



**MISSION:** GVCS shall champion education, a healthy lifestyle and community involvement by incorporating resources to inspire and empower all to be successful in life.

**VISION:** GVCS will achieve global recognition as a model for innovative learning and excellence.

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# Jag News

## Genesee Valley's **NEWSIES** A Hit!



On January 24th and 25th, after a four-year hiatus, the Genesee Valley Drama Club presented **NEWSIES** the Musical - it was a delight to all that watched! Approximately 400 community members came to see a cast of almost 60 in a show inspired by the real-life Newsboys Strike of 1899 in New York City.

Directors Donna Slawson and Lindsay Simpson were pushed with the idea of a musical after last year's 8th Grade class went to see a preview of **Newsies** at Jamestown Community College in Jamestown, NY as part of their curriculum. Anyone who came to the show could see the excitement on the stage as the cast made their request a reality with showstopping numbers and jaw dropping choreography thanks to Ms.

Danielle Burdick. Others could not stop commenting on the intricate sets built by Mr. Mark Levine and his STEAM and Design for Entertainment classes, Mr. John Werner, and art created by Ms. Kristin Buchholtz. Audience members in the back could see Ms. Paige Timberlake working her magic in the Tech Booth bringing all the elements together for a fantastic show.

Probably the best part of the whole production was the student leaders that shined through! Moriah Clendenin became a master of the sound board, Brooke Hutchison kept everything and everyone organized as stage manager, and Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, and Maddie Boheim learned much of the original Broadway choreography and then turnkeyed it to the rest of the cast as true leaders would. From the director's chair, it was inspiring to see such a large group of students take ownership over the show and feel comfortable and confident to make suggestions as the creative artists they are.

Donna Slawson and Lindsay Simpson want to thank everyone who came out to support the students and enjoy a night at the theatre! The energy and excitement these students felt was incredible and the love they received from their community was a perfect way to welcome musicals back to Genesee Valley.



# Annual School Budget Vote & Board Of Education Elections

## Petitions Now Available For Three Board Seats

Petitions for candidates for the Genesee Valley Central School Board of Education are available in the district office. Petitions must be signed by at least 25 district residents and filed by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020.

There are three seats up for election and are currently held by incumbents Amy Werner, Joshua Shannon and Beverly Evans. Seats are “at-large” meaning the three candidates with the most votes are elected. The term of office for the three seats are three years, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023. If you would like a petition to run for the Board or have questions, please contact Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk at (585) 268-7909 or [pwinterhalter@genvalley.org](mailto:pwinterhalter@genvalley.org).

### School Board Member Qualifications:

- Must be a qualified voter of the district, a citizen of the United States and be at least 18 years of age or older.
- Must be and have been, a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately

before the election.

- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.
- May not be a current employee of the school board.
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

### ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

#### Budget & Vote Dates:

- **Monday, April 20, 2020** – Board of Education petitions due by 5:00 p.m. in the district office.
- **Tuesday, April 21, 2020** – Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 p.m – Adopt 2020-21 Budget.
- **Tuesday, May 5, 2020** – Budget copies available.
- **May 5-14, 2020** – Voter Registration at District Clerk’s Office, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. or by appointment, except Saturday and Sunday.

- **Monday, May 11, 2020** - Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Media Lab room.
- **Tuesday, May 19, 2020** – District Vote, 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### TWO ELECTION DISTRICTS :

- Belmont residents must vote at Genesee Valley Central School Pool Vestibule, (back entrance of the building) 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont; and
  - Angelica residents must vote at Angelica Grange, Park Circle, Angelica
- \*\*Absentee Ballots are due by 5:00 p.m.

### Qualifications of Voters:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must be a resident of the Genesee Valley Central School district for 30 days prior to the vote.
- Must be registered with the Allegany County Board of Elections or with the Genesee Valley School District.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR GVCS BOARD MEMBERS

In upcoming issues of the Jag News, Board of Education Members will share information about themselves.

BEVERLY EVANS is a life-long resident of Belmont. She graduated from Belmont Central School in 1956. Bev was employed by Allegany County Probation Department and later worked at Belmont Central School as a secretary.

In 1978 she was employed by the Allegany County Courts system as Court Clerk and then became confidential secretary to the Hon. Peter R. Sprague where she worked until retiring in 1996.

Bev is married to Vincent and has four children, Deborah Ohara, Joan Weinman, Christopher Weinman and Eric Weinman and two step-daughters, Jessica Cool and Vanessa Vittoria. She has 13 Grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Since retirement she is a clerical substitute at GVCS and does volunteer work at Immaculate Conception Church in Wellsville.

Bev enjoys retirement and keeps busy golfing, doing pottery, reading and spending time with her family and grandchildren.



# SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLLS LISTED FOR 2019-20

The administration of Genesee Valley Central School announces the following students, grades 9-12, have been named to the Honor Rolls for the 2nd quarter of the 2019-20 school year. A student named to the Principal's Honor Roll recognizes students who have an average of 93 and above. The High Honor Roll recognizes students whose average is 90-92 and the Honor Roll recognizes students whose average is 85-89.

## PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

**Grade 12:** Matsatso Abulashvili, Alexis Deichmann, Sarah Francisco, Hailey Herring, Grace Musingo, Emma Petrichick, Ethan Porter, Jonathan Rizzo, Cody Schneider

**Grade 11:** Majd Alefranji, Emera Aquila, Elizabeth Bentley, Kayci Bigelow, Tristan Burnell, Sierra Burrows, Moriah Clendenin, Avery Grusendorf, Mercadies Hemphill, Callin Shipman, Kaleigh Stephens, Savannah Werner

**Grade 10:** Sina Burdelak, Kimberly Butler, Addison Herring, Trenton Scott

**Grade 9:** Aria Barnes, Kiri Bogle, Autumn Coble, Grady Fleming, Sophia Gambino, Lealah Greene,

Adison Grusendorf, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, Brooke Hutchison, Dominic Marra, Thai Norasethaporn

## HIGH HONOR ROLL

**Grade 12:** Cristian Burnell, Spencer Drake, Michaela Edmister, Gavin Hand, Taylor Prentice

**Grade 11:** Victoria Babbitt, Haley Brown, Kohl Kozlowski, Trevor Mullen

**Grade 10:** Madeline Boeheim, Sofia Marra, Austin Murphy, Nathan Slawson, Takoda Stephens, Caleb Webster

**Grade 9:** Ethan Bigelow, Zachary Bourne, Kylee Lorow, JasLynn Shipman

## HONOR ROLL

**Grade 12:** Ethan Burke, Trevor Clark, Kennedy Cosme, Brennan Dontje,

Genevieve Greene, Abigail McCarthy, Isabelle Ordway, Elise Petrichick, Cynthia Shipman, Riley Vohs

**Grade 11:** Trevor Abbey, Justin Barnes, Mia Burnell, Carson Cockle, Holly Coppini, Brock Ellsessor, Riley Gordon, Keegan McKnight, Ryley McKnight, Ashley McRae, Cody Platt, Rylee Shott, Brooke Shultz, Simon Whitney

**Grade 10:** Jesse Babbitt, Gabriel Baldwin, Neil Branning, Abbigail Coble, Gerald Gage, Emily Mess, Dillian Middaugh, Thomas Shultz, Samantha Snyder, Gavin Szalay, Morgan Torrey

**Grade 9:** Jason Becker, Jr., Ashley Burrows, Payton Grantier, Tiffeny Smith, Saige Thomas, Max Wedge



Jeff Babbitt is our new Communications Specialist at Genesee Valley. He resides in Fillmore with his wife Angela and children Juniper (8), Evan (16), Dylan (20), and Kirsten (19). He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Art at Houghton College and his Master's Degree from Geneva College in Higher Education. Jeff was previously employed at Houghton College for the past 23 years, with the last 8 years as Director of Marketing and Communications. His hobbies include hiking, photography, painting, playing the piano, and cheering for the NY Mets.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### *Fine Arts Festival • Spring Concerts*

**ELEMENTARY: Tuesday, April 2**  
**Art Show: 5:30pm**  
6:15pm – Gr. K-1 Spring Concert  
7:00pm – Gr. 2-4 Spring Concert

**MIDDLE SCHOOL: Tuesday, May 12**  
6:30pm – Gr. 5-8 Spring Concert

**HIGH SCHOOL: Thursday, May 14**  
6:30pm – Gr. 9-12 Spring Concert

## CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

**MARCH – RESILIENCE:** Knowing how to cope in spite of setbacks, or barriers, or limited resources.

**APRIL – SINCERE:** Free from pretense or deceit; proceeding from genuine feelings.



# NHS STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Linda Warner is a Receptionist for Genesee Valley Central School. She answers the main school phone, clears people to enter the building, she sets up our teacher substitutes, and handles bus problems. Over her years of service to the district, she has seen some of the best qualities of the school. Her favorite thing about GV are the people she gets to see every day. Although, Mrs. Warner has dabbled in many different roles, her favorite is her current job. Mrs. Warner says her role model in life was most definitely her mother. She still lives by some of her mother's rules and uses what she learned from her in her everyday life. Growing up her favorite teacher was her first-grade teacher Mrs. Fairbanks. Mrs. Warner specifically remembers how beautiful and perfect her first-grade teacher was. The most recent book she read was *The One and Only Ivan*. She would highly recommend this book! She said it was not what she was expecting and was happy with how it ended. Overall, Mrs. Warner enjoys the time she spends in the building and the people she gets to see every day.

