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# Message from the Principal

Dear Parent and Guardians,

Each year, parents/guardians of a student in Grade 10 receives a survey from Alberta Education in the mail. These surveys must be completed online using the random-access code provided directly to parents and the anonymous area. The information we receive from the Alberta Education Assurance Survey is vital for the accountability and building assurance that the school is meeting goals and trending in a positive direction.

Specifically, we use this data to plan our priorities and outcomes and provide evidence for our Three-Year Education plan. The survey asks for feedback from parents, students, and teachers on various topics such as quality instruction, high school completion rates, along with provincial assessments. If you have a child in grade 10, please keep your eye out for a package mailed to you from Alberta Education, the deadline is March 17th, and we would love to have your feedback.

Also, the annual Alberta Education supplemental online and telephone surveys will start soon. These online and phone surveys are in addition to Alberta's Annual Assurance Surveys. These surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers (online), principals (online), school board trustees, and employers of recent high school graduates. The survey responses are confidential, and no individual responses are reported. The total number of completed surveys will be over 5,800, ensuring survey results for each of the ten respondent groups are statistically representative. The survey is offered in French for five respondent groups: senior high school students, parents, teachers, principals, and school board trustees.

We appreciate the time it takes to complete the survey, but we truly value your feedback as we all strive for continuous improvement in making our school the best it can be.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.



*Dennis Vobeyda*  
Principal

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# Important Dates

- February 20
  - Family Day (no school)
- March 1
  - GRAD PARENT meeting 6PM-7PM
- March 6
  - Parent Council meeting 6PM-8PM
- March 9-10
  - Mighty Peace Teachers Convention  
(no school either day)
- March 17
  - PLD (no school) *Happy St.Patty's!*
- April 3 & 4 (4pm-7pm)
  - Parent Teacher Interviews
- April 5
  - Grad PARENT meeting 6PM-7PM
- April 6
  - Day in Lieu (no school)
- April 7-15
  - Spring Break (no school)

## NOTES

- **PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SEE YOUR STUDENT'S MARKS AND TEACHER COMMENTS**

# 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
- HOW TO APPLY FOR A REPLACEMENT BUS PASS

*Watch  
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**YouTube How-To's regarding:**

- [Accessing your \(PowerSchool\) Parent Portal using a desktop or mobile](#)
- [Your child's Report Card online using your Parent Portal](#)



*Click to  
watch*

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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.

### To view Report Cards

If you have multiple children you can switch between them by clicking the students name

If you are having any issues viewing the report cards please pay special attention to the items beside the red stars. ★

Report Card

The supported browser for this report is Chrome. Other browsers can be used but will not be supported. ★

Click the report card name to view. Can't see the report card? Try unblocking popups in your browser. ★

Name	School	Date
Grade 10 - S1 - 2022-2023	Grande Prairie Composite High School	01/30/2023
Grade 9 - S1 - 2021-2022	Grande Prairie Composite High School	01/31/2022
Grade 9 - S2 - 2021-2022	Grande Prairie Composite High School	06/29/2022
Grade 8 - R1 - 2020-2021	Derek Taylor Public School	11/27/2020
Grade 8 - R2	Derek Taylor Public School	09/12/2021
Grade 8 - R3		06/25/2021
Grade 7 - S3		06/22/2020

Click to view Report Cards, then click on the report card you'd like to view.

Print report cards, right click and choose the printer from the Destination drop down. ★

- Select paper size Letter and orientation as Landscape

To generate a PDF file, right click and in the Destination drop down choose "Save as PDF" ★

### To view Current Grades and Teacher Comments

Grades and Attendance: Click to view current grades

Grades and Attendance

Exp	Last Week				This Week				Course	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Absences	Tardies
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W							
B1										[ ]	8			12	4
B1												[ ]	[ ]	1	0
B2										50	46			15	11
B2												[ ]	[ ]	2	2
B3										[ ]	[ ]			13	11
B3												[ ]	[ ]	1	2
B4										70	54			10	11
B4												[ ]	[ ]	3	0

Click to see details of current grade

Teacher Comments:

Reporting Term: Q1

In "Teacher Comments", choose the reporting term you would like to view

Exp.	Course #	Course	Teacher	Comment
B1(D1-D4)				For the next, Group to lead a healthy e importance of ial assigned for m to enjoy this
B1(D1-D4)				od coming to see me
B2(D1-D4)				our third of five
B3(D1-D4)				enthusiasm in the
B3(D1-D4)				

Click to view Teacher Comments

## 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

- The Parent/Guardian visits myPass website: [mypass.alberta.ca](https://mypass.alberta.ca), or simply search “myPass” in browser.
- The Parent/Guardian clicks “Sign in with Education Account.”
- The school instructs the parent/guardian to create an Education Account with an email address that match the email address registered in PASI.
- The Parent/Guardian signs in with the Education Account or Google or Microsoft Account.

