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GENESEE VALLEY CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS WITH OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

On Tuesday, December 10th Genesee Valley hosted our annual Christmas concert and dinner to honor our district's Senior Citizens, with approximately 95 attending this joyous event. The National Honor Society students along with a few students earning community service hours, greeted our special guests and guided them to the auditorium. The auditorium was decorated by Shawna Deal, Mr. Edmister, Maureena Chamberlain and maintenance. The evening started with music played by our high school band and chorus under the direction of Mr. Robbins and accompanists Paula Mighells and Amanda Robbins. After the concert, our guests were escorted to the cafeteria for a delicious turkey dinner prepared by the Cafeteria staff in the festive dining room. Dinner was served by the students followed by Christmas treats made by Mrs. Marciano's cooking classes. After dinner members from the choir accompanied by Mr. Musingo, sang some Christmas music as our guests joined in. We look forward to this event each year. A big thank you goes out to our NHS Advisors, Board of Education members, Administration, staff and students for volunteering their time to make this a wonderful evening.



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Dr. Brian Schmitt,
Superintendent

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Genesee Valley Community,

Happy New Year! I hope the New Year brings a renewed sense of joy and an opportunity to try something new. I am excited about the new possibilities 2020 brings.

This past year brought a great deal of change and possibility to the Genesee Valley Central School District. New staff, new programs, building renovations and new learning spaces demand new processes, procedures and strategies to meet student needs. The District recently completed the Genesee Valley Innovation Center. This innovative learning environment will serve to showcase the many outstanding STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) activities that occur daily at GVCS. Additionally, the Genesee Valley Innovation Center includes a new Technology classroom, two multipurpose STEAM learning classrooms and a new fitness center that is open to the public. We are optimistic that renovations to the pool will be completed very soon.

Our second annual Family STEAM night is Thursday, February 6, 2020. We are currently planning other family oriented events and look forward to expanding partnerships with families and the communities.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for the opportunity to have the best job in the world!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Schmitt
Superintendent, Genesee Valley CSD



CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY - ACCEPTANCE: the action of consenting to receive or undertake something offered.

FEBRUARY - TRUSTWORTHINESS: the ability to be relied on as honest or truthful.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- December 23, 2019 – January 3, 2020 - **Christmas / New Year's Break - School Closed**
(Students return Monday, January 6, 2020)
- Monday, January 20, 2020 - **Martin Luther King Holiday - School Closed**
- Friday, January 24, 2020 - **Staff Development Day - No Student Attendance**
- February 17-21, 2020 - **President's Day / Mid-Winter Break - School Closed**



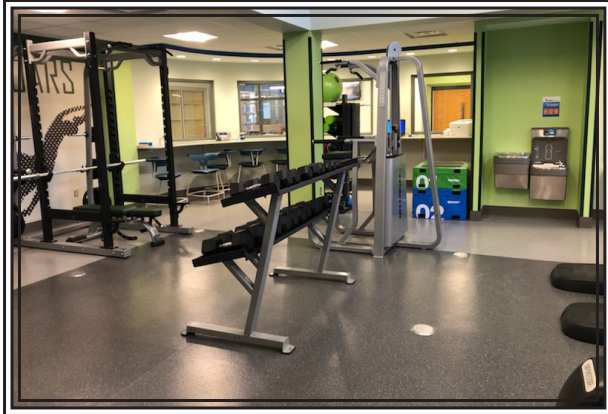
GENESEE VALLEY OPENS NEW FITNESS CENTER

Hours of Operation:

• Monday – Friday 6:00am to 8:00am / 3:00pm to 9:00pm • Saturday & Sunday 7:00am to 3:00pm

****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).

Alma Mater

*As the years may come
and then go by, we will
always think of thee,
and in our hearts
forevermore, we will sing
this melody:*

(refrain)

*Proudly stands our
banner strong and true,
for the green and black
and white
it forever stands for
victory, and for hope and
love and life.*

*Forever shall our Alma
Mater stand for Genesee,
while ringing through
the valley hills, of our
pride and loyalty.*



FIRST 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 1st 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: Cristian Burnell, Alexis Deichmann, Spencer Drake, Sarah Francisco, Hailey Herring, Grace Musingo, Emma Petrichick, Ethan Porter, Taylor Prentice, Jonathan Rizzo, Cody Schneider, Cynthia Shipman

