



Genesee Valley Central School

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Genesee Valley Central School Names Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Genesee Valley Central School (GVCS) is proud to announce this year's valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 2021.



Kayci Bigelow, daughter of Jennifer and Bill Bigelow, is recognized as the Valedictorian with a cumulative grade point average of 96.55.

During her time at Genesee Valley, Kayci attended the New Visions Program at the Career and Technical Education Center at Belmont. New Visions is an elective program for high school seniors who plan to attend college and major in a health-related field.

Kayci has been an active participant in GVCS athletics, playing soccer, basketball, volleyball, and softball. She has also been involved in NHS, yearbook, the youth government program, and student government. Kayci works part time at the Off Duty restaurant in Belmont.

Kayci plans to attend St. John Fisher College and major in Chemistry with a Pharmacy track.



Avery Grusendorf, daughter of Holly and Shawn Grusendorf, is

recognized as the Salutatorian of the Class of 2021 with a cumulative grade point average of 95.6.

Avery has served as Vice President of her class for all four years of high school. She has been a member of NHS, Ski Club, FBLA and LOTE. She has played on the GVCS softball and soccer teams, and also served as captain for both the girls and boys varsity volleyball teams.

Avery's musical involvement includes select choir, concert band, marching band, and a role in the musical, "Newsies." She works part-time at the 3 Bums Pizza in Angelica and the East Wind Landscape Nursery in Belmont.

Avery plans to attend the Alfred State College Nursing program with hopes to eventually become a doctor specializing in women's health.

GRADUATION 2021

Genesee Valley Central School will hold its 25th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 26th. Specific plans are being discussed and will be finalized in the near future. When details are complete they will be shared with families and on the Positive Jag Community (PJC) Facebook page.

Annual School Budget



Important Dates:

- **May 4, 2021** – Budget copies available
- **May 4-13, 2021** – Voter Registration at District Clerk's Office, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) or by appointment
- **May 10, 2021** - Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Media Lab room.
- **May 18, 2021** – District Vote, 12:00 (noon) to 8:00 p.m.
- **May 18, 2021** – Accept Vote results

TWO ELECTION DISTRICTS:

- Belmont residents must vote at the Genesee Valley Central School Pool Vestibule, (back entrance of the building) 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont; and
- Angelica residents must vote at the Angelica Grange, Park Circle, Angelica

Qualifications of Voters:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be at least 18 years of age by May 18, 2021
- Must be a resident of the Genesee Valley Central School district for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- Must be registered with the Allegany County Board of Elections or with the Genesee Valley School District

Eligibility for Absentee Ballot:

(Absentee ballots are due by **5:00 p.m. on May 18th**)

- A patient in a hospital or unable to vote due to illness or physical disability
- Out of town because of duties, occupation, business or studies
- On vacation outside of the county or city of residence
- Detained in jail
- Potential for contraction of COVID-19

Absentee ballot applications are available in the district office. Contact **Pamela Winterhalter, District Clerk at pwinterhalter@genvalley.org** or (585) 268-7909

Dear District Residents,

On Tuesday, May 18, 2021 you will be asked to vote on the proposed 2021-22 school budget. During these difficult economic times, the Board of Education continues to maintain a balance between encouraging academic and extra-curricular program growth with the need to minimize the financial burden to taxpayers. This budget proposes a tax levy increase of 0.9%.

The proposed 2021-22 budget maintains academic programs and implements programs designed to improve student achievement. The budget will continue district initiatives, expand learning opportunities for students, maintain current extracurricular activities, athletics, and co-curricular offerings, and provide the resources necessary to ensure that all students are successful. It also provides additional behavioral supports for students, expands opportunities for professional development for faculty and staff, and fully maximizes resources.

Remember every vote counts! Please attend the upcoming Budget Hearing **Monday, May 10, 2021** at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center or view the live broadcast on the GVCS YouTube page. The vote will occur on the Genesee Valley CSD campus for Belmont residents and the Angelica Grange for residents of Angelica. If you require additional information, please visit our website at www.genvalley.org

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. Heath Gordon, Vice-President

