



# Genesee Valley Central School

## Jag News



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### GVCS HAS WELCOMED 2 EXCHANGE STUDENTS FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

Hi my name is Ildiko Szabo. I am from the country of Hungary. I am staying with Fred and Jocia Mellinger. I love photography and business. While here at GVCS I am playing Volleyball and Cheerleading. I am also part of the Art club at GVCS. I am very much enjoying my time here!

Hi my name Aissata Diabate. I am from Mali and also am staying with Fred and Jocia Mellinger. I am making so many friends here at GVCS. I am very interested in Aviation and wish to pursue this for my career. I am a member of the Robotics Club. I have played Volleyball and Basketball here at GVCS. I am loving my experience here at GVCS.

### CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

The GV/Belfast Central School Cheerleaders brought home first place at the Arkport-Canaseraga competition. And the varsity cheerleaders finished in second place at the Allegany County competition. Congratulations to Sophia Gugino for being chosen as an Allegany County All Star!



### RED CROSS FUNDRAISER

GVCS recently held a fundraiser to benefit communities affected by fires, storms, and other disasters. A total of \$396 was raised and donated to the Red Cross by GVCS faculty and staff. Red Cross representatives Beth and Bob Shook joined Maureen Kelley (3rd grade teacher and event organizer) and Brian Edmister (elementary principal) for the presentation of funds. Thank you to all who contributed!



**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.

# Annual School Budget Vote & Board Of Education Elections

## Petitions Now Available for Two Board Seats

Petitions for candidates for the Genesee Valley Central School Board of Education are available in the district office. Petitions must be signed by at least 25 district residents and filed by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022.

There are two seats up for election and are currently held by incumbents Heath “Buddy” Gordon and Donald Baker. Seats are “at-large” meaning the two candidates with the most votes are elected. The term of office for the two seats are three years, July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025. If you would like a petition to run for the Board or have questions, please contact Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk at (585) 268-7909 or [pwinterhalter@genvalley.org](mailto:pwinterhalter@genvalley.org).

### School Board Member Qualifications:

- Must be a qualified voter of the district, a citizen of the United States and be at least 18 years of age or older.
- Must be and have been, a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before the election.
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.

- May not be a current employee of the school board.
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

### ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

#### Budget & Vote Dates:

- **Monday, April 18, 2022** – Board of Education petitions due by 5:00 p.m. in the district office.
- **Tuesday, April 19, 2022** – Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 p.m. – Adopt 2022-23 Budget, Media Lab room
- **Tuesday, May 3, 2022** – Budget copies available.
- **May 3-12, 2022** – Voter Registration at Genesee Valley Central School by appointment only Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Monday, May 9, 2022** - Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Media Lab room.
- **Tuesday, May 17, 2022** – District Vote, 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### TWO ELECTION DISTRICTS:

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

- **Angelica residents** must vote at Angelica Grange, Park Circle, Angelica.

\*\*Absentee ballots are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022.

### Qualifications of Voters:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must be a resident of the Genesee Valley Central School district for 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:

- 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.

Absentee ballot applications are available in the district office. Contact Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk at (585) 268-7909 or [pwinterhalter@genvalley.org](mailto:pwinterhalter@genvalley.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- Friday, March 18 – Staff Development Day – **No Student Attendance**
- Monday, April 11 – Thursday, April 14 – **Easter/Spring Break – No School**
- Friday, April 15 – **Good Friday – Building Closed**
- Monday, April 18 – **Easter/Spring Break – No School** (Students return on Tuesday, April 19th)

## CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

**MARCH – RESILIENCE:** Knowing how to cope in spite of setbacks, or barriers, or limited resources.

**APRIL – SINCERE:** Free from pretense or deceit; proceeding from genuine feelings.



# Athletic Wall of Fame Candidates Due April 15<sup>th</sup>

The GVCS Athletic Wall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the Class of 2022. The criteria is listed below. The Class of 2022 will be honored Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, October 1, 2022 with a brunch and award ceremony. We will be accepting nominations until April 15, 2022. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Bryan Brockway or a committee member (listed below). If you have questions, please contact Bryan Brockway at 716-353-5973 (cell) or 585-268-7927 (office).

## Purpose:

- To preserve the history of the Angelica Central School and Belmont Central School athletic programs.
- To preserve, strengthen and add distinction to the athletic program at GVCS.
- To perpetuate the efforts of those individuals and groups who, through either participation, support or interest have made outstanding contributions to the Angelica, Belmont or Genesee Valley athletic program and school community.
- To recognize individuals who have demonstrated, both in school and in succeeding years, the worth of participation in athletics, in helping them establish well-defined goals in their lives, providing mature leadership in various situations and having a positive influence on society.

