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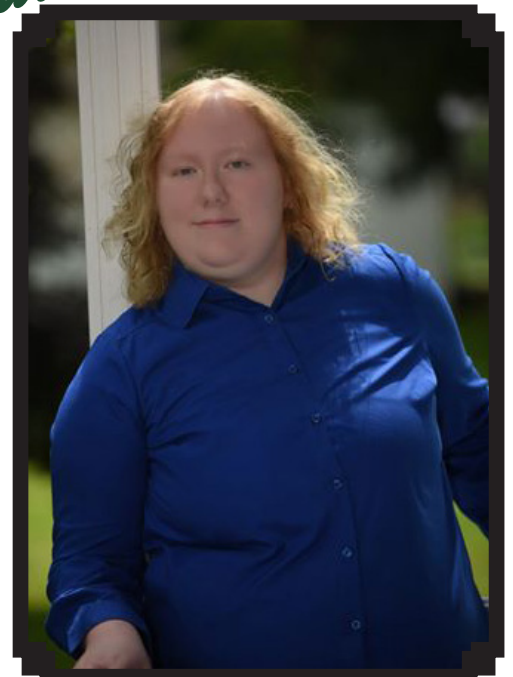
Genesee Valley is pleased to announce our Valedictorian for the Class of 2020

Jonathan Rizzo, son of Jaclyn and Richard Rizzo, is recognized as the Valedictorian for the Class of 2020. Jon currently has a GPA of 98.9. He participates in cross-country, basketball and track. Jon plans to attend St. Bonaventure University with a major of Biology. Good luck, Jon!


2020 *Class*
OF 
congratulations

Genesee Valley is pleased to announce our Salutatorian for the Class of 2020

Grace Musingo, daughter of Heidi and Thomas Musingo, is recognized as the Salutatorian for the Class of 2020. Grace currently has a GPA of 95.61. She is a member of National Honor Society and is very active in band and the drama club. She plans to attend Alfred State College with a major in Digital Media & Animation. Good luck, Grace!



PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET & VOTE

Annual School Budget



A Message from the Genesee Valley Central School Board of Education.

Please note the following as per the New State Governor's Executive Order 202.26:

1. **Our Annual District Meeting** (Budget Vote/Election) has been rescheduled to be conducted on **Tuesday, June 9, 2020**. All ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m.

2. The school vote will be conducted entirely by Absentee Ballot through the U.S. Postal Service. **Absentee Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters on or about May 22nd**. If you don't receive a ballot by May 27th or have any questions, please contact the district clerk at 585-268-7909 or pwinterhalter@genvalley.org.

The 2020-21 Budget Hearing has been rescheduled for Monday, June 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held virtually via live-stream and available for viewing on the Genesee Valley Central School website at: www.genvalley.org.

Voting Qualifications

A resident of the Genesee Valley Central School District shall be entitled to vote, who is:

1. A citizen of the United States;
2. At least 18 years of age by June 9, 2020;
3. A resident of the district for at least 30 days preceding the vote.

If you are a qualified voter and **not** a registered, you may do so on the DMV voter registration website at: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application> or contact the district clerk to obtain an absentee ballot no later than June 2, 2020.

Pamela A Winterhalter, District Clerk
Genesee Valley Central School District
Phone: 585-268-7909
Email: pwinterhalter@genvalley.org.



Dear District Residents,

We are living in unprecedented times. The Covid-19 virus interrupted life as we know it and the impact is global. During these difficult economic times, the Board of Education continues to strike a balance between maintaining current academic and extra-curricular programs with the need to minimize the financial burden to taxpayers. This budget proposes a tax levy increase of .090% and a year-to-year budget increase of 1%.

The proposed 2020-21 Genesee Valley CSD Budget maintains current academic programs even though the district revenues decreased significantly. The budget supports district STEAM and wellness initiatives, maintains current extracurricular activities, athletics, and co-curricular offerings and provides the resources necessary to ensure that all students are successful. The budget reduces overall staff by five positions through redistributing three retirements throughout the district and cutting two unfilled openings.

Please note that per Governor's Executive Order 202.26, the budget vote will be conducted on **June 9, 2020 by absentee ballots**. Ballots will be mailed on or about May 22, 2020 and must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020. The 2020-21 Adjourned Budget Hearing has been rescheduled for Monday, June 1, 2020. This meeting will be live-streamed and available for viewing on the Genesee Valley Central School YouTube Channel. If you are not a registered voter, you may register at <https://dmv.ny.gov/office/belmont> or contact the District Clerk at 585-268-7909 or pwinterhalter@genvalley.org to obtain an absentee ballot no later than June 2, 2020.

We remain committed to providing a rigorous and well-rounded curriculum to our students in the most cost-effective manner possible. Thank you for your continued support of the students at Genesee Valley CSD.

