

Grande Prairie Composite High School







#### **JUNE 2023**

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We have reached the end of another remarkable school year, and I feel great pride and admiration. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you for your hard work, dedication, and countless achievements. You did it! Now this year is extra special as we took a unique journey that no other students will ever be able to say they have taken, as you all have the honor of being the first-ever students to grace our halls as Phoenixes.

It has been a rollercoaster of emotions, late-night study sessions, questionable fashion choices, and hairstyles. But here we are at the end of the year, on the cusp of unknown summer plans. As we flip through the pages of our beloved yearbook, we can reflect on the countless memories we created together. From cramming for exams to mastering the art of procrastination, from the school dances to the complementary t-shirts and free hotdogs to start the year because our kitchen was still not running, we've experienced it all. Let's not forget those unforgettable moments when we discovered what it would look like if 1300 students shot off confetti cannons during our grand open ceremony. It felt like I was still finding little pieces of confetti, even at the end of the year. The taste of hotdogs and the image of confetti floating down from the rafters in the gymnasium will be forever etched in our minds.

Of course, we must recognize the moments we want to treasure as we continue in life's journey. But amidst the laughter and craziness, we found solace in the support of our fantastic friends. They were there through thick and thin, from the awkward first few days to the bittersweet goodbyes we would soon exchange. We must cherish these memories and stay in touch, even when life takes us in different directions. Some of you will not return to our school as you head onto post-secondary studies or into the workforce. For others, you will return to continue your journey toward graduation.

I want to thank the parents and guardians who have supported our students and school throughout the year. Your unwavering support and involvement in your children's education have been invaluable, and we appreciate your partnership in fostering a strong learning community. With your help, we have established a strong foundation with our Vision to Ignite Potential and our Mission to Educate, Inspire, and Empower.

As you head off into the much-deserved Summer break, let us take this opportunity to rest, rejuvenate, and reflect on our accomplishments. I encourage everyone to continue seeking knowledge, pursuing passions, and embracing new opportunities. Let's remember the valuable lessons we've learned at the Grande Prairie Composite High School, as it's about Igniting the Potential in every one of you in all aspects of your life.

We look forward to welcoming our returning students in the fall and eagerly await the arrival of new faces in our school community. As we bid farewell to this school year, let's embrace new beginnings that lay ahead and remember to keep laughing, creating memories, and staying true to yourself.

Thanks for an exceptional year, and I wish you all an adventurous, fun-filled summer wherever that journey takes you!

With utmost admiration and pride,

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Dennis Vobeyda

Principal





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# **Important Dates**

#### Tuesday June 27

• LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

#### Tuesday August 22

- Student services open to book course change appointments and new registrations
- School open to the public

#### Wednesday August 23

- 9:00-11:30 Grade 9 Set up day (schedule, fees, lockers, PowerSchool)
- 1:00-3:30 Grade 12 Set up day (schedule, fees, lockers, PowerSchool)

#### Friday August 25

- 9:00-11:30 Grade 10 Set up day (schedule, fees, lockers, PowerSchool)
- 1:00-3:30 Grade 11 Set up day (schedule, fees, lockers, PowerSchool)

#### Tuesday September 5

• First day of school for Grade 9's - Grade 9 students only in attendance

#### Wednesday September 6

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

#### Thursday/Friday September 14 & 15

• Picture Day (separated by grades, more info to follow)

After August 8th, students can view their schedule via their PowerSchool



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## If your student did not clean out their locker, we have done it for them!



# 1 day left to pick up! After June 27th all items will be disposed of





## WE WERE VERY EXCITED TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL INDICENOUS PEOPLES DAY



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### Thank you to all of the presenters It was a very fun, informative and rememberable day! Mini Cultural Sessions:

Sound Bath and Smudging Beading History of the Dene People Landbased Teachings Kleskun Hills History Informative Map/History of Indigenous Peoples

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## **Parent PowerSchool How To's**

Please see in the following pages below:

- VIEWING MARKS, CURRENT GRADES, TEACHER COMMENTS
- PARENT/GUARDIAN MYPASS INSTRUCTIONS (2 PAGES)
- HOW TO APPLY FOR A BUS PASS



YouTube How-To's regarding:

- <u>Accessing your (PowerSchool) Parent Portal</u> <u>using a desktop or mobile</u>
- Your child's Report Card online using your
   Parent Portal



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#### **PowerSchool Parent Portal**

#### Viewing Report Cards, Current Grades and Teacher Comments

- 1 Go to http://powerschool.gppsd.ab.ca/public/\_\_\_\_
- . Enter your username and password.
- 2 If you have forgotten or do not know your sign in information please call the school at
   780-532-7721.