Lexi Deichmann, NHS member

Pat Cochran has worked at Genesee Valley as a cleaner/custodian for twenty years starting his time at the old Belmont school. His favorite thing about Genesee Valley is that everyone cares for each other and are willing to help one another. Besides doing his maintenance work, he finds learning about the new technology and systems the school is getting to be very interesting. When growing up he always looked up to his father. What Pat loved most about him was that he never had to wonder what was on his mind because he would let him know. His favorite teacher during school was his math teacher Mr. Kane. He would always answer your questions no matter what it was about, whether it was about school or life. Pat likes to read the newspaper and hunting magazines. He highly recommends them because there is always something interesting to read. Pat has worked hard over the past twenty years in a job that is sometimes overlooked. GV is fortunate to have benefitted from his service.

Cody Schneider, NHS member



## CODY SCHNEIDER BREAKS GV BASKETBALL RECORD!



Cody with his parents, Lisa and Jim Schneider and his brother, Carter

On Friday, January 31, 2020, Cody Schneider surpassed Nick Kelley's 17 year record of 1,434 points in Boys' Basketball. Cody broke the record with a three-pointer at the end of the first quarter, and finished the game with 16 points. "He can do anything he wants to do", Coach Lintz Bliven said. Cody has worked hard to get this accomplishment. "He is respectful, he is respected and has a heart of gold" stated coach Bliven.

Well deserved to a great student athlete.  
*Congratulations to Cody Schneider!*



# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI WALL OF FAME NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR 2020

The Board of Education and Administration of Genesee Valley Central School are seeking nominations for this year's 2020 Class for induction into the Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame. The Wall of Fame exists to recognize outstanding Genesee Valley alumni, as well as alumni from the founding schools in Angelica and Belmont, who have achieved distinction in their lives and chosen field after high school through significant contributions to their career, community or through personal achievements. This also provides incentive for current and future students.

Nominees to the Alumni Wall of Fame must be graduated at least 15 years before they are eligible for selection. Achievements after graduation may include job related achievements, professional honors and awards, professional affiliations, publications; civic or community involvement; personal achievements/accomplishments; and educational achievements.

Nominations are due to Maureena Chamberlain by Friday, April 24, 2020. You can e-mail [mchamberlain@genvalley.org](mailto:mchamberlain@genvalley.org) or call (585) 268-7906 with your nomination and pertinent contact information. A questionnaire will then be mailed to the nominee.

The Alumni Wall of Fame Selection Committee will review all applications and make selections for induction according to the bylaws. One nominee from Angelica Central, Belmont Central and Genesee Valley Central Schools will be inducted. The induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. as part of the GVCS Graduation Ceremony. If selected, a plaque for each inductee will be placed on the wall in the auditorium at GVCS. We consider it an honor to be inducted and look forward to receiving nominations. Thank you.

## NHS INDUCTIONS

This year's National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 8:00am in the auditorium. Please join us for this special event.

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

# REGISTER TODAY FOR PK3, PK4 AND KINDERGARTEN

Genesee Valley Central School is recruiting for the 2020-2021 school year for grades PK3, PK4 & Kindergarten. PK3 & PK4 children must live in the GVCS school district; Kindergarten children may attend who live out of district. Interested families should call the PK-6 Office at 585-268-7906 to begin the application process and to request an enrollment packet to be mailed or picked up. All registration packets should be completed and returned by April 24, 2020 to the Elementary Office. Registration and screening appointments will be available **May 1st, (8am-12pm), May 7th, (12-3pm) or May 13th, (12-3pm).**

### GVCS "PRE-KINDERGARTEN PK3" REGISTRATION

Children in PK3 must be three (3) years of age on or before December 1, 2020. Students who do not meet age requirements are not eligible for the program. Student must live in district. PK3 offers flexible day sessions. Transportation is available. No PK3 screening required, just return application.

### GVCS "PRE-KINDERGARTEN PK4" REGISTRATION

Children in PK4 must be four (4) years of age on or before December 1, 2020. Students who do not meet age requirements are not eligible for the program. If a student is age eligible for Kindergarten, the child would not qualify for enrollment in the PK4 program. PK4 offers full day sessions and student must live in district. PK4 students are eligible to attend our After School Program and transportation is available to Angelica on the 5:15pm shuttle bus. *Important Note – PK4 registration and screening is only for those children who did not attend the PK3 Program at Genesee Valley School.*

### GVCS "KINDERGARTEN" REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is by appointment. Children must be five (5) years of age on or before December 1, 2020. Student is not required to live in district to be eligible for Kindergarten. There is no transportation for out of district students. *Important Note – Kindergarten registration is only for those children who did not attend the PK4 Program at Genesee Valley School.*

March/ April 2020







# Athletic Wall of Fame Candidates Due April 17<sup>th</sup>

The GVCS Athletic Wall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the Class of 2020. The criteria is listed below. The Class of 2020 will be honored Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, October 3, 2020 with a brunch and award ceremony. We will be accepting nominations until April 17. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Bryan Brockway or a committee member (listed below). If you have questions, please contact Bryan Brockway at 716- 353-5973 (cell) or 585-268-7927 (office).

