SEPTEMBER 2023

Grande Prairie Composite High School Newsletter



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we will have beautiful fall weather to enjoy, and we are grateful for your continued support in your child's education at the Grande Prairie Composite High School.

Thanksgiving is a time for reflection, appreciation, and togetherness, and we are thankful for the privilege of working with your children each day. Our Phoenix mission is to educate, inspire, and empower, and we are proud of your students' hard work and dedication throughout this school year. Their commitment to learning and personal growth is a testament to the values and guidance they receive at home. We encourage you to take this holiday to spend quality time with your family, share stories, and create lasting memories.

Please note that the Composite High School will be closed for Thanksgiving on October 9th, and classes will resume on October 10th. We hope you enjoy this break and return refreshed and ready to continue the journey of education together. Once again, thank you for entrusting us with your child's education.

We wish you and your family a warm and joyous Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and gratitude.



Dennis Volleyda

Principal



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	School Council 6pm-7:30pm	3	4	5	6	7
8	Happy Thanksgiving School Closed	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	PLD No School	28
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Upcoming Important Dates

Monday November 6th

School Council Meeting 6pm

Friday November 10th

PLD NO SCHOOL for students

Monday November 13th

Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7PM

Tuesday November 14th

• Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7PM

Friday December 1st

School Closed

Monday December 4th

School Council Meeting 6pm

Friday December 15th

• PLD NO SCHOOL for students

Friday Dec 22nd - Friday Jan 5th

• Christmas Break





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E-sports 2018	Animation & Film 2063	E-sports 2018	E-sports 2018	E-sports 2018
Student Council 1083	Interact 1082	Yarn Club 1082	Chess 2027	Chess 2027
	Speed run 2034	Kiva 2027	Speed run 2034	
		School News	First Responders	
INTERACT		2063	2064	ĬVΔ

All clubs have been approved by Mr. Vobeyda and are supervised by the teacher within the stated classrooms. All begin at 11:35.

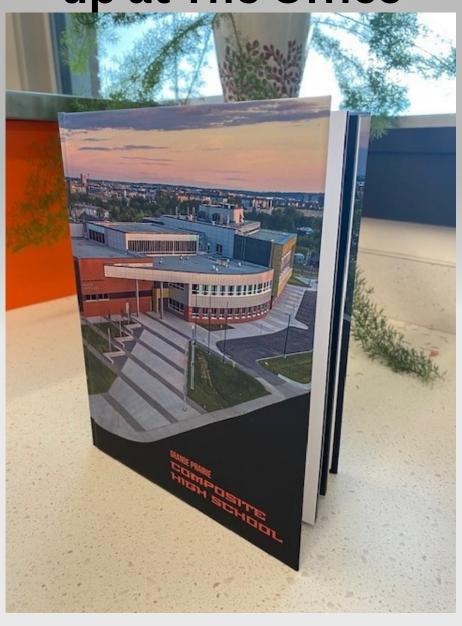
These clubs are student lead and we are very proud of their initiative!







2022 - 2023 Yearbooks can be picked up at The Office



If you paid for a yearbook in previous years, but never picked it up, please come to The Office between 8 and 4 to pick it up!

PowerSchool Parent Portal

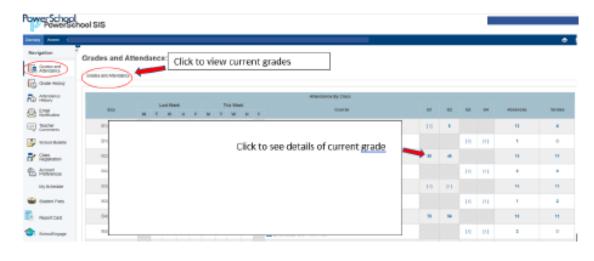
Viewing Report Cards, Current Grades and Teacher Comments

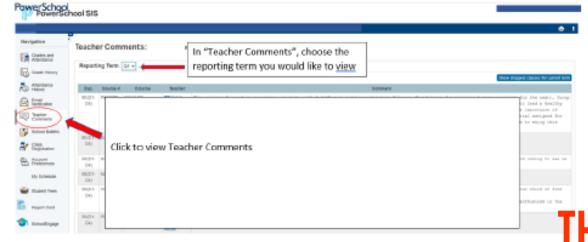
- 1. Go to http://powerschool.gppsd.ab.ca/public/
- 2. Enter your username and password.
 - If you have forgotten or do not know your sign in information please call the school at 780-532-7721.