Grade 11: Emera Aquila, Elizabeth Bentley, Kayci Bigelow, Tristan Burnell, Sierra Burrows, Moriah Clendenin, Brock Ellsessor, Avery Grusendorf, Mercadies Hemphill, Keegan McKnight, Trevor Mullen, Brooke Shultz, Savannah Werner

Grade 10: Kimberly Butler, Addison Herring, Takoda Stephens

Grade 9: Aria Barnes, Kiri Bogle, Autumn Coble, Grady Fleming, Lealah Greene, Adison Grusendorf, Sophia Gugino, Lauren

Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, Brooke Hutchison, Kylee Lorow, Thai Norasethaporn

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Michaela Edmister, Abigail McCarthy, Isabelle Ordway, Elise Petrichick

Grade 11: Trevor Abbey, Majd Alefrangi, Victoria Babbitt, Haley Brown, Mia Burnell, Carson Cockle, Holly Coppini, Kohl Kozlowski, Ryley McKnight, Cody Platt, Rylee Shott, Seth Treusdell

Grade 10: Gabriel Baldwin, Sina Burdelak, Sofia Marra, Austin Murphy, Trenton Scott, Nathan Slawson, Kaleigh Stephens, Caleb Webster

Grade 9: Ethan Bigelow, Sophia Gambino, JasLynn Shipman, Saige Thomas, Max Wedge

HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Matsatso Abulashvili, Ethan Burke, Kennedy Cosme, Genevieve Greene, Gavin Hand, Kimberly Johnson, Cameron Middaugh, Gabriel Snyder, Logan Torrey, Riley Vohs

Grade 11: Dalton Baker, Justin Barnes, Katie Bartlett, Natalie Brodman, Devin Cline, Riley Gordon, Zachary Lehman, Ashley McRae, Kaitlyn Robbins, William Scholes, Christian Tuttle, Simon Whitney

Grade 10: Madeline Boenheim, Neil Branning, Abigail Coble, Gerald Gage, James Hosmer, Emily Mess, Abigail Snyder, Samantha Snyder

Grade 9: Jason Becker, Jr., Coltin Brown, Ashley Burrows, James Frawley, Payton Grantier, Dominic Marra, Tiffeny Smith, Luke Snyder



Stay Tuned for Closings and Delays

GVCS will use the School Messenger phone system to notify parents with a recorded phone call, when school is closed or delayed. The district uses 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 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



JANUARY 2020 REGENTS EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Jan. 21st	7:45am	English Language Arts
	11:45am	Living Environment
Wednesday, Jan. 22nd	7:45am	U.S. History & Government
	7:45am	Geometry
	11:45am	Algebra I
	11:45am	Physical Setting/Physics
Thursday, Jan. 23rd	7:45am	Transition Exam in Global History & Geography
	7:45am	Global History & Geography II
	11:45am	Algebra II
Friday, Jan. 24th	7:45am	Physical Setting/Earth Science
	7:45am	Physical Setting/Chemistry

SAT and ACT Exams -Any seniors or juniors considering going to college should take one or both of these tests. These exams are seen equally by colleges. Some two year schools do not require either and give an Accuplacer exam. Please check in with Mrs. Preston before registering.

Test fees are \$46 for the ACT and \$62.50 for the ACT plus writing. The SAT costs \$46 and \$60 with essay. Late fees are applied if registering after deadline. Registration sheets and access to the internet to register can be obtained in the Guidance office. There are fee waivers available.

Allegany County Area Foundation/ Scholarships

Thank you to Bruce Campbell who came to GV and presented to the seniors about the Allegany County Area Foundation (www.alleganycountyareafoundation.org). He provided information on all the scholarships available within the county.

The deadline for completion is February 3rd.

In addition, a reminder to all seniors— all other scholarships are being added on Mrs. Preston's website this year and not printed anymore.

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) - PSAT results will be in soon for any sophomores and juniors who took the exam in October.

A copy will also be mailed home and Mrs. Preston will be going over the results with the students after December break!

National Testing Dates for SAT and ACT Exams for 2019-20

SAT Test Date
March 14, 2020
May 2, 2020
June 6, 2020

Registration deadline
February 14, 2020
April 3, 2020
May 8, 2020

Late Registration deadline
March 3, 2020
April 21, 2020
May 27, 2020

ACT Test Date
April 4, 2020
June 13, 2020
July 18, 2020

Registration deadline
February 28, 2020
May 8, 2020
June 19, 2020

Late Registration deadline
March 13, 2020
May 22, 2020
June 26, 2020



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Newsies Comes to the GV Stage!

