



## Greetings from The Principal

Dear Parents,

As we approach Christmas, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest greetings. It is with great joy and gratitude that I write this Christmas newsletter message to our beloved Grande Prairie Christian community.

First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your support and dedication throughout this year. Together, we have worked towards a nurturing environment that fosters academic excellence, and spiritual development. Your commitment to our shared values has truly made a positive impact on the lives of our students.

Christmas holds a special place in our hearts as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and the love and hope He brings to the world. At GPCS, we believe in nurturing the spiritual growth of our students and instilling in them the true meaning of Christmas. This festive season provides us with a unique opportunity to reflect upon the values of compassion, kindness, and generosity that lie at the core of our Christian faith.

Our teachers have organized a heartwarming Christmas concert on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Alliance Church where our talented students will showcase their musical talents and spread the joy of the season.

As we embark on this festive season, let us remember to cherish the precious moments spent with loved ones and to extend a helping hand to those who may be experiencing hardship. May the warmth and joy of Christmas fill your homes and hearts with love, peace, and happiness.

On behalf of the entire staff at GPCS, I wish you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and spiritual growth of your children. Together, let us continue to nurture their minds, hearts, and souls as they embark on their journey of faith and knowledge.



Travis Fehler  
Principal



Chris Doerksen  
Vice Principal

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## 2024-2025 School Year! What!

When we return after Christmas Break; the GPPSD starts to gear up for the 2024-2025 school year. This means we will be starting our **Are You Returning** forms in February. With the growth of our school and new families inquires, we **strongly encourage** that you have your fees at 80% paid if you are not on a pre-authorized basis. Not having your fees current could place your child on a waitlist.

Statements from the Society are sent at the beginning of each month to those families who have outstanding fees. You will not receive one if you are on the pre-authorized payments or have paid in full.

There will be no exceptions to this policy- if you wish to register, you must be 80% paid or be on a pre-authorized payment plan. Please ensure you have paid 80% of your fees for the year or are on pre-authorized payments or you will not be able to register your children for next year and could put on a wait list for class placements.

Please call the office if you have any questions.

## Current 2023-2024

**Registration Update Forms:** We are still waiting for families to do their Registration Update Form and we do need updated signatures each year.

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.

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

**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.

**Footwear:** We encourage parents, students, teachers and all visitors to kindly take off any wet/muddy shoes at the doors. Many students walk around in sock feet to classrooms and do not like to walk through those wet/muddy shoe/boot prints. We would like to have our school looking its best as well. We would like Jr High Students to have indoor shoes for gym class as well.

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## Important Dates to Remember

December 11	Christmas Concert – GP Alliance Church 6:30 pm
December 15	No School
December 21	Christmas Dinner
December 23	Beginning of Christmas Break
January 8	First Day back after Christmas Break
February 2	No School

The hot lunch program is volunteer run by parents, Joanna and Maria, they have done a great job in organizing the program. Please take the time to read through the instructions on how to order the hot lunch. The ladies who run the hot lunch are doing a fantastic job and we appreciate their hard work.

## 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.



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## 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:

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- 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](mailto:adewunmix5@outlook.com)) Or, Maria Ochoa ([mariaeguez20@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**Have a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2024.**