To view Report Cards



To view Current Grades and Teacher Comments

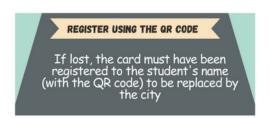




Register Your Child's City of Grande Prairie Transit YOUTh SUPERPASS



REGISTER NOW! In case you lose your SUPERPASS!!!



Find the QR Code in the office or on our Facebook Page

The Comp has no control over nor are we able to offer any assistance with these passes.

The SuperPass is provided to student by the City of GP and any questions, problems, or concerns need

to be directed to them.

Please click here







RIDE FOR FREE UNTIL YOU TURN 18 ENJOY YOUR FREE TRANSIT PASS



FIND THE STOP/ROUTE NEAREST YOUR SCHOOL:

YOUTH AGES 17 AND UNDER RIDE FOR FREE

Riders must present valid Youth SUPERPASS card when boarding

cityofgp.com/youthtransit

YOUTH SUPERPASS cards are distributed to students through the Public and Catholic schools as a part of a new initiative to increase transit ridership. Youth who are not enrolled with the Public or Catholic Schools may obtain their free Youth SUPERPASS card from City Hall with valid ID, confirming age. This includes private and homeschooled students as well as those under 18 and not attending school. There will be no fees for your first Youth SUPERPASS card. Your card will expire at the end of the year you turn 18.

For more information on transit in Grande Prairie visit cityofgp.com/transit



WHERE'S MY RIDE

Find out when your next three buses are scheduled to arrive visit gpt.mytransitride.com and enter your route and stop number.

ON-DEMAND TRANSIT

On-Demand Transit keeps you connected around the city with bookable shuttle service between on-demand stops and selected transit hubs.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Access GP at 311 or info@cityofqp.com

LOST YOUR CARD?

To get a replacement Youth SUPERPASS card, visit City Hall at 10205 98 St. Bring valid ID to confirm your age. A \$5 fee applies for replacement cards.





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Congrats!

DAISY NELLIS



We are proud to share that **Daisy Nellis**, a student at the Grande Prairie Composite High School, has been selected as **one of only 40 youth province-wide** to be part of the 2023-2024 Minister's Youth Council, helping to shape Alberta's education future.

"I am super excited for this new opportunity and look forward to sharing ideas and learning at the provincial level," shares Daisy. She has showcased her leadership by actively participating in the City of Grande Prairie's Youth Council, School Council and the Division's Student Advisory Committee.

Grande Prairie Composite High School's Principal, Dennis Vobeyda, couldn't be prouder, noting Nellis' commitment to their school emblem's Phoenix spirit. "Daisy approaches her education with foresight, eagerly embracing challenges with a forward-thinking mindset."

Sandy McDonald, GPPSD Superintendent, added that Nellis has a strong voice for her fellow students and has done an exemplary job of providing leadership by example on the Division's Student Advisory Committee. "We are grateful to Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides, and Alberta Education for giving students a chance to share their voices - fostering the leaders of tomorrow."

Collectively, the council members will bring diverse life experiences, knowledge, and skills from across the province.





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.



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 cal the school at 780-532-7721 to reset it for you, DO NOT





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



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.



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



#3. Complete all information on the form. When you come to the 9th 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/

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

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT HAVE TEMPORARY PASSES, IF YOUR STUDENT LOSES THEIR

PASS THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RIDE THE BUS AND MUST ARRANGE OTHER

TRANSPORTATION.



