



GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SECONDARY

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March 2025 Newsletter

COURSE REQUEST 2025-2026 VERIFICATION

This Friday, March 7, students in Block C will receive a printed copy of their selected courses for the 2025-2026 school year. Over the weekend, we ask that students and families carefully review these selections.

If any changes need to be made, please scan the QR code below and complete the Course Request Change Form before the **deadline on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:00 PM.**

There will be one final opportunity to adjust course selections in April, primarily for students who plan to take a course in summer school. Other than this exception, changes to course selections will be closed. Course selections play a crucial role in determining our school's schedule, course offerings, and staffing for the upcoming year. Changes to course selections become difficult once the timetable is built.

Below, you will find important details to consider when reviewing your course selections.

Thank you for taking the time to carefully review and confirm your course choices for the 2025-2026 school year!

The Admin Team

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR COURSE REQUESTS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CAREFULLY.

- Please ensure that you have 8 primary courses listed and 2 alternate courses.
- Your alternates should not be the same as your primary requests.
- If you auditioned/applied for the following specialty courses: Theatre Company 11/12, Junior Theatre Company, Dance Company 10-12, Science Co-op, Leadership 10, Hockey Academy 8-12, Peer Tutoring 11/12, and they are not listed here in your course requests, unfortunately you were not selected. We encourage you to apply again next year and thank you for your interest! Please reach out to the teacher of the course if you have any questions.
- If you are planning to take a course at Summer School or Online there will be a process in April/May to make these changes once you have secured a spot for Summer School.
- Students taking the following courses will have 9 requests: Jazz Band 8/9/10, Choir 8/9, and Dance Company 9.
- Grade 12's may choose 1 study block.
- The following courses will not be running next year: Explorations in Social Studies 11: Black Studies, BC First Peoples 12, Geometry 12, Fitness and Conditioning 11/12 Girls, Family Studies 10 and the Humanities Co-Op, Apprenticeship Math 12.
 - * If you chose one of these courses, ensure that you replace it with new request(s)/alternative(s).



Please use this QR Code for the link to the Course Change Request Form, to indicate any change(s) you would like to make. You will need to ensure you are signed into your Surrey Schools email. Please do not submit multiple forms for the same request.

This form will close Monday March 10, 2025 at 5:00pm.

Topics covered in this newsletter include:

- 2025/2026 Course Selection Update
- Graduation & Dry Grad Information
- Adventure Co-Op News
- Grizzlies Experiences
- Athletics Update
- School Communications
- Careers Department & Scholarships
- Performing Arts Department Highlights
- Visual Art & Photography Spotlight
- Grandview App Information

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WEB LINKS: www.surreyschools.ca/schools/grandviewheights ♦ APP: grandviewheights.appazur.com ♦ TWITTER: @Grandview36 ♦ INSTAGRAM: grandview36

SCHOOL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

GRAD 2025!!

Grad events are fast approaching!

⇒ See below for calendar of events:



Tuesday, April 15th

- ◆ Grad Assembly at 2:30pm in the large gym.
*All Grads Please Attend!
- ◆ Grad Parent/Guardian Meeting at 6:00pm in the large gym

Wednesday, April 30th

- ◆ **Boat Cruise** (Tentative – pending ticket sales)
Tickets: \$120 via [school cash online](#)
⇒ **Deadline is March 7th at 8:00pm**

Wednesday, May 28th

- ◆ Grad Commencement Rehearsal @ 1:30 in the Large Gym.
⇒ **All grads must be there!**

Thursday, May 29th

- ◆ **Commencement Ceremony:**
 - Chandos Pattison Auditorium ceremonies begin at 6:30pm.
 - ⇒ **Grads to arrive @ 5:15pm sharp**
 - Doors open to guests at 5:45pm
 - 2 Tickets available per family
 - extra tickets on sale pending attendance numbers

Friday, June 20th

- ◆ Last day of high school classes before Summer Break!!!

