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Gretna School Mission Statement

We, the parents/guardians, students and staff of Gretna School work together to create a positive and safe environment which fosters academic, social and extracurricular achievement.

Welcome Back Everyone

We are underway and off to a great start at Gretna. It was wonderful to see all the returning students along with new students to our school. We are looking forward to a great year and want to remind families that you are always welcome in our building. Do not hesitate to call or stop by if you have any questions. Our doors are open and we want our school to be a friendly and safe environment for our students and families. Go Grizzlies!

Dates to Remember:

- Sept 2 - No School - Labour Day
- Sept 3 - No School - Admin Day
- Sept 4 - First Day of Classes
- Sept 20 - No School - P.D. Day
- Sept 26 - Meet the Teacher BBQ
- Sept 27 - Terry Fox Run
- Oct 10 - Picture Day

Junior High Soccer Schedule:

- Sept 12 - Parkside @ Gretna
- Sept 17 - Prairie Dale @ Gretna
- Sept 19 - Gretna @ Emerado
- Sept 24 - Gretna @ Pine Ridge
- Sept 26 - Border Valley @ Gretna
- Oct 1 - Gretna @ WES
- Oct 3 - Make up game if needed
- Oct 8 - Pre playoff game if needed
- Oct 10 - Final Tournament in Winkler



School Day

Our school day begins at 8:30am. **If students arrive before 8:30am they will be asked to wait in the lobby until the 8:30 bell.** If they choose to play on the playground before 8:30 am, please note that staff are not on duty outside until 8:30 am. Our school day ends at 3:30pm. The bus students are dismissed at that time, and when the buses have left, the town students are dismissed.

Forms

Your child will be bringing home forms for you to look over and sign, giving them permission to take part in various school activities. Please return them to the school by September 9th. **There will also be a Demographic Verification Form that will need to be reviewed. Your signature is required at the very bottom of the page.** Please make any corrections to your information right on the page. This will help us to keep information up to date.

Breakfast Club

Beginning next week, Gretna School will be offering a breakfast program every morning before school starts. Students who feel hungry often find it challenging to be focused on their learning, so the Breakfast Club is open to any students who feel they need something to eat before school begins. Students simply drop by and choose from a variety of nutritious breakfast options. The first day of Breakfast Club is Monday, September 9. If you have surplus garden produce, such as cucumbers, carrots, zucchini, apples, or melons that you would like to donate, please feel free to drop them off in the office. Donations of eggs, cheese, and yogurt are also very much appreciated.

We are looking for some volunteers to do some baking for the Breakfast Club. If you have some spare time and would be willing to come to school to bake, please contact Mrs. Marlo Hildebrand at hildebrandm@blsd.ca or call the school.

If you have any questions or would like to support our school's breakfast program in some way, please feel free to contact Mrs. Marlo Hildebrand.

Meet the Teacher BBQ - GPAC

This year's BBQ will be held on
Thursday, September 26.



Important Reminder for Parents

Please note that in instances when your child is going home with a friend, either walking or taking bus (including being on the same bus but getting off at a different stop), it is very important to send a note along with your child giving your permission. **Your child will not be able to ride the bus without one.**

In instances where your child will not be in school, please remember to call the school at 204-327-5344 to let us know.

We also ask that when dropping off or picking up your child at school, to not park in the emergency lane directly in front of the school. Please use the North or South ends of the school for parking. Montcalm Avenue may also be used. The fire lane needs to be clear of all vehicles at all times.

Thank you for your help!

Reporting In

Our school is a busy place with many people coming and going. We are asking for your help in knowing who is in our building at all times. So when coming to our school, we ask that all visitors report in to the office. If you are dropping off any items/lunches for your child, please bring those items to the office as well. We will make sure your child gets their delivery. In this way we can help in keeping classroom disruptions to a minimum.

Thanks for your help!

2019-2020 Staffing

Kindergarten - Cheryl Falk

Grade 1 - Victoria Braun (am)

- Sandra Carr (pm)

Grade 2 - Megan Regier

Grade 3 - Gavin Fauschou

Grade 4 - Kelly Lone

Grade 5 - Marlo Hildebrand

Grade 6 - Sharon Goertzen

Grade 7 - Rachel Friesen (ELA)

- Michal Nogaj (Math & Social Studies)

- Sharon Goertzen (Science)

Grade 8 - Jeff Norris

Phys Ed - Michal Nogaj

Music - Nancy Ratzlaff

Jr High Band - Derek Klassen

French - Grade 4 - Kelly Lone

- Grade 5 to 8 - Rachel Friesen

Resource - Stephanie DeGroot

Reading Recovery - Victoria Braun

Guidance - Sandra Carr

Principal - Jason Pilkington

Administrative Assistant - Vicki Schwartz

Librarian - Sharon Schroeder

Educational Assistant's

- Tara Penner

- Brittany Klassen

- Sheila Hildebrand

- Shirley Watt

- Lydia Dyck

- May Kim

Custodians - Kyle Dyck

- Cathy Froese

- Linda Johnson

Religious Exercises

Religious Exercises will begin on Monday
September 9th.

A Few More Things...

SHOES: Please remember to send your child to school with indoor and outdoor shoes.

LABEL: Please label your child's items/clothing/footwear so that it can be returned more easily if misplaced.

LUNCHTIME: If your child stays for lunch, please remember to pack the necessary cutlery that they will need.

MEDICATION: Please be sure to alert your child's teacher or the office if your child will be needing to take medication of any sort during the school day. This includes prescription and non-prescription medication like Advil or Tylenol. Any medication that your child takes, needs to be kept safe in the office and the appropriate forms need to be signed. Medication should be brought to school in the original container.

Volunteering in the school

All Border Land schools require their volunteers to complete a child abuse registry check (CAR) and criminal record check (CR). This is a way for our schools to ensure a safe environment for your children. Checks are required for any adult who volunteers in our school. This includes activities such as being a classroom helper, field trip chaperone, or being a member of the school's Parent Advisory Council.

Checks are valid for two calendar years, but beginning January 1, 2020, checks will be valid for three calendar years. If you are unsure if your checks are up to date, please call the school office to inquire.

On September 10, 11 & 12th, the Pembina Valley Area RCMP will be conducting criminal record checks for RM of Rhineland residents at the Altona RM Office, located at 109 - 3rd Ave NE, from 10:00am until 4:00pm. Please stop by the school or Division Office to pick up a volunteer package before going to the RM Office. You will need the volunteer package and two pieces of ID with you.

If you cannot make it during this time, checks can be done at the Morden or Carman RCMP office. We encourage you to call ahead to make sure that they will have someone in the office to process your paperwork.

Criminal record checks are free for volunteer positions, otherwise it is a cost of \$10.00.



Gretna Elementary School Facebook Page

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<https://www.facebook.com/gretnaelementaryschool/>

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