



Genesee Valley Central School

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HONORING OUR LOCAL VETERANS

On November 10th Genesee Valley hosted a concert in honor of our local veterans, with the high school band playing a few songs led by band director, Alva Robbins.

Veterans, we can't thank you enough for your dedication and selflessness for our freedom!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GV/BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL SOCCER ALL-STARS!



Matt Weaver – MVP



Canaan Sullivan



Trenton Scott



Adison Grusendorf

D1 Allegany County All-Stars

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

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Dr. Brian Schmitt,
Superintendent

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Dear Genesee Valley Community,

Happy New Year! I believe that each new year brings the opportunity to reflect on the past and gain enthusiasm for the future. This past year brought a great deal of change and possibility to the Genesee Valley Central School District. The pandemic, new staff, new programs, building renovations, and new ways to learn demand new processes, procedures, and strategies to meet student needs.

I am very proud of the many new opportunities to “champion a healthy lifestyle” here at GV. I encourage everyone to participate in a fitness class or use the GV Fitness Center to work out. We continue to support the medical needs of students through our Mobile Tele-Med and Dental programs.

Students are participating in the new Adventure Club funded by a Generator Z grant from the Ralph Wilson Foundation. All in all students, faculty, staff, and the community continue to gain access to innovative technology and new instructional practices designed to incorporate “resources to inspire and empower all to be successful in life.”

I wish everyone a Happy New Year and I’m grateful to continue to serve the Genesee Valley communities!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Schmitt
Superintendent

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- Wednesday, December 22 - December 31, 2021 – **Christmas Break / New Year’s Break – School Closed (Students return Monday, January 3, 2022)**
- Monday, January 17, 2022 – **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Holiday – School Closed**
- February 21-25, 2022 – **President’s Day / Mid-Winter Break – School Closed**
- Friday, March 18, 2022 – **Staff Development Day – No Student Attendance**

Emergency School Closing and Delay Information

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 the current student information in Power School. 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



From Mrs. Donlon, 7-12 Building Principal



Our building has been a flurry of activity as many wonderful things have been happening at Genesee Valley in recent weeks! We held our annual academic awards banquet in the cafeteria for students who have been on honor roll for four consecutive quarters, we recognized our fall senior athletes at their senior nights, and welcomed parents to the building for parent/teacher conferences. We enjoyed moving performances at our Veterans Day concert and drama club presentation of “All Together Now.” Students and staff pictured below were honored by their teachers and peers for outstanding effort and exemplary behavior.



As we bid farewell to 2021 and look forward to 2022, it is impossible not to recognize and be grateful for the many ways our students and school community

have adapted to meet the ever-changing regulations and expectations surrounding the pandemic. Thank you for your patience and support as we move forward and into the New Year.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

NEW EMPLOYEES WELCOMED TO GVCS



Kayla Marsh was hired as an English teacher for grades 7th & 10th at the beginning of the school year. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in English from SUNY

Genesee, and Master’s in Education degree in Differentiated Instruction from Canisius College. Kayla’s previous employment includes four years teaching Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts for a 6-8th grade Special Education program in the Annapolis, Maryland area. Kayla stated: “Roughly a decade ago—though it feels like just yesterday—I had just graduated from Genesee Valley, and I was leaving my hometown of Belmont, New York, to experience the world. But you know what they say – there’s just no place like home. Now that I’ve returned, I’m nothing short of honored to

be working alongside some of the same teachers who encouraged my growth as a student and first ignited my passion for teaching. The warm welcome that I’ve received from familiar and new faces alike has been a spectacular experience that I will always cherish. I’m proud to be a GV Jag, and I look forward to supporting, encouraging, and growing with the students and families of this community that I know and love for years to come.” Kayla’s hobbies and interests include volleyball, yoga, arts & crafts, hiking, reading, live music, and the show *The Office*.



Kimberly Layman was re-hired as a cleaner. She lives in Belmont with her husband Thomas. Kim has four children, three of whom have graduated from GVCS.



Jett Morrison joined the district as a Long Term Substitute cleaner. He currently lives in Belmont, with his cats Cooper and Chich (they are his children).

He also works at the Allegany SPCA in Belmont. Jett is a GVCS graduate and states, “it is a pleasure to be back! There is no place like home.” His hobbies include rescuing animals and outdoor activities.





FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLLS LISTED FOR 2021-22

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 2021-22 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: Kimberly Butler, Gerald Gage, Addison Herring, Sofia Marra, Trenton Scott, Callin Shipman, Nathan Slawson, Kyler White

Grade 11: Aria Barnes, Ethan Bigelow, Kiri Bogle, Sophia Gambino, Lealah Greene, Adison Grusendorf, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, Brooke Hutchison, Ethan Lombardo, Kylee Lorow, Saige Thomas, Max Wedge

Grade 10: Kimimela Ball, Morgan Bentley, Kendra Bigelow, Malakhi Coish, Cassidy Hand, Molly Hannon, Karlee Jones, Emilya Mejia, Hunter Nickens, Jacob Rizzo, Jade Rounds, Jamie Szalay

Grade 9: Emily Brown, Kallie Burdick, Brayden Cooper, Ryan Daciw, William Edwards, Daphne Gugino, Makayla Hutchison, Ty Hutchison, Emma Larson, Mackenzie Marciano, Marah Mellinger, Landon Phillips, Keanna Sands, Madison Tarar

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Jesse Babbitt, Noah Button, Aissata Diabate, Emily Mess, Thomas Shultz, Ildiko Szabo, Gavin Szalay

Grade 11: Shelby Bulkley, Dakota Clark, Thai Norasethaporn, JasLynn Shipman

Grade 10: Madison MacKenzie, Liliana Porter Long, Ellaina Scholes

Grade 9: Hope Ford, Salvatore Gambino, Evan Turybury, Gavin Weaver

HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Jason Becker, Jr., Neil Branning, Lexi Burrows, James Hosmer, Dillian Middaugh

Grade 11: Elden Aquila, Zachary Bourne, Coltin Brown, Hayden Burnell, Ashley Burrows, Payton Grantier, Dominic Marra, Killian McKnight

Grade 10: Clayton Babbitt, Johnathon Baker, Haylee Blake, Caleb Bliven, Fisher Herdman, Chrystal Larson, Alivia Marra, Alexander Osborn, Evan Yeaples

Grade 9: Ernestine Bentley, Logan Burrows, Haelyn Clark, Paul Cleveland, Aubrey Geoppner, Wryder Greene, Harmony Jensen, Seanna Stocking, Tyler Wedge

Honor Roll list for students attending BOCES:

HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Jason Becker, Jr., Lexi Burrows, Noah Button, Dillian Middaugh, Gavin Szalay, Joseph Ward

Grade 11: Elden Aquila, Zachary Bourne, Coltin Brown, Ashley Burrows, Colton Cowburn, Jonathan Ford, Kaylee Kozlowski, Killian McKnight

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Jesse Babbitt, Neil Branning, Paige Cochran, Addison Herring

Grade 11: Aria Barnes, Hayden Burnell, Payton Grantier, JasLynn Shipman



SAT and ACT Exams - Any Seniors or Juniors considering going to college should take one or both of these tests for admittance and merit-based scholarships. These exams are seen equally by colleges. The dates listed here are at neighboring districts on Saturday mornings. I will be giving at least 1 school day SAT during the school day more details to follow.

Test fees are \$55 for the ACT and the SAT costs \$52. Late fees are applied if registering after deadline. Registration sheets and access to the internet to register can be obtained in the Guidance office. There are fee waivers available.

Seniors/Guardians of seniors attending college

- All college applications should be complete at this point in the year
- 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 February 6th.

Please let me know if you need help with this.

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) - was offered to Sophomores and Juniors who were interested. Results will be coming soon and Mrs. Preston will hand out results and go over next month.

Students Interested in the Military
The ASVAB will be offered to any interested students on January 5th at 8am.

Please contact Josie Preston in Guidance for further questions/concerns at 585-268-7928 or jpreston@genvalley.org

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

SAT Test Date	Registration deadline	Late Registration deadline
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022
ACT Test Date	Registration deadline	Late Registration deadline
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022

Phone Number and/or Address Changes?

