

Grand Forks Secondary School

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Summer 2026

Principal's Message

June is ending and I find myself reflecting on the many moments that have made this year at GFSS so memorable. Together, we have celebrated achievements, supported one another, and continued to build a school community grounded in compassion, belonging, and connection. This year, our students have excelled in academics, athletics, the arts, trades, leadership, and service. We have celebrated graduates embarking on new journeys, and seen our young people contribute to our school in both big and small ways. Whether through performances, volunteerism, creative projects, or everyday acts of kindness, our students have demonstrated what it means to be part of a caring and vibrant community.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and community partners. Your commitment to our students makes GFSS a place where young people can learn, grow, and thrive. Schools are built on relationships, and the strength of our school community is our greatest asset.

Summer also marks a time of transition. As Mr. Dowswell, newly appointed Principal of Perley, and myself prepare for new opportunities to serve in public education, we do so with immense gratitude for the privilege of serving the students, staff, and families of GFSS. It has been an honour to be part of this community, and we leave with wonderful memories and great confidence in the future of GFSS. We are excited to welcome Mr. Lockhart as the new Principal and Ms. Rezansoff as the new Vice Principal here. Their commitment to students will continue the important work of building a school where every learner feels valued and challenged to reach their full potential.

We are also pleased to welcome several new educators to our team next year, including Ms. Christoff, Ms. Devesa, Ms. Moores, Ms. Reich, Ms. Semenoff, and Ms. Wall. We know they will make valuable contributions to GFSS. At the same time, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms. Danyluk, Ms. Farahmand, and Ms. Kereiff as they leave our school for now. Their dedication and service have positively impacted countless students and colleagues.



~ Tom Eccleston, Principal



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Important Dates

- Jun 29, Jun 30, and Jul 2 (9am-3pm)
 - Pick-up Summary of Learning and fall timetable at the GFSS Office
- Aug 31 GFSS office reopens
- Sep 8, 8:17am Learning Launch: First day of school - Early dismissal at 11:30

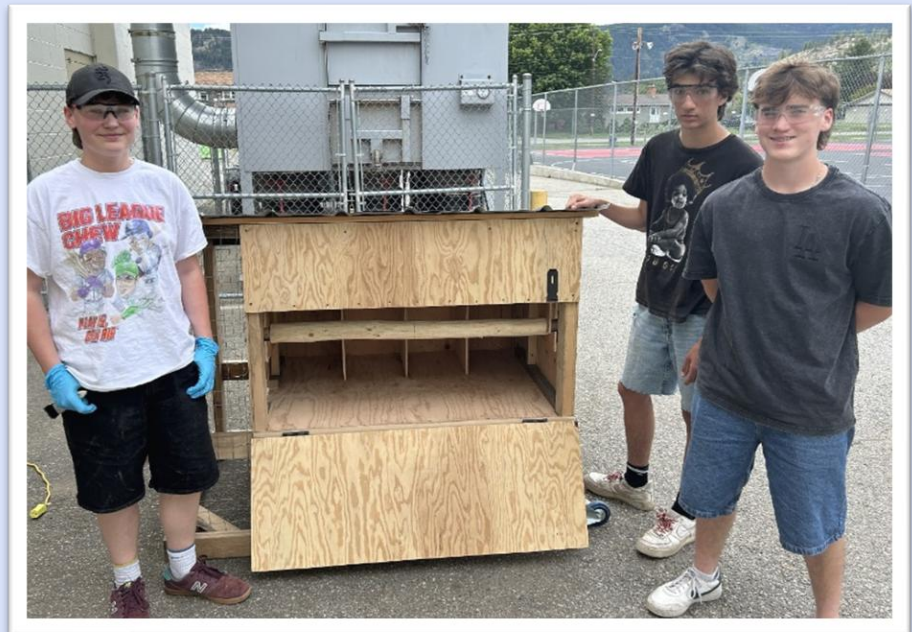
Summaries of Learning

Reports will not be available digitally. Students can pick up a printed copy of their report card at the school office only on Jun 29, 30 & Jul 2nd. (9am-3pm)

After that, we are closed for the summer and will reopen on Aug 31. Reports will be available at GFSS then.

Bus Students

If returning students will continue to ride the bus, please ensure to put your bus card in a secure spot over the Summer as you will be required to use the same card in September.



Also, a reminder that any updated bus routes for the 2026/27 school year will be posted on the district website. Please confirm your bus stop times before the start of school by visiting this website: [Transportation – School District 51 – Boundary](#)

Honouring Our Scholarship Donors and Students

At our recent Scholarship Evening, we had the privilege of celebrating both the accomplishments of our students and the generosity of the community members whose support helps make their future goals possible. Scholarships and bursaries are a meaningful expression of confidence in a young person's character, potential, and aspirations.

