

Greetings to all Glanford Families!



Welcome back to school, everyone! It is truly “the most wonderful time of the year!” During the first few days, we have had a exciting time with Culture / Bridge Building, which has included hands-on science activities. By working in multi-age groups where students in all three grades are working together with all of the staff, we feel we have had a very positive welcoming start to this school year! Friday morning, we will be culminating our opening activities with a cinnamon bun and juice breakfast, followed by our multi-age scientists showing off their scientific endeavors. Ask your child about it! Students will be placed in their home room advisory classes Friday morning. It is important to note that a great deal of planning and preparation has been put into building our classes. We have four classes of grade six, five classes of grade seven, and five classes of grade eight. The incredible staff at **GMS** have now begun 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 planned for Wednesday evening, September 17th! 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. The grade 8 team will be meeting together in the Multi Purpose room for a group presentation from the staff. Students may also take their families on a tour of the school and 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 September 17th !

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**. We know we can reach our fundraising 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 portable DVD player, and others. Any questions regarding Entertainment Book sales, please contact Mrs. Wooster, Vice-Principal.

See you in and around Glanford!

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