Please contact Denise Baker in the Guidance Office at (585) 268-7937 or email her at dbaker@genvalley.org if you or your children have phone number, email address, emergency number/contacts, or address changes that need to be made in our student information system. This information is very important for contacting our families about days off, cancellation of activities, mailings, etc.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Office of State Assessment
Albany, NY 12234

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2022

Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

JANUARY 25 TUESDAY	JANUARY 26 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 27 THURSDAY	JANUARY 28 FRIDAY
7:45 am	7:45 am	7:45 am	7:45 am
English Language Arts	Algebra I Physical Setting/Physics*	Global History & Geography II	Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry
11:45 am	11:45 am	11:45 am	
Living Environment	Geometry	Algebra II	





STUDENTS AT GENESEE VALLEY ATTEND STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Two students from Genesee Valley Central School (GVCS) recently attended a leadership conference as part of the YMCA's Youth and Government (YAG) program. Senior Nathan Slawson and junior Sophia Gugino attended the conference in Suffern, NY with other student leaders from across New York State.

The conference is designed to teach leadership skills to students who can then take back what they've learned into their own districts. "At the conference we learned how to be good leaders and what leadership means beyond high school," said Gugino. Nathan Slawson added, "The YMCA really stresses servant leadership—being a leader for the people and not for yourself."

Donna Slawson, the YAG Advisor at GVCS, is in the process of rebuilding the program, which has sent over 60 kids from the school to conferences across the state. "Students learn how government works, how to debate bills, and how to do so respectfully," she commented. Even for students who may not desire a career in politics, Slawson sees value for the participants: "it enlightens students about current issues and how to be an informed voter. Students meet others from across the state—big cities, suburbs, small towns—all working together for the common good."

Youth and Government™, a national YMCA program, empowers students from every corner of the U.S. by giving them the opportunity to learn about—and experience—government policies and methodologies firsthand.

GVCS ADVENTURE CLUB PRESENTS

OVERNIGHT SKI & SNOWBOARD TRIP



- 78 ski slopes over 3 mountains
- Indoor pool and hot tub
- Fun Zone 2.0 with ping pong, mini golf, inflatable slides and more!

March 18-20, 2022
Smuggler's Notch, Vermont

Free to students in grades 6-12

Limited to the first 20 students
See Mrs. Newton for a permission slip



ConnectLife
Blood & Organ Donor Network

Blood Drive

Friday, January 14
11 AM - 4 PM



Genesee Valley Central School
Auditorium • 1 Jaguar Dr., Belmont

Buffalo Bills winter beanie for all donors!



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.

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC HONORS CELEBRATION

On November 8, 2021, Genesee Valley Central School hosted their 5th annual Academic Honors Dinner in the school cafeteria. The purpose of this event was to recognize our high school students who achieved honor roll status or above for all consecutive quarters throughout the school year, as well as previous high school years. Dean of Students and Curriculum Coordinator, Paula Mighells, organized and hosted the event. She congratulated the student honorees in her speech by saying, "Students, you have earned this honor through your hard work and dedication to school and to learning. You deserve this recognition and we honor you for your academic accomplishments. Congratulations to our students and families!"

The following students are **One-Year Academic Honors Recipients**. They were on the honor roll or above for 4 quarters in a row during the 2020-2021 school year:

- *Alivia Marra*
- *Cassidy Hand*
- *Hunter Nickens*
- *Jacob Rizzo*
- *Jade Rounds*
- *Jamie Szalay*
- *Kendra Bigelow*
- *Kimimela Ball*
- *Molly Hannon*
- *Morgan Bentley*

The following students are **Two-Year Academic Honors Recipients**. They were on the honor roll or above for 4 quarters in a row during the 2020-21 school year and for Quarters 1, 2 and 4 during the 2019-20 school year:

- *Adison Grusendorf*
- *Aria Barnes*
- *Brooke Hutchison*

- *Dominic Marra*
- *JasLynn Shipman*
- *Kimberly Butler*
- *Kiri Bogle*
- *Kylee Lorow*
- *Lauren Haggstrom*
- *Lealah Greene*
- *Raygen Haggstrom*
- *Sophia Gambino*
- *Sophia Gugino*
- *Thai Norasethaporn*

The following students are **Three-Year Academic Honors Recipients**. These students were on the honor roll or above for 4 quarters in a row during the 2020-21 school year, for Quarters 1, 2, and 4 during the 2019-20 school year, and for 4 quarters in a row during the 2018-19 school year:

- *Addison Herring*
- *Nathan Slawson*
- *Sofia Marra*
- *Trenton Scott*

Distinguished Wall of Fame

At this year's Academic Honors Celebration, we honored our 2020 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Inductees, Lori Ballengee and Sam Hess.

