



### Greetings to all Glanford Families!

Hello **GMS** students, families, and staff – thanks for making our Middle School one that all of us are proud to be associated with! At **GMS**, we are committed to a strong academic program, healthy opportunities for socialization, developing creativity, working collaboratively, and celebrating a healthy school climate.

### Upcoming Important Dates

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday Floor Hockey - everyone welcome! 3 - 4 PM

Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> - BC Family Day, school not in session

Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – Optional School wide **GMS** Ski Trip to Mt. Washington, or, special day planned at **GMS** for those children choosing not to go to the mountain

Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - GVSD #61 Student Transfer Week

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Provincial Non-Instructional Day – school not in session

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - GMPA meeting, 7 PM

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> - **GMS** Pink Shirt and anti-bullying day

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> - Curriculum Completion afternoon, dismissal will be 11:56 AM for most students; separate information letter coming home with every student Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Cabaret and Patisserie Event at **GMS**, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Spring Break and Easter Break together; school re-opens

Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

### Registration for Next Year and Student Transfers:

This year, the Greater Victoria School District has established enrolment priorities, which are now in effect. All students in grades 5 and 8 will have received letters confirming home addresses as well as expected middle and secondary school registration based on that home address. Students at all grade levels (K-12) wishing to change schools will need to complete a Student Transfer Application Form, which is available from February 15<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> at all schools in our district and on the school district website, [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca). Please contact Mr. Scigliano if you have any questions regarding the student transfer process for our school district.

### Athletics at GMS

Active living and taking care of oneself is a goal we have at **GMS**. Thanks so much to our staff volunteers for offering volleyball to **GMS** students! We have a wonderful recreational volleyball league running at lunch times for all interested students sponsored by **Mr. Gerhardt with other staff helping out**. For our school teams, **Ms. Devlin** is coaching girls' grade 7/8 volleyball, **Mr. Allsopp** is coaching 6/7 boys' volleyball, **Mr. Duyndam** is coaching competitive boys' 7/8 volleyball, and **Ms. Hansen** is coaching competitive girls' 6/7 volleyball. We also have dancers that have been working with **Ms. Rhodes and Mrs. Porter** – another way to stay fit and have fun! For ALL students interested, we are offering Friday Afternoon Floor hockey at **GMS**! Students in all grades have been playing drop in floor hockey on Friday afternoons under the supervision of **Mr. Scigliano**.

## **Hoops for Heart**

Each year, **GMS** supports **The Heart and Stroke Foundation** while promoting physical fitness and an active lifestyle. We are pleased to support this important endeavor at **GMS** by encouraging our students to participate in the **Hoops for Heart Campaign**. Students that showed an interest in Hoops for Heart raised funds and enjoyed a great workout on February 7<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go directly to the **Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada**. Thanks very much to **Mrs. Copp and Mr. Brooker** for their leadership in this event, and to **Mr. Shires, Mr. Gerhardt, and Mr. Duyndam** as well for their participation.

## **Student Supervision at GMS**

As a reminder, it is important that **GMS** families know that the supervision of students at **GMS** before and after instructional time commences at 8:00 AM before school, and runs until 3:00 PM after school. We offer the use of the library and the computer lab for students before school, commencing at 8:00 AM. Additionally, teachers have been making arrangements for extra assistance for students before school in advisory classes. Most mornings, we also have band/strings in the music room and performing arts studio, and sports team practices occurring in the gym. We do not have any supervision in the hallways before classes begin at 8:30 AM, and students have been asked to not be at their lockers or in the hallways at that time. Entrance to the school is limited to the front doors of the school when entering before regular class time. We have also been reminding students about the importance of safe walking/bike riding routes to and from school.

***See you in and around Glanford!***

Louie Scigliano, Principal

Jeff Duyndam, Vice-Principal

