



**GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SECONDARY**  
*HOME OF THE GRIZZLIES • "WHERE EVERYONE IS SOMEONE"*

# *December 2024 Newsletter*

## ***Principal's Message***

**Dear Grandview Heights Families;**

With the winter break just around the corner, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and activities of the past few months. It's been a whirlwind of excitement, growth and community spirit here at Grandview Heights Secondary School.

## **Recent Highlights**

- ◆ We had our 4th annual Senior Winter Formal dance at the Mirage Banquet Hall. Thank you to all the students for their respectful behavior. A big thank you to our grad committee staff and students who organized a very successful Sr. Winter Formal.
- ◆ We also had our annual Polar Pop-up this past week that brought in many of our elementary school families and parents. Thank you to Ms. Roberts and Ms. Mears for all their work in putting this wonderful event together. All profits from the Polar Pop-Up go to the Surrey Food Bank.
- ◆ Our grade 8 - 9 social media presentation from 'Safer Schools Together' was very well received by all our students and staff. We continue to learn how to use social media platforms in a safe and responsible way. Our presenters who have worked in dozens of schools said our 700+ grade 8 & 9 students were the most respectful and well-behaved audience they have encountered. We are very proud of our Jr Grizzlies!
- ◆ Our Grizzly athletics have had an outstanding fall season! Our senior boys' soccer team reached the finals, showcasing skill and determination, while the volleyball teams delivered strong performances in regional tournaments. Our Aquatic teams were also very successful with the girls team winning a South Fraser Banner and the grade 8 boys winning a Surrey banner. Winter sports are now underway, including basketball, hockey and wrestling. Let's keep cheering them on!
- ◆ As we approach the Holiday season we would like to give thanks to our generous community for supporting local food banks, Royal Canadian Legion and helping to create care packages for families in need. Your contributions make a real difference and exemplified the giving spirit of our Grizzlies family.

*Topics covered in this newsletter include:*

- **Careers Program Update**
- **Music Program Highlights**
- **Visual Arts Expo**
- **Scholarship Information**
- **School Athletics Report**
- **School Communications**

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### Important Updates and Reminders

- **Winter Break Dates:** The school will be closed from **December 21st to January 5th**, with classes resuming on **Monday, January 6th**.
- **Report Cards:** Term 1 report cards were distributed last week. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher directly.
- **Parent-Teacher Open House:** Thank you to all parents and guardians who attended our open house & conferences in November. Your involvement is crucial to student success.

### Looking Ahead

**Course Selection for 2025-26:** Starting in January, students will begin the course selection process for next year. More information will be provided in early January and we encourage families to discuss goals and aspirations with their children.

As we head into the last three weeks of school before the break, I want to express my heart-felt gratitude for the incredible partnership we share with our families. Your support, engagement and encouragement make Grandview Heights such a special place to learn and grow.

I wish all our students, staff and families a safe and restful holiday season. Let's come back in January ready to make 2025 a fantastic year for the Grizzlies!

Warm Regards,



Principal, Grandview Heights Secondary  
Darren Bedard



### Are You Moving?

Are you changing schools and not returning to Grandview Heights Secondary?

Please notify the office so we can update our records and ensure that your student file is forwarded to your new school.