Mrs. Lori Ballengee - *Class of 2020 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame as Angelica Central School alum.*

Lori Ballengee is a graduate of Angelica Central School Class of 1981. Lori was active in the school newspaper and was class treasurer. She was also an athlete in volleyball & softball. After graduation, Lori attended Alfred University, graduating in 1986 with her bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Minor in Sports Medicine. One year later, 1987, Lori received her Advanced Degree at Austin

Peay State University in Public Health and Physical Education. Lori's career included working at the Allegany County Department of Health as WIC Program Coordinator and retiring as Public Health Director.

A proud accomplishment for Lori was an organization she formed for cancer services that helps Allegany County residents with cancer treatment expenses. Lori is married to her husband Rod.

Mrs. Ballengee accepted her award and delivered a speech to student honorees.

Mr. Sam Hess - *Class of 2020 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame as Genesee Valley Central School alum.*

Sam Hess is a graduate of Genesee Valley Central School Class of 1998. This was the first class of Angelica and Belmont merging to become Genesee Valley. After graduation, Sam attended State University of New York Fredonia, graduating 2003, with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He returned one year later, 2004, completing credits in a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

In the Fall of 2004, Sam worked as an intern for Assemblywoman DelMonte and he was hired as Legislative Assistant. In 2005, Sam enlisted with the U.S. Navy and is a current active Navy Chief Petty Officer today, stationed in San Diego, CA. Sam is proud of his volunteer work helping the community in which he lives.

Dean Scholes accepted Sam Hess's award and delivered Sam's speech on his behalf, since Sam is stationed in San Diego.



Mr. Ed's Soap Box – Elementary Principal

As we end this calendar year at Genesee Valley, I want to wish each of you a wonderful holiday time. There are so many awesome things happening here, even with the Covid restrictions we have to live with. We are blessed to have the families and children we do, the teachers that love your children like their own, and a school that offers so many advantages for all. GV shows its love for kids by a 3pk program and an amazing Activity room, to the fun in the snow, to Swimming for kindergarten and older, to the many STEAM activities, to the Big Blue Blocks, and so much more. In short, GV cares!



Fun in the Snow



Climbing Wall



Big Blue Blocks



Activity Room Remade



STEAM White

SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGE COMPETITION

Seven GV students competed in the Scholastic Challenge competition on Saturday, November 13. Our teams did a fantastic job of recalling difficult trivia from areas of knowledge such as math, science, literature, law, sports, medicine, music, pop culture, history, mythology, language, and political science.

GV Team #1

Sofia Marra, Lealah Greene, Ethan Bigelow, and Kim Butler

GV Team #2

Jamie Szalay, Alex Osborn, and Karlee Jones



Ready to see the world?

Let's start by going to France & England!

Check out your tour enrollment page (AKA home base) to enroll, or to find even more info like your itinerary, program reviews, FAQs, and more

Learn more and enroll:



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Enrollment Deadline
12/31/21



Wanna chat?
800-665-5364
Tour number: 2507526rv



STEAM at Genesee Valley



NYSCATE Conference Presentation

Lindsay Simpson and Bill Horton presented a workshop, "Bringing Student Voices Together Through Broadcast," at the annual NYSCATE Conference. The workshop detailed how students at GVCS are using multi-digital platforms to give all students an opportunity to express opinions on various topics through both podcasting and live daily broadcasts. Participants in the session, which included educators and administrators from across NYS, walked away with an overview of the equipment and software students use, the projects they complete, as well as the job-related skills they develop by participating in these learning opportunities.

STEAM in the Library

Kindergarten

Bonaparte Falls Apart - students made skeletons with Q-tips and discussed lines of symmetry.

First Grade

The Vanishing Pumpkin - students made their own pumpkins using various resources: Legos, paper, Strawbees, etc.

Second Grade

Room on a Broom - students had to balance their "broom" (two cups on a ruler) using pennies.

