



Genesee Valley Central School

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FALL ALL-STARS

Varsity Girls Soccer

1st Team Allegany County All-Star: Emera Aquila,
Sierra Burrows, Natalie Brodman
Honorable Mention: Savannah Werner

We'd like to congratulate two Genesee Valley athletes for being recognized as Wegmans athletes of the month this fall. October's athlete of the month was Emera Aquila, and November's athlete of the month was Keegan McKnight. Congratulations!

Varsity Boys Soccer

1st Team Allegany County All-Star: Keegan McKnight,
William Scholes
Section V Exceptional Senior Team: Keegan McKnight



Cross Country

1st Team Steuben County All-Star: Matt Garis
Honorable Mention: Zach Tucker, Sophia Gambino

Wegmans Athlete of the Month

October: Emera Aquila
November: Keegan McKnight

CONGRATULATIONS

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.

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 2021 brings.

This past year brought a great number of challenges and new learning models to the Genesee Valley Central School District. The pandemic continues to force changes into how we operate as a school district and how we support children, families, and the community. Last year we delivered meals, provided food boxes, offered vaccines, and learned new ways to deliver instruction. We tried new methods, learned from successes and failures, and remained focused on what is best for the students within our care.

I am optimistic that with a new year and a new vaccine, 2021 will be the year we return to “normal.” I am optimistic that in person learning, athletics and extracurricular activities will resume in full capacity. In order for this to happen, we must continue to wear masks, socially distance, wash hands, and avoid small gatherings that continue to spread the virus.

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



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

CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY – ACCEPTANCE: the act of agreeing to something such as an offer or invitation; taking something given to you.

FEBRUARY - TRUSTWORTHINESS: worthy of confidence; dependable; reliable.



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Dr. Brian Schmitt,
Superintendent

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. DONLON

Although we had to change many of our traditions this fall, we continued to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students. Senior nights for soccer and cross country were held at the teams' first home competition. Teachers connected with parents virtually to discuss first quarter grades during the week of parent/teacher conferences. Our annual academic awards celebration was held virtually with drive-through dinners for students and their families.

As we bid farewell to 2020 and look forward to 2021, it is impossible not to recognize the many ways our community has adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am so proud of the way our faculty, staff and students have adjusted to the many changes in school and life in general.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year!

Mrs. Donlon
7-12 Principal



SKI CLUB BEGINS SOON!

GV will be offering Ski Club again this year through our Extended Day School grant, free of charge to students interested in participating!

Each Tuesday from 1/5/2021-2/9/2021 students will be bussed to the Swain Ski Center for 3 hours of fun on the slopes. Ski or snowboard lessons are available for beginners or those needing a refresher.

Forms are available online this year at <https://swain.com/clubs>. Just complete the 4 steps indicated on the webpage to sign-up. There is also a waiver that will need to be completed.

Please contact Stacy Schmidt at (585) 268-7940 or (585) 268-7900 ext. 1432 for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021 - **Christmas / New Year's Break - School Closed**
(Students return Monday, January 4, 2021)
- Monday, January 18, 2021 - **Martin Luther King Holiday - School Closed**
- February 15-19, 2021 - **President's Day / Mid-Winter Break - School Closed**

ATTENTION ALUMNI

We would love to hear about your accomplishments and achievements (in college, employment, military, etc.) after graduating from GVCS. If you would like your information published in the Jag Newsletter, please email the information to pwinterhalter@genvalley.org or fill out the form available in the "Alumni" section of the school website: www.genvalley.org.





FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLLS LISTED FOR 2020-21

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 2020-21 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: Emera Aquila, Victoria Babbitt, Elizabeth Bentley, Kayci Bigelow, Tristan Burnell, Sierra Burrows, Moriah Clendenin, Avery Grusendorf, Kohl Kozlowski, Keegan McKnight, Callin Shipman, Rylee Shott, Savannah Werner

Grade 11: Neil Branning, Kimberly Butler, Gerald Gage, Trenton Scott, Nathan Slawson

Grade 10: Kiri Bogle, Lealah Greene, Adison Grusendorf, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, Kylee Lorow, JasLynn Shipman

Grade 9: Kendra Bigelow, Molly Hannon, Connor Otero, Jacob Rizzo, Jamie Szalay

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Mercadies Hemphill, Kaleigh Stephens