	<b>DECEMBER 2024</b>
9	GRAD Group Photos Event
17	Winter Music Concert 6:30pm
20	Holiday Activities @ Lunch
21-J.5	Winter Break Begins
	<b>JANUARY 2025</b>
6	School Re-Opens
15	Grade 9 Immunizations #1
20-24	Numeracy & Literacy Assess.
23	PAC Meeting Online @ 7PM
27-28	Semester Completion Days
29	Semester 2 Begins
	<b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>
6	Report Cards Issued Online
13	PAC Meeting Online @ 7PM
17	Family Day (Closed)
21	Non-Instructional Day
24	Shortened Day Schedule
	<b>MARCH 2025</b>
6	Grade 9 Immunizations #2
7	Jazz & Java Concert @ 7PM
7	GRAH 24/25 Newsletter #3
12	Gr.12 GRAD Info. Assembly
13	Shortened Day Schedule
15-30	Spring Break
31	School Re-Opens
	<b>APRIL 2025</b>
9	Spring Music Concert
15	Grade 12 Parents Meeting
16	Shortened Day Schedule
17	PAC Meeting Online @ 7PM
18	Good Friday (Closed)
21	Easter Monday (Closed)
24	Report Cards Issued Online
28	Shortened Day Schedule
	<b>MAY 2025</b>
2	Non-Instructional Day
19	Victoria Day (Closed)
26	Non-Instructional Day
27	Shortened Day Schedule
29	GRAD Commencement 6:30pm at Chandos Pattison
	<b>JUNE 2025</b>
3	Athletics Award Night 6:30pm
6	GRAH 24/25 Newsletter #4
9-13	Numeracy & Literacy Assess.
12	Year End Music Concert 6:30p
19	Locker Clean-Up Day
20	Last Day of Classes -> Summer
23-26	Semester Completion Days
26	GRAD Dinner/Dance/Dry Gr.
27	Administrative Day
27	Report Cards Issued Online
27	Schools Close for the Summer

# CAREER CENTRE

## Work Experience

Thank you to the following employers who gave our semester one Biochemistry Co-op class and CLC12/WEX Co-op class incredible opportunities for their Work Experience, your support and participation in our Career Education Programs is greatly appreciated.

- ◆ 49th Parallel Pharmacy
- ◆ BC Transplant
- ◆ Clover Hills Rehabilitation Inc.
- ◆ Covenant House Vancouver
- ◆ Creo Art Studio
- ◆ Critter Care Wildlife Society
- ◆ Dermapure
- ◆ Eyestyle Eyecare
- ◆ Family Care Pharmacy - White Rock
- ◆ Fitness World
- ◆ Herr Law Group
- ◆ Kids & Company
- ◆ Kinect Physiotherapy
- ◆ Latecoere Aerostructures Canada (Avcorp Industries)
- ◆ London Drugs - Morgan Crossing
- ◆ Morgan Creek Law
- ◆ Morgan Creek Optometry
- ◆ Morin Law Corporation
- ◆ Neuromotion Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation
- ◆ Owl Rehabilitation Society
- ◆ Oxford Learning
- ◆ Pacific Heights Elementary (SD36)
- ◆ Pain Free Health Inc.
- ◆ Peace Arch Veterinary Hospital
- ◆ Performance Integrated Health
- ◆ Platinum Care Pharmacy
- ◆ Pulse Physiotherapy & Sport Clinic
- ◆ RONA - South Surrey
- ◆ Rosemary Heights Seniors Village
- ◆ Science World
- ◆ Shoppers Drug Mart - Clover Square Village
- ◆ Shoppers Drug Mart - Morgan Crossing
- ◆ Shoppers Drug Mart - Semiahmoo Mall
- ◆ SOMA MD Advanced Medical Aesthetics
- ◆ South Surrey Recreation Centre
- ◆ South Surrey Smiles
- ◆ Washington Kids Foundation
- ◆ White Rock Orthodontic Centre
- ◆ White Spot - Morgan Crossing
- ◆ Winners - Morgan Crossing
- ◆ YMCA - Tong Louie Family



## District Partnership Programs

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year will open in January 2025. These programs are available to our Grade 10 & Grade 11 students. For further information about all the incredible District Partnership Programs available to students, please view our PDF/ PowerPoint on our school's website. Students who are interested in earning post-secondary credit while still in high school should review the Dual Credit programs and those students interested in pursuing a trade need to review the District TRADE programs. Deadlines are mid- March 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year. Please see Ms. Egitto by mid January 2025 to start the application process.

*Click the image to view a list of programs*

### *District Partnership Programs*

Surrey Schools offers District Partnership Programs & Courses in collaboration with local post-secondary & training providers.

**Applications available in January 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year!**

Visit the Career Centre to pick up a brochure and learn more!