Sincerely,

Genesee Valley Central School District Board of Education members

Mr. Timothy Hand, President
Ms. Amy Werner, Vice-President
Mr. Fred Grusendorf
Mr. Joshua Shannon
Mr. Heath Gordon
Mr. Don Baker
Ms. Beverly Evans



PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET & VOTE

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2020-21 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 17,154,973	\$17,326,350	\$17,207,319
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$171,377	\$52,346
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.00%	0.31%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$2,984,287	\$3,011,146	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$2,984,287	\$3,011,146	\$2,984,287
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$2,984,287	\$3,011,146	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$2,984,287	\$3,011,146	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,257,772	\$1,313,173	\$1,292,063
Program Component	\$11,201,759	\$11,558,629	\$11,549,213
Capital Component	\$4,695,442	\$4,454,548	\$4,366,043
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2020-21 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.			
Contingency Budget does not include equipment or Capital Outlay expenditures.			

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgt@nysed.gov

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$441.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the **Genesee Valley** School District, **Allegany** County, New York, will be held entirely by absentee ballot of qualified voters on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:00 pm per the New York State Governor's Executive Order 202.26.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET & VOTE

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSAL (2020-2021)

	2019-20	2020-21	ADMIN.	2020-21 PROGRAM	CAPITAL
<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u>					
Board of Education members receive no salary. Provides for travel, membership, supplies.	\$11,150	\$11,650	\$11,650		
<u>DISTRICT MEETING</u>					
Provides funds for the District Clerk, costs for school votes, legal notices, other expenses for the election process.	\$23,690	\$24,246	\$24,246		
<u>CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Compensation for the Superintendent, clerical staff, office supplies and travel are included here.	\$226,424	\$241,633	\$241,633		
<u>BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/AUDIT/TREASURER</u>					
Coordination for financial matters of the district. Includes costs for treasurer, auditors & BOCES services.	\$129,855	\$140,313	\$140,313		
<u>TAX COLLECTION/PURCHASING</u>					
Provides for collection of taxes and purchasing for district.	\$33,172	\$38,946	\$38,946		
<u>LEGAL & PERSONNEL</u>					
Provides legal counsel services district-wide as well as labor dispute settlement, and employee benefit coordination.	\$257,661	\$292,000		\$292,000	
<u>PUBLIC INFORMATION</u>					
Provides for publication of district newsletter of all buildings as well as utilities.	\$32,012	\$36,645	\$2,150	\$34,495	
<u>OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE</u>					
Provides for maintenance & operation	\$1,102,310	\$1,087,995			\$1,087,995
<u>CENTRAL SERVICES</u>					
Provides for mailing, copy and data processing services district-wide.	\$259,900	\$314,900	\$4,000	\$310,900	
<u>SPECIAL ITEMS</u>					
Includes insurance, BOCES administration, tax refunds, etc.	\$244,533	\$242,993	\$223,143	\$19,850	
<u>INSTRUCTIONAL ADMINISTRATION & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</u>					
Includes principals and their clerical staff. All includes curriculum development costs and supplies, test scoring, travel, etc.	\$406,140	\$425,274	\$344,656	\$80,618	
<u>INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF DEVELOP.</u>					
Provides funding for continued professional growth and improvement.	\$143,720	\$145,567		\$145,567	
<u>REGULAR TEACHING</u>					
Included in this area are salaries for teachers, aides, substitutes, equipment, supplies, textbooks and BOCES instructional costs.	\$3,956,650	\$3,845,745		\$3,845,745	
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION</u>					
Provides for staff, supplies, textbooks, tuition and BOCES costs for special education programs.	\$1,582,746	\$1,695,773	\$32,950	\$1,662,823	
<u>OCCUPATIONAL/SPECIAL SCHOOLS</u>					
Includes occupational tuition at BOCES and summer school.	\$391,315	\$476,430		\$476,430	
<u>LIBRARY/AUDIO VISUAL</u>					
Includes salaries for librarian and assistant, books, AV supplies and equipment.	\$128,583	\$134,172		\$134,172	
<u>COMPUTER INSTRUCTION</u>					
Includes funds for technology coordinator and lab aides/assistants, hardware and software, and supplies.	\$401,164	\$399,132		\$399,132	
<u>GUIDANCE/ATTENDANCE</u>					
Provides school counselor services along with their clerical help, supplies and travel.	\$163,484	\$175,370		\$175,370	
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>					
Includes the salaries of the nurses and school doctor as well as costs of their offices.	\$104,089	\$111,498		\$111,498	
<u>PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES</u>					
Includes the expenses for our school psychologist, supplies, travel, etc.	\$47,500	\$47,407		\$47,407	



