



PRIMEAU NEWS!

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Message from Administration

We're heading into a new year filled with the promise of fresh, exciting challenges and opportunities, and as we move forward, may each of you be filled with the love of Christ and the teachings of our faith. We recognize the many gifts we have been given and work with those around us to help them recognize the gifts they too have been blessed with. We hope all families and staff were able to spend quality time with loved ones over the Christmas break. Let this be a time to reconnect with each other and reach out to those who have minimal connections.

Change in Office Hours

Please note that due to our staffing reductions our front office hours will now be from 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM.

Change of Information

If you have any of your personal information that has changed, please contact our school office to update your parent/guardian contact information.

Winter Weather

Winter and cold weather is here and this means that all students need to be dressed for the weather. We ask that you monitor your child's clothing before they leave for school to ensure their warmth and safety while outside.

It is important that if at all possible children go outside even for a few minutes of fresh air and exercise. Your cooperation in ensuring that your child has proper winter clothing is greatly

appreciated. Outdoor temperatures are closely monitored and students are permitted to remain inside when the temperature is below – 20 degrees Celsius with the wind chill.

Please note that our school doors do not open before 8:00 AM. The supervision of students also will begin at this time.

Family Support Groups

Please find attached an important message promoting the Early Years' upcoming *Helping Children through Divorce and Separation* workshop. As a reminder this FREE workshop is being presented by the Institute of Child Psychology, **Saturday, January 11th** at the St. Albert library. The room has a capacity for more than 60 adults to attend so please share widely.

For ease of registering the link is:
<https://sapl.libcal.com/event/3525996>

For any questions, please contact the Children's Services Coordinator, Ashley King.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our second set of Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday & Thursday, February 12th & 13th 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, January 28th, 2020.

To book your Interviews go to
www.schoolbookings.net Event Code: 4jdx7
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.

January 2020

School Council Meeting

Thurs, Jan 9th @ 6:30 PM

WE Lead Lunches

Thursday, Jan 16th (Taco)
Thursday, Jan 30th (Hot Dog)

Report Cards (Grade 5 & 6)

Friday, Jan 17th (Tentative)

Ski Trip

Thursday, Jan 23rd (Weather Permitting)

Field Trips

Legislature Trip (Grade 6)
Mon, Jan 28th: 6-1 and 6-2
Tues, Jan 29th: 6-3 and 6-5

PD Day (No Classes)

Friday, Jan 31st

*There will be no band parents meeting for the month of January

Healthy Hunger

Healthy Hunger has raised \$746.22 for the month of November. Thank you to our school families who support the program.

We will be offering hot lunches through Healthy Hunger Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year. Please visit www.healthyhunger.ca to place your order and pay online. All orders must be placed online only. Profits made by the Healthy Hunger program go to fund school-wide activities and presentations.

healthyhunger.ca

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

- 1** Sign up for your free account and add all your kids those who attend the school
- 2** View upcoming lunch dates, review the menu and the prices, then place the order.
- 3** Pay online! your school also have the option to submit payment to them, so check with your coordinator
- 4** Get reminders for overdue order and view your calendar to keep upcoming dates in mind

IT'S THAT SIMPLE

GSACRD VOICE

Welcome to another year, and another decade! New Years is a time we tend to reflect on the year that has passed, along with all things accomplished. It can be a great time to look at the year ahead and what we hope to accomplish! Around this time of year, we hear typical messaging like, "New Year, New You!" - but we think the you, you are today is just as great as the you you were at the end of 2019. The start of a new calendar year doesn't

mean you have to reset yourself and who you are, but can be a great time to goal set and to start building better habits for the future. When looking at healthy habits to include in your life, try not to accomplish them all at once. Think small, think achievable. Start with one goal and build that to a habit, then look to include a second goal. Trying to accomplish all your goals at once doesn't leave much room for success. Give yourself a chance to build better habits, by doing small activities one day at a time. For example, if you are looking to include more exercise in your life, start by going for a short walk at some point in the week. Once that habit is built, try to increase this to a few times a week and keep going from there. Small changes can make big improvements!

Please find attached the poster for our upcoming event with MCHS' School Council, **"Vaping 101: Understanding the Basics"**. This event is in partnership with our division's Youth Addictions & Forensic Mental Health Counsellor, **Megan Milne**. Parents, teachers, students, and community members are all welcome to attend! Light refreshments will be provided. This event takes place on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020** at 6:30 PM at Morinville Community High School.

[Please use the following link to register for the event](#)

[Information Poster](#)

Lauren Chow, BSc

Program Manager - Mental Health Capacity Building Initiative

WE Lead

After a busy (!) December, WE Lead plans to ease in to 2020.

We have a Taco in a Bag lunch (\$8.00, chocolate dipped banana and juice with the taco bag) planned for **January 16th** and a Hotdog Lunch (\$6.00) on **January 30th**. All funds raised in January will go to the Stollery.

A HUGE thank you to some very special people:

To the Sweet Family for another award winning float! We won Most Festive Float!

To Ms Smith and Ms. Monterio for the donation of toothpaste, toothbrushes and lip balm that we sent to the Youth Emergency Shelter, along with socks, mitts and backpacks. To everyone who donated food, clothes or cash to our Advent Project. Happy New Year everyone. WE look forward to new ways to engage you in social justice projects this year!

School Council

The next meeting will be on January 9th at 6:30 PM at the school.

Ski Club

GHP will be hosting 3 ski trips throughout the year. The first of these being a trip to Rabbit Hill on January 23rd as well as February 27th and the final trip to Marmot Basin on April 3rd. We are only able to take a certain amount of students for each trip and it is on a first come-first serve basis. Please [click here](#) for further details.

Basketball

Junior Boys and Girls basketball has begun. League games and tournaments will challenge both teams this month! Parkland will be hosting the first basketball tournament this month on Thursday, January 23rd-Saturday, January 25th, 2020. Good luck to all! Thank you in advance to our wonderful coaches for their time and devotion.

Attendance

Parents are reminded of their responsibility to ensure that school work and assignments are completed in the event that children are taken out of school in order to go on a family holiday. The teaching which occurs in the classroom is important to student learning. It can be challenging for students to make up what is missed, due to an absence, because of travel on a holiday during school days.

Late Arrivals

All students are required to arrive at school on time. Punctuality is an important life skill, which students need to learn, as a preparation for life. We appreciate the support of parents who motivate and reinforce the importance of time management with their child/children.

Confidentiality

As an administration team, we are working to establish an effective communication between the school and parents. We want to remind all parents that due to our commitment to confidentiality and compliance with the Alberta FOIP (Freedom Of Information and Privacy) Act we are not allowed to divulge any information pertaining to any students that are not your own.



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

Field Trips & Refunds

The school is able to process a refund in the event a parent/child changes their mind to go on a field trip up to the date the money and consent forms are due. After that time, no refunds can be issued. When charging a fee for a field trip, we do so on a “cost recovery” basis. For example: If a field trip is scheduled for December 12th and money/consent forms need to be in on December 5th, we can only issue a refund no later than December 5th.

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 if you have suggestions to further enhance the safety at our school.

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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