

# Glanford Gazette



## April 2023 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

Spring is upon us and it seems that April showers have turned to sunshine. A student recently put a little reminder up in her class, "Remember to follow your sunshine!" I think this is a perfect message for this time of year. As we move into the last couple months, students can be thinking about how they want to wrap up their learning and social connections.

What learning goals do they have?  
What skills would they like to develop further?  
Are they building healthy friendships?  
How can they contribute in new ways to a positive learning community?



These are great questions to ask as you are driving in the car, over dinner or in the quiet of the evening. Thank you for continuing to support your child alongside the amazing educators of Glanford.

Enjoy the sunshine!  
Vicki Roberts

### **Next GMS PAC Meeting is June 5th!**

Meetings starts at 7pm in the library.

**Please report student absences to our email [glanford@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:glanford@sd61.bc.ca) or to our callback line 250-479-5032. If you are picking up your child early please make sure to email or call the office - we need parent communication to let students leave. Thanks!**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**May 5** Pizza Lunch  
**May 18** District Transition Day  
**May 19** Professional Development Day (no school)  
**May 22nd** Victoria Day (no school)  
**May 23rd** Class Photo Day  
**May 26th** Pizza Lunch  
**May 27th** PAC Bottle Drive

**Don't forget check out the school website for information and to see what happening at GMS! <https://glanford.sd61.bc.ca/>**



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GLANFORD WAS EXCITED TO WELCOME PLAYERS AND STAFF FROM PFC THIS MONTH! GMS STAFF AND STUDENTS HAD A WONDERFUL AFTERNOON IN THE SUNSHINE PLAYING SOCCER WITH THE PROS!

AND NOW WE'VE GOT A CHANCE TO WATCH THE TEAM TAKE ON HFX WANDERERS ON  
**MAY 27TH AT 7PM**

HERE IS OUR SCHOOL'S UNIQUE LINK TO PURCHASE TICKETS .

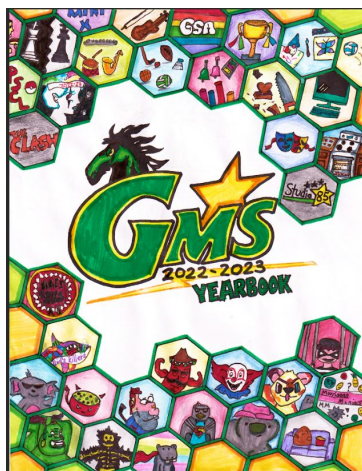
TICKET LINK: [HTTPS://FEVO.ME/PFC-TIX-GMS](https://FEVO.ME/PFC-TIX-GMS)

THANK YOU PCF AND GOOD LUCK!

## **CHESS CLUB**

Chess continues weekly on a casual basis in the library on Thursday's at lunch with either Mr. Weston or Mr. Barmby. About 20-30 students come out regularly to challenge each other. A few of our new international Thai students may have disrupted the 'Champion of the Drill' last week!

**Mr. Weston and Mr.  
Barmby, Chess Masters**



## LAST CHANCE TO ORDER A YEARBOOK!

The order window officially closed at the end of April, but we can squeeze in a few more this week!

To order, visit [ybpay.ca](https://ybpay.ca) and enter the code **14299423** — Please contact the office if the online order won't work for you, we'll work something out.

Thanks very much for supporting the work of our Yearbook team!

## **ATHLETICS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The season of training is underway. The meets are coming up quickly and students are practicing during lunch hours for all events. Please see attached letter for all Track & Field Information.

**Mr. Barmby – Track and Field coach and coordinator**

### **Badminton, Rugby and Field Hockey**

Spring is a busy time in the world of athletics at GMS. Rugby is underway and all of the teams are working hard and showing a lot of grit and determination. Thank you to coaches Lisa Cooper, Matt Yerrell, Byron McCallister and Asia Olynyk for sharing their expertise and enthusiasm with our Rugby teams. Girl's field hockey is also underway coached by the amazing Shibby Claire. As if that wasn't enough, our competitive badminton team has been practicing hard and improving lots thanks to coach Robin Hutchinson. Thank you to all of the athletes and coaches for their dedication to making sports happen at GMS!

**Mrs. Devlin, Athletic Director**



**Please check out the GMS Calendar online for up to date practice and game schedules [here](#).**

## **MATH TEAM**

THE COMPETITION SEASON IS WINDING UP WITH THE CARIBOU CONTEST SERIES FINISHING IN MAY. CAMERON SMITH CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE GRADE 7/8 LEAGUE, AND CURRENTLY SITS AT 102<sup>ND</sup> IN THE WORLD, FOLLOWED QUITE CLOSELY BY LEO ZHANG IN SECOND PLACE, SITTING AT A RESPECTABLE 731<sup>ST</sup> IN THE WORLD (OUT OF 22, 377). SPENCER S. AND SAMUEL B. ARE BATTLING IT OUT FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE IN THE GRADE 6 LEAGUE! THE GAUSS NATIONAL MATH CONTEST IS COMING UP ON MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, AND APPROXIMATELY 30 STUDENTS FROM GLANFORD WILL BE WRITING THIS PRESTIGIOUS COMPETITION. FINALLY, WE HAD ONE TEAM ENTRANT IN THE PURPLE COMET THIS YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS TO LEO, YASH, KUWAR, COLIN, ALEX AND VIRAJ (ALL FROM A3- SHOUT OUT TO MS. KIND AND MR. GAGE) FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS EXTREMELY CHALLENGING COMPETITION!

**MR. BARMBY, MS. WEST AND MR. WESTON – MATH TEAM COORDINATORS**

## **GSA**

The theme of the final term is school transition. Field trips are planned for the students to connect with our feeder Elementary and High Schools in order to foster relationships with younger and older students. As always, it's great to connect with students from around the school in a casual atmosphere where students feel like a part of their community.

**Mr. Barmby and Ms. Skolsky**  
**GSA Sponsors**





## A Celebration of Strings Music in the GVSD 61: Orchestra Finale 2023

Featuring elementary, middle, and secondary school string students from the Greater Victoria School District. Admission Free. Donations to support strings programs gratefully accepted.

**WHEN: Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

**Students arrive at 6:15 PM**

**Approximate duration: 1 hour**

**WHERE: University of Victoria, McKinnon Gym.**

**Upon arrival, string students find a seat labeled with their school's name.**

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

Make sure to label everything with your name and school  
Instrument and Music, Portable Music Stand, cello Stop/Anchor for cellos/basses only.  
This week all Strings students will bring home a form to be signed and returned.

### **NOTICE TO ALL INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR STRINGS:**

Every student needs a copy of Measures of Success BOOK 2. These are available at Long and McQuade, Tapestry Music, and in the GMS library.

Ms. Backstrom, Strings Teacher

# Ready for some new GMS swag?

Follow the link to place your order <https://store.passionsports.ca/GMSS23/shop/home>  
Store closes on May 14!







# **GMS PAC NO SORT BOTTLE DRIVE!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 27TH  
10AM TO NOON**

**Please bring your empties  
and support our PAC!**



## **GLANFORD PAC WALK-A-THON**

What a beautiful morning we had walking the neighborhood, enjoying the sunshine, spending time with friends and eating popcorn!

A giant thank you to our GMS PAC for organizing the wonderful fundraising event. Students and families were able to collect over \$7000 which will go to improving our outdoor spaces!