Thursday, June 26th

- ◆ Red Carpet Event at Grandview Heights
- ◆ Dinner Dance 6:00pm – 10:30pm at Swaneset Bay Golf Course
- ◆ Dry Grad 11:00pm – 3:30am at the 'REC Room' in Burnaby

MARCH 2025	
7	Jazz & Java Concert @ 7PM
13	Shortened Day Schedule
15-30	Spring Break
31	School Re-Opens
APRIL 2025	
7-11	Numeracy & Literacy Assessments
9	Spring Music Concert
15	Grad Info & Parent Meetings
16	Shortened Day Schedule
17	PAC Meeting Online @ 7PM
18	Good Friday (Closed)
21	Easter Monday (Closed)
22, 23	Theatre Production @ 7pm:
& 24	<i>Murder Mystery!</i>
24	Report Cards Issued Online
28	Shortened Day Schedule
30	Grad Boat Cruise (Tentative) Purchase tickets by March 7 via SchoolCashOnline.com
MAY 2025	
2	Non-Instructional Day
7, 8	Theatre Production @ 7pm
& 9	each night: <i>Ghostlight</i>
15	ICBC Presentation in Block D
15	PAC Meeting Online @ 7PM
19	Victoria Day (Closed)
26	Non-Instructional Day
27	Shortened Day Schedule
28	Commencement Rehearsal 1:30pm in the Large Gym
29	GRAD Commencement 6:30pm at Chandos Pattison *Grads to arrive by 5:15pm
JUNE 2025	
3	Athletics Award Night 6:30pm
6	GHSS 24/25 Newsletter #4
9-13	Numeracy & Literacy Assess.
12	Year End Music Concert 6:30p
17	Grade 12 Transitions Parent/ Student Mtng.-Theatre@6PM
19	Locker Clean-Up Day
20	Last Day of Classes -> Summer
23-26	Semester Completion Days
26	Red Carpet Event at GHSS
26	GRAD Dinner/Dance/Dry Gr.
27	Administrative Day
27	Report Cards Issued Online
27	Schools Close for the Summer

Are You Moving: 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.



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
- Parent may report a student's absence by calling the school or by emailing 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](https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/). School fees can also be paid by cash or cheque at the office. <https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.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 for school information and our school calendar.

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 . 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).

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.



DRY GRAD INFORMATION

Dear Grade 12 Families,

Congratulations! Your child is about to graduate, and the Dry Grad Committee is thrilled to help celebrate this milestone with you and your family!

What is Dry Grad?

Dry Grad is a special (substance and alcohol-free) event held following the Red Carpet Ceremony, Dinner, and Dance. The event will run from **11:00 PM to 3:30 AM** at the Rec Room in Burnaby, with transportation provided back to the school at the conclusion of the event.

Cost and Ticket Information

The cost for each student to attend Dry Grad is **\$135**. This fee includes:

- 500 tokens for games and activities
- Entertainment (including ping pong, pool, and a live DJ)
- Food and drinks
- Transport back to the school

All **Grade 12 students wishing to attend Dry Grad** must purchase a ticket for **\$135**. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance, and they are **not available at the door**. This fee is essential to secure bookings for entertainment and activities. To purchase tickets, please make payment via [School Cash Online](#) no later than **March 30, 2025**.

Please note: Dry Grad tickets are **separate** from the Grad Dinner/Dance tickets. A separate fee will apply for the Dinner/Dance event.

Fundraising Events

Thank you!!!!

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Debra and her wonderful team for organizing an incredible pub night! The event was a complete success, and we're excited to announce that it was a sold-out night. This night and the funds raised would not have been possible without all of the hard work and dedication of all of the volunteers involved.

Families, a special thank you goes to all of you for the continuous support and to our generous donors. Your contributions helped make this event a BIG success, and we are beyond grateful!

Thank you once again to everyone who made this event unforgettable. We truly appreciate you all!

Upcoming fundraising

Two upcoming fundraisers are **bottle drive and commencement flowers**. More detail to follow

The success of Dry Grad depends on the support and involvement of families and the community. Whether through volunteering, participating in fundraisers, or donating, your contribution will ensure that our graduates have an unforgettable and safe celebration.

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact us at grandviewdrygrad@gmail.com.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	COST	VENDOR
3-4 digital photobooth	\$300	Thirty Events
Decoration red carpet	\$1,400	Thirty Events
360 photobooth	\$700	Thirty Events
2-3 trucks 2 day rental (transport bags)	\$2,000	Enterprise
Archery	\$400	Rec Room
VR STORM	\$300	Rec Room
Sliders (beef, chicken and veg)	\$1,400	Rec Room
Candy bags	\$1,200	Rec Room
Popcorn / salty snack	\$1,200	Rec Room
Snacks	\$600	Rec Room
Vegetable trays	\$500	Rec Room
Mini donuts	\$500	Rec Room
Prizes	\$10,000	Costco

If you or your company would like to sponsor any of these items, or if you have any other donation ideas, please contact **Farzana** at farzanaharji@gmail.com or grandviewdrygrad@gmail.com

DRY GRAD COMMITTEE

Volunteer Opportunity Announcement: Join Our Team!