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	2019-20	2020-21	ADMIN.	2020-21 PROGRAM	CAPITAL
<u>SOCIAL WORK SERVICES</u>					
Includes expenses for our school social workers, supplies, travel, etc.	\$118,522	\$64,674		\$64,674	
<u>CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</u>					
Includes costs for non-athletic student activities such as yearbook, musicals, student council, advisors, etc.	\$96,167	\$116,522		\$116,522	
<u>ATHLETICS</u>					
Includes coaching salaries, equipment, official's fees, supplies, etc.	\$222,127	\$251,375		\$251,375	
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>					
Includes costs of transportation such as salaries, vehicle parts, insurance, bus garage utilities, rental, etc.	\$618,325	\$683,839		\$683,839	
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>					
Includes costs of retirement, social security and insurance for all employees.	\$3,075,916	\$3,178,170	249,486	2,706,212	222,472
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>					
Principal and interest payments on all debt (building, buses, etc.) included here.	\$3,377,818	\$3,144,081			3,144,081
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</u>					
Funding for Capital or Debt Reserve	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$17,154,973	\$17,326,350	\$1,313,173	\$11,558,629	\$4,454,548
2019-20 TOTALS (for comparison)		\$171,377	\$1,257,772	\$11,201,759	\$4,695,442
INCREASE IN TOTAL BUDGET	0.00%	1.00%	4.40%	3.19%	-5.13%
<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>			
<u>REAL PROPERTY TAX ITEMS</u>					
Includes the estimated tax levy and interest/penalties on taxes.	\$2,990,287	\$3,017,146			
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>					
Admissions, transportation for BOCES, preschool transportation and services.	\$171,500	\$159,750			
<u>USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY</u>					
Interest earnings, room rental to BOCES	\$106,000	\$114,000			
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>					
Refund of prior year's expenses, sale of excess items, miscellaneous items	\$217,000	\$192,000			
<u>STATE SOURCES</u>					
NYS Aid	\$11,808,399	\$11,794,690			
BOCES Aid/Medicaid Reimbursement	\$980,000	\$1,076,000			
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS/FEDERAL SOURCES</u>					
Transfers from Debt Service, encumbrances, Federal sources, reserves, etc.	\$581,787	\$572,764			
<u>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</u>					
Portion of unreserved fund balance estimated to be available to reduce property taxes	\$300,000	\$400,000			
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$17,154,973	\$17,326,350			
INCREASE		1.00%			

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Budget Proposed for 2020-21

School Year **\$17,326,350**

Basic STAR Tax Savings

using 100% Equalization Rate **\$441.00**



PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET & VOTE

2020-2021 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

020702 - GENESEE VALLEY CSD

Contact Person: Erin Ostrander

Telephone Number: (585)268-7900

	Budgeted 2019-20 (A)	Proposed Budget 2020-21 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	17,154,973	17,326,350
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	2,984,287	3,011,146
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable		
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²		
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable		
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	2,984,287	3,011,146
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit		
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	2,984,287	3,011,146
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	2,984,287	3,011,146
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	0	0
Public School Enrollment	591	600
Consumer Price Index		1.81%

	Actual 2019-20 (D)	Estimated 2020-21 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	5,141,735	4,643,657
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	300,000	400,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,040,069	779,686
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	6.06%	4.50%

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/20 Actual Balance	6/30/20 Estimated Ending Balance
Capital	Transportation Equipment Reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$539,575	\$639,575
Capital	Capital Improvements Reserve		\$785,000	\$800,000
Repair	Repair Reserve	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	\$698,155	\$698,155
Workers' Compensation		To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.		
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	\$86,200	\$86,245
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.		
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service	Reserve for Debt Services	To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.	\$588,819	\$588,819
Insurance		To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.		
Property Loss	Reserve for Property Loss	To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property loss.	\$441,712	\$441,712
Liability		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.		
Tax Certiorari		To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements		
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year end.		
EBALR – Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Reserve for Compensated Absences	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	\$514,601	\$534,917
Retirement Contribution	Reserve for Retirement Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	\$804,234	\$804,234
Retirement Contribution	Reserve for Retirement Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System	\$20,000	\$50,000

PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET & VOTE

PROPOSED 2020-21 BUDGET & VOTE

The annual vote of the qualified voters of the Genesee Valley Central School District, which was adjourned by Executive Order of the Governor of the State of New York, shall be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 to vote upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2020-21 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District.
2. To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing on July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023 for the following at large vacancies on the Board: to succeed Beverly Evans, Joshua Shannon and Amy Werner. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be awarded three-year terms.
3. To adopt the following propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE / USE OF TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND

Shall the following resolution be adopted?
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the

“Board”) of the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) forty-three (43) passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$190,000.00 (one hundred ninety thousand dollars & 00/100) being the aforesaid maximum estimated cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary for use in the transportation program of the District, said funds shall be expended from the District’s Transportation Reserve Fund - 2014, as duly established on May 20, 2014, in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State Law.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – ANGELICA AND BELMONT FREE LIBRARIES

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to, and will, levy and collect taxes in the District in the fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amounts, respectively, of \$52,000 for the Angelica Free Library and \$52,500 for the Belmont Free Library to provide public library services, and pay over such funds to the Board of Trustees of each library, respectively.

Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2020-21 School Year
To purchase additional school bus.
Do not intend to use during the 2020-21 school year.
To pay for any unanticipated, emergency repairs to district facilities or equipment.
To help offset unemployment claims to NYS.
To pay down district debt.
To pay for any unanticipated, non-recurring property losses that were not included in regular operating budget.
To pay employees for accrued unused sick, personal, and vacation time upon termination of employment.
To help offset district expenses to the NYS & Local Retirement System.
To help offset district expenses to the Teachers' Retirement System.

Information on School Usage

The school building remains closed (except for essential staff members).

- The track is open
- Playground is closed
- Sports fields are open
- Tennis courts are open

Please note: Anyone on school grounds must exhibit safe practices including social distancing; no team or group activities; individual, small group, and family activities are acceptable.

If you have any questions please call the school at 585-268-7900.



