra set of report card documents for your child so that both parents can be well-informed and be effective partners with us in supporting your child's growth, please send an email request to your child's homeroom teacher.

For our junior high students, marks will be updated to PowerSchool in December as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's subject grade teacher.

[GHP Staff Directory 2019-2020](#)

November 2019

No School

Friday, Nov 1st
ATA Institute Day

November 11th-15th
Fall Break

Early Dismissal/ PD Day

Friday, Nov 8th

School Council Meeting

Thursday, Nov 7th @ 6:30

Band Parents Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 20th @ 6:15
(Location- MCHS)

Grade 6 Immunizations

Tuesday, Nov 26th (AM)

Swim Dates

Wednesday, Nov 6th- Gr. 5
Wednesday, Nov 20th- Gr. 6
Wednesday, Nov 27th- Gr. 7
Wednesday, Dec 11th- Gr. 8

WE Lead Lunches

Thursday, Nov 7th (Soup)
Thursday, Nov 21st (Hot Dog)

Catholic Education Mass

Please join our school staff for Mass as we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday with Father Trini at Paroisse St.Jean Baptiste Parish @ 5:00 PM on Saturday, November 2nd. We would encourage all staff and students to wear our school PRIDE wear to show we all Belong.

We are grateful for our Catholic Schools. Let us unite in prayer that the Holy Spirit may intercede for Catholic Education throughout Alberta by praying this traditional prayer daily from October 25 until November 2, 2019.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

All: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your spirit, and they shall be created

All: And you will renew the face of the earth

Leader: Let us Pray:

All: Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same spirit help us to attain our happiness in what is right and to always rejoice in your peace and consolation. May you inspire Catholic Education with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit that it may remain faithful to your teachings and committed to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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.

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

[Link to the Letter from Alberta Bishops for Catholic Education Sunday 2019](#)

Did you Know.....

we have a school success coach at GHP! Mary Morin is available to help our students to reach their goals, manage stress, solve conflicts and offer support. Her email is mmorin@gsacrd.ab.ca

Congratulations!

Four GHP students won a Youth Service Award with the Morinville Chamber of Commerce on October 17, 2019 . Tristan and Arwyn Samchuk and Nate and Kamea Chauvet were nominated and chosen for their contributions and hard work with their Cream-Cycle ice cream bike business. This is a huge achievement for them! Way to show your PRIDE!



PRIDE Athletics

GHP has had a busy season with 9 league games and 3 weekend tournaments. Both boys and girls teams placed 1st in their tier at the St Thomas Aquinas Tournament. The growth and development as a team on and off the court is undeniable and we are excited to play in our league final November 1st and 2nd in St Albert. Great season teams!



GHP Diversity Club

GHP's new diversity club hosts its meeting on Tuesdays in the second part of lunch in the drama/fitness room. The diversity club is intended to build relationships between students and to make students feel more confident and more comfortable in our school. Grade 6, 7, and 8's are welcome to join. There will be activities and discussions based on what interested students and to talk about and do.



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.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.

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

***Reminder- School Fees are due on November 30th, 2019! Please pay using School Cash Online or send a cheque payable to Georges H. Primeau School.**



Book Fair Results!

Our Book Fair raised \$1300.00 for GHP school in books and sold over \$2600 in product! Thank you to our school families for supporting this event. Way to go Primeau!!

GSACRD Voice

The GSACRD Voice team is pleased to present the SWAT Wellness Club! SWAT stands for **S**tudent **W**ellness **A**ctivation **T**eam. The SWAT Wellness Club is a place for all students to come and learn how to improve their overall health and well-being through the use of games, activities, crafts, and so much more! The SWAT Wellness Club will meet once a week at lunch, as well as once a week after school (~2:45-3:30pm). For more information, please contact Brittany at bkindzierski@gsacrd.ab.ca.

Thursday, November 14th is National Diabetes Awareness Day. As this day lands during Fall Break, our GSACRD Voice team would like to spend the week of November 18-22 creating Diabetes Awareness. During this week, students and staff will be given the opportunity to learn about Type 1 Diabetes. There will also be a popsicle sale (date TBD), with a portion of the profits going to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. For more information, please contact Brittany at bkindzierski@gsacrd.ab.ca.

WE Lead

WE Lead is looking for coffee mugs! All unloved mugs are welcome and can be dropped off at the school or sent with your children. Look for us at the Lite Up the Town Parade later in the month and perhaps you'll get a transformed version of your mug back!

Nov. 7-WE Lead Special lunch- Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, bun and strawberry shortcake- \$8.00

Nov. 21-WE Lead Hot dog lunch Hotdog, pop and chips \$6.00, extra hotdog \$2.00

Funds raised this month will go to Rainbows for the Future



Project Runway

Season 1 of Project Runway G.H.P begins on November 5th. This is an after school club which will meet from 2:40-4:15 PM on Tuesdays from November 4th-January 28th (season Finale). This club is for creative dreamers and doers! Each week there will be a design challenge using many unique materials. No special skills required, just a sense of fun and a willingness to think outside the box. The cost of joining Project Runway is \$10.00 and is payable at the office. Can't wait to see where this takes us! The main contact for this activity will be Mrs. Hutton and Mrs.Rivet.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight saving time will end on Sunday, November 3rd @ 2:00 AM- make sure to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed!



Yak and Gobble MFRC

The Edmonton Military Family Resource Centre has added a new program for fall break called “Yak and Gobble,” that is directed towards children of current serving and veteran families. The program will be held on November 13th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and is for ages 9-11.

Please [click here](#) to be redirected to the website to view the full flyer.

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](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca), 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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