



Dear GMS Parents and Guardians,

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe we are at the end of February already! As the month comes to a close, I am reflecting on the challenges we have faced this year and I am overwhelmed with a sense of pride in our students, families and staff. With support from Island Health and our District Leadership team, we were able to handle our Covid-19 exposure in a smooth and efficient manner. We are so thankful for support we received through the experience. Please continue to talk to your kids about health and safety measures (especially good hand hygiene and creating space) and please continue to complete the daily health check. Mr. Johnson is making progress in his recovery and is feeling stronger and healthier everyday. Mrs. Ohl has joined us in the office as our Temporary Vice Principal and has been a strong support for both staff and students.

I do want to take this opportunity to share with you our growing concern about our children's online activities. We know our students are limited in their face to face, social interactions and are turning to social media as a means to connect. We know that these are often positive interactions but we are also dealing with a growing number of situations where they definitely are not. As a school, we are engaging in an inquiry project around student technology use. We are in the early stages of examining our questions and creating plans to address ways to support our students. We ask our parent/guardian partners to actively monitor their children's social media and engage them in conversations about how to use technology in a safe and healthy way. I am also attaching some information on the Discord App as it has been a platform of particular concern.

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-discord>

What's Happening at GMS

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, Glanford staff remain committed to finding creative ways to maintain our vibrant school culture while still following health and safety protocols. Our Culture King, Mr. Brooker, has us battling for top spot in this month's Klash-Hoot. Congratulations to the Stupendous Squids for their win today! Ms. Devlin continues to challenge us to "get physical" with our weekly, Fitness Friday challenges. See if you can complete the Paper Challenge! Mr. Weston and the Dungeons and Dragons club are meeting after school to cast spells on goblins and solve riddles. This year's Chess Competition has been exciting and we are looking forward to the finals next Friday. Grade seven and eight math team members are in the final stages of preparation with Mr. Gage and Mr. Barmby for the Math Competition on Friday, March 12th. We wish all team members good luck! In

addition to all this fun, students have been working hard in their learning and second term is quickly coming to a close. Teachers are busy preparing report cards which will go home on Friday, March 12th. The school district's transfer process is complete and all families have been notified regarding their applications. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions. Over the next two weeks, our grade 8 students will be learning about opportunities for next year and will be guided through the course selection process with their Advisory teachers and representatives from Reynolds and Spectrum. So many exciting things going on!

And one last reminder, GMS Spirit Wear is on sale now until March 7th! Here is the link <https://store.passionsports.ca/Glanford/shop/home>

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, March 1st – GMS PAC Meeting 7pm via Zoom

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/67580067680?pwd=RIJETINEcW9rUFRhRTlxUVRoQUt5dz09>

Tuesday, March 2nd – Grade 9 Course Selection with Spectrum and Reynolds

Friday, March 5th – GMS Chess Competition Finals

Wednesday, March 10th – Music Play-A-Thon

Friday, March 12th – GMS Math Contest

Friday, March 12th – Retro Assembly 1:30pm

Friday, March 12th – Term Two Report Cards go home

Monday, March 15th – Friday, March 26th – Spring Break

Monday, March 29th – return to school

All the best,

Sarah Khosla, Acting Principal



Due to the ongoing pandemic and initial rollout of COVID vaccine, public health has postponed some Grade 6 and 9 immunizations originally planned for January and February. This delay is temporary and follows the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) guidelines for the school age immunization program. Immunizations will resume in the coming weeks and continue until the end of the school year, resulting in immunizations being offered to all Grade 6 and 9 students before the end of June. If you have any questions, please contact your local public health unit at 250-519-5100.