Mr. Fred Grusendorf

Mr. Joshua Shannon

Ms. Beverly Evans

Mr. Don Baker



PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET & VOTE

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 17,326,350	\$ 17,535,366	\$ 17,419,975										
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$ 209,016	\$ 93,625										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.21 %	.54 %										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 3,011,146	\$ 3,038,246											
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ 104,500	\$ 106,000											
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ 0	\$ 0											
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ 0	\$ 0											
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 3,115,646	\$ 3,144,246	\$ 3,115,646										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0	\$ 0											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 3,053,542	\$ 3,097,945											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 3,011,146	\$ 3,038,246											
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 42,396	\$ 59,699											
Administrative Component	\$ 1,313,173	\$ 1,365,159	\$ 1,333,713										
Program Component	\$ 11,558,629	\$ 11,778,416	\$ 11,767,897										
Capital Component	\$ 4,454,548	\$ 4,391,791	\$ 4,318,365										
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-22 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p>Contingency Budget does not include equipment or Capital Outlay expenditures.</p>													
<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Angelica & Belmont Public Libraries</td> <td>\$ 106,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	Angelica & Belmont Public Libraries	\$ 106,000		\$		\$		\$
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NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 439.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Genesee Valley school district, Allegany County, New York, will be held at Genesee Valley school and the Angelica Grange in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 12:00pm prevailing time *OR* between the hours of 12:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Genesee Valley school and Angelica Grange, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

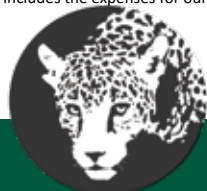
1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET & VOTE

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSAL (2021-2022)

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2021-22</u>		
			<u>ADMIN.</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>
<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u> Board of Education members receive no salary. Provides for travel, membership, supplies.	\$11,650	\$14,700	\$14,700		
<u>DISTRICT MEETING</u> Provides funds for the District Clerk, costs for school votes, legal notices, other expenses for the election process.	\$24,246	\$25,456	\$25,456		
<u>CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</u> Compensation for the Superintendent, clerical staff, office supplies and travel are included here.	\$241,633	\$251,696	\$251,696		
<u>BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/AUDIT/TREASURER</u> Coordination for financial matters of the district. Includes costs for treasurer, auditors & BOCES services.	\$140,313	\$143,569	\$143,569		
<u>TAX COLLECTION/PURCHASING</u> Provides for collection of taxes and purchasing for district.	\$38,946	\$39,849	\$39,849		
<u>LEGAL & PERSONNEL</u> Provides legal counsel services district-wide as well as labor dispute settlement, and employee benefit coordination.	\$292,000	\$288,953		\$288,953	
<u>PUBLIC INFORMATION</u> Provides for publication of district newsletter of all buildings as well as utilities.	\$36,645	\$88,177	\$2,215	\$85,962	
<u>OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE</u> Provides for maintenance & operation	\$1,087,995	\$1,070,493			\$1,070,493
<u>CENTRAL SERVICES</u> Provides for mailing, copy and data processing services district-wide.	\$314,900	\$325,450	\$4,000	\$321,450	
<u>SPECIAL ITEMS</u> Includes insurance, BOCES administration, tax refunds, etc.	\$242,993	\$232,634	\$212,784	\$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.	\$425,274	\$413,707	\$337,383	\$76,324	
<u>INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF DEVELOP.</u> Provides funding for continued professional growth and improvement.	\$145,567	\$140,087		\$140,087	
<u>REGULAR TEACHING</u> Included in this area are salaries for teachers, aides, substitutes, equipment, supplies, textbooks and BOCES instructional costs.	\$3,845,745	\$3,794,088		\$3,794,088	
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION</u> Provides for staff, supplies, textbooks, tuition and BOCES costs for special education programs.	\$1,695,773	\$1,956,087	\$86,325	\$1,869,762	
<u>OCCUPATIONAL/SPECIAL SCHOOLS</u> Includes occupational tuition at BOCES and summer school.	\$476,430	\$499,318		\$499,318	
<u>LIBRARY/AUDIO VISUAL</u> Includes salaries for librarian and assistant, books, AV supplies and equipment.	\$134,172	\$133,844		\$133,844	
<u>COMPUTER INSTRUCTION</u> Includes funds for technology coordinator and lab aides/assistants, hardware and software, and supplies.	\$399,132	\$427,334		\$427,334	
<u>GUIDANCE/ATTENDANCE</u> Provides school counselor services along with their clerical help, supplies and travel.	\$175,370	\$180,518		\$180,518	
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u> Includes the salaries of the nurses and school doctor as well as costs of their offices.	\$111,498	\$120,969		\$120,969	
<u>PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES</u> Includes the expenses for our school psychologist, supplies, travel, etc.	\$47,407	\$49,255		\$49,255	



