

GEORGES P. VANIER JR. HIGH SCHOOL

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We would like to take the opportunity to welcome you to our information session for the 2020-2021 school year. We are excited to meet a new group of grade sevens, and look forward to supporting them in their academic achievements. In order to better support registration for grade 7 this month, we would like to share some information to help you and your child choose their program for September.

Electives: Students take a total of 2.5 hours a week of electives in grade seven. One and a half hour of either band or art and one hour rotation of Family Studies (Textiles and Design) and Technology Education (Computers and Production). Grade 7 students will have Technology Education for the first half of the year (September-February) and then Family Studies from (February – June).

Band: Students will attend 1.5 hours of Band class each week. This year we have 50 students in grade 7 band. Band is a full year commitment. Students must have completed the grade 6 band program to participate and should have their own band instrument. There are no lunch hour or before/after school practices, however we do have a Jazz band, after school 1 day, for those students who are looking for an extra challenge. Class lists and scheduling are greatly impacted by this decision. Please discuss this with your child, as we are unable to make schedule changes.



Non-Band: Students who choose not to take band in grade 7 attend a 1.5 hour Art class each week.

French Immersion: Students in the Early French Immersion program have the option to continue in the Early program for grade 7. Students in the English program in grade six have the option to enroll in the English program for grade 7, or the Late French Immersion program. Information about the Late French Immersion program is available on our school website at www.gpv.hrce.ca. The decision to enroll in French Immersion is an important one, and is a one-year commitment. For additional information please visit Canadian Parents for French website at cpf.ca

Transition: We meet with all of the elementary feeder schools and discuss every students program, needs, challenges and strengths before class lists are done. If your child is receiving resource support or is on a modified program it will continue. We understand that students want to be in class with their friend but this is not always possible. At the Junior High level class lists are based on program choices, transition meetings and program support. Our goal is to meet the needs of all students both academically, physically and emotionally. Students will have an opportunity in May to visit Georges P. Vanier and have a tour with our student council.

Course Requirements: The chart below outlines the courses your child will be enrolled in for grade 7.

There are 4 options for you to select from. Please choose 1.

Option 1: English Program and Band

Option 2: English Program and Visual Arts

Option 3: Late or Early Immersion Program and Band

Option 4: Late or Early Immersion Program and Visual Arts



English Program	Late Immersion Program Early Immersion Program	Time Frame	Hours Per Week
Core French	English Language Arts	Full Year	2 ½
English Language Arts	French Language Arts	Full Year	5
Mathematics	Mathematiques	Full Year	5
Science	Sciences	Full Year	2 ½
Social Studies	Sciences Humaines	Full Year	2 ½
Healthy Living	Mode De Vie Sain	Full Year	2 ½
Band or Visual Art (1.5 Hours)	Band or Visual Art (1.5 Hours)	One or the other	1 ½
Technology Education (1 Hour)	Technology Education (1 Hour)	1/2 of the year	1
Family Studies (Sewing) (1 Hour)	Family Studies (Sewing) (1 Hour)	1/2 of the year	1
Physical Education	Physical Education	Full Year	2 ½

School Hours: Students will be admitted to the school at 8:35 am. Please do not drop your child off early as there is no supervision prior to 8:35. All classes are 1 hour. There are 5 hours of instructional time each day. Bell schedule is on line. First class starts at 8:55am and last class ends at 2:50pm. Georges P. Vanier runs on a 10 day cycle.



SAFE ARRIVAL: Should your child be absent from school please call 860-4197 and leave a message. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date in case we need to contact you.



Cell Phones / Electronic Devices: Please remind your child that cell phones may only be used during lunch in the cafeteria and outside and upon teacher request. We are not responsible for lost or damaged phones. Parents / guardians are to contact the office should they need a message relayed to their child. Taking photos or videos of other students is not allowed. Students in junior high do not require a cell phone at school.

Lunch time 12:00 – 12:40: Grade 7's 12:00 – 12:18 choice of in the gym, computer lab, library or outside. 12:23-12:40 in the cafeteria or can remain outside.

Library: Open at noon 5 days a week.

Newsletters: Posted on line. If you require a hard copy please notify the office.

Guidance and Program Planning Team: Support systems in areas such as psychology and speech language are available through a referral process. Students also have access to our guidance counselor, student intervention teacher, community social workers, a Teen Health Nurse who works out of Lockview High and our community R.C.M.P liaison officer. We are also a Schools Plus site with access to a Mental Health clinician and community support.

Leaving School Early: Please come into the office to sign out your child. Permission over the phone will not be accepted.

Cafeteria: Zipthru : Chartwells has introduced a convenient way to purchase food at the school cafeteria with the Zipthru dine with us Reloadable Card! Just like any gift card, a balance is loaded on a card and decreases as purchases are made. The online function of this program provides convenience for parents to purchase, reload and monitor spending as well as set up an account to protect the remaining funds. Visit www.zipthru-card.ca to purchase an e-Certificate by email today. Present the printed e-certificate to the cafeteria and receive a Zipthru card with the designated balance! Additional Information on Zipthru card payment can be found at www.zipthru-card.ca Open daily at lunch. Two Shifts: Grade 8 & Grade 7. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds at lunch.

No Idling Zone: Please make sure that your vehicle is turned off while waiting to pick up your child as fumes enter the school and disrupt students and staff. This is also a health and safety issue. I thank you in advance for your co-operation.



School Clothing: Georges P. Vanier school clothing is now available to order at any time! You can choose your color, design and clothing type and have it sent directly to your home. Please visit our website at gpv.hrsb.ca and click on Our School to link to the online clothing store or follow the following link <http://gpvanier.entripyshops.com/> . Show your school spirit and wear GPV spirit wear!

Communication: As a school community we work closely with parents and guardians to ensure student success. We communicate student learning through curriculum nights, Vipers e-genda ,school and classroom newsletters, school websites, calendars, Power School Parent Portal, Grade Book, student homework, phone calls, meetings, conferences, report cards and School Messenger.



School Supplies: Posted on our web-site in June. Please pick up extra pens, loose-leaf and pencils while they are on sale as students tend to run out by March. Extra items should remain at home until your child needs them.

Physical Education: Appropriate footwear and clothing such as shorts, sweat pants and top or track suit is required. Sports/Extra-Curricular offered this year include: Soccer, Cross country, Volleyball, Flag Football, Basketball, Badminton, Track and Field, Ski Race Team, and Ski/Snowboard Club. Intramurals are offered every lunch hour. Contact Mr. Hanlon if you are interested in coaching or offering to run a club. Coaches/Volunteers must have a Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Registry.

The move to junior high is a big step in your child's educational journey. If you have any questions, please contact us by e-mail or phone.