



## GEORGES P. VANIER JR. HIGH SCHOOL

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### 2020-2021 School Year

Georges P. Vanier is excited to welcome the grade 6's this upcoming school year. How we go back to school next year will reflect Public Health directives and may change what school looks like. We are confident that our new grade configuration of 6-8 will allow staff to get to know students better and be able to support them through their education journey.

As we plan for the transition, our four elementary feeder schools (Ash Lee Jefferson, Holland Road, Oldfield Consolidated and Waverley Memorial) held meetings, either in person or on-line. Each transition team was comprised of their SAC Chair, parent, teacher, principal and student. Questions were gathered from the elementary school transition meetings and answers are based on our planning to date.

After reviewing the FAQ if you have any further questions please, forward them to your school principal.

## FAQ

### Questions from students

**1. What will grade six look like at Georges P. Vanier?**

Grade six students will still have a single homeroom teacher and access to the same curriculum and specialist classes: Core French, Physical Education, and Music. The requirements of the Public School Program will still be in place.

**2. Where will the grade six classes be?**

At this point, we are planning to utilize the classrooms on the second floor.

**3. Will the grade six students still have recess?**

Grade six students will continue to follow the Provincial Time to Learn strategy, which does include a 15-minute recess break.

**4. Will grade six students still have field trips?**

Field trips at all grade levels are meant to enhance the curriculum. Grade six teachers in consultation with their school administrators will still be able to plan field trips.

**5. Will we get a tour of the school?**

We will do our best to plan a tour/orientation experience once schools reopen.

**6. Who will our teachers be?**

Teachers, who no longer have a position at the elementary feeder schools, will have an opportunity to be placed at Georges P. Vanier.

**7. Will I be in the same class as children who are not at my school now?**

The grade six classes will be created with input from the current grade six teachers at Ash Lee Jefferson, Holland Road, Waverley Memorial, and Oldfield Elementary. Students from these schools will make up the new English Program classes.

**8. Is there a choice to go to French Immersion in grade six?**

Georges P. Vanier late Immersion program begins in grade 7. An information session will be offered February 2021.

**9. Will we have band?**

Students who want to participate in band will have the opportunity to do so.

**10. Will we change classes?**

Grade six students will change classes for physical education and Music. Grade six students will have one classroom teacher for math, literacy, health, social studies and science.

**11. Will we have lockers? How do they work?**

There are lockers on site however not enough for all students. We will be looking at either purchasing more lockers or installing shelves and hooks. Those students who have lockers will receive a lock and their teacher will help them practice opening and closing their lock.

**12. Where are we allowed to go in the school?**

You will have access to everything that the other students have access to at the school.

**13. Will I be on the same bus as students from other schools?**

I do not have bussing information at this time. HRCE Transportation team will be in contact with all eligible bus students this summer.

**14. When is recess? Lunch? How long will they be?**

A 15-minute recess will be sometime mid-morning and 50 minutes for lunch (30 minutes to eat, 20 minutes outside, gym, library). We will have cafeteria service available if you wish to purchase something and you will have access to the cafeteria to eat your recess and your lunch before going outside if you want.

**15. Do we get to choose if we want to go outside or stay inside for recess and/or lunch?**

Weather permitting, at recess and lunchtime, students will be able to go outside and play with some of the sporting equipment (basketballs, soccer balls, skipping ropes, etc.).

**16. Where do I eat my lunch? How long is the lunch period? Can we order from the cafeteria?**

Students will eat in the cafeteria. They will have 30 minutes to eat in the cafeteria followed by 20 minutes (outside, intramurals gym, library, computer lab or club meeting). Students who finish lunch prior to the 30 minutes will have the option to go outside instead of staying in the cafeteria.

**17. What do students do if there is an indoor lunch?**

Students will stay in the cafeteria for the 30 minutes and will have access to the gym, library, computer lab and downstairs hallway for the remaining 20 minutes.

**18. Will the grade sixes be able to go to the dances with the older kids?**

Grade 6's will be able to attend all events including dances.

**19. Will there be sports teams/clubs/intramurals for grade 6? What kind of events/activities are there at GPV?**

Grade 6 students will be able to try out for all of our sports teams. Sports offered this year included Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Ski Race Team, Flag Football, Flag Rugby and Track and Field. Some extra-curricular clubs we had this year included: Girls Who Code, Intramurals, Best Buddies, Book Club, Running Club, Art Club, Me to We, Ski Club, Needlecraft Club and Student Council. Sport and extra-curricular are dependent on student interest and staff availability.

**20. Will students intermingle with the junior high students?**

Yes, they are all students at GPV. They will see each other before school, at lunch and after school, as well as in the hallways when travelling to their Phys.Ed. and music/band class.

**21. What time does school start and end?**

First class starts at 9:05 and last class ends at 3:05. Supervision will start at 8:45. Students should not be on school property prior to this time as there is no supervision.

**22. Will there be an end of the year trip for five and sixes who miss it this year?**

No, we will not be planning a year-end trip

**23. Will there be field day?**

GPV has, in the past, held a field day.

**24. Will we have access to Chromebooks?**

Yes, GPV has multiple Chromebook carts (full class sets) that teachers can sign out and many classrooms will have Chromebooks within each class.

**25. How many kids will be in each class?**

Class sizes will meet the provincial standards. For grade 6 – 27 students and grade seven & 8 – 30 students.

**26. GPV SAC - Will the GPV SAC have representation from the grade 6 students.**

Yes, we will have a student representative from grade 6 on the SAC

## Questions from the Committee

**1. Will grade 6's start at the same time as seven and eights?**

Yes, start and end time will be the same 9:05 – 3:05

**2. What technology moves with students?**

School Technology will be coordinating this. Any technology specifically for grade 6 will be moved to GPV along with a proportionate amount of technology from each elementary school.

**3. Will there be portables? (Security, washroom practices, fire alarm, communication)**

Yes, there will be portables. Portables will be connected to the PA system and fire system for the school. Students will have to come to the main building for washrooms. Safety is a priority and is at the forefront of all planning. Portable placement must take into account proximity to school guidelines, access route, power and communication connection and emergency planning.

**4. Will phys. Ed. classes be multiple classes at a time? Will grade levels be combined?**

Phys. Ed. Classes will be combined with other grade 6 classes.

**5. Is there a cell phone policy? Is it the same as the seven and eights?**

Cell phone rules are the same for all students. Cell phones may only be used during lunch in the cafeteria, outside and upon teacher request.

**6. Is there a PTO? Could there be?**

There is no Parent Teacher Organization currently at GPV. The purpose of a PTO is to bring the teachers and parents together working to better the school and community by promoting school spirit. At Georges P. Vanier, we have an active School Council. Students plan, organize and execute these events. Grade 6 students will be represented on Student Council. Each homeroom will elect a class rep to be on student council.

**7. Will the Grade 6 students have access to excel at GPV?**

Georges P. Vanier does not have excel.

**8. What will the bussing look like? Does distance criteria change for gr 6 now too?**

Transportation team will be in touch with all eligible bus students this summer.

**9. Will there be a Christmas Concert for all grade 6 students?**

Yes, we will include our grade 6's in our annual seasonal concert

**10. PTA social and fundraising activities? (Example Halloween Howl)**

Student council offers a variety of events through the year to build student morale.

**11. We Day?**

Schools are provided with a limited number of tickets. Students who participate in the Me to We club will be have the ability to put their name in for a ticket.