GFSS extends its sincere gratitude to our scholarship donors. Your ongoing commitment to education creates opportunities, removes barriers, and inspires students to pursue their dreams with confidence. The impact of your generosity will be felt for years to come.



A Day to Remember: Grad 2026

To our graduates and the parents and families who supported them: thank you for your unwavering encouragement and positive contributions in making the GFSS graduation ceremony and celebrations such a meaningful and memorable occasion. Your presence, partnership, and support helped create a once-in-a-lifetime experience that truly honoured the achievements, growth, and perseverance of our graduates.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to the many volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to organizing, supervising, and bringing these celebrations to life. Your efforts made all the difference.

We are grateful to have shared this journey with you and proud to celebrate this remarkable milestone together.

We would also like to thank the families and friends who joined us for this special celebration. Your encouragement, guidance, and unwavering support play an essential role in every student's success. We are grateful to celebrate these achievements alongside you.



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Celebrating Student Artists: Opening Doors to Creativity

One of the most exciting beautification projects at GFSS this year has been the transformation of our classroom doors into vibrant works of art. Through the creativity, talent, and dedication of our student artists, ordinary doors have become colourful expressions of identity, imagination, and school spirit. Each design adds personality and warmth to our



hallways, helping create a learning environment that feels welcoming, inspiring, and uniquely GFSS.

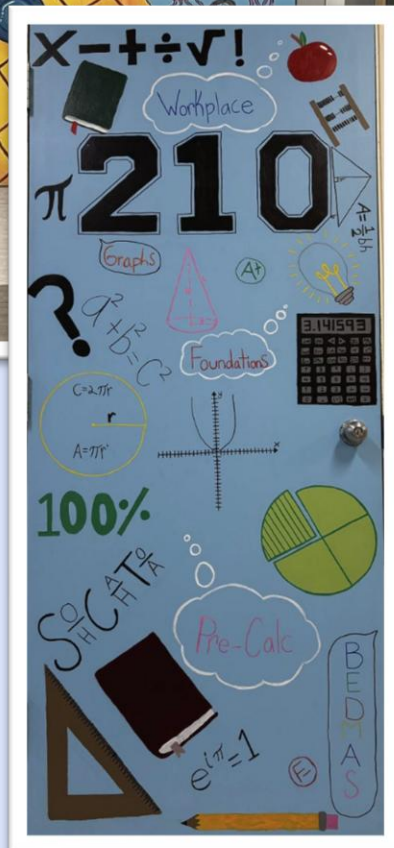
There are several new murals too. This arty represents student voice in action. By leaving their creative mark on the school, students are helping shape the spaces they learn in every day. Projects like these foster a sense of

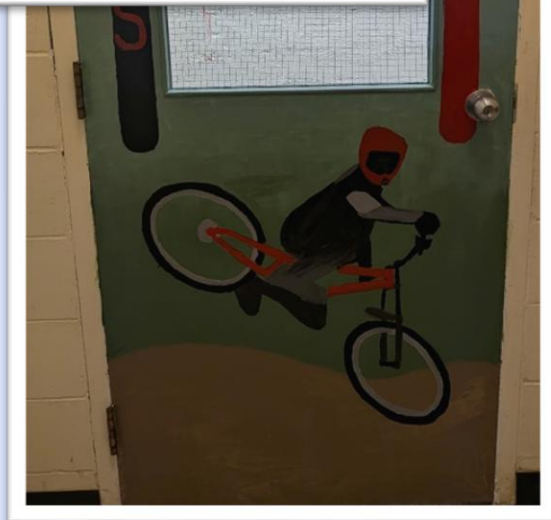


ownership, pride, and belonging while showcasing the incredible artistic talent that exists within our school community.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the students who contributed their time, creativity, and effort to this project. Your artwork has transformed our hallways, sparked conversations, and made our school a brighter place for everyone who walks through its doors.

We look forward to seeing how your creativity continues to enrich GFSS in the years ahead.





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Lupine Awards: Honouring Student Excellence and Character

Each year, the Lupine Awards recognize students who embody the values that help make GFSS such a special place to learn and grow. These awards honour students who demonstrate kindness, leadership, service, citizenship, and a commitment to personal and academic growth.



Nominated and selected by staff, this year's recipients have distinguished themselves through the positive impact they have on those around them. Through their actions, character, and dedication, they help build a stronger school community. Whether in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, or through quiet acts of support behind the scenes, these students lead by example and inspire others every day.

Congratulations to all our Lupine Award recipients. Your achievements, character, and contributions remind us that success is measured by both our accomplishments and how we uplift and serve those around us. Thank you for helping make GFSS a place where everyone can belong, contribute, and thrive.