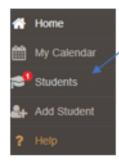


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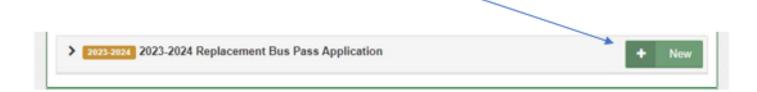
APPLYING FOR A REPLACEMENT BUS PASS FOR YOUR STUDENT

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

Here's what you'll see:



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



#3. Complete information requested on the form. If there have been NO changes to the <u>address</u> you will not need to check for eligibility.

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. They are not permitted on the bus unless they physically have their card in hand to scan up entering the bus.

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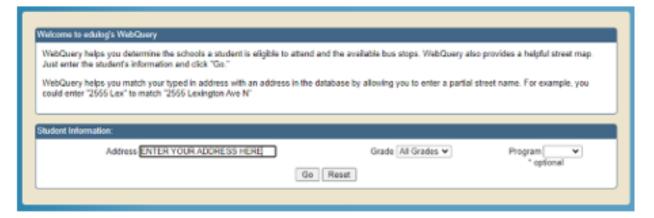




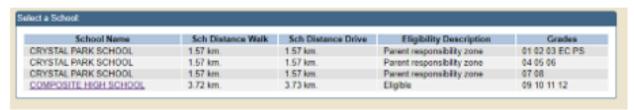
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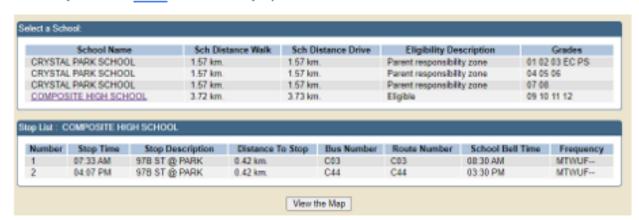
Bus route and Stops/Times



When this pops up, if COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL appears click on it



The image below will appear showing your bus pick up (am) drop off times (pm) and the locations of those. If you want a <u>visual</u> where the stop is, click on VIEW ON MAP below.

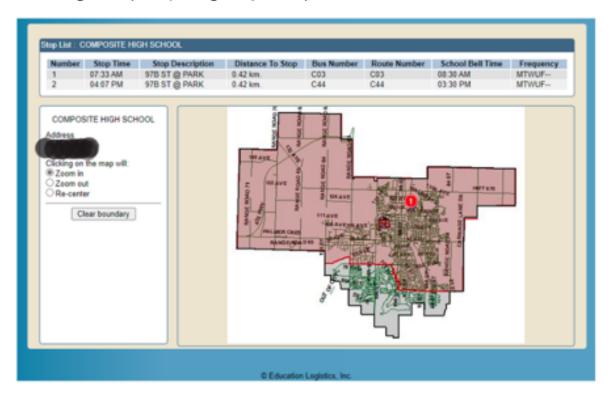




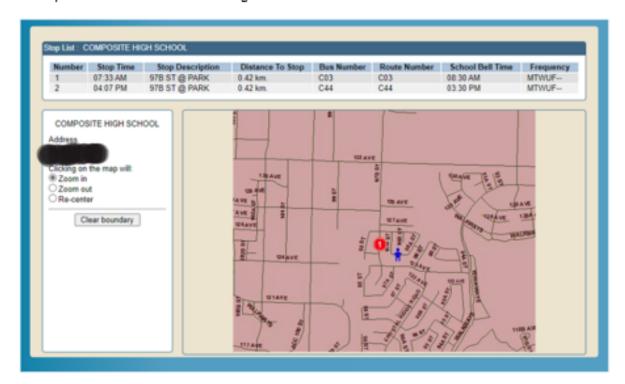


HOW TO SEE YOUR BUS STOP/TIMES

Once this open you will see a red <u>dot</u>, that represents your bus stop. You can zoom in or out. You should also see a figure of a person, that figure represents your address.



When you zoom in it will look something like this





USEFUL LINKS

Grande Prairie Public School District

(register, busing, boundaries, tutorials)

Composite High School Website

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

GPCHS Facebook Page

<u>GPCHS Instagram Page</u>

Ordering school pictures