Genesee Valley is proud to announce that the production of Disney's *Newsies* will be coming to the stage Friday, January 24th at 7:00pm and Saturday, January 25th at 2:00pm. Admission is free and the show will run approximately two hours with a 15-minute intermission. This show surrounds the amazing true story of the newsboys of New York City in the early 1900's who went on strike and began the revolution of child labor laws. Come see our students sing, dance, play in the pit and even fight their way through a city-wide strike as they carry the banner for change. Keep an eye on the Positive JAG Facebook page for sneak peaks and a behind-the-scene look at the production!



SCAN ME

FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASS



AKT Combatives: Reality-Based Personal Protection
Ages 13 and up

Saturday, January 11th

10AM-12PM in the Cafeteria

Visit www.genvalley.org for more info and to sign up!

Registration Required
(space is limited)

AKT COMBATIVES ACADEMY



January/ February 20120

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Our building has been a flurry of activity as many wonderful things have been happening at Genesee Valley in recent weeks! We held an academic awards banquet at the Angelica Hotel for students who have been on honor roll for four consecutive quarters, recognized outstanding athletes at the fall sports banquet, and welcomed many parents at our parent/teacher conference night. Students pictured below were honored as nominees for various character words at our first quarter honor roll breakfast. We also enjoyed moving performances at our Veterans day and winter concerts.

As we bid farewell to 2019 and look forward to 2020, it is only natural to take time to reflect on all that was accomplished in the past year and set goals for the future. I encourage you to take some time and think about where you would like to focus your efforts in the upcoming year. You may be inclined to set specific financial, career or relationship goals. Personal growth is very important but I urge you to also consider the positive impact your actions can have on others. Is there a goal you could work toward that would benefit those in our community or around the world? Visit a neighbor, write a letter to a loved one, volunteer for your favorite charity or donate to a worthy cause if you are so inclined. Let's make 2020 a year we work to better ourselves and our communities.

Happy New Year!

Mrs. Sara Donlon
7-12 Principal



ATTENTION ALUMNI: Send us your news

If you would like information published for a GVCS graduate giving updates, accomplishments, achievements in college, employment, military, etc. – please send the information to pwinterhalter@genvalley.org. A form is also on the school website: www.genvalley.org, alumni tab.

Thank you.





Holiday Greetings from the Elementary

As we head into the 2019 Christmas/New Year's Holiday season, GV Elementary wants to wish you a wonderful time with family and friends! We can't wait to see you again in 2020! There are so many wonderful things planned upon our return from break that you will want to get rested up!



It's that time of year. Are your children sick and you can't get them into their doctor's office? Allow us to help.

GVCS now has a Telemedical Urgent Care that can treat and diagnose many illnesses. Children can be seen anytime during school hours Monday-Friday, even if they are out absent and unable to attend school that day. We want them back to feeling like themselves as quickly as possible. Call 268-1235 to make an appointment and visit www.genvalley.org for a consent form. Let us help make your busy day a little less stressful.



Are you unable to consistently get your child to their Psychiatrist appointments? Are you looking for an experienced Psychiatrist but are unable to find one locally?

GVCS now works directly with a Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist and is providing psychiatric appointments on campus. On campus intakes occur every six weeks with Dr. Aimee DiPasqua, then Telepsychiatry appointments are scheduled as needed. Call Anne Campbell at 268-7900 for more information.





YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

In November, 15 students from the 7th & 8th grade were able to attend our fourth trip to Albany, NY to participate in the YMCA Youth and Government program. YMCA Youth and Government is a 3-day experiential learning program in which students serve as part of a model state government, taking over the chambers of the New York State Senate and Assembly to debate bills they and their peers have written. Students are offered the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of issues, develop critical thinking skills, and articulate their beliefs while engaging constructively with their peers from around the State.

Our participants this year presented bills that tackled issues that included: Increasing the number of mental health facilities in the state targeted towards people under the age of 21, requiring the wearing of helmets for all female lacrosse players, and later school start times for students in grades 7-12. Students began researching topics in September, spoke to experts in the field they were researching, and even had to come up with a plan to pay for their bill.

With more than 70 bills presented and over 300 students in attendance, GV is proud to bring home awards for “Outstanding Bill” and “Outstanding Delegate”.