School Board Candidates



Hello! My name is Beverly Evans and I am running for re-election to the Genesee Valley School Board. What an honor it has been for me to serve the district for the past three years. It has been overwhelming to see all the accomplishments that have taken place at Genesee Valley, not only the capital project but the numerous new programs made available to the students and community as well.

Having gained the experience as a Board Member I feel much better prepared to represent you in an even greater capacity.

Thank you,
Bev

Dean McKnight, a resident of Angelica will be one of the candidates listed on the Absentee Ballot for our District vote on June 9, 2020. He is running for one of the open seats on the Genesee Valley Central School Board.

Hi my name is Josh Shannon and I am running for my fourth term on the GVCS School Board. This being my ninth year on the board, I have gained invaluable insight into the inner workings of how a school functions. I have served on several committees, including Negotiations, Athletic, Wellness, Building and Grounds, and Policy. My initial motivation in seeking a position on the board was to be a part of the education system that was educating my son. This year he graduates. The reason I am continuing to pursue a seat is education is important to me no matter if I have a child in the district or not. I can no longer affect students directly. Being on the board allows me to be part of something that affects an entire school district. I ask for the continued support of this community.

Thank you,
Josh



PROM CANCELED

By Mrs. Donlon

Unfortunately, due to Governor Cuomo's decision to keep schools closed for the remainder of the school year, Prom is canceled. I know this is a big disappointment for many of you and I am sorry we will not be able to enjoy this fun event together. Next year we will have two Prom courts, one for seniors and one for juniors.



GRADUATION 2020

Genesee Valley's graduation ceremony will take place Saturday June 27 at 11:00 a.m. Specific plans are being discussed and will be finalized in the near future. If you would like to attend virtually, the ceremony will be live streamed on the GV YouTube Channel and broadcast on the Angelica Community Radio station, WRAQ 92.7.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020

NHS STAFF SPOTLIGHT

By Grace Musingo



Rita George is Genesee Valley Central School's elementary nurse. "I love working with the kids," she responded when asked about her favorite thing about GV. She also noted how she enjoys working with the school faculty. There were 3 summers in which she worked as a nurse at a horse camp. Mrs. George said that this was her most interesting job, as she got the opportunity to ride horses. She said that her grandmother was "a great inspiration", especially in terms of pursuing a career in nursing. Mrs. George's grandmother was a nurse herself and would spend long nights helping her study and encouraging her every step of the way. As a student, Mrs. George's favorite teacher was her 9th grade English teacher Ms. Ciangalini. She recalled that Ms. Ciangalini was always reminding her students that they were important and making sure everyone felt special. "No one was a failure in her class," she said. Mrs. George recommends reading *The One and Only Ivan* by K. A. Applegate, especially for younger children. She feels that the story sends a great message about how even when life starts out tough it can get better.

Thomas Musingo Jr. is the vocal and general music teacher at Genesee Valley. His students range from PK-3 through 8th grade. When asked about his favorite thing about GV, he commented on the positive, caring and healthy atmosphere that is maintained throughout the district. Prior to teaching he says his most interesting job was working at UPS where he started by loading package cars, and later became a supervisor. His role model in education is Fred Rogers. "His thoughts on childhood were compassionate and insightful, and he lived them genuinely," Mr. Musingo said. The person he "looks up to most" is his younger brother, Tony, who is 6'4". Growing up his favorite teacher was Mr. Jacobson, the director of the district wind ensemble. Mr. Musingo appreciated his sense of humor and productive rehearsals. A book that Mr. Musingo enjoyed recently is *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. It takes place in 19th century China. There are few characters and made him think about Western sensibilities.





Seniors with Post Plans

Hunter Brodman	United States Marines	Jocelyn Histed	Continental School of Beauty
Caileigh Bump	Wake Tech Community College (Pre Occupational/ Physical Therapy)	Kimberly Johnson	Jamestown Community College (Nursing)
Ethan Burke	Alfred State College (Forensic Science)	Abigail McCarthy	Workforce
Cristian Burnell	Jamestown Community College (Welding)	Cameron Middaugh	United States Army
Carter Christensen	Workforce	Alaina Miller	Workforce
Trevor Clark	SUNY Fredonia (Psychology)	Grace Musingo	Alfred State College (Digital Media & Animation)
Kennedy Cosme	Workforce	Isabelle Ordway	United States Army
Alexis Deichmann	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (Aeronautical Science)	Elise Petrichick	Alfred State College (Veterinary Science)
Brennan Dontje	Alfred State College (Electrical Construction & Maintenance Electrician)	Emma Petrichick	Nazareth College (Business Management)
Spencer Drake	SUNY ESF (Construction Management)	Cannon Phillips	Workforce
Michaela Edmister	Jamestown Community College (Occupational Therapy)	Ethan Porter	College at Mount Saint Vincent (Business Administration)
Austin Ford	United States Army	Taylor Prentice	Workforce
Sarah Francisco	Alfred State College (Human Services)	Jonathan Rizzo	Saint Bonaventure College (Biology)
Dustin Gleason	Lincoln Tech (Welding)	Cody Schneider	Mansfield University (Criminal Justice)
Genevieve Greene	Alfred University (Childhood Inclusive Education)	Gibson Shannon	Alfred State College (Computer Engineering Technology)
Gavin Hand	Roberts Wesleyan College (Sports Management)	Cynthia Shipman	United States Army
Hailey Herring	National Guard/Jamestown Community College (Nursing)	Gabriel Snyder	Alfred State College (Welding)
		Joseph Sweet	Workforce
		Logan Torrey	Alfred State College (Architecture)
		Riley Vohs	Workforce
		Evan Windus	Workforce





Elementary Student Council Representatives would like all of our Genesee Valley Community members to know that if you are unable to scan on your own receipts just send receipts into school to be placed in Mrs. Emrich's mailbox! We will process them for you!