Third and Fourth Grade

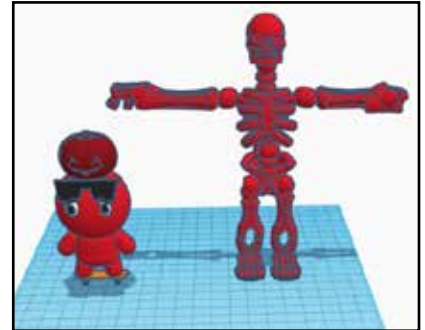
Sweetest Witch - students went into the Innovation Center and made their own witches brew (vinegar and baking soda).

Fifth and Sixth Grade

Percy Jackson's The Lightning Thief - Chapters 1-3 with a podcast recording for the radio.

Innovation Center Challenge

In October, the Innovation Center presented the first ever Innovation Challenge! Students were challenged to create a 3D print design with a Halloween theme. Students created designs that were scary, funny, and just plain adorable. Logan Rice won the competition with a combined design using pre-made designs that he modified with his own touches as well as a design made from scratch! Congratulations Logan!



Our next challenge is underway with students participating in a Post It War! Students are creating any image or design using only their favorite sticky paper. So far, the work is incredible, and we cannot wait to show off everyone's work and the winner on December 17th. Watch the PJC and the GVCS_STEAM Instagram account for updates!



Second Grade STEAM Bins

By Mrs. Kasperski

As a first-year teacher, I thought that I was only supposed to do traditional paper "morning work," and that there were no other options. Every morning, students begrudgingly sat down to complete their work. I could tell there was a lack of excitement about the new school day. Then, my mentor, Deanna Hillman, mentioned her STEAM bins that she uses with her kindergarteners. Within a week of asking Mr. Edmister if it was a possibility for Second Grade to purchase

STEAM materials, items were ordered and on their way. Students in my class and Mrs. Shafer's class received clear plastic bins with Interlox Discs, magnetic building materials and cubes, interlocking puzzles, and K'nex. They have been making new and interesting creations ever since! When students are given the opportunity to control an aspect of their learning at the start of the day amazing things can happen.



STEAM Showcase

This year's GV STEAM Night is back and has done some "growing up." We are growing this night into a full GV STEAM Showcase! Mark your calendars now to join us the evening of March 10, 2022 to meet scientists from the Amazon Rainforest in person, see the many exciting STEAM projects, interact with our various clubs and community organizations, shop with local vendors, and win amazing door prizes! All are welcome!

If you are a vendor of handmade products who is interested in setting up a booth to sell to the community, please contact Lindsay Simpson (lsimpson@genvalley.org) for more information.



Sewing & Crochet Club has grown to capacity and is busy creating amazing projects! There are already several blankets that are ready to be donated to local organizations assisting new families, dog pillows for the SPCA, and holiday décor! Students are doing a phenomenal job learning new skills.



Minecraft Club

Mrs. Bouge and Mrs. Simpson's Minecraft Club has been having a blast this year working on different challenges and exercising their creative and engineering minds! Students recently have begun experimenting with their "Agent" to code within the game to

create different structures. Make sure to follow the PJC and @GVCS_STEAM Instagram for updates and to see their creations!

Mr. Musingo's Lego League has been working hard on their challenge and will be taking a break until after the New Year before continuing to prepare for their competition. Best of all luck to all as they prepare!

Follow the STEAM Action

Follow GVCS STEAM on Instagram!

