



Greetings from The Principal

Dear School Families,

As we begin this new academic year, I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of teaching Christian character in our school. At our Christian school, we believe that education is not just about academic excellence but is even more importantly about encouraging spiritual growth.

Through our chapels this year, we will be focusing on the pillars of the faith, which include faith, obedience, humility, selfless love, forgiveness, self-discipline, gratitude, and worship. These pillars are essential to building a strong foundation of Christian character in our students and we will be teaching about them and encouraging them throughout the year.

By instilling these values in our students, we hope to prepare them to be the next generation of leaders who will make a positive impact on our world as followers of Christ. We believe that a Christ-centered education is not only beneficial for our students but also for our society as a whole.

I encourage you as parents to partner with us in this journey by reinforcing these values at home. Together, we can create a community of students who are committed to living out their faith in all aspects of their lives.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. Let us work together to help them grow in their faith and character.

Travis Fehler



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Principal



Chris Doerksen
Vice Principal

GPCS News



GPSC Staff for 2023-2023

Kindergarten	Mrs. Warnke
Grade 1	Mrs. Tokamp
Grade 1	Miss Marks
Grade 2	Mrs. VanHaga
Grade 2	Mrs. Anderson
Grade 3	Mrs. Arseneault
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Pence/Mrs. Ruxton
Grade 4	Mr. Wilson
Grade 5	Mr. Longson/Mrs. Larson
Grade 5/6	Mrs. Davidson
Grade 6	Mr. Thibault
Grade 7	Mrs. Coles
Grade 7	Mr. Chabot
Grade 8	Mr. Sutherland
Grade 8	Miss Throness
Grade 9	Mrs. Healing
French/PE	Mr. Brown
Band	Mrs. Penner
LST	Mrs. Longson

Registration Update Forms: There are located in your School Engage account. Please fill out the form and update any addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contact information etc. We need current signatures to comply with the registration requirements. Instructions should be with the email you have gotten. (Click link below for instructions).

<https://youtu.be/QBLfrQO9Zkk>

Option Fees: There is a fee for Foods of \$25 that can be paid through the Powerschool.

<https://www.gppsd.ab.ca/Public%20Documents/Parent%20Portal%20-%20Fee%20Payment.pdf>

Absents: If your child is absent/sick and won't attend school that day, a call/email to the teacher AND Mrs. Coulas would be much appreciated. If we do not hear from you, you will be called. This is for safety reasons.

Important Dates to Remember

October 16	3:30	Parent Council Mtg - Library
October 25	3:30	AGM - Chapel
October 27		No School
November 7		School Spirit Day – wear Blue and Gold or your GPCS gear
November 10		No School
November TBA		Term 1 Report Cards and PTI will be end of month



School Growth & Accounts

Our school continues to experience healthy growth. In considering this, we ask that families pay their Society Fees on time and keep their account current. Most of our classes are at capacity and waiting lists have already been started for next year. Keeping your account current is one of the steps in ensuring your child(ren) have a spot for the next school year.

Parking Lot

In an effort to alleviate the congestion and improve traffic flow, we would like to share some guidelines to follow when using the school parking lot:

1. Utilize Designated Parking Spots: Please park your vehicle in designated parking spots only. Parking in unauthorized areas can obstruct traffic and create unnecessary delays. We kindly request that you refrain from parking in bus lanes or in front of the dumpsters in the north parking lot.
2. Efficient Drop-Offs: When dropping off your child, please make it a priority to do so quickly and efficiently. Avoid remaining in the parking lot for an extended period after arriving unless you are staying to volunteer. This will help minimize traffic buildup and ensure that other parents can proceed with their drop-offs smoothly.
3. Avoid Left Turns During Busy Times: During peak arrival and dismissal hours, making left turns while leaving the north parking lot can impede the flow of traffic. Whenever possible, please plan your routes to avoid left turns during these busy times. This will help maintain a steady traffic flow and reduce congestion.
4. Do Not Stop in Through Lanes: It is essential that we keep the through lanes clear at all times. Stopping to let students out or pick them up in these lanes can cause a significant disruption to the traffic flow. Please utilize the designated parking spots to ensure the safety and convenience of all students and parents.
5. Please do not park in the in the parking lots of the businesses across the street from us.

By adhering to these guidelines, we can collectively address the parking lot congestion and ensure the safety and efficiency of our school environment. Your cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated in this matter.

GPCS News



Grande Prairie Christian School Hot Lunch Program!

Hello Parents!

We are excited to announce the arrival of the 2023/2024, hot lunch program! We have many repeat suppliers as well as some new ones! Instead of filling out a paper order form, parents will place their hot lunch orders online using **MunchaLunch.com!**

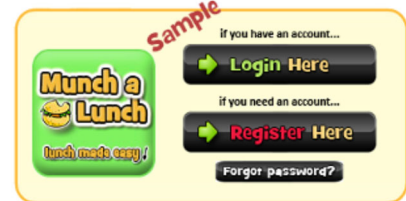
You can pay for your orders online by credit card (Visa/Mastercard) OR debit-credit card or pre-paid credit card.

Hot Lunch Days are **EVERY WEDNESDAY!** Do not miss out, order NOW!!!

Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/GPChristian>

NEW TO MUNCHALUNCH?

1. Click the “**Register Here**” button (as shown below). The system will guide you through
2. After adding your children, click the green “**Order Lunch!**” button to order
3. Next time, just click the “**Login Here**” button to access your account.



RETURNING PARENT/EXISTING ACCOUNT?

1. Click “**Login Here**” button.
2. Update your child’s grade/teacher **BEFORE** ordering (you will only need to do this once upon first login).
3. Click the green “**Order Lunch!**” Button to order.

ORDERING DETAILS:

- Online ordering will be OPEN starting September 13th, 2023. The first hot lunch day will be September 27th.
- Order/payment deadlines are 7 days before each hot lunch day.
- The dates available now is our fall menu, starting from September up until December. After the new year we will introduce our spring menu, which will take us to the end of the school season.
- **If possible, we encourage you to order and pay for multiple hot lunch days at the same time, to minimize the credit card processing fee charged to the program.**
- **Please make the order when you can proceed with payment immediately after, as orders without payment will be cancelled and the child will not make it onto the reports we deliver to the vendors.**
- If you need assistance with ordering, please contact:
Joanna Adewunmi (adewunmix5@outlook.com) Or,
Maria Ochoa (mariaeguez20@gmail.com)

Please note if your child is absent/ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch by 11:45 am. Otherwise, please consider it a donation for a child who does not have lunch. Consistent with the previous year, there are **NO REFUNDS**

We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program!