

Parent Preview for Week of Sept. 19-23

Week at a glance:

- Monday Sept. 19: Palliser Regional Professional Development day. There is no school for students.
- Monday, Sept. 19: **Grade 9's** leave for S.A.L.T.S trip returning Friday, Sept. 23.
- Friday, Sept. 23: **Gr. 8's** Field trip to Atlas Coal Mine Leaving @ 7:15 AM, returning @ 3:15 PM.
- Friday, Sept. 23: **Gr. 6's and 7's** go to Lake Chestermere.

Other information items to note:

Parent Council Information: Thank you so much for helping us in the parking lot by following the safety procedures, your partnership is crucial. All classes have been addressed with regards to making safe choices in the parking lot. With all of us working together, we will hopefully remain accident free. Please remember to be patient as we are still missing the parking stalls in our south lot and look forward to using them again in the New Year for Grades 6-9. Please keep the traffic moving. If you haven't done so already, please return your volunteer parking patrol forms this coming week. We have noticed that the line up is backing up on 24th street all the way to 162nd ave. We are looking at some solutions. Please note also that the Parent Council meeting minutes can be found on our website. (School documents/School council/Sept 12, 2011 Meeting minutes). Stay safe!

School Photo Day is coming up on Monday, Sept. 26th. Please make sure that your student is wearing their **official** uniform.

Uniforms: The office will no longer supply "extra" school uniforms as in previous years. Students dressed inappropriately will not be permitted to the classroom or participate in the planned activity/event (on or off campus). Pre-owned uniform pieces (if available) may however, be purchased (shirts/pants-\$10, vest-\$15, tie-\$5, tunics/kilts-\$20) from the office if the student is unable to comply. All proceeds will support our grade 9 missions.

Please remember with Non-official uniform, "Black" shoes are still required. Students have been reminded by the teachers and by the school administration of the proper uniform requirements. The updated school uniform policy and guidelines have been posted on our school's website. www.gcaschool.ca

Please mark your calendars carefully to note the "**Official**" uniform dates.

- First week of school in the fall.
- First week after the November break.
- First week back after **both** the Christmas and Easter breaks.

In addition all special assemblies/functions:

- All elementary chapels/assemblies, Remembrance Day assembly, Christmas Band/Music concerts & Award's ceremony.

Cafeteria: Thank you for your continued patience with the Cafeteria as we work to resolve data processing issues: unfortunately Cafeteria Statements will not be sent out this week. We anticipate regular delivery of statements next week.

SUTP Fundraising: Due to the late arrival of our SUTP coupon books, we have extended the deadline for the return of the money until Friday, Sept. 23. Please ensure all money/books have been returned by this date. Thank you for your support for this annual fundraising drive. We are once again directing these funds for 'Technology use in the classroom'.

Family Photo Opportunity: On **Friday, Sept. 30**, Glenmore Christian Academy has made available to our families the opportunity to have a family/casual photo taken. There is a \$30.00 sitting fee which includes a **free** 8 X 10 portrait. \$20.00 of this fee remains with GCA as a fundraiser. There are a variety of poses and groupings, flexible packages and order options, ordering online, via mail, or phone and the proofs are shipped directly to your home. To book your portrait sitting appointment visit www.lifetouch.ca/abfamilyphotos or call **403-255-5440**

Used Uniform Sale: There is a used uniform sale planned for Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 8:30-9:30 AM in the cafeteria foyer. If you have uniforms to donate for the sale they can be dropped off at the school office during office hours. Please note payment by cash or cheque only.

GCA still has **limited spaces** in some grade levels. If you know of someone interested in finding out more about our school, please pass on this information.

Parent confidential information forms. Thank you to the 86 % of our parents who handed in their forms by the due date. Mrs. Haase class won the friendly competition between the classes getting their entire class set of parent information to the office first. Thank you!

Weekly Parent prayer group. Our parent prayer group met this past Tuesday from 8:50 – 10:15 am upstairs in our board room. [upstairs of the cafeteria opposite the theatre]. We appreciate this prayer support on a weekly basis on site. All parents welcome to attend. Contact person: Adrienne Eng. If you have prayer requests, and you would like this parent group to pray for you, please email your request to prayer@gcaschool.com

Adult volleyball: Starting Sept. 26 a group of parents and teachers will meet in the gym to play volleyball. Play gets underway at 7:00 PM and wraps up at 8:30. All parents and staff are welcome to attend.

Bottle drive: Our grade 9 students will be holding a bottle drive for the week of Sept. 26 - Sept. 30. Bottles and/or cans may be dropped off in front of the school. All proceeds will go to the cost of the homes that our students will be building in the Dominican Republic over their Spring break.

Volunteer Forms: Please return your Volunteer Forms to the office as soon as possible. We are currently putting together teams for various events coming up in the near future. These forms were sent in an email last week. Forms can also be picked up at the office.

Running Club funds: Thank you to school council for allocating the \$3000 funds (amount given to the school for student participation) towards the purchasing of sporting equipment for our elementary students to used during outdoor recess.

Breakfast on Fridays. A number of parents on school council have suggested having breakfast together with other families on Friday mornings in the cafeteria from 7:45am. Great and tasty breakfast we had together last Friday and a great time getting to know families! Join us. Date change. **Pancake breakfast** will not be held on Friday September 30th. This yearly event will be held on Friday October 7th, once we are able to secure the BBQ rented units.