MORE CONVENIENT
Redeem anywhere, anytime
within 14 days of purchase


EASY TO USE
No more clipping or sending
Box Tops to school




REAL TIME
Your school's earnings are
automatically updated online


EXTRA CASH
Access special bonus offers
on top of your Box Tops
earnings

Sign up to start earning today!

SIGN UP FOR FREE

Already have an account? [Sign In](#)

Please keep in mind that some companies are not participating with the new digital Box Top program, so there is still some clipping that can take place. The following products still use the old Box Tops Clips. Parent volunteer Heather Nickens will still be processing and collecting these clippings!

COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTERN PROGRAM

GVCS would like to recognize Cynthia Shipman and Genevieve Greene for participating in the Allegany County Government Internship program. This is a hands-on learning experience in which high school seniors' intern at the local Allegany County government building and learn about various departments within the county. Nice job representing GVCS!



JUNE AND AUGUST 2020 REGENTS EXAMS CANCELED

If you have any questions regarding Regents exams, please contact either Josie Preston at jpreston@genvalley.org /or 585-268-7928, or Paula Mighells at pmighells@genvalley.org or 585-268-7942.

New National Honor Society Members

Savannah Werner, Emma Petrichick, Avery Grusendorf, Kayci Bigelow, Hailey Herring

NOTE: Please stay tuned for a digital NHS Induction Ceremony to honor our 2020 inductees on our website: www.genvalley.org

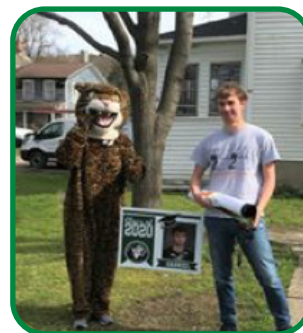
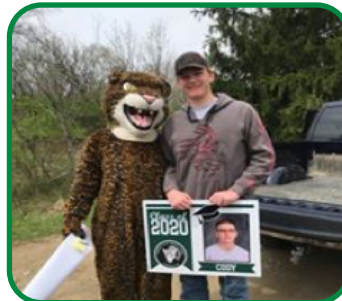
SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS 2020

Due to the coronavirus, summer school information will be released at a later date. Updates will be posted on the Genesee Valley website at www.genvalley.org.

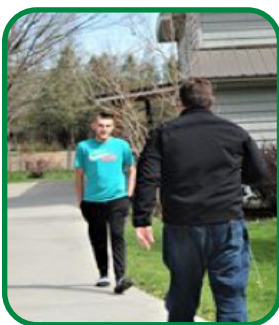
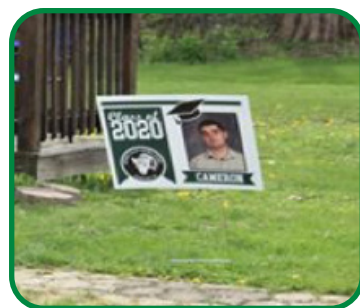
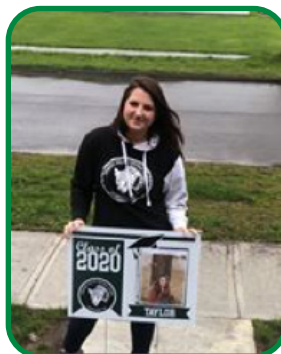


A PARADE

On Tuesday, May 5, over 60 cars filled with Genesee Valley faculty and staff visited each of the district's 37 seniors to deliver personalized yard signs and a whole lot of love and support.



A man in a blue hoodie is holding a large white award plaque that says "2020" and features a photo of a student. He is standing next to a large tiger mascot. The background is an outdoor field with trees.



RETIREES

Originally hired as a long-term sub at Angelica Central School, Chris Gyr has held the positions of library media specialist, district computer coordinator, district technology coordinator and most recently director of STEAM learning and innovation. He will retire this year after 31 years in the district.

Colleagues describe Chris with words like “thoughtful, logical, considerate, steady, a true gentleman.”

When talking with Chris you know you’re being heard. Really heard. You can see the gears turning and you anticipate his mild-mannered, thoughtful, deliberate response. You want to write down what he says because it’s akin to sage wisdom, and often downright hilarious.

“Where others may be erratic and impulsive,” said technology teacher Mark Levine, “Chris is analytical and reserved when speaking his mind, and does it with the greatest amount of respect and consideration. When talking with him, you often get the feeling that his is looking right through you due to his unfailing attention and listening ability.”