 @gvcs_steam

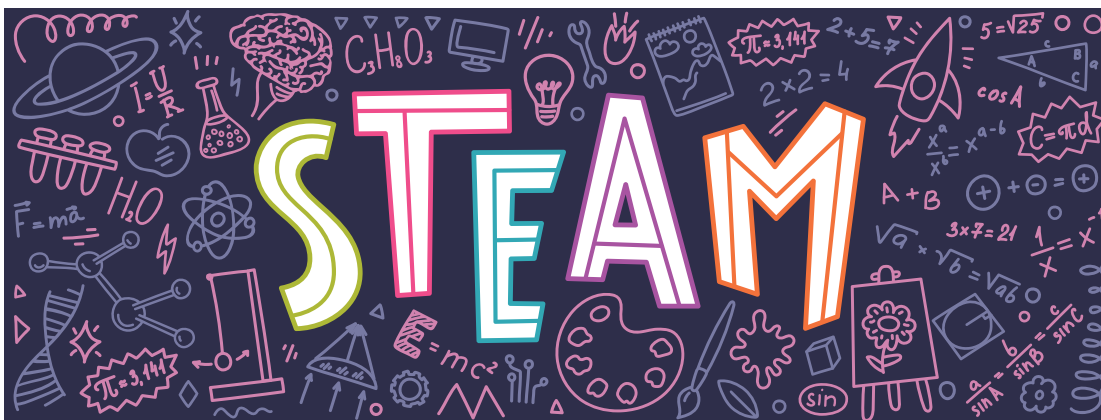
Steam at GV
www.genvalley.org/steam

GVCS ROBOJAGS

Robojags is proud to announce we will be participating in two live tournaments in our region – Elmira (January 15, 2022) and Canaseraga (February 12, 2022). Each of these tournaments offers multiple opportunities for our competition team to progress to the NYS Championship in Syracuse, NY.

We will also be competing in the CABOCES Vex Tournament on February 16, 2022. A decision has yet to be made if this will be a remote tournament or a live event.

The team is still accepting registrations for new and returning members. Scholarship funds are available to participating members in junior and senior years. To find out more contact Mr. Mark Levine (mlevine@genvalley.org) or stop in to the Innovation Center, Room 1163.



PTO HOSTED FIRST TRUNK OR TREAT



The GVCS PTO hosted its first Trunk or Treat event on October 31st. GV families enjoyed delicious cider and donuts made by Country Sweets Bakery, a chalk walk sponsored by the Elementary Student Council, and hayrides courtesy of Mr. Ed and Mrs. George. The Allegany County Sherriff's office was here doing Safe Child cards for our community as well.

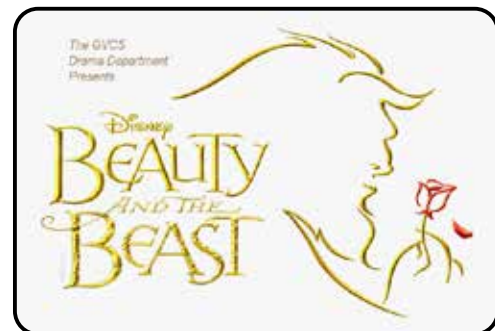
A special thank you to the community organizations, businesses, teams, students, and parents who decorated their vehicles and came to hand out candy! Participants included: Nicholson's Pharmacy, Genesee Valley Educators Association, Belmont Rotary, Schmidt Construction, Dougherty family, Kelley and Willson families, Angelica Methodist Church, East Wind, 3 Bums Angelica, Bird family, Genesee Valley Athletic Association, Angelica Lions Club, Belmont Legion Post 808 Legionnaires, Jacob Rizzo and Zach Thomas and the Graham family. We are excited to make this an annual event!

SKI CLUB BEGINS SOON!

GV will be offering Ski Club again this year through our Extended Day School grant, free of charge to students in grades 5-12 interested in participating!

Each Tuesday from January 4, 2022 – February 8, 2022, 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.

Please contact Mrs. Mackenzie Edmister at (585) 268-7940 or medmister@genvalley.org for more information or any questions. Visit genvalley.org/skiclub for details.



Spring Musical *March 11-13, 2022*

The GVCS Drama Department is proud to present Beauty and the Beast for our Spring Production. Contact Mrs. Slawson with any questions.

UPDATES FROM THE CSE OFFICE

CSE/504 Meeting Expectations:

It is important to understand what to expect before, during, and after CSE and 504 Meetings. Before attending the CSE or 504 Meeting, be sure that you understand evaluation results, which will be completed by the school psychologist or related service providers. In addition, be sure to develop an understanding of your child's current program and placement.

During the CSE/504 Meeting, you will be asked to provide valuable input for the committee to consider. **This portion of the meeting is the central focus for parental input. We highly value parental input!**

Next, be prepared to ask questions regarding your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan. It is critical for you, the parent/guardian, to understand all the information that is discussed! After the meeting, you will receive a copy of your child's 504 Plan or IEP. The program, supports, services, and accommodations will be implemented shortly after the CSE or 504 Meeting. You should communicate regularly throughout the year with your child's special education teacher, related service provider, or case manager.

Finally, you may meet with your child's teacher or the committee whenever you have concerns!