## Purpose:

- To preserve the history of the Angelica Central School and Belmont Central School athletic programs.
- To preserve, strengthen and add distinction to the athletic program at GVCS.
- To perpetuate the efforts of those individuals and groups who, through either participation, support or interest have made outstanding contributions to the Angelica, Belmont or Genesee Valley athletic program and school community.
- To recognize individuals who have demonstrated, both in school and in succeeding years, the worth of participation in athletics, in helping them establish well-defined goals in their lives, providing mature leadership in various situations and having a positive influence on society.

## Wall of Fame Committee:

- Angelica Community Member – Dave Fleming (585-610-0251)
- Belmont Community Member – Mike Obuhanich (585-268-5040)
- Athletic Director – Bryan Brockway (716-353-5973)
- Administrator – Dr. Brian Schmitt (585-268-7909)
- School Board Members – Bev Evans (585-610-5847) and Fred Grusendorf (585-307-8484)
- Teacher – Lyn VanTassel (585-268-7900)
- Coach – Lisa Clark-Hapeman (585-268-7900)

## Nominees:

- Athletes, Coaches, Contributors and Teams

## Selection Procedure:

- Nominations may come from any source to any committee member.
- No more than five inductees will be admitted per year (one from Angelica Central School, one from Belmont Central School and three from Genesee Valley Central School).
- Nominations in any one year are unlimited. The committee will reduce to vote (five from Angelica School, five from Belmont School and eight from GVCS).
- The nominees will be asked to complete a questionnaire that will provide information used by the committee to make their decision on inductees. Any nominee that received at least one vote will be included on the ballot the next year for consideration.

- After March 1 of each year, the committee will vote for a maximum of five total inductees. Each committee member will give five votes. Any admitted candidate must receive two-thirds of the potential committee votes.
- All final selections and voting results are strictly confidential.

## Selection Criteria:

- Five-year waiting period from the time of graduation
- Successful participation in one or more sports during high school
- Noteworthy accomplishments as a citizen will be considered based on post-high school contributions such as athletics, career field, community service and public service.

## Coaches / Contributors:

- Ten-year waiting period from the time of initial contribution to GVCS
- Successful seasons and consistent contributions to the athletic program at GVCS
- Consideration given to all aspects of contribution to school community

## Teams:

- Five-year waiting period from the time of graduation
- At least, Section V Champions

## Recognition of Inductees:

- Induction Ceremony will be held at the GVCS Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, September 28th
- A recent picture of inductee will appear on the permanent plaque for the “Wall of Fame” area at GVCS
- A personal plaque of recognition will be presented to the inductees

## SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGE NEWS

Think you're pretty clever? Do you like trivia questions? Come test your wit with the brightest of the bright and we will see.

Any middle school or high school student interested in joining this year's GV Scholastic Challenge team, please meet us in Mrs. Douglas' room at 3pm on March 23rd. We will begin forming our winning teams and practicing our strategy. We will meet March 23rd, 24th and then April 23rd and 24th. Our regional competition is Saturday, April 25th at Portville. More details to follow.



# Valuable Scholarships Available for Grads

Each June at Graduation, many scholarships are given out in remembrance of relatives who have lived in the community and who wish to be remembered by loved ones. Also, local businesses and organizations promoting continuing education give scholarships to graduating seniors. If you are one of the people/organizations who are contributing to scholarship funds, we at GVCS would like to thank you! Last year at graduation our seniors received over \$30,000! If you would like to set up a scholarship in the name of someone special to you, please see the donation form below. Listed below are the scholarships that were available and/or were rewarded the last few years at graduation:

- Angelica Booster Citizens Award
- Angelica Lions Club Award
- Angelica Youth Athletics Community Service Award
- Belmont Betterment Community Service Award
- Belmont Fire Company Scholarship
- Belmont Rotary Club Scholarship
- Camelot Choraleer Scholarship
- Cate Tomah Memorial Award
- Deb Histed Sports Scholarship
- Duane "Duff" Fuller & Beth Andrews Scholarship
- F.M. Strate Memorial Scholarship
- Gail Crego Memorial Scholarship
- GVCS Educators' Association Scholarship
- GVCS National Honor Society Scholarship
- GVCS Sports Booster Scholarship
- Herbert DeLong American Legion Post 808-Auxillary
- Herbert DeLong American Legion Post 808-Junior Auxiliary
- Herbert DeLong American Legion Post 808

- Hill Warner American Legion Post 414-Auxillary
- Hill Warner American Legion Post 414
- Hill Warner American Legion Post 414-Sons
- Holy Family Altar Society Scholarship
- Holy Family Religious Education Scholarship
- James Timberlake Memorial Scholarship
- Michael G. Harding Memorial Scholarship
- Mitzi Winterhalter Creative Writing Scholarship
- Nichole Lynn LaDue Memorial Scholarship
- Penny's from Heaven
- Phyllis & Joseph Herdman Memorial Scholarship
- Robert B. Hunter Memorial Scholarship
- Rod Pike II Memorial Scholarship
- Sarah Hammond Davison Award
- Sherry and Glenn Herdman Scholarship
- Steuben Trust Company Scholarship
- Triple D Scholarship