His attentiveness to those around him and awareness of a situation leads him to perform acts of gallantry—large and small. “Chris joined a lunch group I ate with a few years ago,” remembered high school history teacher Sarah Horne. “We loved getting to know him better and spend a few minutes with him each day. As soon as he realized that we were limping along with a crummy toaster, he brought us a brand-new toaster oven that was a serious upgrade. He was so thoughtful and kind in a tangible way.”

The COVID-19 quarantine arrived during the final months of Chris’s career, but he wasn’t fazed. “Chris views obstacles as opportunities and adapts when situations change,” said science teacher Bridget Chichester. During the quarantine, in addition to performing his STEAM director duties, Chris researched, designed and fabricated face shields for local healthcare professionals.

“I will miss Chris’s sense of humor and out-of-the-box thinking,” said middle school/high school principal Sara Donlon. “He looks at problems with a unique perspective that often challenges my own thinking.”

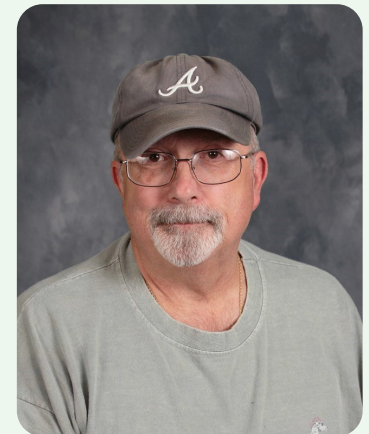
In his retirement, Chris plans to pursue his interests, travel the U.S., volunteer, and—in his words—“live a life of quiet inspiration.”



Doug Thomas is retiring after ten years as a bus driver at Genesee Valley. Prior to GV, Doug was a police officer in Georgia. Known among his fellow bus drivers as “The Hammer,” Doug enjoyed getting to know the kids on his route. Transportation Supervisor Willie Weaver commented: “Doug connected with several children on his bus route and often purchased items for them such as coats and gloves if he thought they were in need.”

“I enjoyed working with the people at Genesee Valley,” said Doug, “especially getting to know the teachers and staff as well as working with Willie and the other bus drivers.”

Doug is married to Carmen and has three children, Jessica, Carolyn and Robert. During retirement Doug plans to hunt, travel and savor the slower pace of life!





Carol Skillman started as a teacher aide at Belmont Central School in 1991. She currently serves as a teacher assistant and PK3-grade 4 computer teacher and will be retiring this year after twenty-nine years in the district.

Third grade teacher April Cole started at Belmont the same year as Carol. “Although many things have happened in our lives during all these years,” said April, “one thing has stayed the same—Ms. Skillman’s love for the children she works with.”

A steadfast colleague, willing to pitch in where needed, Carol considers GVCS her extended family. “We truly care about each other and our kids,” she said. “The community, whether it’s Angelica or Belmont, knows how to come together when needed.”

“Carol has always been supportive of her co-workers and would always be there to help out when and wherever needed,” continued April. “I will miss seeing her in school on a daily basis and working with her. Her sense of humor and her stories have always brightened my days. I know that after

her days at GV are complete, she will continue to give and care for others.”

Carol’s dedication to her students’ learning will be one of her legacies. “Carol has been part of GV’s move toward STEAM learning,” said elementary principal Brian Edmister. “She has worked with students for a number of years teaching new technology, supporting our Tech directors, and helping kids learn how to effectively use technology.”

In her retirement Carol plans to move near her daughter, Emma, who graduated from Genesee Valley in 2010.

GV’s resident meteorologist. Wearer of wigs. Teller of corny jokes. Exemplary teacher. Selfless colleague.

Lyn VanTassel, Genesee Valley science teacher, is retiring after twenty-six years in the district.

“I don’t view teaching as work,” said Lyn. “I come to school and find ways to make the learning process fun and joyful while pushing students to grow in earth science.”

Lyn sets high expectations for his students, and then employs the creativity, ingenuity, resourcefulness and witicism that come from a thirty-eight-year teaching career to inspire them to learn. “Lyn VanTassel uses all of his energies to connect his students with the wonders of scientific discovery,” said high school math teacher Rollie Duttweiler. “Students will come into my class grinning or chuckling after having been in Mr. VanTassel’s class. When I ask, ‘What did he say today?’ the usual response is some creative, interesting and humorous way to remember a key scientific principle.”

Lyn is a cherished colleague, generous and compassionate toward others.

“His selfless care for his colleagues seems to know no bounds,” said high school English teacher Dan Anger. “I don’t know how many times I’ve seen him lend out his car to a coworker who was in a bind. And he asks nothing in return.”

As GV’s earth science guru, Lyn has garnered another distinction at Genesee Valley. “Lyn is our resident weather expert and predictor of snow days,” said middle school/high school principal Sara Donlon. “His accuracy is astounding. I try to get his educated prediction before I leave the night of a big storm.”

“I’ll miss his terrible corny jokes, his laugh, and his way of entertaining kids using humor,” said fellow science teacher Stephanie Anger. “I’ll also miss our science department calamari dinners!”

In retirement, Lyn plans to spend a lot more time fishing and hunting, as well as traveling—Mount Rushmore is one of his bucket list destinations. A trip to Ireland is likely as well.



