



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

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# Jag News

## Congratulations TO THE CLASS OF 2020!



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
FOR 2020-  
2021 WILL BE  
PROVIDED!  
YOU DO NOT NEED  
TO PURCHASE!**

**Classes Begin for Students on Tuesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>**

# FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dr. Brian Schmitt,  
Superintendent

www.genvalley.org



Dear Genesee Valley Resident,

We are diligently working to prepare for the reopening of school and are excited for the return of students, faculty and staff in September.

While medical professionals continue their work to control the pandemic as we move toward reopening school, it is important that we remain mindful of safety precautions as well as provide effective educational experiences and services for our students.

Please take time to visit the following New York State Health Department website for up to date information related to COVID-19 symptoms and prevention: (<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protect-yourself-and-your-family-coronavirus-covid-19>). Additionally, please be reminded of the following expectations for everyone:

- Masks should be worn during entry to the building.
- While on school property, you must have a mask or cloth face-covering with you at all times. You are to wear your mask or face covering if in the presence of another person. Your face covering or mask must be in place at all times if you are within six feet of another person.
- Remain at least six (6) feet from others at all times if not wearing a mask. Practice social distancing and personal hygiene (i.e., cough/sneeze into a tissue you dispose of immediately or into the crook of your elbow, not into your hands; wash your hands frequently with soap and water and/or use 60% or higher alcohol-based hand sanitizer).
- Do not congregate in any number unless you are attending an authorized, planned and coordinated class that accommodates social distancing and other safety precautions.
- If you observe someone with respiratory symptoms such as cough, fever, trouble breathing, or flu-like illness, do not go near him/her. Contact the school nurse as soon as possible.
- Stay home if you are sick. Do not come to school. Stay safe and be healthy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information. We will continue to keep you updated as we learn more.

Thank you for everything you are doing!  
Sincerely,

Superintendent



## GVCS OFFICE & STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

Genesee Valley has clerical staff answering all incoming phone calls from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS:

Main Operator/Welcome Desk.....	585-268-7900
Elementary Principal's Office.....	585-268-7906
MS/HS Principal's Office.....	585-268-7908
District Office.....	585-268-7909
Business Office.....	585-268-7911
CSE/CSPE Office.....	585-268-7913
Guidance Office.....	585-268-7937
Nurse's Office.....	585-268-7915
Transportation/Bus Garage.....	585-268-7920
Student Attendance Reporting.....	585-268-7914
BOCES Office.....	585-268-7945

To leave a message for a teacher, please call the Principals' Office and your call will be transferred to the teacher's voice mailbox during the school day.

### STAFF PHONE NUMBERS:

After School Program.....	268-7940
Baker, Denise (Guidance).....	268-7937
Bradt, Brooke (Social Worker).....	268-7936
Brockway, Bryan (Athletics).....	268-7927
Chamberlain, Chris (Maintenance).....	268-7917
Chamberlain, Maureena (Elementary Office).....	268-7906
Edmund, Amber (Middle/High School Office).....	268-7908
George, Rita (Attendance/Nurse).....	268-7914
Healy, Devan (Tax Collector).....	268-7909
Mighells, Paul (Dean of Students/Curriculum Coordinator).....	268-7942
Ostrander, Erin (Business Office).....	268-7902
Pratt, Katherine (Nurse-RN).....	268-7915
Preston, Josie (7-12 Guidance Counselor).....	268-7928
Preston, Rachele (CSE/CPSE Office).....	268-7913
Scholes, Brittany (Business Office).....	268-7911
Turybury, Jennifer (PK3-6 Guidance Counselor).....	268-7929
Warner, Linda (Welcome Desk).....	268-7907
Weaver, Willy (Transportation).....	268-7920
Winterhalter, Pam (District Office).....	268-7909
Zenoski, Kelli (Cafeteria).....	268-7916

## 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.*

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, September 1 – First Day of Student Attendance**
- **Friday, September 4 – Labor Day Recess – School Closed**
- **Monday, September 7 - Labor Day – School Closed**
- **Friday, October 9 – Staff Development Day – No Student Attendance**
- **Monday, October 12 – Columbus Day – School Closed**