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	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>ADMIN.</u>	<u>2021-22 PROGRAM</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>
<u>SOCIAL WORK SERVICES</u>					
Includes expenses for our school social workers, supplies, travel, etc.	\$64,674	\$66,801		\$66,801	
<u>CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</u>					
Includes costs for non-athletic student activities such as yearbook, musicals, student council, advisors, etc.	\$116,522	\$121,724		\$121,724	
<u>ATHLETICS</u>					
Includes coaching salaries, equipment, official's fees, supplies, etc.	\$251,375	\$281,745		\$281,745	
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>					
Includes costs of transportation such as salaries, vehicle parts, insurance, bus garage utilities, rental, etc.	\$683,839	\$619,212		\$619,212	
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>					
Includes costs of retirement, social security and insurance for all employees.	\$3,178,170	\$3,148,819	247,182	2,681,220	220,417
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>					
Principal and interest payments on all debt (building, buses, etc.) included here.	\$3,144,081	\$3,100,881			3,100,881
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</u>					
Funding for Capital or Debt Reserve	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$17,326,350	\$17,535,366	\$1,365,159	\$11,778,416	\$4,391,791
2020-21 TOTALS (for comparison)		\$209,016	\$1,313,173	\$11,558,629	\$4,454,548
INCREASE IN TOTAL BUDGET		1.21%	3.96%	1.90%	-1.41%
<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>			
<u>REAL PROPERTY TAX ITEMS</u>					
Includes the estimated tax levy and interest/penalties on taxes.	\$3,017,146	\$3,043,246			
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>					
Admissions, transportation for BOCES, preschool transportation and services.	\$159,750	\$159,250			
<u>USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY</u>					
Interest earnings, room rental to BOCES	\$114,000	\$95,700			
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>					
Refund of prior year's expenses, sale of excess items, miscellaneous items	\$192,000	\$201,000			
<u>STATE SOURCES</u>					
NYS Aid	\$11,794,690	\$12,123,788			
BOCES Aid/Medicaid Reimbursement	\$1,076,000	\$1,160,000			
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS/FEDERAL SOURCES</u>					
Transfers from Debt Service, encumbrances, Federal sources, reserves, etc.	\$572,764	\$352,382			
<u>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</u>					
Portion of unreserved fund balance estimated to be available to reduce property taxes	\$400,000	\$400,000			
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$17,326,350	\$17,535,366			
INCREASE		1.21%			

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Budget Proposed for 2021-22

School Year **\$17,535,366**

Basic STAR Tax Savings

using 100% Equalization Rate **\$439.00**



PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET & VOTE

2021-2022 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

020702 - Genesee Valley Central School

Contact Person: Erin Ostrander

Telephone Number: (585)268-7900

	Budgeted 2020-21 (A)	Proposed Budget 2021-22 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	17,326,350	17,535,366
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	3,011,146	3,038,246
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	104,500	106,000
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	0	0
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	3,115,646	3,144,246
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	0
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	3,053,542	3,097,945
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	3,011,146	3,038,246
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	42,396	59,699
Public School Enrollment	557	580
Consumer Price Index		1.23%

¹ Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

² Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

³ For 2021-22, include any carryover from 2020-21 and exclude any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2020-21 (D)	Estimated 2021-22 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	4,697,974	4,624,280
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	400,000	400,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,151,696	701,415
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	6.65%	4.00%

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/21 Actual Balance
Capital	Transportation Equipment Reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$679,575
Capital	Capital Improvements Reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$815,000
Repair	Repair Reserve	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	\$745,655
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.	\$86,244
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.	\$471,055
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
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.	\$488,274
Retirement Contribution	Reserve for Retirement Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	\$804,234
Retirement Contribution	Reserve for Retirement Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System	\$50,000



PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET & VOTE

PROPOSED 2021-22 BUDGET & VOTE

The annual vote of the qualified voters of the Genesee Valley Central School District, shall be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 to vote upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2021-22 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. Two seats are currently held by Timothy Hand and Fred Grusendorf, and the third seat is vacant for the remainder of the school year (previously held by Dean McKnight). Seats are “at-large” meaning the two candidates with the two highest votes will fill the (2) three year terms, and the candidate with the third highest votes will fill the vacant seat for a two year term. The term of office for the two seats are three years, July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024, and the term of office for the vacant seat is two years, July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023.
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) sixty-four (64) passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$128,500.00 (one hundred twenty-eight thousand five hundred 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 2021-2022 in the amounts, respectively, of \$53,000 for the Angelica Free Library and \$53,000 for the Belmont Free Library to provide public library services, and pay over such funds to the Board of Trustees of each library, respectively.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