COLLEGE SPORTS SIGNINGS

Genesee Valley senior Gavin Hand signed a national letter of intent to swim at NCAA D-II Roberts Wesleyan College for the Roberts Wesleyan Redhawks in the fall where he will study sports management and marketing. Gavin was a 6-year varsity swimmer at GV, a 6-year Section V qualifier and 5-year Section V finalist. Gavin swam 42,350 yards (24 miles) during Varsity Meets, a GV school record. Gavin is pictured here with his parents Deanna and Tim Hand, as well as Sara Donlon (MS/HS Principal), Brian Edmister (Elementary Principle, Gavin's former Varsity Swim Coach and Club Coach), and Shawn Clancy (Varsity Swim Coach).



Cody Schneider signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania for the Mansfield University Mountaineers next fall. Cody will study Criminology at Mansfield—a member of the D-II Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. Cody is pictured with his parents Jim and Lisa Schneider, as well as Sara Donlon (MS/HS Principal), Kevin Scott (Varsity Baseball Coach), and Bryan Brockway (Athletic Trainer/Director).

2020 Winter Sports Banquet

The following awards were presented at the winter sports banquet held on March 10th. *Congratulations Athletes!*

Trophies:

Varsity Boys Basketball:

Most Improved – Keegan McKnight
Most Dedicated (2) – Cody Schneider, Evan Windus
Sportsmanship – Riley Gordon

Varsity Boys Volleyball:

Most Improved – Avery Grusendorf
Most Dedicated – Logan Torrey
Sportsmanship – Kaden Layman

Varsity Swimming:

Most Improved – Elise Petrichick
Most Dedicated – Gavin Hand
Sportsmanship – Abigail Coble

Varsity Girls Basketball:

Most Improved – Adison Grusendorf
Most Dedicated – Hailey Herring
Sportsmanship – Sierra Burrows

JV Boys Basketball:

Most Improved – Elden Aquila
Most Dedicated – Thai Norasethaporn
Sportsmanship – Killian McKnight

JV Girls Basketball:

Most Improved – Sina Burdelak
Most Dedicated – Ashley Burrows
Sportsmanship – Abigail Snyder

Medals:

Modified Boys Basketball:

Most Improved – Salvatore Gambino
Most Dedicated – Ty Hutchison
Sportsmanship – Lance Vohs

Modified Girls Basketball:

Most Improved – Hope Ford
Most Dedicated – Keanna Sands
Sportsmanship – Kendra Bigelow

Modified Swimming:

Most Improved – Hunter Nickens



JASON LEARNING ARGONAUT

Congratulations to Savannah Werner on being selected as a JASON Learning Argonaut! Savannah and Mr. Dan Anger were selected for the Forensic Science & Public Health program and will travel to Washington, D.C. for a week in September. JASON's Argonauts program takes students and teachers on expeditions around the world to work side-by-side with scientists and engineers. Savannah is pictured here with her mother Amy Werner, grandparents Sandy and Danny Chan, and Mr. Anger.



TO ALL OUR KIDS AND COMMUNITY
WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU!

2020 WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

Wegmans Athlete of the Month:

December – Gavin Hand (swimming)

January – Elise Petrichick (swimming/diving)

February – Evan Windus (basketball)

Allegany County Champions:

Boys Basketball

Section V All-Tournament Team:

Boys Basketball – Cody Schneider, Brock Ellsessor

Sportsmanship – Cody Platt

County All-Stars:

Boys Basketball – 1st team Cody Schneider (MVP),
Evan Windus

Honorable Mention:

Brock Ellsessor

Swimming – 1st team: Abigail Coble
(100 Free)

Honorable Mention (contd.):

Swimming – 2nd team: Gavin Hand
(100 fly & 500 Free),
Gavin Szalay
(200 IM), Grace Darrin
(50 Free), Kennedy Butler
(100 Breast)

Girls Basketball – Hailey Herring

Boys Volleyball – Logan Torrey

Exceptional Senior Game:

Boys Basketball – Trevor Clark

Girls Basketball – Hailey Herring

Ronald McDonald Basketball Game:

Cody Schneider, Evan Windus

Allegany County Winter Male Scholar Athlete Award:

Basketball – Cody Schneider



TELEMEDICINE

Dear GVCS Parents,

As an extension of our current school-based telemedicine program, Mobile Telemed is happy to offer home based virtual visits for students. With the on-going concern related to COVID-19 and the continued effort to keep families safe, Genesee Valley students, faculty, and staff can now access a physician and have a telemedical appointment in the comfort of their own home.

How does it work? GVCS student/staff **MUST** be enrolled in the program to participate. If you are not enrolled, you may electronically submit a consent form found on the GV website. (Genesee Valley Access Pin is 287111)

To schedule an appointment please call Mobile Telemed at 716-893-1010 Sunday through Saturday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and convey the medical concerns to the triage staff. An appointment will be scheduled and a secure link will be sent to an existing email address or cellphone number. You must have a device that allows for video such as a smart phone, tablet, laptop with webcam, etc.