We are looking for passionate volunteers to join our team in various important roles as we prepare for upcoming events! We need help with:

- Fundraiser Coordinator
- Corporate Donor Organizer
- Sponsorship Coordinator

Your role will involve reaching out to organizations for donations and helping to organize and support our fundraising efforts.

We also have exciting volunteer opportunities for our upcoming events:

- June 25: We need 20 volunteers to help collect student clothing.
- June 26-27: We are looking for 60 volunteers to help with 2-4 hour shifts at the Rec Room.

Save the Dates! More information will follow closer to the time, so stay tuned!

If you're interested in helping out, please reach out to farzanaharji@gmail.com.

We can't wait to have you on board and make this event a huge success together!

Donations in Lieu of Participation

If you prefer to make a direct donation rather than participate in fundraising events, we welcome your support. Please use [School Cash Online](#) and choose the amount you wish to donate, and include your child's name in the notes section.

For **corporate donations** or those requiring a **receipt**, please email Farzana at farzanaharji@gmail.com for further details.

Important Dates

- **Grad Spring Boat Cruise:** April 30, 2025 (*Tentative – pending ticket sales*)
- **Commencement Ceremony:** May 29, 2025, at Chandos Pattison Auditorium
- **Red Carpet Celebration:** Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Grandview Secondary School (16987 25th Ave, Surrey, BC)
- **Grad Dinner & Dance:** Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Swaneset Bay Resort & Country Club, Pitt Meadows
- **Dry Grad Event:** Thursday, June 26–Friday, June 27, 2025, Rec Room Burnaby

Please stay tuned for additional updates via email, the school website, or follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram) or through the Grandview Heights App.

Thank You for Your Support!

Warm regards,

The Dry Grad Committee

Email: grandviewdrygrad@gmail.com

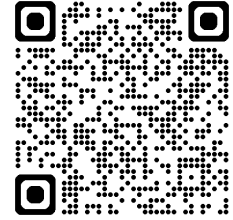


CAREER CENTRE

Scholarships

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

Check our school scholarship site: <https://egittoc.wixsite.com/scholarships>



Partners 36 Scholarships

Surrey Schools Partners 36 scholarships are due April 8. Completed Applications 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>

Internal Scholarships

Grandview Heights Internal Scholarship applications have now been posted. Please encourage your student to apply. Applications are due April 21 on MS Forms.



QUESTIONS? PLEASE SEE MS. EGITTO OR MS. ROBERTS IN THE CAREER CENTRE

Thank you to 2024 organizations that generously donated to our Internal Scholarships!

Elkay Developments
Dr. Dhol Orthodontics
Parent Advisory Committee
Rosemary Heights Elementary
Pier Law Mediation Scholarship
South Surrey Smiles
Western Coast Insurance
White Rock Orthodontic Centre

Farrow Family Foundation
Homelife Benchmark Realty
Morgan Creek Elementary
Sunnyside Elementary
Remax Colonial Scholarship
Westland Insurance
Western Financial Group

If you are able to donate to our internal scholarships this year please contact Ms. Egitto. The link below is the donation letter explaining the process.

⇒ egitto_c@surreyschools.ca

⇒ [Legacy and Community Donations](#)

Humanities Adventure Co-op

Our Humanities Adventure Co-op is for students with a passion for exploring the world around them and engaging in healthy active living.

On Tuesday, March 4, 2025 the Humanities Co-op went to Buntzen Lake to participate on a hike and team building activities.

It was a great day enjoyed by all!



MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS

The GH Music Program has had a busy couple of months, especially our Jazz Band students. Last weekend, all four of the GH Jazz Bands participated in the Surrey Jazz Festival and had a very successful event! All our bands performed to a very high level. A number of our students received individual awards, including ones for Outstanding Performance on Guitar in the Senior category, Outstanding Performance on the Saxophone in the Junior/Senior category, and Outstanding Performance on Guitar in the Junior category. The Senior Jazz Band received an award for Outstanding Percussion and the Grade 10 Jazz Band was awarded Most Outstanding Rhythm Section. To top it all off, our Grade 10 Jazz Band received the award for Outstanding Performance by a Junior Band, winning their category!

On Friday, March 7th, we will be featuring these bands in our Third Annual Jazz & Java Concert at 7:00 pm in our large gym. We will be transforming our gym into a jazz club setting for guests to enjoy an evening of jazz entertainment along with family and friends. Dessert and coffee or tea will be served, and a silent auction will take place throughout the evening. The evening will be topped off by a performance by adult jazz band FAT Jazz! This should be a terrific evening of music, and we are really looking forward to it!