The following qualified district residents are running for the Genesee Valley Central School District Board of Education. Their names will be listed on the ballot at our annual school election held on May 18, 2021:

- 1) **Timothy Hand** (running for re-election)
- 2) **Fred Grusendorf** (running for re-election)
- 3) **Eric Knapp** (new candidate)

New Candidate Eric Knapp:

My name is Eric Knapp and I have decided to run for a position on the Board of Education. I graduated from GVCS in 1998 and went on to college for degrees in HVAC Technology and Organizational Management. I am employed as a Manufacturing Consultant and have held various supervisory and leadership roles with the Dresser-Rand/Siemens and Curtiss-Wright organizations. I have always lived and worked locally, and I am running for the school board because it is an excellent opportunity to serve my community and alma mater. As a member of the school board, I hope to ensure that the students receive the best education possible through sound decisions on local policy and open discussions on any concerns brought to the board. I am new to the inner workings of the public education system and I look forward to being an active board member with an open and impartial perspective.



6/30/21 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2021-22 School Year
\$645,493	To purchase school bus.
\$925,000	Do not intend to use during the 2021-22 school year.
\$725,905	To pay for any unanticipated, emergency repairs to district facilities or equipment.
\$71,261	To help offset unemployment claims to NYS.
\$471,055	To pay down district debt.
\$441,712	To pay for any unanticipated, non-recurring property losses that were not included in the regular operating budget.
\$489,620	To pay employees for accrued unused sick, personal, and vacation time upon termination of employment.
\$754,234	To help offset district expenses to the NYS & Local Retirement System.
\$100,000	To help offset district expenses to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System.

Class of 
2021

Congratulations graduates!

Seniors with Post Plans

Trevor Abbey	Alfred State College (Welding)	Avery Grusendorf	University at Buffalo or Alfred State College (Nursing)
Angelina Allen	Workforce	Douglas Hale, Jr.	Workforce
Emera Aquila	United States Marines	Mercadies Hemphill	Finger Lakes Community College (Childhood Education)
Victoria Babbitt	United States National Guard	Kohl Kozlowski	Nazareth College-Visual Communication/Design and Studio Art
Dalton Baker	Workforce	Kaden Layman	United States Navy
Justin Barnes	United States Marines	Zachary Lehman	Alfred State College/ (Game and Interactive Design)
Katie Bartlett	Jamestown Community College/ St. Bonaventure University (Nursing)	Keegan McKnight	Southeast Lineman Training Center
Elizabeth Bentley	Daemen College (Physical Therapy) (DPT)	Ashley McRae	United States National Guard & College for Biology
Kayci Bigelow	St. John Fisher (Chemistry/Pharmacy Track)	Trevor Mullen	United States Navy
Natalie Brodman	Liberty University (Zoology)	Cody Platt	Paul Smith College (Fisheries & Wildlife Science)
Haley Brown	Finger Lakes Community College (Mathematics)	Hayley Prentice	Workforce
Mia Burnell	Alfred State College (Veterinary Technology)	Kaitlyn Robbins	Houghton College or Morrisville State College (Equine Studies)
Tristan Burnell	Alfred State College (Game and Interactive Design)	William Scholes	Finger Lakes Community College (Cannabis Biology & Cultivation)
Sierra Burrows	SUNY Cortland (Physical Education and Coaching)	Callin Shipman	Workforce
Dakota Butler	United States Navy	Rylee Shott	Buffalo State College (Communications and Political Science)
Jacob Christensen	Alfred State College (Heavy Equipment Operations)	Brooke Shultz	Genesee Community College (Archaeology)
Moriah Clendenin	SUNY Cortland (Early Childhood Education)	Kaleigh Stephens	Workforce
Devin Cline	Alfred State College (Veterinary Technology)	Riley Szymkowiak	United States Army
Carson Cockle	Alfred State College (Adolescent Education/History)	Seth Treusdell	Workforce
Holly Coppini	Workforce	Christian Tuttle	Workforce
Brock Ellsessor	College for Graphic Design	Tasha Wedge	Niagara County Community College (Physical Therapy Assistant Program)
Jason Gage, Jr.	Workforce	Savannah Werner	SUNY Cortland College (Biology/ Psychology)
Riley Gordon	Workforce	Simon Whitney	Alfred State College (Machine Tool Technology)



GVCS WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE 2 MID-YEAR GRADUATES.



Hunter Murphy plans on entering the workforce for Welding.



Jordan Veley plans on entering the workforce for Welding.