Grade 11: Addison Herring, Sofia Marra, Samantha Snyder, Kyler White

Grade 10: Aria Barnes, Sophia Gambino, Payton Grantier, Brooke Hutchison, Dominic Marra, Thai Norasethaporn, Tiffeny Smith, Saige Thomas

Grade 9: Morgan Bentley, Grade Darrin, Cassidy Hand, Hunter Nickens, Ellaina Scholes

HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Trevor Abbey, Dalton Baker, Jacob Christensen, Devin Cline, Carson Cockle, Holly Coppini, Riley Gordon, Zachary Lehman, Cody Platt, Kaitlyn Robbins, Brooke Shultz, Christian Tuttle

Grade 11: Jesse Babbitt, Paige Cochran, Thomas Shultz, Gavin Szalay, Morgan Torrey, Caleb Webster

Grade 10: Elden Aquila, Rhea Bentley, Zachary Bourne, Coltin Brown

Grade 9: Kimimela Ball, Malakhi Coish, Wyatt Gleason, Kaylyn Goodwill, Fisher Herdman, Alivia Marra, Emilyya Mejia, Jade Rounds

Honor Roll list for students attending BOCES:

HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Dalton Baker, Natalie Brodman, Jacob Christensen, Carson Cockle, Holly Coppini, Brock Ellsessor, Riley Gordon

Grade 11: Lexi Burrows, Jesse Babbitt, Jacob Bliss, Paige Cochran, Addison Herring, Samantha Snyder, Takoda Stephens, Gavin Szalay, Michael Truax, Joseph Ward

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Emera Aquila, Justin Barnes, Elizabeth Bentley, Kayci Bigelow, Tristan Burnell, Avery Grusendorf, Kohl Kozlowski, Zachary Lehman, Keegan McKnight, Christian Tuttle

Grade 11: Neil Branning, Morgan Torrey



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! **With COVID restrictions, you may have to travel further for these exams. Also, Mrs. Preston is looking into offering an in-house school SAT in March as well.**

Test fees are \$55.00 for the ACT and the SAT costs \$52.00. Late fees are applied if registering after deadline. Registration for these tests are at collegeboard.org and actstudent.org.

There are fee waivers available for families in need; please contact Mrs. Preston for information on this.

Seniors/Guardians of seniors attending college

- All college applications should be complete at this point.
- Please remember that all local scholarships will be on Mrs. Preston's website.
- Please look at your colleges of interest for their specific scholarships under their financial aid page.
- Lastly, the **Allegany County Area Foundation scholarship (www.alleganycountyareafoundation.org)** portal has opened and the deadline to complete their application is January 31, 2021.

Please let me know if you need help with this.

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) - PSAT will be offered on January 26, 2021 for Sophomores and Juniors interested. Letters were mailed home and to those that RSVP'd more information will be mailed home.

Students Interested in the Military
The ASVAB will be offered to any interested students on January 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Please contact Josie Preston in Guidance at 585-268-7928 for further questions/concerns.

National Testing Dates for SAT and ACT Exams for 2020-21

SAT Test Date	Registration deadline	Late Registration deadline
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	March 2, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 27, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 26, 2021
ACT Test Date	Registration deadline	Late Registration deadline
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 15, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021

January 2021 Regents Exams Cancelled

An update from Interim State Education Commissioner
Betty A. Rosa:

The January 2021 administration of the High School Regents Examination Program is cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This cancellation applies to all Regents Examinations that had been scheduled for the January 2021 Regents Examination period. No decisions have been made regarding the June and August 2021 administrations of Regents Examinations or any of the other State assessment programs.

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.*



JOB SHADOWING

Seniors in Mrs. Scholes' Careers class completed job shadows with members of the community.



Moriah Clendenin with Mrs. Zlomek and Mrs. Deichmann



Hayley Prentice at E and C Pet Parlor



Kayci Bigelow with Mark Hunter from Nicholson's Pharmacy



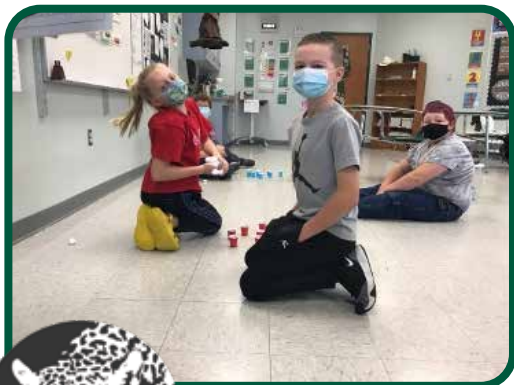
Sierra Burrows with Mrs. Scott- Schneider



Elizabeth Bentley with Miranda Gumtow, PT

5TH GRADERS CREATE A GAME

Ms. Sanasith's 5th grade class created and played a game they came up with after reading Harry Potter. The game was modelled after the game of Quidditch from the book.