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS

## NEW PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY AND DEPARTURE OF STUDENTS

*Please Note - Masks should be worn during entry and social distancing will be in place as much as possible.*

### Elementary Morning Entry Procedures:

1. Grades 2-4 will enter through the doors closest to the playground. Buses will drop students off at that end of the building. Adults will be stationed there to assist students coming into building.
2. Grades PK4, K, 1 and 5-6 will enter through the Elementary Main Entrance (near Elementary gym). Buses will drop students off in front of the building near the Elementary Main Entrance. Adults will be stationed at front of building to assist students coming into building.
3. Parents transporting children to school should wait in the loop in the front parking lot for student temperature checks. Students need to remain in the vehicle until their temperature has been taken, then enter building through assigned entrance. (Gr. 2-4: playground doors, PK4, 1 and 5-6: Elementary Main Entrance).

### Secondary Arrival Procedure:

Students in grades 7-12 will be allowed off the bus at the High School Main Doors (across from Auditorium), one bus at a time. Students driving to school will enter through the Innovation Center door. Parents dropping off students in grades 7-12 will pull into the circle in the back parking lot and remain in their cars until someone takes each students' temperature. They will then enter the building through the Innovation Center door.

### Secondary Dismissal Procedure:

Classrooms will be dismissed on a staggered schedule. Parent pick up will take place in the back parking lot loop. Students riding the bus will report to their bus in the front loop.

### SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE FOR GRADES PK-12

1. Parents/guardians needing a student to be dismissed from school must send in a written note in advance.
2. Parents/guardians may have their children dismissed from school with a legal excuse as defined by NYS Education Department.
3. Students will not be released to any individual without prior authorization from the Principal.
4. Parents must remain in their car and call the welcome desk at (585) 268-7900 to have student released.
5. When calling, parent/guardian should provide their name, student name, and reason for dismissal. The time of dismissal will be noted by welcome desk attendant.
6. When returning to school the same day, students should sign in, document arrival time, provide verification of absence, obtain a pass from the welcome desk personnel and immediately report to class.
7. Students will not be excused on a regular basis for purposes not listed on the legal absence list.



### FIRE INSPECTION NOTICE

The Annual Fire Inspection Reports can be reviewed and copies obtained by contacting the district office.

### POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Genesee Valley Central School District has a policy concerning sexual harassment. The school and community are alerted to the fact that acts of sexual harassment are contrary to school district policy and will not be tolerated in the school environment. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, this policy applies to all staff members and students. Sexual harassment creates an unhealthy atmosphere destructive of the School District's educational purpose. Such conduct violates Education Laws 3214, 3020A and Civil Service Law 75. All alleged harassment claims will be investigated and appropriate action taken.

### DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (DASA)

Public school districts are required to provide all public school students with an environment free from discrimination and harassment, as well as to foster civility in public schools. The Dignity Act also focuses on prevention of harassment and discriminatory behaviors through promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate. A part of the mandate requires all districts to name a Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC). The DAC for Genesee Valley is Mrs. Paula Mighells. Students and/or parents may report concerns to Mrs. Mighells. An important component of the Dignity Act focuses on educating students to treat each other with greater respect.

### FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students".

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# BACK-TO-SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.

- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.

- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR 99.31):

- School officials with legitimate educational interest;
- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
- Accrediting organizations;
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

For additional information, you may call 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) (voice). Individuals who use TDD may use the Federal Relay Service.

Or you may contact us at the following address:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-8520

## EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

NOTIFICATION – The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was passed by the US Congress and signed into law on December 10,

2015. The ESSA replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and is the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Under the ESSA, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request. At any time you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and major(s) or areas of concentration.

If your child is working with one of our paraprofessionals, we can provide you with information regarding their qualifications as well.

The ESSA includes additional right-to-know requests. Parents and guardians may also inquire about the following:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include subject matter tested, purpose of the test, source of the requirement (if applicable), amount of time it takes to complete the test and time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking skills he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable New York State requirements.

## ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATIONS:

\*Section 9528 (a) (1) of the legislation requires that each school district receiving Title I funds under No Child Left Behind shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. A student or a parent may request that such information not be released without prior written parental consent. In order to make such a request, please contact the guidance office at 268-7937 for further information. If you do not wish to have your student's information released to the military or to colleges without your permission, you must send a signed, written statement to that effect to the guidance office.

\*Under Sex Offender Registration Act (Megan's Law) information that is disseminated to the School District regarding the presence in the community of a convicted sex offender will be communicated to staff, community and local law enforcement officials in order to ensure that the offender does not have contact with children. Any information which the School District receives regarding a sex offender from a source other than the Sex Offender Registry, and which is maintained independent of the requirements of Megan's Law, will be available from the District, upon written request to the District Office, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law. Any inquiries regarding this requirement may be made to the Superintendent's Office.



# REOPENING SCHEDULE

FALL 2020

*First Day of School: Tuesday, September 1, 2020*

## OVERALL SCHEDULE

**MON & WEDS** Group A @ school  
Group B @ home

**TUES & THURS** Group B @ school  
Group A @ home

**FRI** Groups A & B @ home



### NOTES

Parents will be notified about which group their child has been assigned to no later than August 14.

Siblings (regardless of grade) will be scheduled for the same group

## ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

**PERIOD 1** 8:15-10:45

**LUNCH/ RECESS** 10:45-12:15  
30-min lunch/30-min recess

**PERIOD 2** 12:15-2:45

### NOTE

K-5 students will return to their 2019-20 classroom teacher to build on the relationships formed last year and to expedite the learning for this year. Last year's teachers know best what learning standards were mastered and how individuals learn.

## MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

**PERIOD 1** 8:00-9:25

**PERIOD 2** 9:30-10:55

**PERIOD 3A** 11:00-11:30 (lunch)

**PERIOD 3B** 11:30-12:00 (lunch)

**PERIOD 4** 12:05-1:30

**PERIOD 5** 1:35-3:00

Core classes will be held in person.

Electives will be offered remotely.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### MASKS

Mask-wearing will be mandatory for ALL students in hallways, common areas, buses, and classrooms when 6 feet cannot be maintained, unless they have a medical or mental health exemption.



### BUSSING

We WILL be able to provide busing for our students and know that many parents will choose to transport their children to school.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact the school office at 585-268-7900





Dear Parents,

We are so excited to welcome students back to the Genesee Valley campus in a few short weeks! We have been working diligently to prepare a safe learning environment for everyone. In an effort to meet the needs of every student, all necessary school supplies will be provided by the district. Your child's teachers

will distribute supplies for their class.

Please take time to carefully review the protocols listed below and let us know if you have questions. These important changes meet CDC, state and county guidelines and are designed to keep our students and employees safe.

**Transportation:**

- Before boarding the bus in the morning a GV employee will take the temperature of every child. If any child has a temperature of 100.5 or above, they will need to stay at home that day.
- Parents dropping off students in grades 7-12 are asked to pull into the back parking lot loop. A GV employee will come to your car to take your child's temperature before they exit your car.
- Juniors and seniors driving to school will park in the last two rows of the back parking lot. They will need to have their temperature checked before entering the building through the innovation center doors. A parking permit is necessary for students driving to school. Please email Mrs

Edmund (aedmund@genvalley.org) in the high school office for the necessary paperwork . We will need a copy or picture of your driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance in addition to the completed form with your parent's signature. This process must be completed each school year.

**General:**

- Masks are required in all common areas (buses, hallways, offices) and in classrooms when social distancing is not possible.
- Upon arriving at school, students will report directly to their first period class.
- Student belongings will be kept in their classroom. No lockers or locks will be issued to students.
- Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom every day.
- Each student in grades 7-12 will receive an iPad. Other necessary supplies will be distributed the first week of school by individual teachers.
- Visitors will need to make an appointment in order to enter the building. To schedule an appointment, please call the main office.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Sara Donlon  
7-12 Building Principal

**CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH**

**SEPTEMBER - RESPECT:**

Treating people in a positive manner that acknowledges them for who they are and/or what they are doing.