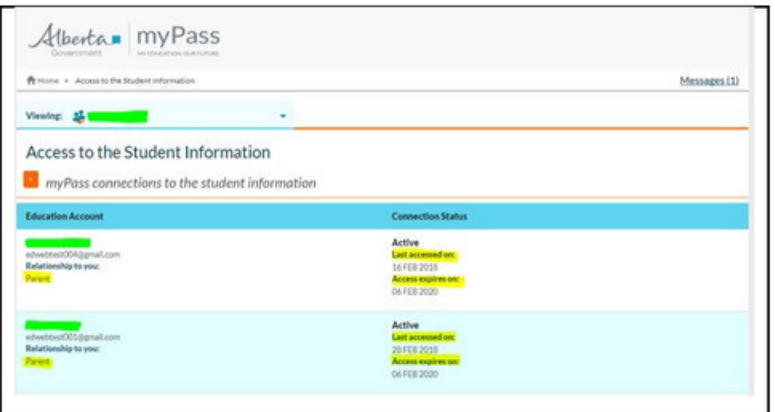
#### Step 3: Enter details in myPass

- The Parent/Guardian enters the following information:
  1. The ASN of the student
  2. The Date of Birth of the student
  3. Select the option “A parent or guardian of the student”
  4. Click “Activate Connection”
- When the email address used for the Education account match the email address registered in PASIprep, the Parent/Guardian is informed that ‘Access to your Student Information has been granted’.
- The student will receive a notification email with details that an active connection has been created on their record.



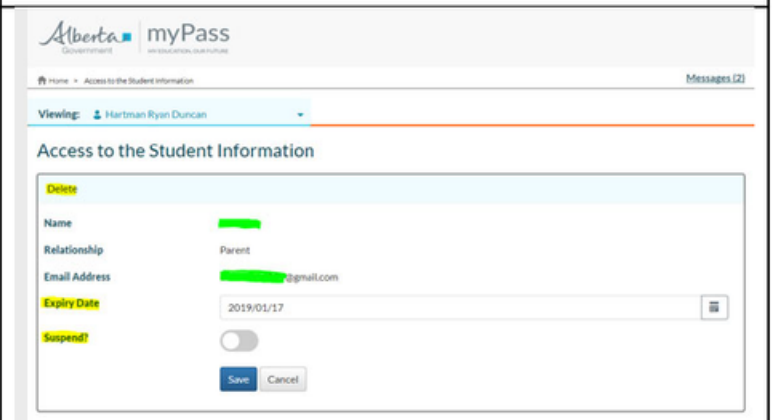
### View Connection details

- The Parent/Guardian is able to view the details of connected parent/guardian or authorized users in the "Access to the Student Information" section of myPass
  - Personal details including name, relationship and email address.
  - The status of the connection (if one exists)
  - Last time the connection was used
  - The expiration date of the connection



### Manage existing Authorized user myPass Connection

- The Parent/Guardian is able to suspend or delete existing Connections of Authorized users via the "Access to the Student Information" section in myPass



## COMPLETING A CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM

#1. Sign into PowerSchool here:

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

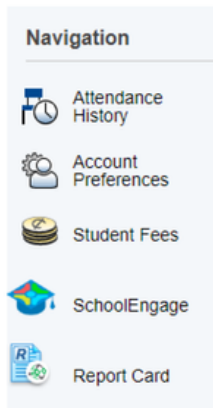
Enter username:

Enter password:

*If you have forgotten either of these please call 780.532.7721 to have this reset*

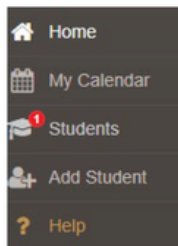
#2 Once in PowerSchool please click on the tab "School Engage" located on the lefthand side of screen.