**Automotive Service Technician**

**Baking & Pastry Arts**

**Carpentry**

**Collision and Refinishing Common Core**

**Construction Craft Worker**

**Culinary Arts**

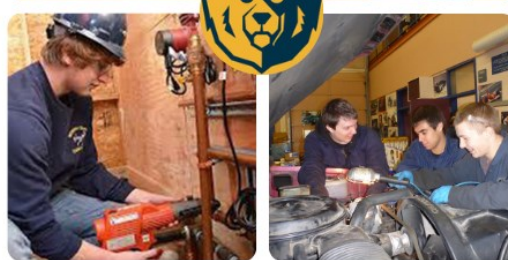
**Drafting/CADD**

**Early Childhood Education**

**Electrical**

**Explorations in Aviation Careers**

### *Partnership Programs*



**Hairstylist**

**Heavy Mechanical Trades Foundation**

**Horticulture**

**Metal Fabrication**

**Millwright**

**Nursing Prep**

**Painter**

**Piping**

**Tah-tul-ut Indigenous Education Pathway**

**Welding**

**Youth Work in Trades**

### *Dual Credit Courses*

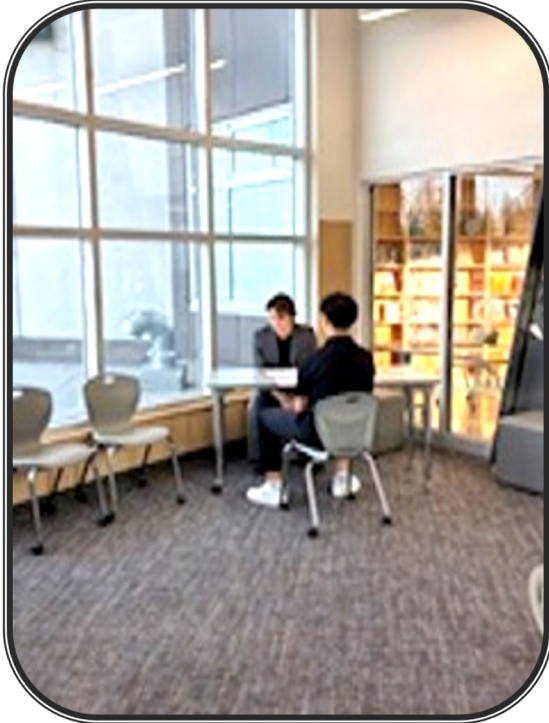
**Earn High School & Post-Secondary Credits**

**Community and Public Safety, Graphic Design, Intro to Health Science, Intro to Legal Office Procedures, Intro to Practice for Child and Youth Care Counsellors**

<https://media.surreyschools.ca/media/Default/fgg/8515/2024-2025%20District%20Wide%20Career%20Education%20Programs-Courses.pdf>

## CLE10 Classes / Mock Interviews

On Thursday, November 28, 2024, our Career Life Education 10 classes had their Mock Interviews in the Learning Commons. The event is always a huge success allowing students to develop their interview skills.



## Scholarships

**Stay up to date on the latest, visit our Scholarship Website and view posts on the Microsoft TEAMS Scholarship Team.**

Surrey Schools Partners 36 scholarships are LIVE in February, 2025. Completed Application must be printed out and are due to **Ms. Egitto** in the Career Centre by early April. DO NOT SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO DISTRICT!

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/11480/post-secondary-scholarships#:~:text=Applications%20for%20the%20Partners%2036,February%2015st%20and%20April%2015th.>

Grandview Heights **Internal Scholarship applications** will be available early March with a due date in early April 2025. Access to application will be available on @GrandviewHeightsCareersDept.

## PERFORMING ARTS

The GHS Music Program has had an active and successful fall! In late October, we held our annual Fall Music Concert, where our four concert bands performed. We were excited to have the debut performance of our new school concert choir perform there too! One week later, our four jazz bands performed in our Fall Jazz Night. Thank you to the friends and family members who came out to attend these concerts!

In November, our Senior Concert Band and Concert Choir performed in our Remembrance Day Assemblies. Later in November, our Grade 9, Grade 10 and Senior Concert Bands performed at the Surrey Concert Band Revue, where they had a chance to hear other school bands perform and to receive feedback from an esteemed adjudicator. Both our Grade 10 and Senior Concert Bands received invitations to perform at the national level of Music Fest Canada; congratulations to them!