Get Your GFSS Yearbook!

This year at GFSS has been filled with memorable experiences, outstanding achievements, and countless moments of joy and connection. Our 2025–2026 yearbook captures it all. From spirit days, athletics, and performances to the everyday moments that make our school community unique, it's a wonderful way to preserve the memories of an incredible year.

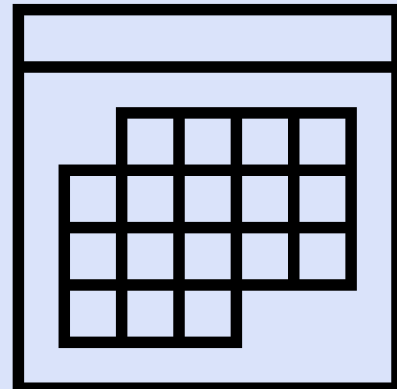
A special thank you to Ms. Doyle and Ms. Perkins and the members of the Yearbook Club for the dedication, creativity, and hard work they invested in creating such a beautiful collection of memories. Your efforts have given our students and families a keepsake they will treasure.

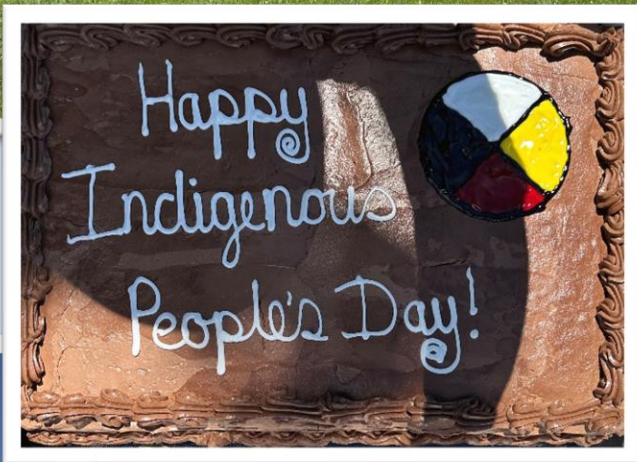
Yearbooks are available for purchase for \$40.00. Stop by the school office (9am-3pm) on June 29, 30, or July 2 to pick up your copy.

From the Counselling Suite...

Mrs. Webster will be doing new registrations and taking some appointments on Thursday, September 3rd. Appointments can be arranged through the office. Students who would like to make changes to their timetable are encouraged to fill out a course change form in the office and hand it in to the box in the office.

Course changes will be made in the order in which they are handed in. Students will have until September 10 to make changes to their first semester timetable.





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School Fees 2026-2027



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Our school has fees	Y	V	N	
	Amount \$			
SECONDARY				
Athletics: Curling (based on ice rental cost)				TBA
Athletics: Golf				150
Athletics: Grade 8, Volleyball, Basketball				150
Athletics: Jr Basketball, Volleyball Soccer, Ultimate				200
Athletics: Mountain Biking Team				200
Athletics: Sr Basketball, Volleyball Soccer, Ultimate				250
Athletics: Swimming (based on rental cost)				TBA
Athletics: Uniform Deposit				TBA
Clubs: E-sports				175
Elective: Art 9-12				15
Elective: Band 8-12				15
Elective: Foods 9-12				40
Elective: Outdoor Education				50
Elective: Woodwork (special project)				varies
Foods 8				15
Grad: Ceremony Fee				100
Locks (optional)				10
Student Council Fee				22
Yearbook (optional)				50
Financial Hardship Information:				
Participation will not be denied due to financial hardship. Any student unable to pay fees is invited to speak with the school principal. This is regularly communicated with families.				
Comments:				
Athletic fees do not cover the costs of tournament accommodations or travel expenses.				

Supplies List 2026-2027



GRAND FORKS SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2026 - 2027

All GFSS students in grade 8-12 are required to bring the following standard supplies on the first day of school:

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

Binders	Pencil Crayons	Lined Paper	Felt Markers
Eraser	Pens	Pencils	Graph paper
Black Sharpie	Pencil Case	Glue Sticks	Highlighter

COURSE SPECIFIC SUPPLIES:

PSYCHOLOGY

Notebook/Journal

SCIENCES & MATH

Scientific Calculator
Graph paper
Ruler

TEXTILES & ART

Project supplies purchased as necessary – fees apply

FOODS

Apron (Full or Half)
Hair Bands (to tie hair back)
Fees apply

AUTO MECHANICS, METAL WORK & WOODWORK

Safety Glasses (NOT Sunglasses)

BAND

Fees apply

DRAMA

Special Costumes may require fees.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Running Shoes	Shorts / Sweatpants	T-shirt (with full sleeves)
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