Additional Information:

ClearTrack requires all parents and guardians to sign-in before accessing the digital meeting invite. As a reminder, the password will be **gvcs504**. Lastly, please visit our Special Education Department Page to access further information about Procedural Safeguards and the Parent Portal!

KINSHIP CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Are you a grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, or family friend raising a relative or non-relative child?

Could you use some support, respite opportunities, a YMCA membership, opportunities to meet new people in similar situations?

If so, then be part of the Allegany County Kinship Caregiver Program, offered through Catholic Charities of Buffalo. We offer support groups, home visits, family events, youth groups, and financial assistance.

Some past events have included: Family Game Night, "Muffins for Grandma's" for Mother's Day, Spa day for caregivers to get a pedicure, attending the Allegany County Fair, and "Meet the Lawyer Night" to get helpful information about custody issues and kinship legal questions answered by a Kinship lawyer from the Center for Elderlaw and Justice in Buffalo. We provide home visits as well as referrals to mental health counseling, early intervention services, and so on.

For more information about the program, contact Danielle Kielar at (716) 372-0101, x3747

Are You Raising a Relative Child?

Do You Need extra support?

Reach out to the

Allegany County Kinship Caregiver Program



We can provide

Support

Advocacy

Educational workshops

Family enrichment activities and

Respite

For more information about the program, contact Kinship Caregiver Social Worker

Danielle Kielar at: (716) 372-0101



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ART

**Studio in Art –
Paper Mache
Animals**



Photography Class – Mandala's made in Photoshop

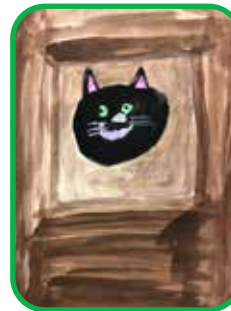


Ceramics Class

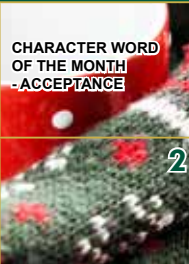





ELEMENTARY ART

Each day there are big smiles and creative minds entering the Elementary Art studio! It has been so exciting to be in person and make Art together to showcase at the Fine Arts Festival this spring.



January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - ACCEPTANCE 2	PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE					NEW YEAR'S DAY 1
 9	3	4	5	6	7 -Last day to register for 2/12 ACT Test	8
 16	10 -5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121	11	12	13	14 -Allegany County Music Festival Rehearsal at Cuba-Rushford School, 12-6:00pm	15 -Allegany County Music Festival Concert at Cuba-Rushford School, 2:00pm
 23 30	17 School Closed - Martin Luther King Holiday	18	19	20	21	22
	24 -5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121	25 - Regents Exams	26 - Regents Exams	27 - Regents Exams	28 - End of 2nd Marking Period, Gr. 5-12 - Regents Rating Day	29
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - TRUSTWORTHY 6	PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE	1	2	3	4 - Report Cards available online/mailed home, Gr. 5-12 - Allegany County Solo Festival at Fillmore	5 - Allegany County Solo Festival at Fillmore
 13	7	8	9	10	11 - Last day to register for 3/12 SAT	12 ACT Test (register by 1/7)
 20	14 -5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121	15	16 - 4-6:00pm JAM Beef on Weck Dinner	17	18	19
 27	21 School Closed - President's Day Observed	22 School Closed - Mid Winter Break	23 School Closed - Mid Winter Break	24 School Closed - Mid Winter Break	25 School Closed - Mid Winter Break - Last day to register for 4/2 ACT	26
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Brian Edmister, PreK-6 Principal
Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal
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CSE/ CPSE Chairperson
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for information on sex offenders living in the GVCS District

GENESEE VALLEY FITNESS CENTER

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 5:00-8:00 a.m. and 3:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If the school building is closed (holidays, snow days, early dismissals, etc.) the Fitness Center will be closed

COVID-19 Rules for Using the Fitness Center

- 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.

FITNESS ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT GVCS

Cardio, Core, Strength & More
Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.,
Saturdays at 9 a.m. Room 1170
Instructor Pat Presutti,
Call 716-860-8287 for information.

Zumba Fitness Classes
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Room 1170
Instructor Pat Presutti,
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Open Indoor Walking Track – Weekdays 7-8 a.m., 5-8 p.m.
(except during athletic contests & holidays)



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