Coming up on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, our Senior Jazz Band will be performing as the opening band for The Vancouver Groove Orchestra, a well-known adult jazz band, at their annual Big Band Christmas Concert. We hope many members of our Grandview Heights community will attend this terrific evening of holiday music! Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased online at [vancouvergroove.com](http://vancouvergroove.com).



Our annual Winter Music Concert will be taking place on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the GH large gym. Admission is by donation and tickets will be available at the door. This event will feature our four concert bands, four jazz bands, and our concert choir. Students have been working hard to prepare their music, and we are looking forward to sharing it with friends and family members! We hope to see you there!



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or on Facebook at  
**Grandview Heights Music!**



# ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all the Volleyball teams, Soccer teams, Cross Country and Aquatics on a successful Fall season! Thank you to all the teacher coaches who went above and beyond to support athletics:

Nate Fleming, Paul Rai, Alita Roberts, Samara Bassett, Jason MacCulloch, Greg Weidmann, Jason Wilkinson and Colin Brown. Thank you to our community coaches Mike Moon, Jy Lawrence, Scott Graham, Mark Finan, Steve Meszaros, and Chris Nelson.

Special shout out to the following teams on bringing home a banner! Jr Boys Soccer, Grade 8 Boys Volleyball and Jr Girls Aquatics.



# GRANDVIEW VISUAL ARTS

## GHS Polar Pop-up Success!

What a magical night! We are counting all of your generous donations from online donations to purchases from our student makers. This event is all about our community & wow, is it inspiring! This annual event

takes a village to coordinate and we are so thankful to Ms. Roberts' Leadership students for taking on event festivities, Mr. Wardle's photography students for taking our vendor product shots, Mr. Lee's Yearbook students for photographing the event, Ms. Smith's jazz quartet for awesome Xmas tunes, Ms. Twigg's incredible hip hop dance team & Mr. Shiels Marketing students for promoting our event around our community. Special thanks to the amazing Ms. Wardle who coordinated 30 incredible student vendors selling everything from Boba, pottery, Christmas cookies to scrunchies, skin care & gel nails.

Most popular of all was the Boba & mango pudding food stand, Happy Gummy Co. & Insta photo booth! The kids enjoyed hot chocolate, Mendhi, glitter tattoos & face paint. We had a huge turnout of staff & students including our feeder school families. It was wonderful that staff brought classes down to foster community engagement. Huge congrats to all of our student vendors, some of whom donated all of their earnings to The Surrey Food Bank (Robotics/ Woodwork, Concession & Photo Booth/Leadership 9 & many Ceramics students). We hope you take note of what sold well & how to adapt for next year. Anyone that didn't have a chance to participate or attend this year, can plan ahead for next year!

From our Grizzly family to yours, enjoy the holiday season knowing we made a difference to families in need. Follow @ghspolarpopup for vendor spotlights & event photos.



Thanks  
Grizzlies!



*Grizzlies  
Dance  
Troupe  
that  
performed  
at the  
pop-up!*





# VISUAL ARTS...CONTINUED

I recently wrapped up a digital art unit with our junior art students. They explored the basics of Procreate, brainstormed creative backstories, and compiled their unique characters onto a Model Sheet. The students worked hard and demonstrated impressive creativity, and I'm so proud of their accomplishments.

Nikki W. Student Teacher (Art)



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## JASON

Jason is a calm boy from a cold and snowy environment so he always wears clothing for winter. His parents passed away in an accident when he was a kid so he had to work to survive. It was around the 1950s when he was born. He wasn't too smart because he spent most of his days working instead of getting educated from school



Brian K.



Jennifer H.



Mary X.

## MEDICAL ALERTS

**Parents/Guardians are responsible to update the school with any medical issues.**

A Medical Alert condition is defined as a physician diagnosed, potentially life threatening condition such as:

- Diabetes.
- Epilepsy.
- Anaphylaxis  
(history of a severe allergic response which requires planned support inside as well as outside the school environment).
- Severe Asthma  
(history of episodes requiring immediate medical treatment or a history of requiring immediate medication).
- Blood clotting disorders such as hemophilia that require immediate medical care in the event of injury.
- Serious heart conditions.
- Other conditions which may require emergency care and/or the administration of medication as determined in consultation with parents/student/family physician, school and Medical Health Officer or designate.

