



# GPCS NEWS

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Welcome back! We are excited to have all of you back for this new school year. Teacher changes for this year include Mr. Ashworth in grade five and Mrs. Longson in grade two.

If you are new to the school please don't hesitate to stop by and meet the staff before or after school; we would love to get to know you better.

School supervision begins at 8:30 each morning at the north playground and school doors are opened for students at 8:40 when school begins.

Please do not bring students to school earlier than this unless you are *staying to supervise them*. Likewise, most school days end at 3:15 and supervision is provided on the north playground until 3:30, so please make sure you are prompt in picking up your children after school. Student drop off occurs at the north end of the school where there is parent parking provided. Please drive slowly and cautiously following the arrows in the parking lot as there are many small children walking there.

Please park in the stalls provided, not in the entry to the portables or along the fence by the playground.

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## Volleyball

Volleyball has now started for our junior high students. Games are on Thursdays starting in October. Coaches are Mr. Sutherland, Mrs. Arsenault and Mrs. Sterr for girls and Mr. Doerksen and Mr. Wilson for the boys. Girls' practices 3:30-5 Wednesdays, boys' practices 3:30-5 Tuesdays and games will be on Thursdays (starting on the 29th locations TBA).

## *Communication*

At GPCS we take our communication with parents very seriously and we want to ensure that information can reach you in a timely and clear manner. To facilitate this we primarily use email.

Newsletters are be sent through our website as a subscription service. Please go to:

[www.gppsd.ab.ca/school/gpchristian/](http://www.gppsd.ab.ca/school/gpchristian/) and put your email address in the box provided. If you signed up last year your email will not roll over and you need to do it again.

We also have a school Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Grande-Prairie-Christian-School>. Please like it for breaking news and upcoming events. If you have a question or comment please email, or better yet, phone or visit us in person, we don't respond to comments on Facebook.



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## *Instrumental Music Parents for Grades 5-9*

Below are the Instrument Rental Options for this School Year. Please select the option that will work best for your family.

There are 2 main ways to get an instrument:

1. Go to Long and McQuade (10013 97 Ave) and rent or purchase directly from their store. **780-532-8160**
2. Attend an Instrument Rental night at the Composite High School Music Department (11202-104 Street):

Wednesday, September 14 - 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, September 15 - 6:30-8:00pm

At rental night we will have The Bandstand from Edmonton in attendance with a large selection of rental and purchase instruments.

<http://www.bandstand.ca/home.htm> \*\*A credit card is required for rental with The Bandstand for security purposes. \*\*

Instruments available for rent from the Grande Prairie School District may also be requested at this time. These instruments for the most part are the larger and very expensive "color instruments," including Baritone, Tuba, Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn and String Bass. There are also some rental possibilities for instruments normally rented from The Bandstand or Long & McQuade on a per needs basis.

Please contact your child's music teacher if you have any questions.

Gr 5/6 Band - Keith Peters [keith.peters@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:keith.peters@gppsd.ab.ca)

Gr 5/6 Orchestra and JH Band - Heather Penner [heather.penner@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:heather.penner@gppsd.ab.ca)



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## Grande Prairie Society for Christian Education

As parents at GPCS you are all members of the G.P. Society for Christian Education. The Society Board is elected by you as members and oversees the Christian aspects of our school as well as the building and school fees. They meet monthly with the school Principal to review on-going issues in these areas. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact our Board ([info.gpcs.society@telus.net](mailto:info.gpcs.society@telus.net)) and they will share with you how you can go about doing that.

### **Board Members:**

President: Jason Forbes

Tyson Hickson

Vice President: Jon Fulcher

Lynne Driedger

Laura Casey

Dallas Wooden

Contact:

Email– [info.gpcs.society@telus.net](mailto:info.gpcs.society@telus.net)

Correspondence can be dropped off at school office.

Society Bookkeeper: Joy Hawkes

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*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, Col. 3:23*

# GPCS Staff 2016-17

## Support Staff



Mrs. Driedger (EA)



Mrs. Coulas  
(Administrative Assistant)



Mrs. Goertzen (Librarian)



Mrs. Hawkes (Society Bookkeeper)



Mrs. Winsour (EA)



Mrs., Sutherland (EA)

## Administration



Mr. Fehler (Principal)



Mr. Longson (Vice-Principal)

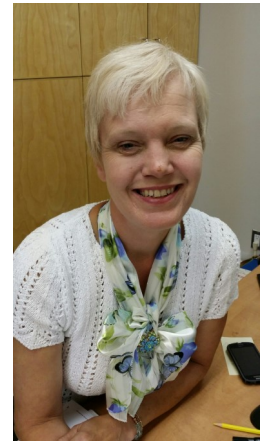
# Division One Teachers



Mrs. Clarke (Kindergarten)



Miss Davidson (Grade One)



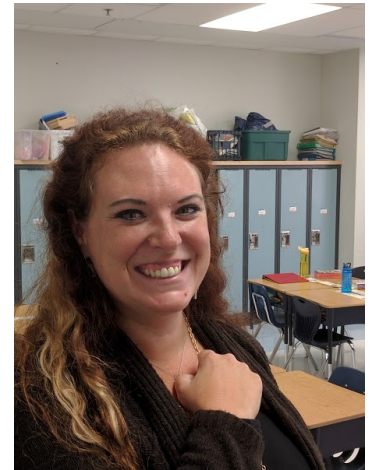
Mrs. Tokamp (Grade One)



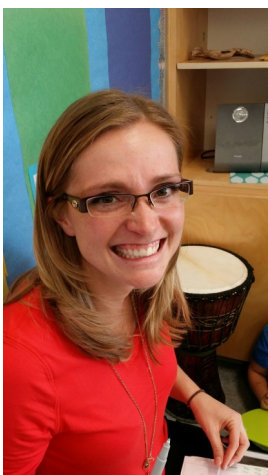
Mrs. Michalysen (Grade Two/Learning Support)



Mrs., Longson (Grade Two/Learning support)



Mrs. Arsenault (grade 3)



Mrs. Sterr (grade 3/4)



Mrs. Van Haga (Grade Two)



Mrs. Bessant (Grade Five)



Mr. Doerksen (Grade Six)



Mrs. MacKenzie  
(Grade 4/French)



Mrs. Ruxton  
(Early Literacy)



Mr. Wilson  
(Grade 4/PE)



Mr. Ashworth (Grade 5/ Active Ed.)



Mrs. Healing (Grade Nine)



Miss Amy (grade Seven)



Mr. Sutherland (Grade Eight)