Congratulations and good luck!

COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTERN PROGRAM

GVCS would like to recognize Ashley McRae and Rylee Shott for participating in the County Government program. For the past 15 weeks, they have been involved with this 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 Ashley and Rylee!

NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY (NTHS) INDUCTIONS

Congratulations to Emera Aquila, Trevor Abbey, and Tristan Burnell for being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at the Career & Technical Center (BOCES).

New National Honor Society Members



Pictured are: (l-r) Elizabeth Bentley, Sierra Burrows, Kimberly Butler, Emera Aquila, Addison Herring, Trenton Scott and Nathan Slawson

On Thursday, March 25, seven new members were inducted into the Genesee Valley Central School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). Genesee Valley alumnus Joshua Deichmann (class of 2014) offered his congratulations to the new members in a pre-recorded video. Joshua spoke on the NHS pillar of service. "True service is more of a posture or a mindset," commented Joshua. "Try to find a way to serve one person each day. You don't know what impact it might have." During the ceremony, students were presented with their NHS pins and certificates by Superintendent Dr. Brian Schmitt and 7-12 Principal Mrs. Sara Donlon.

JUNE 2021 REGENT EXAMS

According to the New York State Education Department, the June Regent Exams schedule is uncertain at this time. Please keep checking our website for details. If you have any questions please contact Paula Mighells at pmighells@genvalley.org or (585) 268-7942.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Allegany County Summer Youth Employment Program gives youth an opportunity to work and earn money during the summer. Youth are placed with local businesses, schools and agencies that can provide work and supervision. Youth work between 14 and 28 hours per week for 6-7 weeks at \$12.50 per hour.

Contact either Mrs. Baker (dbaker@genvalley.org) or Mrs. Preston (jpreston@genvalley.org) in the GV Counseling Office to get an application. We can email them to you or you can come pick them up in the office.



PANDEMIC PORTRAITS

“Pandemic Portraits” is a community art project completed by five senior girls in Mrs. Babbitt’s Art21 class. The students undertook the project as a way to connect with their community and communicate the shared realities of life during COVID-19. The Art21 class takes inspiration from the PBS show “Art in the Twenty-First Century” which offers viewers a window into the life and work of contemporary artists.

*Victoria Babbitt
Kayci Bigelow
Haley Brown*

*Holly Coppini
Savannah Werner*



PANDEMIC PORTRAITS



2021 NYS Grades 3-8 Assessments

This year, the test will be limited to one session of testing per assessment. Students will sit only for the minimum time required, with the exception of extended time for students whose IEP or 504 Plan requires it. Test results will not count toward pass/fail for the school year.

We understand this year is unique and difficult and as always, we appreciate your support. If you have a child who could use some reassurance, please don't hesitate contact the child's teacher.

Below is the testing schedule for your reference. If you have any questions, please call your child's principal or testing coordinator Paula Mighells at (585) 268-7942.

2021 NYS Assessments: Grades 3-8		
ELA	Math	Science
Monday, April 26th	Monday, May 10th	Monday June 7th

CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

MAY – Citizenship: a person who legally belongs to, gives allegiance to, and has the rights and protections of a country.

JUNE – Patience: the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.



WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT!