*\*Note the Allegany County Area Foundation also oversees several local scholarships and holds their own separate program annually.*

- Belva A Waite Memorial
- Joseph E. Presutti Memorial
- Karen A. Kunz Memorial
- Kane Family Scholarship Fund
- Stephen V. Ambroselli Scholar Incentive Fund
- Allegany Fund/General Scholarship Fund
- Ian Gregory Bole Memorial
- Dresser Rand Scholarship Fund
- William F. Farnsworth

***Reminders to Seniors!! Check my website weekly for scholarships!***

## GVCS SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

This scholarship is presented in the honor/memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

The criteria or specifics of the scholarship are:

\_\_\_\_\_

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*Please return form and refer any questions to Guidance Counselor Mrs. Preston.*

# TWO NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

The Joseph C. and Phyllis T. Herdman Charitable Foundation is pleased to announce it will be providing scholarships for the first time in 2020. Four scholarships of \$2,500.00 each will be awarded in 2020.

Students or individuals wishing to apply must:

- Live in Townships of Angelica or Amity.
- Be a high school senior graduating in June of senior year, or have previously received a GED. Adults may apply.
- Plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college, university, or accredited vocational education program.
- Have a grade point average of 75 or above.
- Take part in extracurricular or community based activities.
- Financial need will be considered.

Scholarship applications are available at Genesee Valley Central School. Completed applications and supporting documents are to be submitted **by the last Friday in March** to:

Sherry Herdman, President  
Joseph C. and Phyllis T. Herdman  
Charitable Foundation  
8 Schuyler Street  
Belmont, New York 14813

Genesee Valley has started a scholarship in memory of Lynn Manning, retired District Treasurer. Lynn was instrumental in supporting the merger, development and success of the GV School District. One \$500 scholarship will be given out at Graduation to a deserving senior going into the Business or Education field and has a sense of humor.

If you are interested in donating or would like more information please contact the Guidance office at 585-268-7937 or [jpreston@genvalley.org](mailto:jpreston@genvalley.org).



**The Annual FBLA Seniors vs Faculty Basketball Game is March 20th at 6:00pm. Come out and cheer on your fellow Jags and/or Faculty to see who will win this year. Admission is free for everyone and as always check out the half-time contests. See you all there!**

## National Testing Dates for SAT and ACT Exams for Spring/Summer 2020

SAT Test Date	Registration deadline	Late Registration deadline
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020	March 3, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020
ACT Test Date	Registration deadline	Late Registration deadline
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 22, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 26, 2020

Test fees for the ACT without writing are \$49.50 and the SAT without writing costs \$47.50. Late fees are applied if registering after deadline. **Registration sheets or access to the internet to register can be obtained in the Guidance Office.** There are fee waivers available for eligible families.

Any Juniors considering going to college should take one or both of these tests. Some two year schools do not require either and give an Accuplacer exam. Please check in with Mrs. Preston before registering. We highly encourage Juniors and Sophomores to take one or both of these exams sometime this Spring so they have a chance for multiple attempts!



# GENESEE VALLEY FITNESS CENTER NEW HOURS

## Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday 5:00am to 8:00am / 3:00pm to 10:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 5:00am to 9:00pm

**\*\*If the building is closed (holidays, snow days, early dismissals, etc.) Fitness Center is Closed!**

Please check the GV website or call Bryan Brockway at 268-7927 for more information regarding the rules and signing up for a training session prior to receiving membership.

## FITNESS ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT GVCS

•Cardio, Core, Strength & More – Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30pm, Saturdays at 8:30am – Instructor Pat Presutti, call (716) 860-8287 for information.

•Open Indoor Walking Track – Weekdays 7:00-8:00am / 5:00-8:00pm (except during athletic contests & holidays).

•Yoga: Thursdays 4:00 – 5:00pm in room 1170 – Instructor Kristin Buchholz, her email is kbuchholtz@genvalley.org. for more information.



The Boys Varsity Basketball team put together five Christmas Dinners for area families. Thank you to TOPS Friendly Market in Wellsville for giving the team a special price on some of the food. Also, thank you to all that helped make this happen. What a great way for our students to take time to help our community!