STEAM at Genesee Valley

STEAM is a process of engaging learners in project-based experiences across multiple disciplines with an emphasis on creativity and real-life application.

NYSCATE 2020

Three Genesee Valley teachers shared their innovative teaching practices at the 55th annual NYSCATE conference on November 23 and 24. The conference, held virtually this year, draws educators from across the state to share ideas that school districts can implement to improve education through the innovative and effective use of technology.



Redefining the Library through STEAM

Nicole Norasethaporn and Lindsay Simpson

Third grade students at Genesee Valley have been learning about colonial life in their reading of the novel “Little House in The Big Woods” by Laura Ingalls Wilder. As part of “STEAM Week,” students were given an opportunity to experience life like the Wilder Family by churning their own butter, COVID style. Students took turns churning a mason jar of cream, sanitizing after each one’s turn, until they made butter.

STEAM Rolling Through History

Donna Slawson and Lindsay Simpson

Mrs. Slawson introduced a smallpox simulation this fall that helped students make connections with what is happening in our world today with COVID-19. Mrs. Slawson collaborated with fellow science teacher Bridget Chichester to explore science concepts and demonstrate how disease can spread quickly through contact. Not only were students able to make real-life connections to our current world, but they were able to connect historical context with science for real-life application.



The Great Egg Drop Race of 2020

Eighth graders at GV were tasked with the challenge of transporting an egg down a zipline from a second story window to the courtyard below using only materials readily available. In addition to discussing the concept of transportation technology and the engineering design process, students were also exposed to concepts of packaging, physics, and safety. Using time in class, students learned the soft-skills of collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.



Introducing the GVCS STEAM Blog

You may have noticed an update to our STEAM webpage. One of the new highlights to help keep the community informed of the impressive work occurring within the GV walls is our new GV STEAM Blog! Here you can find the latest news on STEAM projects from PK-12 including STEAM in The Library, technology tips from Mrs. Lindsay Simpson (STEAM & Instructional Technology Specialist) and our JASON Learning program! Want to check it out? Scan the code with your phone!



GVCS VIRTUAL URGENT CARE

Did you know that over 300 GVCS students and staff have signed up for our virtual urgent care?

If your child is enrolled in the GVCS Urgent Care and experiencing COVID symptoms while at home, call 716-222-9984 to make a virtual appointment with a provider. If your child is at school and needs medical attention, enroll today so they can be seen. Reminder: new patient paperwork takes 24 hours to process. Don't forget, we can test for COVID-19 (throat swab, not nasal) on campus with results in 72 hours. Go to the GVCS website for more information.

3RD ANNUAL VOTE & VAX

The 3rd Annual Vote & Vax had a great turnout with 81 community members that participated. A big thank you to Wegmans Pharmacy of Hornell, NY for partnering and bringing wellness services to GVCS.



ConnectLife Blood Drive

1 Pint of blood can save up to 3 LIVES

1 Pint of blood for a Pint of ice cream.

Receive a coupon for a FREE pint of Perry's Ice Cream

Friday, January 29 · 11am - 4pm
Genesee Valley Central School
ConnectLife Bus (in back parking lot) • 1 Jaguar Dr., Belmont

Contact Anne Campbell at 585.268.7933 or acampbell@genvalley.org or visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org or call 716.529.4270 to make an appointment. Use sponsor code 000602 to find this drive online.

All BLOOD stays local.