GV STEAM SHINE AT NYSSBA

Students from Mrs. Slawson, Mr. Levine, and Mrs. McGinnis's STEAM8 class traveled to Rochester, NY October 24th-25th for the New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) Conference to show off their first project - and boy did they ever! Molly Hannon, Ellaina Scholes, Fisher Herdman, Cassidy Hand, Jacob Rizzo, Cole Fleming, Jade Rounds, and Erin McIntyre were chosen to represent their class and run a student booth at the conference.

This conference hosts approximately 3,000 individuals involved in school boards across the state. These students were in charge of planning what they wanted to showcase to the attendees and were scheduled to work in shifts to present how they learn through STEAM to the adults that stopped by the booth. They brought artifacts from their recent STEAM project highlighting standards in ELA, Social Studies, and

Technology Education. To say they were a hit would be a vast understatement!

Mrs. Slawson and Mrs. Simpson had the pleasure of speaking to several superintendents, school board presidents, and curriculum coordinators who were impressed with the student's ability to speak, discuss instructional practices, and provide tips and tricks for these individuals to take back to their home districts. Students even got a special shout out from the new Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Superintendent, Scott Payne, who told other attendees that if they did nothing else at the conference, they must stop and talk to the amazing students from Genesee Valley. We are very proud of the way they represented the district.

We would like to thank all of the parents who allowed their children to attend this conference as well as Kim Marciano, Chris Gyr and the JAG Design Team for making our GV STEAM shirts for the conference.

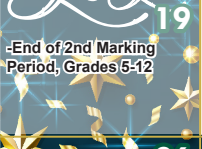


HONORING OUR LOCAL VETERANS

Genesee Valley would like to thank all of our veterans for your service to our country and community! On November 7th, GV hosted a concert in honor of our local veterans, with the high school band playing several songs led by band director, Alva Robbins. To show our appreciation, each department of service was asked to stand to be recognized. One of the veterans read what the 13 folds of the American flag symbolizes, while a couple of 5th and 6th graders folded the flag. Everyone had a wonderful night filled with music and community collaboration, followed by cookies and punch in the library. Veterans, thank you again for all your dedication!



January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - ACCEPTANCE	PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEB- SITE	1 School Closed - HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 School Closed - Christmas - New Year's Holiday Break	3 School Closed - Christmas - New Year's Holiday Break	4
	5	6	7 -3:05pm PD Steering Committee Meeting, Main Conference Room	8 -3:05pm Elementary Faculty Mtg., LGI Rm.	9	10
	11	12 -5:30pm-Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121	13 -3:05pm MS/HS Faculty Meeting, Room 1121	14 3:05pm Leadership Council Meeting, Main Conference Room	15 -12-6pm - Allegany County Music Festival Rehearsal at Cuba-Rushford -Robojags - RIT	16 2pm - Allegany County Music Festival Concert at Cuba-Rushford -Robojags - RIT
	17 -End of 2nd Marking Period, Grades 5-12	18 School Closed - Martin Luther King Holiday	19 -Regents Exams	20 -Regents Exams	21 -Regents Exams	22 -Staff Development Day - No Student Attendance -Regents Rating Day -Drama Production
	23 -5:30pm-Board of Education Work Session, Room 1121	24	25	26	27 Report cards available online/ mailed home, Grades 5-12	28

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - TRUSTWORTHINESS	PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEB- SITE				1
	2 -3:05pm PD Steering Committee Meeting, Main Conference Room	3 -1st Annual Talent Show	4 -Honor Roll/PBIS Breakfast	5 -Family STEAM Night	6 -Allegany County Solo Festival at GVCS	7 -Allegany County Solo Festival at GVCS #ACT Test (register by 1/10)
	8	9 -5:30pm-Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121	10 -3:05pm MS/HS Faculty Meeting, Room 1121	11 -3:05pm Elementary Faculty Meeting, LGI Room -4-6pm JAM Beef on Week Dinner	12 -6-7:30pm Elementary Family Dance	13 -Last day to register for 3/14 SAT Test
	14 -School Closed - President's Day Holiday	15 -School Closed - Mid-Winter Break	16 -School Closed - Mid-Winter Break	17 -School Closed - Mid-Winter Break	18 -School Closed - Mid-Winter Break	19
	20	21	22	23	24 -Last day to register for 4/4 ACT Test	25



FALL SPORTS BANQUET AWARDS

Our Fall Sports Banquet was held on Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. While enjoying some desserts provided by the players, each coach was given time to tell about their season and hand out awards.