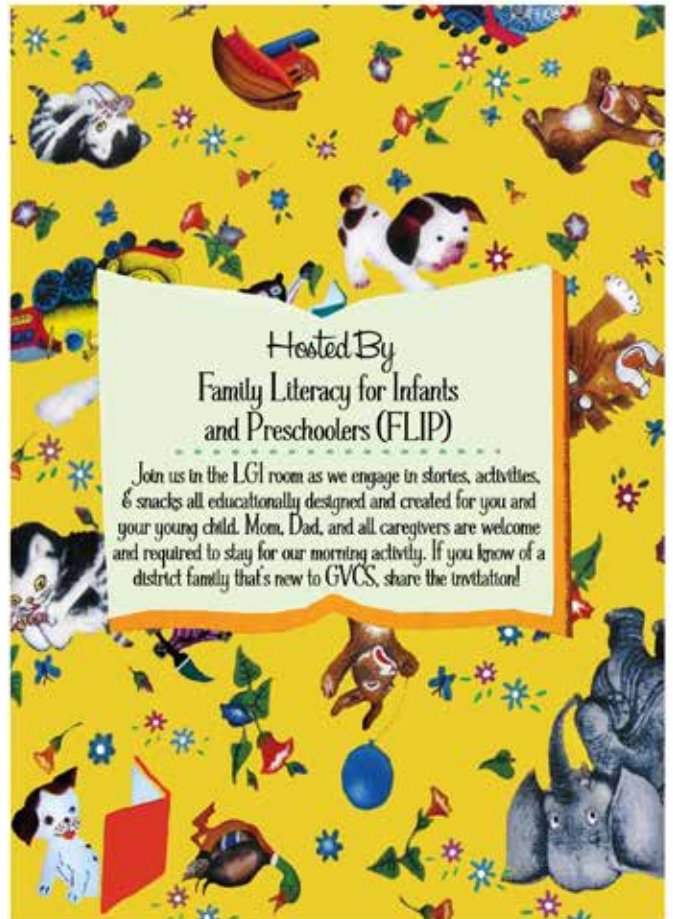


The Genesee Valley Educators' Association met its goal of raising more than \$1,000 this holiday season towards the Backpack Program at GVCS. This money will go towards providing food over weekends and holidays to families that are food insecure. This is the third year in which the GVEA has raised money for this excellent cause, and the Association would like to thank all those who donated to it.

## WINTER SPORTS BANQUET

Our Winter Sports Banquet is scheduled for Thursday March 5th at 6:00 p.m. The evening will start in the auditorium with the coaches of Modified, JV and Varsity basketball, volleyball and swimming giving updates of their teams' season and handing out awards. Followed by desserts in the High School Cafeteria provided by the Sports Boosters.





## Stay Tuned for Closings and Delays

*GVCS will use the School Messenger phone system to notify parents with a recorded phone call when our school is closed or delayed. The district uses our student information in Power School, student information software. If your phone number recently changed, please contact Denise Baker at 585-268-7937 or e-mail [dbaker@genvalley.org](mailto:dbaker@genvalley.org) with changes.*

*We also announce closings and delays on TV Channels 2, 4, 7 and Spectrum, along with local radio stations: WZKZ 101.9 FM, WLSV 790 AM, WJQZ 103.5 FM and WPIG 95.7*

### Transportation Requests to Non-Public Schools Due April 1

The deadline date for transportation requests to non-public schools for the 2020-21 school year must be submitted in writing by April 1, 2020. Requests should be sent to: Dr. Brian Schmitt, Superintendent, Genesee Valley Central School, 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont, NY 14813. Please call the Transportation Office at (585) 268-7920 or the District Office at (585) 268-7909 if you have questions. Thank you.



## BLOOD DRIVE

### Genesee Valley Central School

1 Jaguar Drive • Belmont

**Monday, March 2**

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Auditorium

**Schedule an appointment today!**

Contact Anne at 585-268-7900 x1216 or [acampbell@genvalley.org](mailto:acampbell@genvalley.org)

or visit [ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org](http://ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org) and enter sponsor code 000602 or call ConnectLife at 716-529-4270

**\*Photo ID is required to donate\***

All presenting donors will receive a FREE t-shirt!

**Connect Life**

Blood & Organ Donor Network

Genesee Valley Central School

# 2019 - 2020 WESTERN CIVILIZATION CLASS

During the first semester of the 2019-20 school year, our Western Civilization Houghton College class taught at GV by Mrs. Horne, learned from “PLATO to NATO” while reading and analyzing Marvin Perry’s Western Civilization:

A Brief History, to get a better understanding of Western history. We also analyzed multiple sources that were written throughout history which helped us find different interpretations of past events. We read a total of approximately 7,731 pages of primary and secondary text. Every week our class read a chapter from Perry, while writing a 500-word paper and a 200-word paper based on that chapter. The mid-term

and final assignments were larger papers in which we had the opportunity to visit the Houghton Library to get sources and books for our historiographies. While writing these larger papers, we had the option of choosing our own topics based on an event or controversial topic in Western history. A couple of our class mates chose the topics of “Attempts of Political Assassinations” -Cody Schneider; “Was the Russian Revolution of 1917 Successful?” -Lizzie Bentley; and a book comparison of “An Examination of Darwinism and Marxism” -Savannah Werner. Our class wrote an approximate total of 146,700 words of “A.S.A.S.”: analysis, synthesis, argument, and significance. We also footnoted a total of approximately 1,827 sources which were all formatted using the Chicago Turabian citation style. When asked about the class, Mrs. Horne said, “I thoroughly enjoyed teaching this year’s Western Civ. class; a group not afraid of hard work. This course not only challenges them intellectually, but it also introduces them to the rigor of balancing a myriad of responsibilities that they will face as adults. Talk about ‘real world experiences’! We analyzed the past world experiences of people who have come before us while facing our own real world experiences. I’m proud of each one of these students for being brave and pushing themselves to richer and deeper thought and applying these studies to their own beliefs and world perspectives.” Students were also asked about the class, and they said, “I liked knowing this class will truly help me in the future” -Avery Grusendorf; and, “I liked the challenge of the class the most, it drove me to try hard to be a better writer” -Cameron Middaugh. This college class was a great experience for all of us to increase our writing skills and better prepare ourselves for life after high school. We are all proud of ourselves and each other for accomplishing all the hard tasks given to us throughout the course, and I encourage anyone who is willing to try this class out because it is an amazing experience. I would like to personally thank Mrs. Horne for all her support throughout this course and to all my classmates who encouraged me as well.