**OCTOBER - RESPONSIBILITY:**

position of being in charge of something; duty that is part of job; blame for something that has happened.

**Attention Juniors and Seniors driving to school:**

A parking permit is necessary for students driving to school. Please email Mrs. Edmund (aedmund@genvalley.org) in the high school office for the necessary paperwork. In addition to the completed form (with your parent's signature), we will need a copy or picture of your driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance. This process must be completed each school year.





## *from Mr. Ed!*

First and foremost, I want to thank the parents and families who make GV great. The work you did in the Spring with your children was nothing short of incredible. We want to see this trend continue through 2020-21. As we head into this very unusual start to a year, remember, more than any time in history, we need you to be a part of each day of your child's school year. Your child needs your help to be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to learn in new and exciting ways!

The summer this year found GV a busy place. The only consistent thing we've had is change. Our staff has been hard at work trying to navigate the new and sometimes unknown challenges to education. As you connect with your child's teacher (in most cases, you should already know them well from last year), please be honest and open with what works and what does not work for you and your family. All of us here want to make this unusual situation the best it can possibly be. We will do everything in our power to work with you every day.

Protocols from start of day to end of day have had to be modified (and re-modified) to meet the safety standards in the COVID Pandemic world. If you have any questions about these, please contact me!

- Class lists will show teacher name and whether student attends on Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday. Family groups were kept together.

Unfortunately, we cannot make changes to days as they cause ripple effects throughout the PK-12.

- Transportation is limited in the number of riders that can be on any given run, students and adults on the bus must wear masks at all times, and seats will be assigned on the first day. Before a student gets on the bus, they will need to have their temperature taken and a short survey (similar to what you get when entering a doctor's office). As long as the temperature is below 100.4\* and survey questions are all "no" students will head to school. Anyone driving their child to school will remain in their cars while kids' temperatures are taken at the car.
- Students in PK3 and Grades 2-4 will enter the building through the doors by the playground and go directly to their

classrooms. Students in Grades PK4, K, and 1st will enter on right side of Elementary Main Entrance and go straight to classrooms. Grades 5-6 will enter at Left side of Elementary Main Entrance and head upstairs to the pod.



- Masks will need to be worn in situations that we cannot maintain 6' of social distancing and/or in common areas (buses and hallways primarily). Kids will be able to have masks off for the vast majority of every day.
- Breakfast and Lunch will be served in the Classroom each day. Students will not have to pay for meals.
- On days of attendance, all Grades PK4-6 will have a scheduled Physical Education time that will either be outside or in the gym as weather permits. Kids will not be changing their clothes for PE at this time. PK3 will be able to enjoy the Activity Room daily.
- Music and Art classes will be primarily on-line on days that students are not in attendance, however, those teachers will also be a part of their daily in-person experiences as they visit classrooms.
- Friday instruction will be fully on-line with a variety of opportunities to join in on ZOOM meetings, collaborate with peers, and/or pursue other academic pursuits.



- Parents who are dropping off students and/or picking up can bring kids as early as 8:00am and pick up as needed. Please communicate directly with your child's teacher about transportation questions.
- Visitors to building will be very limited this year due to safety concerns. If you need to come to the building, please schedule an appointment by calling 585-268-7900.
- While the assemblies and reward ceremonies may look a bit different, we will continue PBIS as it has had great results. on the web at [www.PBIS.org](http://www.PBIS.org)

- **3PK** *Ms. Wesche and Ms. Johnson*
- **4PK** *Ms. Spagg and Ms. Hopkins*
- **Kindergarten** *Ms. Palmer*
- **1st grade** *Ms. Hillman and Ms. Zlomek*
- **2nd grade** *Ms. White and Ms. McKeown*
- **3rd grade** *Ms. Schmidt and Ms. Shafer*
- **4th grade** *Ms. Cole and Ms. Kelley*
- **5th grade** *Ms. Sanasith and Ms. Majot*
- **6th grade** *Ms. Deichmann and Ms. Auman*
- **Other teachers** *Ms. Voss, Ms. Faller, Ms. Graham, Ms. Rizzo, Ms. Burger, Ms. Finnemore*
- **Elem. Music** *Mr. Musingo and Mr. Robbins*
- **Elem. Art** *Ms. Deal*
- **Elem. Counselors** *Ms. Turybury*
- **Elem. PE** *Ms. Clark-Hapeman, Mr. Bradt*
- **Library** *Ms. Norasethaporn*
- **Nurses** *Ms. George and Ms. Pratt*
- **Intervention** *Ms. Emrich, Ms. Bliven, Ms. Burton, Ms. Prentice*