After Spring Break, we will be holding our Spring Concert on Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm in our large gym. This will feature our concert bands and our concert choir. Students will be performing the music that they have been preparing for their spring trips. Admission will be by donation and tickets will be available at the door. We hope to see many family members and friends in the audience!

After the Spring Concert, we will be heading out on our trips with our Music students. Band 10 – 12 students will be going to Edmonton from April 12 – 16 to participate in the Cantando Music Festival, Choir will be attending the Con Brio Music Festival from May 1 – 14, and Band 8 and 9 students will be travelling to Kelowna from May 12 – 14 for a performance tour and a stay at Green Bay Camp. We look forward to travelling together and having a chance to take part in these exciting musical opportunities.

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS MUSIC PRESENTS:
**THE 3RD ANNUAL
JAZZ & JAVA**
FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH 7PM

IN THE
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TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER IN THE MUSIC OFFICE.
\$15 FOR ADULT, \$12 FOR STUDENT, KIDS 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE.
(DESSERT, COFFEE, AND TEA INCLUDED WITH TICKET)



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Grade 9 Jazz Band



Junior Jazz Band



Senior Jazz Band

NEWS FROM THE DANCE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Twigg and 16 Senior Dance students recently travelled to Los Angeles, California for 5 days of dancing and Disneyland. The dance students took part in Hip Hop and Contemporary classes at Millenium Dance Complex in LA, and in 2 professional Musical Theatre and Latin Ballroom dance workshops in Disneyland with cast members. It was an amazing 5 days of dancing, rides and friends!

The Dance Company is entering our Competitive Season. Our next Dance Competition is Wednesday April 9 at Ecole Salish Secondary School and following that will be our last competition of the season on Friday May 3 at Panorama Ridge Secondary.

Our year-end Dance Showcase will take place in June and include the Advanced Dance Class and Dance Company.

It's been such a busy and exciting year so far in Dance, and we are looking forward to ending the competitive and showcase season stronger than ever!



GRIZZLIES THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Grandview Theater Company students are gearing up for a dramatic Spring, with two major productions just around the corner:

- ◆ Their first play, a classic murder mystery, will be performed April 22, 23, and 24.



- ◆ Just weeks later, on May 7, 8 and 9 we will be presenting GHOSTLIGHT, a heartwarming ghost story.

Both plays are sure to keep audiences on the edge of their seats. Tickets will be on sale soon!



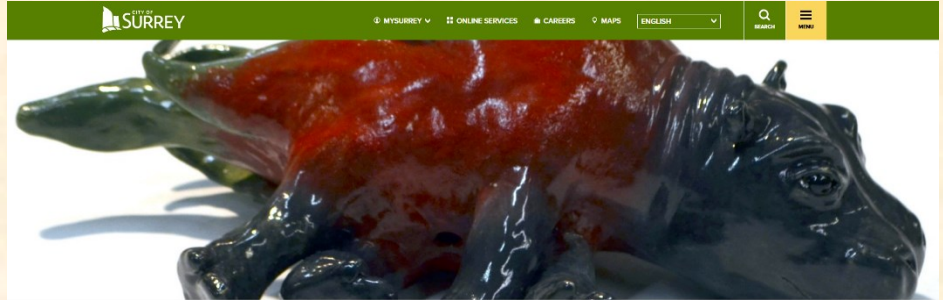
The Grandview Heights Secondary BASES classes enjoying a fun Friday outing at the Sandcastle Bowling Lanes in White Rock. This was followed by lunch at White Spot.



VISUAL ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY

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[Click to visit the Surrey.ca Exhibition Web Site](https://www.surrey.ca/exhibitions)