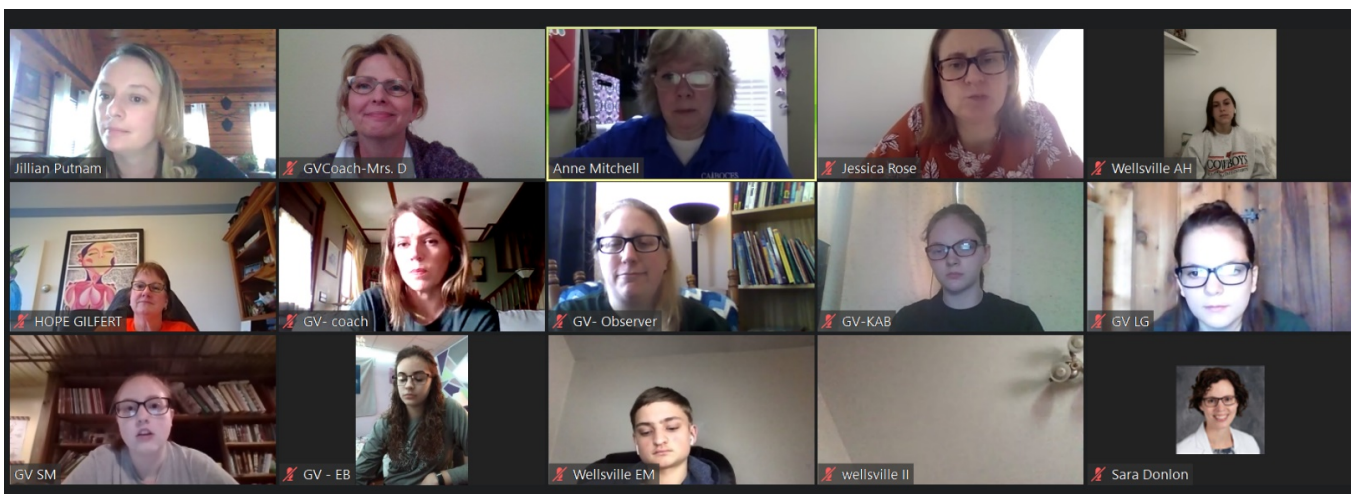
Our providers can diagnose minor medical conditions, discuss treatment options and prescribe medications for both pediatric and adult population. Medical conditions include a cold, sore throat, allergies, ear infection, pink eye and many more all from the comfort of your home.

All major insurances are accepted and will be billed accordingly by Mobile Telemed. If you have questions please contact Anne Campbell, GVCS Wellness Director, at acampbell@genvalley.org or 585-268-7933.

GV Students Participate in First Ever Virtual Scholastic Challenge Competition

By Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Horne

On May 1, 2020, GV middle school and high school students participated in the first ever, Virtual Scholastic Challenge Competition, hosted by CABOCES. Junior and Senior Division teams put their academic acumen to the test against area schools, with top scoring teams qualifying for the championship match. While we didn't win the day, we did win a number of both Junior and Senior Division matches! Most importantly, we experienced loads of fun, and plenty of camaraderie ~ the heart and soul of competition! To all GV 2020 Virtual Scholastic Challenge Competitors: "You rocked!"



"Keeps Me Home"

Tune "Country Roads" by John Denver

Lyrics by Sarah Horne

*Music video sung by Mr. Duttweiler, Mrs. Douglas,
Mr. Anger, Mrs. Babbitt, Mrs. Sanasith, Mrs. Scott-
Schneider, Mr. Levine, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. VanTassel,
and Mrs. Horne*

Almost heaven, Western N.Y.
Allegany, Genesee River
Life is great here, wild and free.
Now the streets are quiet, doors are all shut tight.

Covid-19, keeps me home,
now the place I belong.
I'm to stay here, mountain mama.
Keeps me home, quarantine

All my memories, at Gen Valley
now I'm at home, teaching in my slippers.
Lots of screen time, with my students.
Missing them so much, teardrop in my eye.

Covid-19, stuck at home.
Is this the place, I belong?
I hear no bells, no lockers slamming;
keeps me home, quarantine.

All my students, wish for school back,
not admitting, they are really bored.
Once together, Monday through Friday,
now we chat in Teams, social distancing.

Coronavirus, each one at home,
In separate places, will this be long?
We miss the Jaguars, now just *home* work.
Who would have thought, quarantine.

Bridge:

They hear my voice calling them to turn off
Call of Duty, Snapchat and Instagram.
Sitting at my desk I get the feeling we'll learn more
today than yesterday... *yesterday*.

Country ban, on everything
is bothersome, but needed.
Oh how long, will it last?
Take me back, to Gen Valley.

*To see our goofiness for yourself, you can find it
on the GV YouTube Channel or GV Facebook page
where our video has reached over 18,000 people and
had over 1,400 comments, reactions and shares.



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Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal
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CSE Chairperson
Paula Mighells, Dean of Students/
Curriculum Coordinator
Erin Ostrander, School Business Official

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for information on sex offenders living in the GVCS District

CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH

JUNE – PATIENCE: the ability to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. The person who has patience can accomplish anything.

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting (adjourned budget hearing), via zoom teleconferencing on GV website: www.genvalley.org	2	3	4	5	6
7 	8	9 District Election/Vote by Absentee Ballot only – Ballots are due today by 5:00 p.m.	10 5:30pm Board of Education Mtg. (accept budget vote), via zoom teleconferencing on GV website: www.genvalley.org	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 11:00am-Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony ~ Details to be determined
28	29	30				

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.