As we head into the final days of summer, prepare your kids for the best year ever! If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to call or email, we are here to serve you. I make a promise to each and every parent in our district, we will love your child and strive to make GV the best experience possible!

***School Supplies for 2020-21 are provided for you.***





# Mobile Telemed



## What is Telemedicine?

Mobile Telemed providers can quickly evaluate, diagnose and treat Genesee Valley students by using telecommunications technology. Students can get the care they need, when they need it, right in their own school community. This does not replace a family doctor, it provides immediate access to medical services.

## Genesee Valley School-Based Telehealth Program



### Services

GVCS nurses will assist Mobile Telemed providers by using Bluetooth medical instruments to examine ears, nose, throat, and listen to their heart and lungs. Rapid strep tests, flu swabs, and urine analysis can also be done.



### Be Connected

A secure link will give you access to your child's appointment so you can still be "present". Prescriptions and lab work can be sent to your pharmacy & hospital.



### Insurance & Billing

All insurance companies are accepted and billed by Mobile Telemed. Patients are responsible for copays and additional costs outside of the school program.



## Sign your child up TODAY!

For more information contact  
Anne Campbell, Genesee Valley  
School's Wellness Director  
Consent forms are available online at  
[www.genvalley.org](http://www.genvalley.org) and at the  
Main Office 585-268-7900





**Mobile Telemed**

# School-Based Telepsychiatry Professional Mental Health Counseling



## What is Telepsych?

Telepsychiatry is an innovative practice in healthcare that applies technology to the field of psychiatry. Mobile Telemed offers Board Certified Psychiatric care through secure telecommunication. GVCS students have the opportunity to receive a variety of mental health services in school while minimizing disruptions to their academic and guardian work schedules.

## Genesee Valley School-Based Telehealth Program



### Services

Psychiatry services will be led by Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Dr. Aimee DiPasqua M.D. Services could include; psychiatry, medication management, and therapy. The initial family consultation is on campus followed by remote counseling thereafter. A consent form must be filled out to participate.



### Insurance & Billing

All major insurance companies are accepted and will be billed accordingly through Mobile Telemed. Patients will be responsible for co-pays and additional costs such as prescriptions.

**Please familiarize yourself with your insurance policy.**

For more information contact

**Anne Campbell, Genesee Valley School's Wellness Director**

Consent forms are available online at [www.genvalley.org](http://www.genvalley.org)  
and at the Main Office 585-268-7900





# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>CHARACTERWORD OF THE MONTH</b> -RESPECT	PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE	WELCOME BACK! First day of student attendance.	1	2	3	4 School Closed - Labor Day Recess	5
6	7 School Closed - Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12 -ACT Test	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21 - 5:30 BOE Meeting, Rm 1121	22	23	24	25	26 -SAT Test	
27	28	29	30				

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



# October 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CHARACTERWORD OF THE MONTH</b> - RESPONSIBILITY	PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE		1 - Homecoming Events	2 - Homecoming Events	3 -SAT Test -Homecoming Weekend-Athletic Wall of Fame Induction, Athletic Events, Class/Club Activities
5 -5:30pm Board of Education Work Session, Rm. 1121	6	7	8 -Progress Reports available online/mailed, Gr. 5-12	9 Staff Development Day No Student Attendance	10
12 School Closed - Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
19 -5:30pm Board of Education, Rm. 1121	20	21	22	23	24 -- ACT Test
26	27	28	29	30 -End of 1st marking period, Gr. K-12	31



## OPT OUT CLARIFICATION

Clarification on the **OPT OUT REQUEST**. This right is under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. If you **agree** to allow Genesee Valley Central School to use your child's picture in our yearbook, publications, website and newsletters, etc. **no need to do anything further**. We are hoping to be able to highlight your child in our publications. They do some awesome things here at GV!

**IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION PUBLISHED PLEASE SEND A LETTER TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE STATING THIS.**

## OPT IN CLARIFICATION

Clarification on the **OPT IN REQUEST**. Due to an additional regulation governing "Global Alerts" (School Messenger System), you have an option to **OPT-IN**. By agreeing to opt-in, GVCS will be able to use School Messenger to contact you with important events or emergencies. This system can send text messages, emails, and/or phone calls with information. We hope you **OPT-IN** to this system. If you agree to the Opt In, **no need to do anything further**.

**IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY CALLS, TEXTS, OR EMAILS ON THE SCHOOL MESSENGER SYSTEM, PLEASE SEND A LETTER TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE STATING THIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**



### Yearbook Information:

There are still a few copies of last year's yearbook available for sale. Please contact Nancy George at [ngeorge@gvalley.org](mailto:ngeorge@gvalley.org) or call 466-3227 to order. Information on the 2020-21 yearbook will be coming in the near future.

## School Tax Information

The 2020-21 school taxes will be collected by Devan Healy, Tax Collector.

Taxes can be paid in one of the following ways:

1. In person at Community Bank

2. Mailed to:

**Devan Healy**

**Genesee Valley Central School**

**1 Jaguar Drive**

**Belmont NY 14813**

3. Via credit card or e-check

See [www.gvalley.org](http://www.gvalley.org) (Click on "School Taxes" under "District Office" menu)

If you have questions please contact Ms. Healy at 585-268-7900, ext. 2132 or by email at [dhealy@gvalley.org](mailto:dhealy@gvalley.org)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Payments can be made in the month of September with no penalty or in October with a 2% penalty. No school taxes will be collected after October 31, 2020. If you do not receive your bill you will need to contact Ms. Healy before the October deadline. If taxes are not paid in September or October of 2020 the amount will be added onto your County and Town bill.

### NOTICE OF CENSUS

In accordance with New York State regulations, the Genesee Valley Central School District will be conducting its Annual Census between September 1, 2020 and November 1, 2020. The purpose of this census is to identify and ensure accurate records with regards to students in the District who have handicapping conditions. If you have a child, or know of child, eligible to attend preschool or public school and they have/are suspected of having a handicapping condition please contact the Genesee Valley Office of Pupil Services. Please be prepared to provide the name of the family, age of the child and contact information. After we contact you, census forms may then be mailed.

Carol McCarville

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services

(585) 268-7900 ext. 1131



# Transportation Procedures:

## Help Keep Our Children Safe



### BUS PICK UP AND DROP OFF:

The transportation department at GVCS makes the transportation of our students as safe and efficient as possible. The school has encountered parents requesting that their child/children be dropped off or picked up in different locations on different days of the week. Please keep in mind that changing pick up and drop off locations is very confusing for students, teachers, office staff and bus drivers and it creates unnecessary problems with our bus routes.

If changes are going to be requested, a bus change request form must be filled out and received by 12:00 noon at the welcome desk on the day of the change. No requests will be accepted after 12:00 noon. The change request form is available on our website. No changes will be accepted by phone unless there is an emergency. Mailers will be sent out with pick up and drop off times and also posted in Power School. Please allow for a 10-minute window the first week of school.

### BUS INFORMATION:

Transportation of students on the school bus is a privilege and an extension of the classroom. Rules for student behavior are as much in force on the bus as in the school facility. School authorities can deny this privilege to any child who is insubordinate or disorderly.

### BUS RULES:

1. Be on time at your stop. During inclement weather, driving conditions warrant extreme safety. Therefore, to maintain our time schedule, it is advisable to expect your bus to arrive early, especially if your stop is at the beginning of the trip. Please plan accordingly.
2. Parents should bring their children to school if they miss the bus.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a full stop before attempting to get on or off.
4. Go immediately to a seat (the bus driver may assign seats) and remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop or arrives at the school.
5. Help keep the bus clean.
6. Do not destroy property.
7. Violence is prohibited.

