



# GIMLI HIGH SCHOOL

## EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A big welcome to new families whose children are attending Gimli High School for the first time and a welcome back to our returning families. This letter will share the necessary information for the first days back at Gimli High School connected to health and safety, structural changes, and the ever important teaching and learning as we venture into another year in which Covid-19 continues to be a serious public health concern. Our learning focus continues to be Numeracy, Literacy, Well-being, and Indigenous Education & Reconciliation. As well, there are additional pieces of information for the beginning of the year at the end of this letter pertaining to school events and protocols that are important to a smooth start up.

### ATTENDANCE and SCHEDULING:

- All students at Gimli High School are scheduled to attend full time for in-class learning.
- The daily bell schedule this year will be as follows:

	Grade 9/10	Grade 11/12
Warning Bell	8:50 a.m.	
Period 1	8:55 – 9:55 a.m.	
Class Transition	9:55 – 10:02 a.m.	
Period 2	10:02 – 11:02 a.m.	
Class Transition	11:02 – 11:09 a.m.	
Period 3 *	11:09 a.m. – 12:09 p.m.	11:09 a.m. – 12:14 p.m.
Lunch *	12:09 – 1:14 p.m.	12:14 – 1:14 p.m.
Warning Bell	1:09 p.m.	
Period 4	1:14 – 2:14 p.m.	
Transition Time	2:14 – 2:21 p.m.	
Period 5*	2:21 – 3:25 p.m.	2:21 – 3:20 p.m.

- Please note the staggered times prior to lunch hour and end of day dismissals.
- GHS will follow the ESD attendance procedure in order to encourage all students to attend daily. The attendance procedure link is: <http://www.esd.ca/Parents-and-Community/Documents/Administration%20Manual/1B%20->

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[%20School%20Administration%20-%20Students/1.B.40%20Attendance%20-%20January%202019.pdf](#)

**SCHOOL ENTRY:**

- All students must use hand sanitizer supplied by the school at a sanitization station upon entry to the school or classroom.
- As part of our plan to maximize physical distancing and prevent congestion at entrances, we will have all our school doors unlocked from 8:40am till 9:20am; after 9:20am only the front door will remain open to students who may be arriving later.
- Your child has been assigned an entry door and is to use that door for morning entry, exit and entry at lunch hour, and for exit at the end of the day:

<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>Middle of Bus Loop</b>
<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Main Doors</b>
<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>East Doors</b>
<b>Grade 12</b>	<b>Gym Doors</b>

- Once inside the school, students are to bring their belongings to their first period classes. Hallways are to be used for the purpose of getting from one classroom to another and are not for congregating.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

- Please self-screen and stay home when sick.
- Masks are required.
- Physical distancing is essential.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will focus on high-touch surfaces.

**FOOD/DRINK IN SCHOOL:**

- Students are encouraged to bring lunches from home but other options will also be available this year.
- The school cafeteria will be open later in September, as some unexpected floor repairs has delayed the start date. All safe food handling procedures will be used by cafeteria staff.
- It is important that there be no food or drink sharing among students.
- Our water fountains will be closed but our water refill stations will be open. Students are reminded to bring a refillable water bottle.

**STUDENT BELONGINGS:**

- Students need to wear masks at school. It is recommended that students come with two masks, one for the morning and one for after lunch. If students do not have a mask, one will be provided.



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- The best practice is for students to bring to school only those personal belongings that are essential.
- At this time, GHS will not be using lockers so students will carry their backpacks, supplies, lunches, and jackets with them to classes. We will re-visit the use of lockers once the weather gets colder.
- Belongings need to stay with the student and not be shared with others.
- Supplies in the classroom will have limited sharing and teachers/students will follow a sanitization process when equipment is shared.

### OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Picture Day for GHS students is Thursday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> so please mark it in your calendar. More information will go out earlier that week.
2. Your child will bring home a form summarizing their general information such as contact information, addresses, etc. If there is any edits to the document, please make those changes and have them return the document to the front office staff so they can update their file electronically.
3. An electronic copy of a Voluntary Student Accident Insurance form is also attached to this email for your reference if you choose to purchase.
4. We ask that if parents/guardians wish to visit the school, that they phone the school and make an appointment. You can communicate with teachers via Edsby or their school email addresses which follow the same pattern as mine connected to first and last names: leona.groot@esd.ca
5. GHS is always looking for new PAC (parent advisory council) members so please keep your eyes open for news coming soon about the way in which to join our group.
6. ESD procedures that parents/guardians will want to check out include:
  - Code of Conduct: <http://www.esd.ca/Parents-and-Community/Documents/Administration%20Manual/1A%20-%20School%20Administration%20-%20Foundations/1.A.30%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>
  - Bus Ridership: <http://www.esd.ca/Parents-and-Community/Documents/Administration%20Manual/1B%20-%20School%20Administration%20-%20Students/1.B.50%20Bus%20Ridership.pdf>
  - Cell Phone Use: <http://www.esd.ca/Parents-and-Community/Documents/Administration%20Manual/1A%20-%20School%20Administration%20-%20Foundations/1.A.101%20ICT%20Cell%20Phone%20Use.pdf>

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- School Fees – Cost to Parents & Guardians: <http://www.esd.ca/Parents-and-Community/Documents/Administration%20Manual/1B%20-%20School%20Administration%20-%20Students/1.B.170%20School%20Fees%20-%20Costs%20to%20Parents%20and%20Guardians.pdf>
- Health Education – Potentially Sensitive Content: (Note that the form included in this document will be sent home by your child’s Phys. Ed. Teacher when their health classes begin.) <http://www.esd.ca/Parents-and-Community/Documents/Administration%20Manual/3A%20-%20Programs%20and%20Services%20-%20Instruction%20and%20Learning/3.A.50.Health%20Education%20-%20Potentially%20Sensitive%20Content.pdf>

In the event that you still have questions, please feel free to call the school to ask, or drop me an email of inquiry. We are optimistic that students and staff will start to feel a sense of “normalcy” as the year progresses. On behalf of the school staff at GHS, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school and staying focused on your child’s educational journey.

Sincerely,

Leona Groot  
Principal  
Gimli High School