

SEPTEMBER 2023

Grande Prairie Composite High School Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

Dear Composite High School Students and Families,

Welcome to the start of a new and exciting school year! We hope this message fills you with anticipation and for the adventures and opportunities ahead. You are now a Phoenix and a contributing member of our school culture. We can't wait to see our returning students and meet our new additions to the Composite High School family. Education is not just about textbooks and exams. It's about personal growth, character development, and preparing you for life's challenges. We have a dedicated group of teachers and staff that will help be your guides on this exciting adventure.

Our Vision: Ignite Potential

Each student and team member intrinsically has a spark within them. Our school community exists to help ignite this spark into a thriving flame. The vast capacity of potential exists within each person; we collectively help provide the knowledge, skills, and support as catalysts for growth.

Our Mission: Is to Educate, Inspire, and Empower

Educate: We know how

As a community, our school is safe and secure. We strive to build knowledge and skills for life-long learners. We recognize each other as unique individuals and help one another to be healthy. We educate the whole person with quality teaching in academics and critical thinking while implementing social and emotional skills for life-long learning to improve well-being and relationships.

Inspire: We want to

We are proud to represent the Phoenix! We offer a treasured community hub connecting students, parents, staff, and members of our city. We are motivated, curious, and open-minded. We celebrate diversity and encourage a love for learning. We make mistakes, recalibrate, and bravely try new things together. We believe in one another and our potential to create a positive impact.

Empower: We can

In the home of the Phoenix, we are focused, consistent, and accountable to be our best. We are empowered to influence our future as we each have something to contribute to our community. We belong here! We are valued and accepted for our authentic selves and continue to elevate to achieve our dreams.

Parent and Family Engagement

We value your partnership in your child's education. Your involvement, support, and communication are vital to their success. We encourage you to get involved, attend all Parent Teacher Conferences, engage with our school community by attending school council meetings, and stay informed about your child's progress.

Throughout the school year, we will inform you about school events and important announcements through our website, newsletters, and other social media channels. We encourage you to stay connected with us. As we embark on this journey together, let's embrace every opportunity for growth, learning, and collaboration. Your journey through high school will be filled with challenges and triumphs, and we are here to guide you every step of the way.

Thank you for choosing the Grande Prairie Composite High School. We look forward to a year of inspiration, discovery, and achievement. Welcome back, and let's make this school year a memorable one.



Dennis Vobeyda

Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday September 5

- First day of school for **Grade 9's ONLY** - Free lunch provided today!

Wednesday September 6

- Back to school for **ALL Grades** (9/10/11/12)

Thursday September 14th

- Picture Day for Grades 11 & 12

Friday September 15th

- Picture Day for Grades 9 & 10

Friday September 22nd

- PLD NO SCHOOL for students

Monday October 9th

- Happy Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL

Friday October 27th

- PLD NO SCHOOL for students

Friday November 10th

- PLD NO SCHOOL for students

Friday December 1st

- Non-operational Day NO SCHOOL

Friday December 15th

- PLD NO SCHOOL for students

Monday December 18th - Friday January 5th

- Christmas Break

Monday January 8th

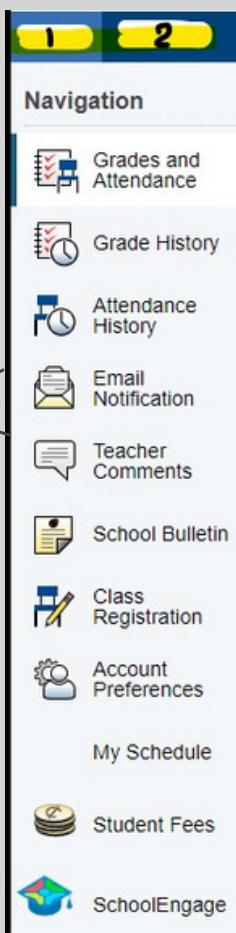
- First Day back from Christmas Break

2023-2024 Change of Information Form

If you need to change an address*, phone number, email address, emergency contact, update a medical condition, etc. please fill out a change of information form. Staff cannot change any information on your behalf.

*if you're changing an address, you will need to provide proof of address

Once you login you'll see something like this. If you have more than 1 child in our division, you'll see their names at the top where the 1 and 2 are, click on each name to go in and see their information.



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Go to PowerSchool by clicking this link:


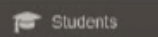
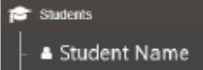
<https://powerschool.gppsd.ab.ca/public/home.html>

Enter the username and password you previously created.

If you have forgotten your login information, please call the school at 780-532-7721 to reset it for you, DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT.

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Once Logged In

1. Click on the  SchoolEngage icon at the bottom left hand menu. A new screen will load.
2. Click  Students in the left menu
3.  Students
Click on your child's name. Repeat the next steps for all registered children.

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CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM

6. After clicking your child's name, you will see a list of forms on the right side of the screen. Please select the **2021-2022 Registration Update Form**. Click the green +New button (circled in red) and follow the steps to complete your registration update.



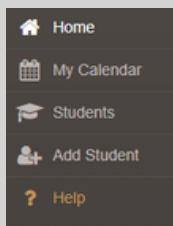
7. Click **SUBMIT** when done.

If you have any other questions, please call the school at 780-532-7721

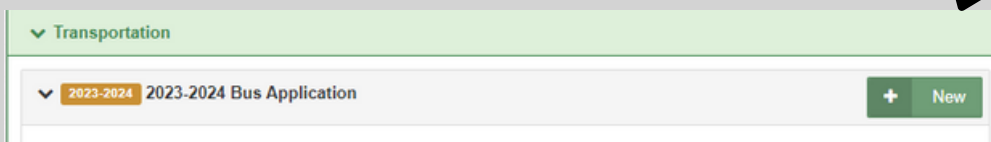
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2023-2024 NEW BUS APPLICATION

- Sign into your PowerSchool account by going to the [GPPSD website](#), go to and click on “Current families with GPPSD”.
- Sign into your PowerSchool account, and then click on “School Engage”
- Once you are signed into School Engage, click on “Students” and all students listed in your account will populate beneath.
 - Here is what you’ll see:



- Select the student you are wanting a bus pass for.
- Once their information loads on your page, you will see TRANSPORTATION on the right hand side. Under TRANSPORTATION select the “**New**” button to the right of 2023–2024 Bus Application.



- You can now complete their application. You must use the address that is listed in your account or it will not process. Please remember to check eligibility. If you are not eligible, you may be charged.

FirstView App will not work until Sept 5th!

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USEFUL LINKS

Grande Prairie Public School District

(register, busing, boundaries, tutorials)

Composite High School Website

(supply lists, bells times, newsletters, etc.)

GPCHS Facebook Page

GPCHS Instagram Page

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