By Sierra Burrows



*Genevieve Green, Brooke Schultz, Avery Grusendorf, Cody Schneider, Sierra Burrows, Lizzie Bentley, Savannah Werner, Austin Ford, and Cameron Middaugh*

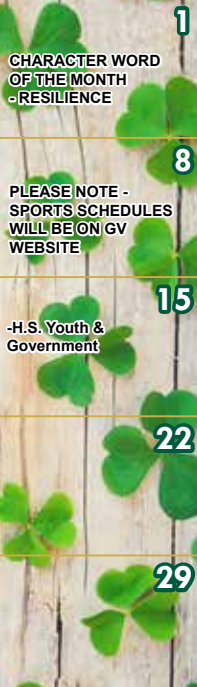


## Mediterranean Tour update

There is much excitement about this year’s trip and travelers are eagerly awaiting their departure to Barcelona. Twenty-five travelers from both Genesee Valley and Cuba-Rushford are joining together to spend Spring Break in one of the most beautiful corners of the world. Check out our view from our hotel in Nice, France! Nice is known for its fantastic climate, fabulous beaches, and beautiful coastline with mesmerizing views. We will have the opportunity to explore Nice, and many other unique places in Spain, France, and Monaco. Anyone interested in a similar travel experience? Start planning and saving for our next GV excursion!




# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>1</b> CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - RESILIENCE</p>	<p><b>2</b> -11:00am-4:00pm Blood Drive, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> -6:00pm-Winter Sports Banquet -5:30 pmFamily Literacy Night</p>	<p><b>6</b> -Progress reports available online/mailed home, Gr. 5-12 -End of 2nd marking period, Gr. K-4 -12-6pm-Alleg. Co. Music Festival Rehearsal at Fillmore</p>	<p><b>7</b> -2pm-Alleg. Co. Music Festival Concert at Fillmore</p>
<p><b>8</b> PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE</p>	<p><b>9</b> -Spring Modified / Varsity Sports Practices Begin</p>	<p><b>10</b> -3:05pm MS/HS Faculty Mtg., Rm. 1121</p>	<p><b>11</b> -3:05pm Elementary Faculty Mtg., LGI Rm.</p>	<p><b>12</b> -Report cards mailed home, Gr. K-4</p>	<p><b>13</b> -Staff Development Day - <b>No Student Attendance</b> -H.S. Youth &amp; Government</p>	<p><b>14</b> -SAT Test (register by 2/14) - H.S. Youth &amp; Government - Odyssey of the Mind Competition</p>
<p><b>15</b> -H.S. Youth &amp; Government</p>	<p><b>16</b> -5:30pm-Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121</p>	<p><b>17</b> - Jostens order day for seniors</p>	<p><b>18</b> -3:05pm Leadership Council Meeting, Main Conf. Rm.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> -8:00am NHS Induction Ceremony, Auditorium -12-6pm-Alleg. Co. Music Festival Rehearsal at GV -6pm-Faculty vs Senior BB Game</p>	<p><b>21</b> -2pm-Alleg. Co. Music Festival Concert at GVCS</p>
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> -Grades 3-8 State ELA Test</p>	<p><b>26</b> -Grades 3-8 State ELA Test</p>	<p><b>27</b> -Grades 3-8 State ELA Test -FBLA &amp; LOTE NYC Trip</p>	<p><b>28</b> -FBLA &amp; LOTE NYC Trip</p>
<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> Grades 3-8 State Testing -5:30pm-Board of Education Budget Work Session, Rm. 1121</p>	<p><b>31</b> -Grades 3-8 State Testing</p>				