This is what it will look like:



#3 Once in School Engage, select your child you are making the change for. This is located under "students"

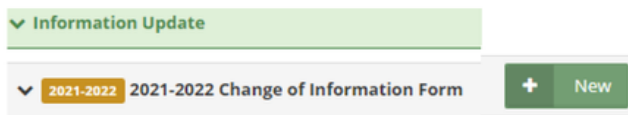
Here's what you'll see:



#4 Once you've selected the student, you will see several different options on the righthand side of the screen (be patient, this may take a moment to populate).

Next select Change of Information Form (+New) and complete this form.

To enter a change of address you will need to attach proof of address. Examples are utility bill or lease that includes legal parent or guardian name and new address.

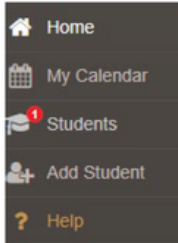




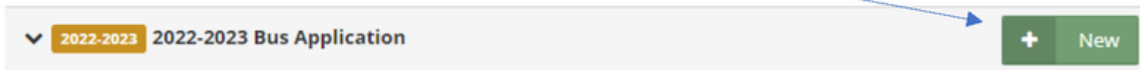
## APPLYING FOR A BUS PASS FOR YOUR STUDENT

#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/>

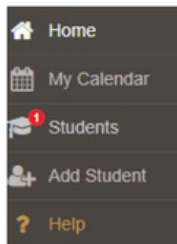
### NOTE:

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.

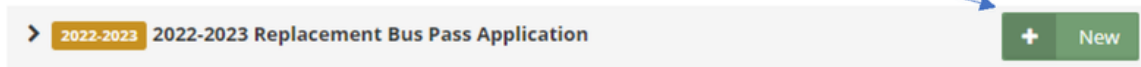
## APPLYING FOR A REPLACEMENT BUS PASS FOR YOUR STUDENT

#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 address you will not need to check for eligibility.

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

# Student Absences

If your student is going to be absent, please contact the school directly as soon as you can to avoid an absence text message and/or phone call.

This can be done by speaking directly to Nikki at  
780.532.7721

OR

When you call the school,  
at the voice prompt select **option #2** and follow the  
prompts leaving voice messages

OR

report through safe arrival

*"Please help me keep your students safe by reporting  
their absence and keeping me in the know."*

*-Nikki*



*Our front desk connoisseur and switchboard master*

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# Grad Important Reminders

- Please ask your graduate if they been measured for their grad gown. Measurements are taken in Student Services. This measurement is only height, and no appointment is needed
- Baby pictures are due. Baby pictures will be featured during the slide show at both the Grad Breakfast and during the ceremony. Please select one photo and send it to [Jennifer.Jackson@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Jackson@gppsd.ab.ca)
- Watson's Photo studio is currently taking bookings for Grad photos. The sitting fee is included in grad fee. There is no obligation to buy a package, however these grad proofs are used in The Composite photo that all grads receive and will also be a part of the Grad slide show. Bookings are for 1/2hr or 1hr sessions and they started February 1 for sessions between March 1 and April 17, 2023
- Josten's will be back at our school on Tuesday, February 28 during lunch if you are interested in purchasing a school ring or visit [jostenscanada.com/classof2023](http://jostenscanada.com/classof2023). Ring sizers are available at the school
- Next parent meeting will be March 1 at 6 pm at the Comp
- Grad fee for the 2022-2023 year is \$175 per student and must be paid in full by May 1st, 2023 in order in order to participate in the graduation ceremonies.

# Grad Ring Day

GPCHS, IN SCHOOL ORDER DAY

*Jostens*<sup>®</sup>



Design your Jewelry  
@ [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

**Order Day: Tuesday, February 28, 2023**  
**During Your Lunch Hour In The Front Foyer**  
**Catalogues are available in the Main Office**



>>>To view other grad product visit:  
[jostenscanada.com/classof2023](http://jostenscanada.com/classof2023)



<<<< We have custom  
varsity jackets too!



Payment options are available. For more info call us at 780-569-1205 or email: [john.grieve@jostens.com](mailto:john.grieve@jostens.com)

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# Grad Meeting Dates

## GRAD **STUDENT** MEETINGS

(FIRST TUESDAY OF MONTH)

MARCH 7

APRIL 4

MAY 2

## GRAD **PARENT** MEETINGS

(FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH)

MARCH 1

APRIL 5

MAY 3

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# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

If you feel that your student may benefit from some extra support, please speak to their respective counsellor for a referral.