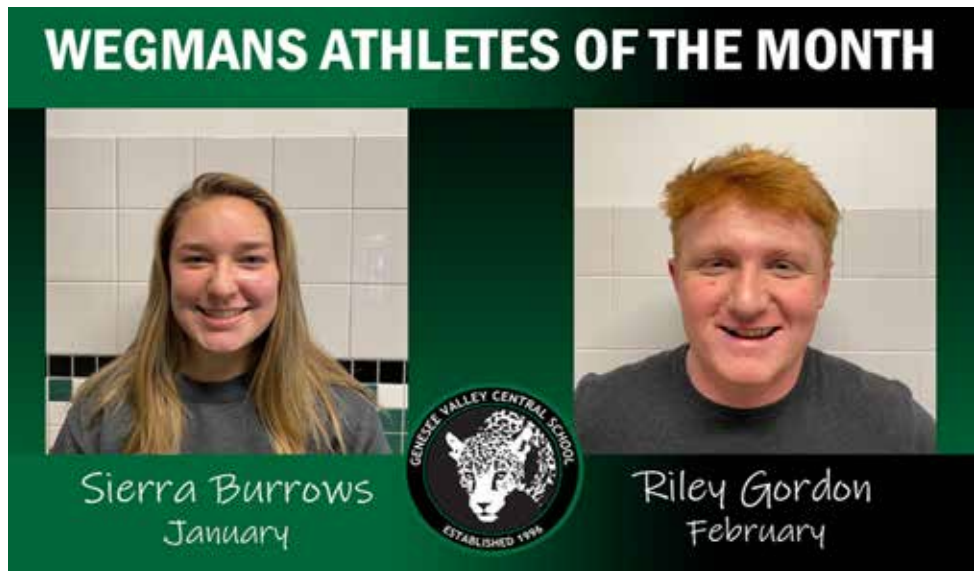
Jacob Grisewood is our newly hired Applied Technology Instructor. This new position at Genesee Valley will help us create a Building Trades Program. Jacob graduate from GV in 2009. He earned an Associate's Degree in Applied Science: Building Trades and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration: Technology Management from Alfred State College. His previous employment and experience includes: Duggan & Duggan General Contracting for four years (managing commercial/ industrial construction projects) and Technology Teacher at Whitesville Central School for the last two years. Jacob resides in Bolivar with his wife Hannah, three dogs (Koda, Willow and Daisy) and two cats (Bouf and Talouse). Jacob writes, "I've had a passion for Building Trades for as long as I can remember. I'm beyond excited to be able to return to my Alma Mater and work alongside the staff and students as we develop this program. It is a great opportunity for all involved." His hobbies and interests include traveling, spending time with his animals, powerlifting, and tinkering on his classic Ford truck.

PARENTS OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

As per School Board policy, parents of out-of-district students must request permission in writing for their child to attend Genesee Valley Central School every year. Letters of request to Genesee Valley Central School for the 2021-22 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools no later than August 15, 2021. These requests will be reviewed from July 1st to September 15th each year.



Congratulations to our Wegmans Athletes of the Month for January and February!



Sierra Burrows – Swimming/Diving

Riley Gordon – Basketball

GENESEE VALLEY STUDENTS "PRACTICE DEMOCRACY" AT STATE YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

Three students at Genesee Valley Central School engaged in a hands-on lesson in civic engagement at the annual New York State Youth and Government Conference in March. Sophomores Sophia Gugino and Lealah Greene joined junior Nathan Slawson at the virtual conference.

Sponsored by the YMCA, the Youth and Government conference is an 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.

Nathan and Sophia worked together to introduce a bill that would mandate college professors and educators pass a training course on sexual violence. Lealah collaborated with students from Saratoga Springs and Long Island on a bill that bill would create a tax credit for restaurant owners that donated to food banks or other emergency food programs. Nathan's efforts earned him a second consecutive trip to the national conference this summer.

Youth and Government Advisor, Donna Slawson, sees this as an invaluable opportunity for students: "This is real-life STEAM learning in action! And our students did amazing—practicing their debate, research, and problem-solving skills while learning all about the ins and outs of how our government works."

SPCA PET BEDS



The Genesee Valley students pictured above have worked hard making Pet Beds to donate to our local SPCA in Belmont, NY. The kids are proud of the work they have done and wish all of the pets in the shelter comfortable, cozy sleeps until they find their forever homes.



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.

STEAM COMES IN GREEN IN THE LIBRARY

The Library was full of green and Leprechauns in March so it made sense that STEAM in the Library would follow suit! Mrs. Nicole Norasethaporn (Pk-12 Librarian), with the assistance of Mrs. Lindsay Simpson (STEAM & Instructional Technology Specialist), brought fun learning to library classes for one week of exciting literacy and science projects. Activities included exploring states of matter with Exploding Leprechaun Pots, designing Lucky Charm Catapults, coding with St. Patrick's Day Hopscotch Mats, studying water density by attempting to create Rainbows in a Jar, and creating St. Patrick's Day green screen videos in which students "popped" into the book and re-told the story.



5TH GRADE ADVENTURE DAY

When 5th grade students shared their disappointment that they had not yet gone on any field trips this year, Ms. Kaycee Majot knew she needed to plan something out of the ordinary

to provide a new sort of experience for her students. Knowing students were finishing up a unit on habitats in her Science class, Ms. Majot and Mrs. Lindsay Simpson designed a special Adventure Day for both cohorts to experience.

Students spent the day in the Media Lab "traveling" to each habitat they studied: Savanna, Rain Forest, Desert, Tundra, Coral Reef, and the Wetlands! At each stop, students explored the elements of the biome they were in by re-creating a food web, shooting green screen videos featuring different animals, using makerspace materials to re-create animal footprints, and creating silhouette art to display facts they had learned.