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## Wondering how many credits you have? **Q: WHY SIGN UP FOR MYPASS?**

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View Credential >> View diploma / certificate progress	Order Transcript >> Order an Alberta Transcript of High School Achievement	Personal Information >> Review and update personal and contact information	Connect to a Student >> Obtain access to the student information	
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### Q: WHAT DO I NEED TO EARN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN ALBERTA?

#### Alberta High School Diploma Requirements:

- English 30-1 or 30-2; and
- Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2; and
- 10 additional 30 level credits
- Mathematics 20-1 or 20-2 or 20-3; and
- Science 20 or 24 or Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 or Physics 20; and
- Physical Education 10; and
- Career and LifeManagement (CALM) 20
- 100 credits

Some workplaces or post-secondary institutions may require additional credits and/or specific courses. Talk to your school counsellor for more information about diploma requirements. Mr. Duncan (last names A-L) and Ms. Mahaney (last names M-Z) are available to meet with students to answer any academic, post-secondary and career planning questions.

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#### How to connect Parents/Guardians to myPass

#### Step 1: Contact Student Services to register your email address in PASI. Step 2: Create/Sign in Education Account Albertas myPass The Parent/Guardian visits myPass website: ٠ Please Note: mypass.alberta.ca, or simply search "myPass" in If you are registering for a Diploma Exam be advised that it may take up to a minute for the list of available We browser. e select the Exam Session, Language, and Diploma Exam you would like to register for and ' the list is available you will be able to select a Writing Centre and complete your registration The Parent/Guardian clicks "Sign in with Education • Account." myPass.alberta.ca is an Alberta Education secure selfservice website for Alberta students to: • The school instructs the parent/guardian to create Order high school transcripts an Education Account with an email address that View diploma examimarks match the email address registered in PASI. Register t The Parent/Guardian signs in with the Education Albertan Education ? • Account or Google or Microsoft Account. Sign In with MICROSOFT L COADOMAIN A Email Sign in with pass Forgot your passwor 0 I'm new, sien me up! Step 3: Enter details in myPass Alberta myPass The Parent/Guardian enters the following > Obtain Access to the Student Information via myPas ٠ information: Obtain Access to the Student Information via myPass 1. The ASN of the student You must be connected to a student to use myPass. What can I do on myPass? 2. The Date of Birth of the student Identify the student 3. Select the option "A parent or guardian of the student" Where can I find my Alberta Student 4. Click "Activate Connection" Number? Date of Birth YYYY/MM/DD When the email address used for the Education . Information about you account match the email address registered in You Are The student PASIprep, the Parent/Guardian is informed that A parent or gi 'Access to your Student Information has been Authorized user granted'. Do you have a Signup Access code? If yes, then please provide below The student will receive a notification email with Signup Access Code 👔 details that an active connection has been created Note: By clicking Activate Connection below, you agree to be bound by the myPass Terms of Use Agreement on their record. Activate Connection Cancel Request

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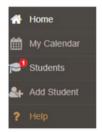




#### APPLYING FOR A BUS PASS FOR YOUR STUDENT

#1. Once in School Engage, click on "Student" and all students listed in your account will populate, select the student you are wanting a bus pass for.

Here's what you'll see:



#2. Once your options on the right side populate, find TRANSPORTATION and select Bus Application, click directly on NEW



#3. Complete all information on the form. When you come to the 9<sup>th</sup> tab make sure you click on the edulog to ensure that they are eligible for free bussing. It looks like this:

Please check your child's busing eligibility here:

https://edulog.gppsd.ab.ca/livewq/webquery/

NOTE:

Once you submit, it can take up to 5 days for it to arrive at the school, until that time you are responsible for driving your student to/from school.



# **Useful Links**

**GPCHS** Facebook

**GPCHS** Instagram

**GPCHS** Website

GPPSD Approved 2022-2023 School Calendar

Powerschool log in

2022-2023 Parent-Student Handbook

Phoenix News Youtube Channel

## YouTube how-to's regarding:

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