GENESEE VALLEY FITNESS CENTER

Updated Hours of Operation

- o Monday-Friday 5:00-8:00 a.m. and 3:00-9:00 p.m.
- o Saturday and Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- o If the school building is closed (holidays, snow days, early dismissals, etc.) the Fitness Center will be closed

Equipment

- 6 Precor Treadmills
- 11 Espresso Bikes – 9 Regular/2 Recumbents
- 5 Precor Elliptical trainers – 2 Ellipticals /3 Adaptive Manual Trainers
- Precor FTS Glide Machine
- Precor Dip/Chin Assist Machine
- 2 Precor Olympic Racks
- 5# - 50# Dumbbell Rack
- 3 Plyosoft Boxes
- Accessory Rack – Medicine balls, kettle bells, mats and rollers



COVID-19 Rules for Using the Fitness Center

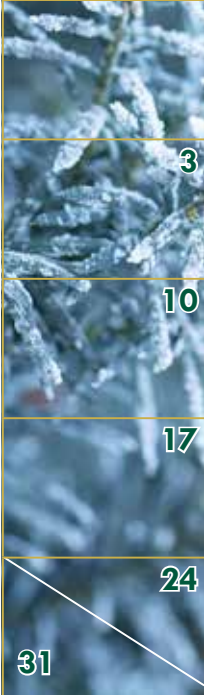
- No more than 5 people in center at one time (33% of capacity)
- Sign up for 30 minute session in advance and sign in and out
- Wear a mask and maintain 6 feet distance from others at all times
- Take temperature prior to entering
- Enter through main doors, exit through exterior doors in Fitness Center
- Members must ensure that the equipment is clean by wiping off all equipment after each use. GVCS fitness center does provide sanitary wipes for use.
- Members must clean all equipment with sanitizer/sanitized wipes after each use

Reservation Form

- You may reserve a 30-minute session for using the Fitness Center using our Online Reservation Form



January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - ACCEPTANCE	PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE	JANUARY REGENTS CANCELED - check later with Guidance Office regarding June Regents		SCHOOL CLOSED - HAPPY NEW YEAR!	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	- 5:30pm-Board of Education Meeting, Rm. 1121	12	13	14	15	16
17	SCHOOL CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY	19	20	21	22	23
24	- End of 2nd marking period, Gr. 5-12 - 5:30pm-Board of Education Work Session, Rm. 1121	26	27	28	29	30
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - TRUSTWORTHINESS	PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE			- Report cards available online/ mailed home Gr. 5-12	-ACT Test
7	-5:30pm Board of Education, Rm. 1121	9	10	11	12	13
14	SCHOOL CLOSED - PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED - MID-WINTER BREAK	SCHOOL CLOSED - MID-WINTER BREAK	SCHOOL CLOSED - MID-WINTER BREAK	SCHOOL CLOSED - MID-WINTER BREAK	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

To purchase online go to: jostensyearbooks.com

ORDER BY: 1/29/2021

Please return your completed form to your child's teacher. The order form will be given to the Yearbook Staff; or you can mail it directly to the school at 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont, NY 14813.

Payment is due with order. Make checks payable to: GVCS Yearbook.

Orders can also be placed with a credit card at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

Online you can pay in 3 Easy Payments.

Order now -- before the price goes up!!

STEP 1: SELECT YOUR PACKAGE

Yearbook **\$60.00**

SIGNATURE PACKAGE \$74.50

Includes Yearbook, 1 Line of Personalization, Color Autograph Section and 5 Multicolor Signing Markers





****HURRY! This pricing is good until 1/29/21 -- Pricing goes up on 1/30/21****

★ STEP 2: PERSONALIZE YOUR YEARBOOK FOR \$6.00





Choose one personalization option: name, monogram or crest

NAME (29 characters max.) _____

MONOGRAM

Mon 1:  Initials: _____ Mon 2:  Initials: _____ Mon 3:  Initials: _____ Mon 4:  Initials: _____

CREST

Cre 1:  Year: _____ Cre 2:  Initials: _____ Year: _____ Cre 3:  Year: _____ Cre 4:  Year: _____

Name for Crest 1, 3, 4 (9 characters max) _____

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★ STEP 3: ADD ICONS* FOR \$3.50 EACH

***IMPORTANT:** To add icons, you must first purchase personalization in Step 2.

Enter the 4-digit icon code from the chart below into the boxes provided.

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If you have questions, please call Customer Service at 1-877-767-5217.



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★ STEP 4: ENTER YOUR INFORMATION AND TOTAL YOUR ORDER

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

ID#: _____

Homeroom: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

	Price	Quantity	Total
Enter Your Package Price			
Personalization	\$6.00		
Icon(s) ea.	\$3.50 x QTY		
Autograph Section	\$3.00		
Clear Protective Cover	\$3.50		
World Beat	\$3.00		
Subtotal			
Tax	8.5%		
TOTAL			

YAY! THANKS FOR ORDERING! © 2018 Jostens



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for information on sex offenders living in the GVCS District

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