In addition, students also had the pleasure of joining virtually with The Bug Chicks, Kristie Reddick and Jessica Honaker, two Entomologists who study all things creepy crawly! These two scientists spoke with 5th graders for one hour on how to move from fear to fascination.

Finally, students also were able to explore The Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Florida via a virtual tour. Students were "introduced" to the sea turtle patients at the rehabilitation center, received a tour of the hospital, and learned how to best take care of our oceans to keep these beautiful animals safe.

While we remained in the building, the laughter and creativity that left the space was a sign of a successful "field trip".



ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Following a slow start to the season due to safety protocols, the Genesee Valley Robojags (Team 59471) competed on February 24, 2021 in the first regional, online Vex Robotics Skills Challenge. Teams from across the Southern Tier enrolled in a virtual challenge to test their skills in robotic design, construction, and programming.

Despite a shorter season, added challenges and restrictions needed during the COVID environment, and the new format of competition, the Genesee Valley Robojags proved that they are a force to be reckoned with in the Southern Tier and are unwilling to fold under pressure coming at them from all angles. We are proud of their accomplishments, hard-work, and determination. As one team member said, “we need to finish out this year and get ready for next year – we are going to states again!”



WE ARE THE A IN STEAM:

Photography self portraits





WELLNESS CHALLENGE

JOIN THE WELLNESS CHALLENGE FACEBOOK GROUP

Anne Campbell, Wellness Director

The GVCS community raised \$2,000 for Roswell Park Alliance! Nearly 100 GVCS Jags challenged themselves to 10,000 steps a day for the entire month of February!

Along the way I witnessed so much encouragement and positivity. 10,000 steps can be difficult to achieve every day, and even though some days were harder than others, we kept going, did our best, and held ourselves accountable.

In the month of March, I challenged you to walk a total of 100 miles and drink 64 ounces of water a day. So many surpassed this challenge and kept going. Join us in April for our next wellness challenge!



In March, GVCS partnered with Connecting Communities in Action (CCA). They are a local not-for-profit based out of Salamanca. CCA received a \$50,000 grant that we are lucky to be a part of! The grant's purpose was to "stock the freezer" by purchasing pre-made frozen meals made by two local restaurants: Osteria 166 of Buffalo and Good Times of Olean. Through this partnership we received 1,000 frozen meals to distribute to our students!



MAPLE CITY PHYSICAL THERAPY

REHABILITATION FOR NECK PAIN



50-80% of the adult population will experience neck pain at some point in their life. Only 25% to 40% of those with neck pain seek healthcare. Treatment options vary depending on the many different classifications of cervical spine pain including nerve root problems, stenosis, cervical fusion, inflammatory, fracture, mechanical, chronic pain, etc.

Upper extremity and scapular pain, numbness, tingling and weakness, whether all the way down the arm or even in just a localized region, can be referred from the neck. Many times, symptoms are diagnosed improperly, as the source of the problem is the neck. Almost 50% of individuals with shoulder pain have origins of symptoms coming from the neck.

From rising in the morning until returning to bed at night people are predominantly in flexed spinal postures and activities, and rarely extend. Frequent and sustained flexion stresses are present during work and during daily activities. Excessive flexion will lead to excessive protrusion of the neck. In addition, individuals tend to protrude their neck for long periods particularly with driving, sitting at a computer, or using phones. Working into the opposite direction of retraction can help alleviate neck

pain associated with poor posture due to decreasing muscle tightness and pressure on nerves.

All neck pain does not present the same. While some individuals get better over time and are better with postural correction and awareness of body mechanics, not all people get better with just these factors. More details can be provided to you by your physical therapist for further incite or treatment options.


Maple City Physical Therapy in Andover and Hornell have physical therapists that can help treat neck pain. We have one therapist in our Hornell office who is McKenzie certified to treat neck pain.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Friday, May 28th – **School Closed**
- Monday, May 31st – **Memorial Day / School Closed**
- Monday, June 21st – Last Full day of Attendance Grades K-6th
- Tuesday, June 22nd – Students in Grades K-6th dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 23rd – Students in Grades K-6th dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
- June 26th – Graduation at 11:00am



May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH -CITIZENSHIP	SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE				1
2	3 -6:30pm-Allegany County NHS Banquet, Houghton	4	5	6	7	8 - SAT Test
9	10 -5:30pm-Board of Education Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting, Rm. 1121	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 -12-8pm-District Election/Vote, Belmont Residents-GV Pool Vestibule, Angelica Residents-Grange Hall	19 -5:30pm-Board of Education Meeting, Rm. 1121	20	21 -Progress Reports available online/mailed, Gr. 5-12	22
23	24	25	26 -7:00pm-H.S. Awards Ceremony, Auditorium	27	28 School Closed - Memorial Day Weekend	29
30	31 -School Closed - Memorial Day Holiday					