Girl Varsity Soccer

Most Improved – Ashley McRae
Most Dedicated – Sarah Francisco
Sportsmanship – Adison Grusendorf

Girls Varsity Volleyball

Most Improved – Abigail Coble
Most Dedicated – Hailey Herring
Sportsmanship – Alexis Deichmann

Girls JV Soccer

Most Improved – Sophia Gugino
Most Dedicated – Madeline Boenheim
Sportsmanship – Abigail Snyder

Girls JV Volleyball

Most Improved – Paige Cochran
Most Dedicated – Autumn Coble
Sportsmanship – Sina Burdelak

Modified Girls Soccer

Most Improved – Rhianna Cowburn
Most Dedicated – Ellaina Scholes
Sportsmanship – Emily Brown

Varsity Boys Soccer

Most Improved – Devin Cline
Most Dedicated – Trevor Clark
Sportsmanship – Cody Schneider

Boys Varsity Cross Country

Most Improved – Trevor Mullen
Most Dedicated – Jonathan Rizzo
Sportsmanship – Zach Tucker

Boys JV Soccer

Most Improved – Noah Ford
Most Dedicated – Thai Norasethaporn
Sportsmanship – Cody Platt

Modified Girls Volleyball

Most Improved – Hope Ford
Most Dedicated – Kendra Bigelow
Sportsmanship – Karlee Jones

Modified Boys Soccer

Most Improved – Jacob White
Most Dedicated – Salvatore Gambino
Sportsmanship – Ryan Daciw

Fall Individual Awards and Accolades:

Scholar-Athlete Teams this season – Girls Soccer (GPA-94%), Girls Volleyball (GPA-94%)

Individual Scholar-Athlete pins for maintaining a 90% or above throughout our season are:

Girls Soccer: Kayci Bigelow, Emera Aquila, Adison Grusendorf, Mercadies Hemphill, Avery Grusendorf, Savannah Werner, Sierra Burrows, Sarah Francisco, Isabelle Ordway, Sophia Gambino, Elizabeth Bentley

Girls Volleyball: Emma Petrichick, Elise Petrichick, Michaela Edmister, Lexi Deichmann, Hailey Herring, Addison Herring, Victoria Babbitt

Boys Soccer: Cody Schneider, Keegan McKnight, Ryley McKnight, Trenton Scott

Cross Country: Jonathan Rizzo, Trevor Mullen

Wegmans Athlete of the Month:

September – Jonathan Rizzo (Cross Country)

October – Alexis Deichmann (Volleyball)

Allegany County All-Stars:

Girls Soccer – 1st Team: Sarah Francisco, Emera Aquila; Honorable Mention: Savannah Werner

Boys Soccer – 1st Team: Ryley McKnight, Cody Schneider

Girls Volleyball – MVP: Emma Petrichick; 1st Team: Lexi Deichmann; Honorable Mention: Elise Petrichick

Section V All-Tournament Team Volleyball:

Lexi Deichmann

Allegany County Division I Players of the Week:

Sarah Francisco & Emera Aquila

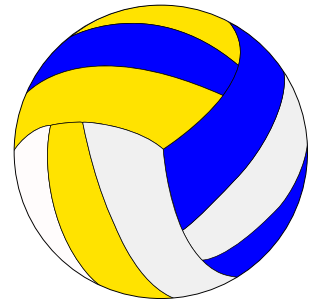
Olean Times Herald Player of the Week:

Sarah Francisco

Exceptional Senior Game:

Girls Soccer – Sarah Francisco & Isabelle Ordway (Alternate)

Boys Soccer – Trevor Clark & Cody Schneider



Genesee Valley Central School

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Central Administration:

Dr. Brian Schmitt, Superintendent
Brian Edmister, PreK-6 Principal
Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal
Carol McCarville, CPSE/
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



HURRICANE DORIAN FUNDRAISER

GVCS recently held a fundraiser to help the victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. Faculty and staff were able to make a donation to dress down for a week. Students were able to purchase hope wristbands. A total of \$947 was donated to the American Red Cross. Pictured above is Dominic DiGirolamo accepting the check on behalf of the Red Cross from elementary teacher Maureen Kelley and elementary principal Brian Edmister. A big thank you to everyone who supported this event!

VOTE & VAX

The 2nd Annual Vote & Vax had a great turn out with 81 community members that participated. A big thank you to Wegmans Pharmacy of Hornell, NY for partnering and bringing wellness services to GVCS.



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