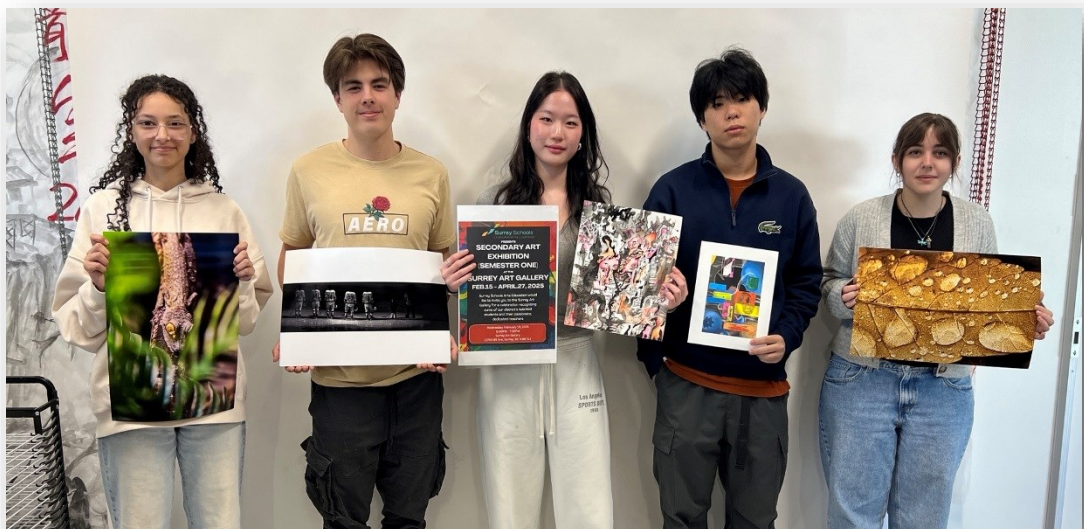
Students from Grandview Heights Secondary's Photography, Art, and Ceramics programs attended the opening of a special exhibition in collaboration with the district and the City of Surrey. This showcase highlights the incredible creativity and talent of our students, featuring a diverse collection of photography, visual art, sculpture and ceramic works.

The exhibition will be on display until April 27th, providing an opportunity for the community to appreciate the artistic achievements of our students. Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and dedication!



- Sarah Khattab - grade 12 (Photography)
- Jaxson Nelson - grade 12 (Photography)
- Semi Heo - grade 12 (Art)
- Mike Xu - grade 11 (Art)
- Bella Caissie - grade 11 (Art)
- Sarah Holliday - grade 11 (Ceramics)
- Isabela Santini Leme - grade 9 (Ceramics)
- Emma Sun - grade 9 (Ceramics)
- Devon Bristow - grade 11 (Ceramics)
- Ava Kwon - grade 12 (Ceramics)
- Sophia Carraretto - grade 12 (Ceramics)

This amazing collection of artwork, photography and sculpture by talented artists district wide is well worth a visit!





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[Visit the Exhibition Web Site](#)

GRANDVIEW VISUAL ARTS



Sophia



Devon



Ava



Sarah



ATHLETICS

Thank you to all Winter Coaches for another great season. Honourable mentions go out to the teacher coaches that go above and beyond the classroom; Greg Weidmann, Briann Villeforte, Jayne Baggott, Fiona Dunning, Chad Olafson, and Graham Bonar, Dean Shiels, Nate Fleming, and Paul Rai! Thank you to our Community Coaches Jason Hans, Craig Preece, Bill Richards, and Sunny Gill!

Parents – We understand that Block E is difficult for many student athletes with balancing their school and sport schedule. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, counsellors or our admin team!

Another Honourable mention goes out to our Leadership classes for organizing all of the games behind the scenes, spending countless hours in the gym and being the “rock stars” of the school with leading by example, walking the talk!

We are transitioning into our Spring Sports! Please continue to check our Grizzly Athletics Website and Instagram to support our athletes!

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@grandview_heights_athletics





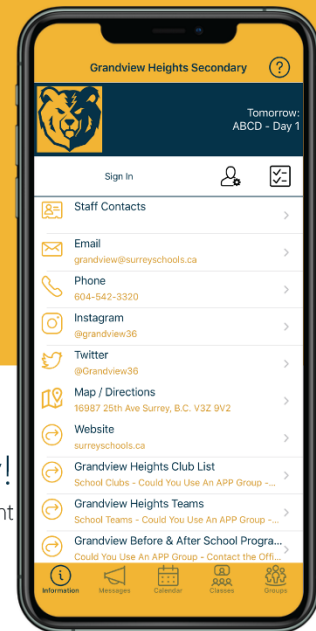
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STUDENT BIKES, SCOOTERS & BOARDS

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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- ★ Get all your notifications in one place, the way you prefer to receive them, and only what is relevant to you.
- ★ Stay organized with a unified, personalized calendar and reminders.
- ★ Quick and easy access to school information on your phone, always up-to-date.

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Search the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) for the free "Grandview Heights Secondary" app, or visit grandviewheights.appazur.com/go.

-OR-

If you don't wish to use an iOS or Android device, sign up for email or SMS text notifications at:

grandviewheights.appazur.com

-OR-



Use your phone's camera to follow this QR Code.

If prompted, be sure to allow push notifications.

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.

To customize how you receive notifications, tap the User Settings icon on the Home tab.