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BIO's FOR:**

**Settlement Worker in Schools**

Nicole Ngemital

**Addictions Counsellor**

Sarah Christie-Wurz

**Settlement Worker in Schools**

Julia Turgeon

Carli Fredrickson

Fringina Mukaga (Indigenous Program)

**NEW!**

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# Nicole Ngemital



## Grande Prairie Centre for Newcomers - Settlement Worker in Schools

A free program from the Grande Prairie Centre for Newcomers funded by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada to help immigrant students and families settle and integrate successfully into their new communities and schools.

### Services Provided:

- Assist immigrant students and parents to understand the school system in Alberta.
- Act as a bridge for communication between home and school which can include providing interpretation services in multiple languages.
- Facilitate access to resources and services in the school and in the community.
- Help students to find financial assistance or employment if needed.
- Help students to understand cultural differences.
- Provide information and orientation on various topics such as Immigration Related Issues, Life in Canada, Employment and Income, Transportation, Housing, Canadian Laws and Justice System, and Community Engagement.
- Facilitate social integration in schools including spring and summer break day camps.
- Organize Homework Clubs offered on Thursdays from 4 to 6 pm in the Library with paid tutors helping students in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies. Registration is required before attending.

My name is Nicole Ngemital, your Settlement Worker in Schools in charge of Composite High School. I have been in the settlement sector for 6 years and have lots of experience with immigrants from different backgrounds. I have a teacher's background with a degree in Education from Cameroon, my country of origin, and hold a certificate in Case Management. I am fluent in French, English, and Spanish. I am married to Paul Ngemital and have a lovely and caring family of two kids and four grandkids. I have a passion for music, and dance and I love traveling.

To access services:

Drop in during weekly In-School office hours on Thursdays from 11 am to 4 pm in the library, or Call: 780 538 4452 or Email: [nicole@gpcn.ca](mailto:nicole@gpcn.ca)

# Sarah Christie-Wurz



I am excited to be in the new role of an Addictions Counsellor. I will be doing presentations in the school classrooms on various addiction topics and one on one counselling.

Addictions can range from:

- vaping
- drugs
- alcohol
- phones
- gaming
- Anything that your child believes they cannot live without and is affecting other aspects of their life like school, health, sleep, financial, or their behaviours

If you think your child needs supports around addictions, please feel free to chat to them about my role at their school and what is discussed in my office is **confidential**. They can do drop-ins, pre book with student services, or you can come with them if THEY want. If your child is suspended for drug/alcohol on school property, they will be mandated an appointment with me. I hope the student feels comfortable to be open so we can work towards harm reduction, prevention or recovery depending on the need.

You can reach me at: [sarah.christie-wurz@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:sarah.christie-wurz@gppsd.ab.ca) or call 780-532-7721.

# Julia Turgeon



My name is Julia Turgeon and I have been a social worker with the district since January 2022. My role at The Comp is to support students with navigating their mental health and ensuring they have the resilience to be successful in school and their future. My aim is to create a safe space where students feel comfortable sharing their goals and finding their strengths.

Meeting with a social worker is always voluntary and confidential. Students can make appointments with a social worker at the front desk in student services. I have a passion for working with teenagers, specifically with mental health, self-esteem, and creating connections. In my spare time you can find me crocheting, playing rugby, or spoiling my cat.

I can be reached at [Julia.Turgeon@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:Julia.Turgeon@gppsd.ab.ca) for any questions or concerns.



# Carli Fredrickson



My name is Carli Fredrickson (BSW, RSW), a social worker with GPPSD here at The Composite Highschool.

A little about me; I spend my free time cuddling with my cat Pixie, enjoying the sunshine camping in the summers, and indulging in self-care through all things girly, such as makeup and nails. I am a social butterfly and surround myself with wonderful friends and family as much as possible. I discovered my passion for working directly with youth after working as a counsellor with a local private practice counselling office; I connect with youth with ease which allows me to form meaningful relationships and offer support that has a positive impact for students.

My role at in the school is mental health supports for student. This support can look like a variety of things; having a safe place to talk, someone to turn to when overwhelmed at school, a connection with a supportive adult, a neutral person to vent to, providing coping mechanisms, education on mental health, referrals to available local resources, as well as tools to manage specific mental health concerns such as anxiety or depression. To access my services, student can book appointments with me directly through student services. Appointment will range from weekly, bi-weekly or monthly depending on the student's needs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me directly at [Carli.Fredrickson@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:Carli.Fredrickson@gppsd.ab.ca)

# Fringina Mukaga



My name is Fringina. This is my first year with GPPSD. As a Social Worker my focus is to support the Districts First Nations, Inuit and Metis students. I am currently available on Wednesday to students at the Composite Highschool.

