

Parent Preview for Week of Sept. 12-16

Week at a glance:

- Monday Sept. 12: First **monthly School Council** meeting, 6:30 – 8:00 pm all parents are welcome to attend in the library.
- Wednesday, Sept. 14: **Grade 6** Band Rental meeting in the band room, 7 PM
- Thursday, Sept. 15: **Gr. 6 -9** Annual 'Meet the teacher' evening, Theatre 7:15 pm
- Friday, Sept. 16: **Gr. 8's and 9's** go to Lake Chestermere.
- Saturday, Sept 17: Annual GCA Teacher/staff dedication at First Alliance Church, evening service, 6:30 pm.
- Monday, Sept. 19: Professional Development Day - "No School" day.

Other information items to note:

Fraser Institute (*Canada's leading public policy think tank*) has identified GCA within the top 30 Alberta schools with an '**Excellence in Language Arts' Award**.

20 years ago this fall that GCA moved to this location surrounded by prairie, some trees, multiple gophers etc.

Applications for **Grade 5 and 6 Patrols** are available in the Div. 2 hallway. Please return to Mrs. Frentz or Mrs. King. Training will take place on Thursday, Sept. 22, 9-11 AM. Applications must be received by Sept. 16.

Due to the overwhelming response for **A La Carte** cafeteria accounts, please be advised that it takes 24 – 48 hours to set up.

Volleyball tryouts continue for **grades 7 – 9**.

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.

SUTP/\$100 fundraising. Thank you for your support for this annual fundraising drive. We are once again directing these funds for 'Technology use in the classroom'.

Weekly Chapels. Parents are welcome to join us. **Gr. 6 -9 weekly** on Mondays from 1:11 – 1:54 in the theatre. **Gr. 3 & gr. 5 joint** chapels every Thursday 2:37 – 3:15 pm in the theatre.

Weekly Parent prayer group. We are pleased to announce that our parent prayer group meet weekly on TUESDAYS 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.

Parent survey results. Thank you to the 87 parents who filled out the parent school survey in June. We appreciate parent feedback. Although the completed surveys represented only 18% of our parent base, we are looking at all the data as we continue to make improvements to GCA.

Uniforms. Please remember with Non-official uniform, Black shoes are still required. "Grace" was extended last week to allow families the extra time to purchase the correct shoes. 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

Parent confidential Information sheets. Thank you to the many families for returning these forms to the office by the due date Sept. 9. For families who not yet returned these forms, please do so this week. Thank you. The winning classes will be announced next week.

Family Liaison School Counselor. Kyla Brown is available for counseling needs for your children. She is at GCA half time. You can contact her at kyla.brown@pallisersd.ab.ca

Stampeder fans. Opportunity for any student-athletes... Masters College (high school) is having their Athletic Kickoff Dessert Night on Tuesday September 13 in the Masters College gymnasium from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Guests are 4 (possibly 6) Calgary Stampedeers who are strong in their faith. Cost is \$5 and those who are interested should call in advance to Rachel Primeau in the College office at 403-242-7034 ext 260, no later than Monday 12th by noon. The Stampedeers will be talking about the effort, commitment and attitude needed to be a champion, and they will be delivering their personal stories and Christian testimonies, and how to live out their faith in the heat of competition on the field. The \$5 gets you a dessert and a chance at an autographed ball, plus autographs from the players.