8. No objects shall be passed through an open window.
9. Keep arms, hands, and head inside the bus.
10. Be sure to take all belongings with you when you leave the bus.
11. Do not distract the driver while the bus is in motion.
12. Be a courteous and responsible passenger at all times.
13. Face covering over mouth and nose is mandatory for all passengers.

Please contact the school when there is a change in your address or telephone number. If we need to contact you, it is very important that we have a current phone number. Please feel free to contact me at 268-7920 with questions or concerns. Thank you.

- William Weaver, Transportation Supervisor



Genesee Valley Central School is pleased to announce that we have partnered with Maple City Physical Therapy to provide school-based physical therapy services for our students this school year! The physical therapist working with our students is Miranda Gumtow (formerly Miranda Garfield), a Genesee Valley graduate from the class of 2010. Miranda graduated from Gannon University with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2018 and has been working at Maple City Physical Therapy since 2018.

Maple City Physical Therapy also provides school-based physical therapy for Belfast and Andover school districts.

Maple City Physical Therapy is an outpatient clinic and treats all types of conditions.

They offer treatment at 3 convenient locations

Andover 607-260-4080

Hornell 607-324-9344

Bath (Steuben Physical Therapy) 607-622-4180

# GVCS 2020-2021 DISTRICT CALENDAR

JULY 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

4 Independence Day

Total Student Days = 181  
Staff Develop./Rating Days = 5+1  
TOTAL DAYS = 187

ADOPTED BY BOE: 3.16.2020

JANUARY 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

1 New Year's Holiday  
18 M.L. King Day  
26-28 Regents Exams  
29 Regents Rating Day

Student Days - 19

AUGUST 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

24 New Staff Orientation  
25,26,31 Staff Development Days  
26 Meet the Teacher Night

FEBRUARY 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

15 President's Day  
16-19 Mid-Winter Break

Student Days - 15

SEPTEMBER 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

1 First Day of School  
4 No School  
7 Labor Day

Student Days - 20

MARCH 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

19 Staff Development Day

Student Days - 22

OCTOBER 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

9 Staff Development Day  
12 Columbus Day

Student Days - 20

APRIL 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

2 Good Friday  
5-9 Easter/Spring Break

Student Days - 16

NOVEMBER 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

11 Veteran's Day  
Parent Teacher Conferences:  
12 Regular school day PK-12 conferences in the evening  
13 Grades 7-12 attend school all day.  
Grades PK-6 NO School scheduled conferences during the day  
24 11:00 Dismissal PK-12  
25-27 Thanksgiving Break

Student Days - 17

MAY 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

31 Memorial Day

Student Days - 20

DECEMBER 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

21-31 Christmas Break

Student Days - 14

JUNE 2021						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

16-24 Regents Exams  
25 Rating Day/Last Day for Staff  
26 Graduation

Student Days - 18

School Closed =   Holiday =   Staff Development =   Parent Conf. =   Regents Exams =  



**Genesee Valley Central School**

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Belmont, NY 14813

**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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VISIT THE SEX OFFENDERS WEBSITE – <http://www.watchsystems.com/ny/allegany> or <http://www.familywatchdog.us>  
for information on sex offenders living in the GVCS District

## Grant Continues to Provide Meals for GV Students

Genesee Valley Central School again offers healthy meals every school day. GV received grant funds to continue providing all students free breakfast and lunch daily for the 2020-21 school year. The district does request that if you qualify for free or reduced price meals according to the income guidelines below, please complete and return a free/reduced meal application. They are available on our website or call any school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

### 2020-2021 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Milk

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 984	\$ 908	\$ 454
2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,227	\$ 614
3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,546	\$ 773
4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,865	\$ 933
5	\$ 56,758	\$ 4,730	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,183	\$ 1,092
6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 3,056	\$ 2,821	\$ 1,411
8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,140	\$ 1,570
*Each add'l person add	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 346	\$ 319	\$ 160

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

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