To update, please email [grandview@surreyschools.ca](mailto:grandview@surreyschools.ca) . Forms can be obtained from “[Parent Resources](#)” on our website or by visiting the school office.

In emergency situations, the parent/guardian or emergency contact shall be contacted.

**As per District policy, we are unable to provide students with any over-the-counter medication (example: Advil, Tylenol).**

## SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- Newsletters will be emailed to all parents and be posted on our school website and app. You can reach us by phone at 604-542-3320 or by email at [grandview@surreyschools.ca](mailto:grandview@surreyschools.ca)
- Parent may report a student’s absence by calling the school or by emailing [grandviewheightsabsentee@surreyschools.ca](mailto:grandviewheightsabsentee@surreyschools.ca) . Please be aware that text messages to student phones can not be accepted.
- Please remember to pay school fees at [School Cash Online](#). School fees can also be paid by cash or cheque at the office. <https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>
- We would also like to invite you to follow us on our website and social media for the latest news with regards to your great school.
- Visit our website [www.surreyschools.ca/grandviewheights](http://www.surreyschools.ca/grandviewheights) for school information and our school calendar.

# PARKING / DROP-OFFS & PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS

Grandview Heights Secondary Administration, staff and school PAC has worked together with the Surrey School District and City of Surrey to address some of the many traffic and safety concerns in and around our school property. I would like to thank our PACs transportation committee for their leadership and help with our work together. We have included a school traffic flow map and general updates to ensure student and staff safety remains a top priority during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Please review the following information and be sure to adhere to all instructions included in this communication.

The major concerns are regarding the South-West Entrance way that runs along the West side of the Main office and in front of the Theatre. In particular, the congestion that is created when the Visitor Parking and the Accessible Parking spaces are used for the drop-off and pick-up of students is an issue that we would like to bring to everyone's attention. **We ask that vehicles do not pull into, and then out of, the Staff & Student Parking Lot or any Accessible Parking spaces for the purpose of drop-offs or pick-ups.**

**Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up.** For parents dropping off students at school, there are two laneways which run along the South side of the main classroom section of Grandview Heights. Vehicles will need to travel towards the far South-East part of the school property to enter these lanes and turn left to enter these lanes and head West through the laneways. The laneway furthest to the South has angled visitor parking spaces, while the laneway North of this is designed for vehicles to pull parallel to the curb to allow for exit and entrance to vehicles by students. **Please be aware that the doors on the East side of the building are available for students to enter the school through in the morning.**

Student Parking – Students parking vehicles on school property are required to park in the North-West section of the parking lot that sits to the West of the Tech-Ed Shops. **A student parking pass may be obtained from the main office.**

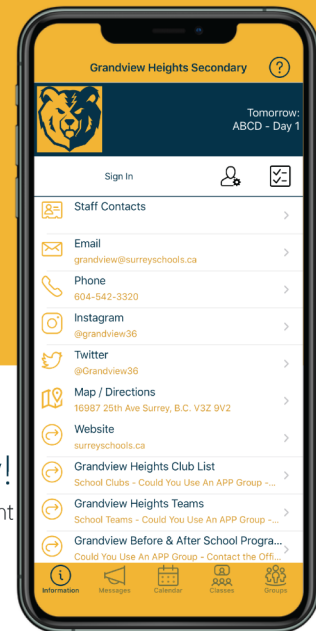
**Please always drive carefully and slowly while on school property and do not enter or travel through the Bus Lane.**



# STUDENT BIKES, SCOOTERS & BOARDS

Students and Guardians. Please make sure you have the necessary equipment to secure your personal transportation devices to one of the provided parking racks surrounding the outside of the school. Scooters, Skateboards, Bikes and like devices will not be permitted to be stored in the school office or other general inside areas as this can create a safety hazard.

We thank everyone for understanding!



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Sign in to choose the messages and other information that are important to you:

Tap Sign In (on the Home tab) and follow the instructions on screen. Enter your school email address if you have one.

Choose the Classes tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select your Classes.

Choose the Groups tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select any clubs, teams, or other groups that you belong to.

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