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH -PATIENCE 	SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE	1	2 -7:00pm-M.S. Awards Ceremony, Auditorium	3	4	5 -SAT
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 -ACT Test -Prom
13	14 -5:30pm-Board of Education Meeting, Rm. 1121	15 -End of 4th Marking Period, Gr. 5-12 #End of 3rd marking period Gr. K-4	16	17	18	19
20	21 -Last Full Day of School for Grades K-6th	22 -1:00 pm Dismissal for Grades K-6th	23 -1:00 pm Dismissal for Grades K-6th	24	25	26 -11:00am - Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony
27 	28	29	30			



GVCS VIRTUAL URGENT CARE

Did you know Genesee Valley Central School has an Urgent Care? Over 300 students and staff are signed up. The GVCS Urgent Care is open Monday-Friday during school hours 7:40 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In addition to treating non-emergent medical needs such as ear infections, pink eye, allergies, skin abnormalities, and more, the GVCS Urgent Care can uniquely test students and employees for COVID-19, Influenza, Strep Throat, and Urinalysis. You must be signed up to use these services. Go to the GV website for the consent form and more information.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES KINSHIP CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Catholic Charities received a grant with NYS Office of Children and Family Services to provide the Kinship Caregiver Program to 30 children and 25 families in Allegany County. It is a partnership with Catholic Charities, YMCA of the Twin Tiers, and The Center for Elder Law and Justice in Buffalo. It is a program for grandparents, relatives, and non-relatives raising children other than their own. The families only need to have Article 6 (permanent custody), joint custody with primary placement, or informal custody to participate in the program.

The program has five components:

1. Case management and referral services: home visits, linkages with community agencies, finding out the needs of the families and how to help them; 1-4 times per month
2. Support groups—separate for adults and children (held virtually and/or in person):
 - a. for adults—the curriculum is PASTA (Parenting a Second Time Around) once a month
 - b. for children: once a month focusing on stress management, listening skills, self-esteem building, bullying prevention
3. Education sessions: ElderLaw lawyer will be presenting on legal issues; 3 times per quarter
4. Family engagement activities: family swim nights, movie night, craft night, etc. once a month
5. Maintenance and family preservation services: respite for the children once a month

Some upcoming events for families include:

- Mother's Day virtual baking night 5:30 p.m. on May 5th—we will be delivering ingredients to participants and making muffins and cookies for our grandmas, aunts, for Mother's Day
- Kinship meeting at the Wellsville YMCA on May 19th at 5:30 p.m.—where we will be learning about karate
- June 16th at 5:30 p.m. meeting at Wellsville YMCA
- June 19th "End of the School Year Bash" at Island Park in Wellsville 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.—hot dogs, hamburgers, lawn games and lots of fun!

If interested, kinship families are able to receive YMCA memberships free for participating in our program. For more information about this program, call Danielle Kielar, Kinship Caregiver Social Worker at (716) 372-0101 x 211.



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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

Board of Education:

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Heath Gordon, Vice-President
Joshua Shannon
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for information on sex offenders living in the GVCS District

LET'S GET AWAY AND GO ON A MEDITERRANEAN TOUR!

Genesee Valley and Cuba-Rushford are joining together to spend Spring Break 2022 in one of the most beautiful corners of the world. Check out the view from our hotel in Nice, France! Nice is known for its fantastic climate, fabulous beaches, and beautiful coastline with mesmerizing views. On the trip we will have the opportunity to explore Nice, and many other unique places in Spain, France, and Monaco. Start planning and saving for our next GV excursion!

Contact Mrs. Horne at shorne@genvalley.org if interested.



The 4th Annual GVCS Alumni Golf Tournament

Date: June 13, 2021

Cost: \$50 per player

- NEW – Staggered-start format:
First group tees off at noon, with new groups following every 10min
Schedule to be distributed in advance to team captains
- 4-man scramble format
- Cost includes golf, cart, and lunch at the turn
- Prizes awarded for best round, longest drive, and closest to the pin

Where: Wellsville Country Club

Who is invited: Alumni of GVCS/Angelica/Belmont, current or former faculty/staff/students, and friends & family

To register: Call 585-781-0825



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.

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.