

Greetings to all Glanford Families!



Welcome back to school, everyone! It is truly “the most wonderful time of the year!” We have had a most amazing few days of Culture Building and Rube Goldberg hands-on science activities and have very much enjoyed our start to this school year! The week is culminated today with a cinnamon bun and juice breakfast, followed by our multi-age scientists showing off their contraptions they have created to pop a balloon. Ask your child about it! Students have been now placed in their advisory

classes. We are at our highest registration ever – 398 students this year! We have five classes of grade six, five classes of grade seven, and four classes of grade eight. On Monday of next week, advisory teachers will commence their work with the exemplary middle school model.

Glanford’s Open House

Our Family Barbecue / Meet the **GMS** Staff evening and welcome back to school is next Wednesday evening, September 19th! We invite all **GMS** families to take part in the event. Families are invited to attend the Open House from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. The first hour is for a family/staff picnic, where the **GMS PAC** will be serving a meal at a nominal charge. Please bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs for this part of the evening. The second hour is intended for students to bring their parents to their homeroom advisory classroom to hear about this year’s programs. Students may also take their families on a tour of the school and to introduce their families to all **GMS** staff that they will be working with this year. This is our first opportunity to create the important relationship between school and home– see you next Wednesday night!

Fundraising @ GMS

Like most schools, Glanford Middle School and the **GMS PAC** take on a variety of fundraisers during the school year to support our programs. We are aware of the importance of timing, so that families are not overwhelmed by too many fundraisers happening at the same time. We will keep this issue as a goal for ourselves this year and will be working with the PAC to try to be as coordinated as possible in our fundraising efforts. We have started the year off with the sale of **Entertainment Books**, which is the single, largest fundraising effort that **GMS** staff will do this year. In past years, funds have been used to purchase school uniforms, update the computer lab, and set up our **Studio 85**. Our target this year is to raise \$4000 – we can reach this goal if each of our students sells one Entertainment Book. Please note for every five books sold, your family receives a FREE book and your child receives a school prize. In addition, for each book sold, students have their names entered into a draw for amazing prizes, including iPods, a telephone, stereo, and others. Any questions regarding Entertainment Book sales, please contact Mrs. Wooster, Vice-Principal.

See you in and around Glanford!

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