I have a BA in Sociology and a Bachelor of Social Work. I have worked in various capacities as a Social Worker within Grande Prairie where I have lived for 20+ years. Most recently I have been working as a Counsellor at a private practice.

As someone who believes in the wisdom that it takes a village, I am excited to join the MDT team offering support services to the diverse population of students within the Public School District.

In my selfcare time I enjoy time with my family, both human and furry, listening to podcasts and audio books, yoga and meditation and re-discovering my passion for arts and crafts.



# Wondering how many credits you have?

## Q: WHY SIGN UP FOR MYPASS?

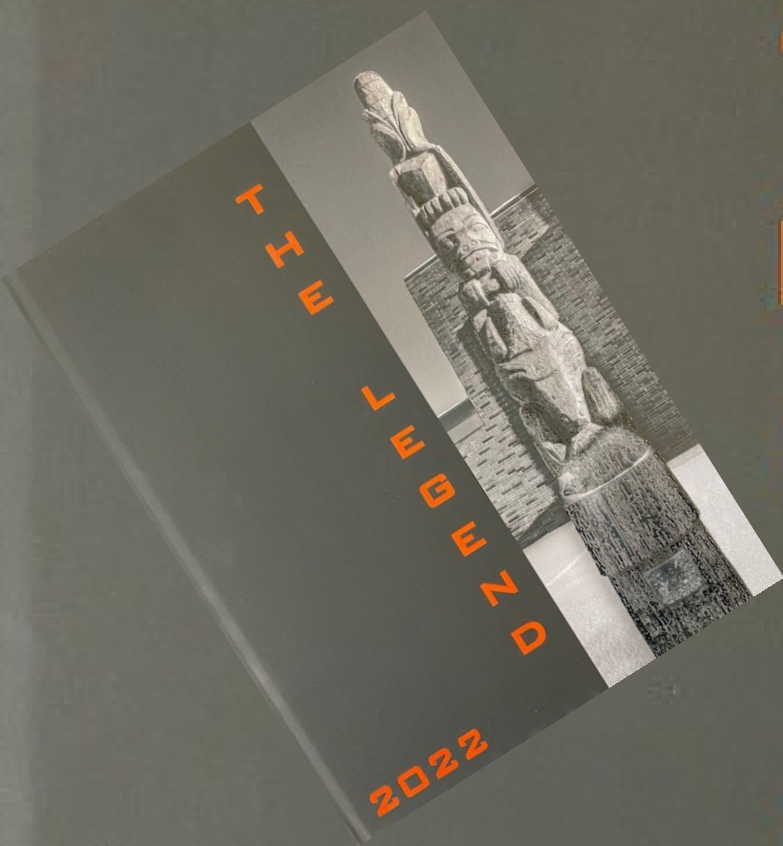
Courses and Marks	Document Orders	Student Profile	Student Connections
<b>View Credential</b> >> View diploma / certificate progress	<b>Order Transcript</b> >> Order an Alberta Transcript of High School Achievement	<b>Personal Information</b> >> Review and update personal and contact information	<b>Connect to a Student</b> >> Obtain access to the student information
<b>Detailed Academic Report</b> >> Download high school course and mark history	<b>Order Credential</b> >> Order a diploma / certificate reprint	<b>Verification Document</b> >> Generate letters for proof of name, school enrolment, age and who a student resides with	<b>Access to Student Information</b> >> Review who can or has accessed student information
<b>Diploma Exam</b> >> Add and manage exam registrations and late payment >> View results and request rescors	<b>Order History</b> >> View all orders >> Edit unspent orders	<b>Q: HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR MYPASS?</b> <b>Easy!</b> Visit Student Services to register your <b><i>personal</i></b> email address. You <b>do not</b> need to book an appointment, stop by during lunch or during the breaks.	
<b>PAT Results</b> >> View Provincial Achievement Test Results			

## 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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Thank you for your patience while we corrected our errors!

The Yearbooks for 2021-2022 have arrived!

Please pick up in the The Office

We have a few spare ones that are \$55 if you would like to purchase

# 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](#)



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