# CALENDAR OF CENTRAL EVENTS

## April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><b>CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - SINCERE</b></p>		<p><b>1</b> End of 3rd Marking Period, Gr. 5-12</p>	<p><b>2</b> -5:30pm-Fine Arts Festival -6:15pm-Gr. K-1 Spring Concert -7pm-Gr. 2-4 Spring Concert</p>	<p><b>3</b> Last day to register for 5/2 SAT Test -6:30pm-Jazz &amp; Dessert Concert at GVCS</p>	<p><b>4</b> -ACT Test (register by 2/28)</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE</p>	<p><b>7</b> -3:05pm MS/HS Faculty Mtg., Rm. 1121 -Washington, D.C. Trip</p>	<p><b>8</b> -3:05pm Elem. Faculty Mtg. -8:15-9:30am FLIP Event - 4-6pm JAM Chicken or Rib Dinner -Washington, D.C. Trip -GV Europe Trip</p>	<p><b>9</b> -Report Cards available online/mailed home, Gr. 5-12 -Washington, D.C. Trip -GV Europe Trip</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>School Closed - Good Friday Holiday</b> -GV Europe Trip</p>	<p><b>11</b> -GV Europe Trip</p>
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<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> -Grades 3-8 State Math Test -5:30pm-Board of Education Meeting, Rm. 1121</p>	<p><b>22</b> -Grades 3-8 State Math Test -3:05pm Leadership Council Meeting, Main Conf. Rm.</p>	<p><b>23</b> -Grades 3-8 State Math Test</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> -Scholastic Challenge at Portville School -Allegany County Tax Auction</p>
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# 2020 NYS GRADES 3-8 ASSESSMENTS

by Paula Mighells, Curriculum Coordinator/Dean of Students

We have important news! The New York State Education Department will again be limiting the NYS ELA and Math testing to two days per test as they did last year. Therefore, Genesee Valley Central School will be administering the NYS 3-8 ELA assessments on March 25-26, 2020 and the NYS 3-8 Math assessments on April 21-22, 2020.

As on last year's assessments, the time constraints will be removed and students will have as much time as they need to complete their test on the day it is administered. We at Genesee Valley are excited about these changes since they allow students to work more at their own pace and take the time they need to do their best work!

To promote your child's ability to perform at their very best, here are a few test-taking tips to review with your child:

- Keep a positive attitude and simply focus on doing your best. Try to relax and take a few deep breaths.
- Go to bed early so you can get a good night's sleep before testing day.
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning of the test.
- Read each question carefully so you know what the directions are asking you to do.
- Write neatly so everyone can read your work.
- Make sure you answer all questions. If you don't know the answer, make your best guess.
- Avoid medical and dental appointments on testing days. If your child feels ill, keep them home for the day.

As always, we appreciate the support we get from parents. If you have a child who could use some reassurance, please don't hesitate to contact the child's teacher. Our teachers can support your child while at school.

Below is the testing schedule for your reference. Exact starting times will be determined closer to the assessment date. Please notify us if your child will be absent on testing days so we can schedule a make-up session.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call your child's principal or testing coordinator Paula Mighells at (585) 268-7900.

2020 ELA Assessment Schedule		
<b>Assessment Start Time</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>	<b>Thursday, March 26</b>
8:00 AM	Grades 3, 4, 7, 8	Grades 3, 4, 7, 8
8:45 AM	Grades 5, 6	Grades 5, 6

2020 Math Assessment Schedule		
<b>Assessment Start Time</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 21</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>
8:00 AM	Grades 3, 4, 7, 8	Grades 3, 4, 7, 8
8:45 AM	Grades 5, 6	Grades 5, 6

2020 Science Written Assessment Schedule		
<b>Assessment Start Time</b>	<b>Monday, June 1</b>	<b>Monday, June 1</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	Grade 4	Grade 8

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday, March 13 – Staff Development Day - **School Closed**
- Friday, April 10 – Good Friday – **School Closed**
- Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 17 – Easter / Spring Break – **School Closed**

(Students return on Monday, April 20th)



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for information on sex offenders living in the GVCS District

## SPORTS SCHEDULES

To look at all GV sports schedules, go to [www.alleganycountyleague.org](http://www.alleganycountyleague.org) and follow these steps:

- Click on Genesee Valley at the right
- This screen gives a schedule of games for the week. You can use the arrows on the calendar to advance to the next month. Click on any day to view that day's schedule.
- Under the calendar, you can view specific schedules by checking that particular sport.
- Click "Notify Me" at the top right corner:
  - ~ This allows you to be notified weeks, days or a certain number of hours before a contest.
  - ~ Follow the four steps to set this up for your email and/or cell phone.

## Save the Date!

On June 18th, GV's Hacking Leadership course, taught by Mr. Anger and Mrs. Horne, will be hosting a free afternoon concert and an evening event featuring the sensational group Alex Torres & His Latin Orchestra. This award-winning, 12-piece orchestra is led by the Bronx-born bassist Alex Torres, and includes native-born Rushford, N.Y. trumpet player, Terry Gordon. Involved in hundreds of festivals, performing arts centers, and events annually, they love to perform their original blend of Afro-Caribbean rhythms such as Salsa, Merengue, Cha-cha, Bomba, Plena and Latin Jazz. They have performed for some seriously famous people and had their music featured in numerous motion-pictures. Our community will now have the honor of this dynamic, Afro-Caribbean roots and rhythms in our own school's auditorium. Mark it on your calendar and stay tuned for more details!



[www.genvalley.org](http://www.genvalley.org)

For a GVCS staff listing, events calendar, details regarding community use of district facilities and other helpful information, please visit us online.