



PRIMEAU NEWS!

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School Learning Team

Principal – Mr. Allan Menduk
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School Counselor – Mrs. Tracy Delhez
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Message from Administration

The first four months of the school year have been busy, yet it has been an excellent start to the school year. G.H. Primeau finishes 2015 with a flurry of activities...

- Our first Parent/Teacher Interview evenings where parents and staff gathered to share and plan for student success.
- Well attended school dances which our students enjoyed very much!
- Grade 5, Grade 7, and schoolwide Faith Workshops that encourages students to love God, themselves, and others each and everyday.
- An excellent presentation by author in resident- Sigmond Brouwer who sparked interest and centered projects with several his books! He encouraged everyone to Rock & Roll with literacy! All of his books are available as ereaders on our website via our library link.
- A very impressive band concert featuring our grade six, seven and eight bands (in partnership with the MCHS band).
- Integration of robust devices at all grade levels
- An uplifting & re-energizing Christmas Celebration (with our traditional staff video)!

We sure hope you have a very Merry Christmas and we wish a Blessed New Year to all our students and their families!



General Information

Band Parents' News

Grade 7 & 8 band students: The forms for Camp Caroline and \$50.00 deposits are due in ASAP.

G.H. Primeau Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 13th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Running Room

Running Room tryouts will be held in January for all grades. All tryouts and practices will be at lunch.

Stay tuned to XL for further information.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gamester

Basketball

Junior Girls & Boys basketball teams are underway. League games and tournaments will challenge our teams throughout this month!

January 2016

Remember to call in your child's absences.

Classes Resume

Monday, January 4th

Grade 6 Fieldtrip

Wednesday, January 6th Fieldtrip to The Alberta Legislature Building

Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 13th @ 6:30p.m in the library

Grade 5 Fieldtrip

Thursday, January 28th Fieldtrip To Sherwood Park

Professional

Development/Staff Meeting Day

NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 29th

“A League of our 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.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

Cafeteria Cards:

Parents and guardians now have the opportunity to purchase cafeteria cards in denominations of \$10.00 and \$20.00 for their child/ren.

- Cards will be handed out in the Office
- Student will put their name on them. In the event it goes missing and is turned into the office, there may be an opportunity to reunite the card to the rightful owner.
- Student will sign that they received them
- If bought on line the Student must bring in the School Cash Receipt to receive their cards

- Please be aware that the school is NOT responsible for lost cards they will not be replaced. Students are encouraged to treat these cards as if they are cash

These cards may only be used for cafeteria purchases and not for kapow pops or other sales in the school.

September to December Development & Peace- Build A School UPDATE

\$1170.55 was raised from the September to December for our Legacy Project with Development & Peace for the Pope Frances School in the Philippines.

Christmas Dance

Thank you to all the students who attended the Christmas Dance. \$2.00 from each ticket sold was donated to Toonies for Teens which was used to purchase gift cards for teens in our community.

TOONIES FOR TEENS

The week of December 7th to 10th, toonies were collected to raise funds for Midstream and Knights of Columbus Christmas Community Hamper Program. The total amount collected throughout the week was \$840.00 as well as a \$25.00 iTunes card! As a school, we were able to purchase 28 gift cards in the amount of \$30.00 each.

During lunch break on December 10th- students had a chance at playing our Toonie Toss Game in the gym in order to win some donated prizes!

Winners:

Grade 5 – Jase Boutin & Hailey Van Brabant

Grade 6 – Jadyn Lauinger & Natasha Ladouceur

Grade 7 – Maria Bevanda & Conan Bolen

Grade 8 – Logan House & Carson Rennie

Overall Winner – Maria Bevanda

Big thank you to Mr. Hay for leading this fun event!

Safe and Caring Schools

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 and 8:15 am** and **2:30 – 3:00 pm**. And, please do not stop in the bus drop off areas. **Thank you!**

Confidentiality:

As an administration team, we are working to establish effective communication between the school and parents. When we contact parents to advise them of any incidents that involve their child and other students, many parents will inquire about the consequence(s) that is/are issued to the other student(s).

As an administration team, we believe that this is a natural question that any parent would ask. Due to our commitment to confidentiality and compliance with the Alberta FOIPP (Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection) Act, we are not able to discuss any matters pertaining to students unless it is about your own child/ren. We recognize that a response of: *"I am not able to discuss matters of a student with people who are not parents/legal guardians"* may be a frustrating response. However, please keep in mind the following:

Would you like the school administration or staff to discuss matters pertaining to your child with other parents?

Student Learning Opportunities

Look here to find out more about awesome learning happening at GHP!

Our grade 5 classes have centered their learning this year with an emphasis on inquiry and meaningful projects that connect their everyday lives to the grade 5 curriculum! Recently they have been on a mission to delve into their past and understand their ancestry. Today they moved chairs and took over the grade 5 hallway. Over 100 participants engaged in a speed dating activity where they shared and listened to each other's stories. 45 minutes later, it was easy to reflect that immigration has played an important role in most of our lives!! Moving forward, they will reflect on their own opinions about accepting the thousands of Syrian refugees coming to Canada. How will this current influx change the Canadian landscape? Students will then take on a welcoming role as they dive into more incredibly life worthy learning in the New Year!



Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship

Counsellors's Corner

GHP is partnering with the Town of Morinville's **Erin Debusschere, Youth Outreach Worker**, for Pink T-Shirt Day Anti-Bullying Campaign on February 24th, 2016.



Effective Communication Skills

As part of the counseling program, I am offering the opportunity for students to meet in small groups. The purpose of these groups is to allow the students to acquire information and skills that will help them become more successful in the school and home setting. School success depends not only on academic ability, but on self confidence and social adjustment.

Your child has an opportunity to participate in a group called, "Effective Communication Skills". This group is designed to help students recognize that our feelings, thoughts, and behaviors are connected in order to provide skills to address thinking patterns (feelings) around tasks or events. Students will develop skills to recognize how they might be feeling and how to communicate more successfully or to behavior in a more helpful manner when feeling nervous, worried, or negative about a task or event.

- Topics to be covered;
- -Feelings and boundaries
- -I feel statements
- -Pushing away behaviors
- -Drawing near behaviors
- -Anger Management Skills
- -Little, Medium, and Big Problems = matching your actions

Each of the 8 group meetings will be approximately 35 minutes long. The meetings will be held on Wednesdays beginning in February.

For more information please email me, Tracy Delhez at tdelhez@gsacrd.ab.ca or call the school 780 939 3593

Parental Engagement

PowerSchool –An Important Communication Tool

Have you checked your child's PowerSchool report lately? This tracking system provides communication between home and school. Check your child's attendance and marks with a couple easy clicks. All students have been taught how to log on and check their marks. All students are required to have their agendas with them all day, everyday. Teachers and parents can write notes back and forth, and parents can see if their child is arriving late as they are stamped at the office as they come in. (If lost, students must replace them at a cost of \$9.00). If you do write a note to the teacher, please ask your child to show the agenda to the teacher. You can always email our teachers by using the following email:

First initial, last name@gsacrd.ab.ca

Example: amenduk@gsacrd.ab.ca

Exception: Denise Groten: degroten@gsacrd.ab.ca

Most teachers have set up "Google Classrooms" that communicate all assignments and even have digital copies of textbook chapters! Check out these valuable google apps that communicate the learning that is happening in your child's classes!

Parent Volunteers Needed For Dances!

École Georges H. Primeau Middle School appreciates the services of all of its volunteers. In order to assist with providing a safe environment for students, all volunteers in our schools need to be registered and provide **Criminal and Child Welfare Checks**. The Criminal Check can be done at the Morinville RCMP Station & the Child Welfare Check can be done in St. Albert. There is no cost for either check if you bring the school letter we sent home. The information collected on this form will be held in strict confidence. If you have not received the form you can pick one up at the school.

Thank You!

G. H. Primeau staff and students would like to thank our community for the awesome support our school has received from the sale of Student Union Ticket Pack Books.

Money raised will go towards the purchase of items or events that will directly benefit our students during the current school year. Past monies raised have gone towards school assemblies in which outside speakers are brought in to address current issues or topics of interest. Your participation is greatly appreciated and very helpful in providing the best learning opportunities for all our students.

Thanks to Parents Who Call in

their child's absences. As a school, we follow a Safe Arrival Protocol. We are most willing to advise parents when their

child does not make it to school. Our primary focus is to help keep our students safe.

We call home to make sure your child did not encounter trouble on the way to school.

In the event a student does not arrive to school and the parents have advised us that their child should be there, we initiate our emergency protocol to locate the missing child. It takes valuable office time to phone home to check whether or not your child is sick at home. We require that all parents call the school if their child will be absent. Messages may be left on the answering machine. Thank you for your assistance!

Faith Formation

2016 has been proclaimed The Holy Year of Mercy by Pope Frances.

Our students and staff are often called throughout the year to corporal and spiritual works of Mercy. We collect food for the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and GIVE to several local charities. In January, we hope you'll go through your closets and send in any CLEAN but outgrown or unwanted winter coats, mitts, toques, and boots. We'll be collecting these items to help clothe those among us with less throughout the whole month of January. Please have your child give your donations to their homeroom/XL teachers.



Continuous Improvement

Professional Development Topics 2015/16

On the December PD day, our faculty spent time collaborating about the infusion of technology, digital citizenship, or ELA booster classes and the organization of Health at GHP on top of our regular staff meeting. This professional development provided opportunity for faculty collaboration and a strong common foundation from which to review and improve our classroom practice. Our staff found this day to be very beneficial and very worthwhile.

The Primeau Faculty wishes you and your family....

The Gift of Faith,

the Blessing of Hope,

and The Peace of Christ's Love at Christmas and Always.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Christmas Vacation	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Classes Resume Epiphany		Grade 6 Fieldtrip Legislature Building 9:00 - 1:00pm			
	Day A	Day B	Day A	Day B	Day A	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in Library		GHP Basketball Tournament @ GHP & MCHS	GHP Basketball Tournament @ GHP & MCHS
	Day B	Day A	Day B	Day A	Day B	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Day A	Day B	Day A	Day B	Day A	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Grade 5 Fieldtrip Sherwood Park (8:20-2:30)	No Classes Professional Development Staff Meeting	
	Day B	Day A	Day B	Day A		
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