## Wall of Fame Committee:

Angelica Community Member – Dave Fleming (585-610-0251)  
Belmont Community Member – Mike Obuhanich (585-268-5040)  
Athletic Director – Bryan Brockway (716-353-5973)  
Administrator – Dr. Brian Schmitt (585-268-7909)  
School Board Members – Bev Evans (585-610-5847),  
Don Baker (585-610-0673), and Tim Hand (585-610-0416)

## Nominees:

Athletes, Coaches, Contributors and Teams

## Selection Procedure:

- Nominations may come from any source to any committee member.
- No more than five inductees will be admitted per year (one from Angelica Central School, one from Belmont Central School and three from Genesee Valley Central School).
- Nominations in any one year are unlimited. The committee will reduce to vote (five from Angelica School, five from Belmont School and eight from GVCS).
- The nominees will be asked to complete a questionnaire that will provide information used by the committee to make their decision on inductees. Any nominee that received at least one vote will be included on the ballot the next year for consideration.
- After March 1 of each year, the committee will vote for a maximum of five total inductees. Each committee member will give five votes. Any admitted candidate must receive two-thirds of the potential committee votes.
- All final selections and voting results are strictly confidential.

## Selection Criteria:

- Five-year waiting period from the time of graduation
- Successful participation in one or more sports during high school
- Noteworthy accomplishments as a citizen will be considered based on post-high school contributions such as athletics, career field, community service and public service.

## Coaches / Contributors:

- Ten-year waiting period from the time of initial contribution to GVCS
- Successful seasons and consistent contributions to the athletic program at GVCS
- Consideration given to all aspects of contribution to school community

## Teams:

- Five-year waiting period from the time of graduation
- At least, Section V Champions

## Recognition of Inductees:

- Induction Ceremony will be held at the GVCS Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, October 1st.
- A recent picture of inductee will appear on the permanent plaque for the “Wall of Fame” area at GVCS
- A personal plaque of recognition will be presented to the inductees

## Stay Tuned for Closings and Delays

GVCS will use the School Messenger phone system to notify parents with a recorded phone call when school is closed or delayed. The district uses student information in Power School, student information software. **If your phone number recently changed, please contact Denise Baker at (585) 268-7937 or e-mail [dbaker@genvalley.org](mailto: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



## Valuable Scholarships Available for Grads

Each June at Graduation, many scholarships are given out in remembrance of relatives who have lived in the community and who wish to be remembered by loved ones. Also, local businesses and organizations promoting continuing education give scholarships to graduating seniors. If you are one of the people/organizations who are contributing to scholarship funds, we at GVCS would like to thank you! Last year at graduation, our seniors received over \$30,000! If you would like to set up a scholarship in the name of someone special to you, please see the donation form below. Listed below are the scholarships that were available and/or were awarded the last few years at Graduation:

- Angelica Booster Citizens Award
- Angelica Lions Club Award
- Belmont Betterment Community Service Award
- Belmont Fire Company Scholarship
- Belmont Rotary Club Scholarship
- Cate Tomah Memorial Award
- Deb Histed Sports Scholarship
- Duane "Duff" Fuller & Beth Andrews Scholarship
- F.M. Strate Memorial Scholarship
- Gail Crego Memorial Scholarship
- GVCS Educators' Association Scholarship
- GVCS National Honor Society Scholarship
- GVCS Sports Booster Scholarship
- Herbert DeLong American Legion Post 808-Auxillary
- Herbert DeLong American Legion Post 808-Junior Auxiliary
- Herbert DeLong American Legion Post 808
- Hill Warner American Legion Post 414-Auxillary
- Hill Warner American Legion Post 414

- Hill Warner American Legion Post 414-Sons
- Holy Family Altar Society Scholarship
- Holy Family Religious Education Scholarship
- James Timberlake Memorial Scholarship
- Michael G. Harding Memorial Scholarship
- Mitzi Winterhalter Creative Writing Scholarship
- Nichole Lynn LaDue Memorial Scholarship
- Penny's from Heaven
- Phyllis & Joseph Herdman Memorial Scholarship
- Robert B. Hunter Memorial Scholarship
- Rod Pike II Memorial Scholarship
- Sarah Hammond Davison Award
- Steuben Trust Company Scholarship
- Triple D Scholarship

*\*Note the Allegany County Area Foundation also oversees several local scholarships and holds their own separate program annually.*

- Belva A Waite Memorial
- Joseph E. Presutti Memorial
- Karen A. Kunz Memorial
- Kane Family Scholarship Fund
- Stephen V. Ambroselli Scholar Incentive Fund
- Allegany Fund/General Scholarship Fund
- Ian Gregory Bole Memorial
- Dresser Rand Scholarship Fund
- William F. Farnsworth

**Reminder to Seniors! Check the Guidance website weekly for scholarships!**

### GVCS SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

This scholarship is presented in the honor/memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

The criteria or specifics of the scholarship are:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please return form and refer any questions to Guidance Counselor Mrs. Preston.*



## SECOND 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 2nd 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, Aissata Diabate, Gerald Gage, Addison Herring, Sofia Marra, Emily Mess, Trenton Scott, Callin Shipman, Nathan Slawson, Tyler White

**Grade 11:** Aria Barnes, Ethan Bigelow, Kiri Bogle, Sophia Gambino, Lealah Greene, Adison Grusendorf, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, Kylee Lorow, Thai Norasethaporn

**Grade 10:** Kendra Bigelow, Malakhi Coish, Hunter Nickens, Jacob Rizzo

**Grade 9:** Emily Brown, Kallie Burdick, Brayden Cooper, Ryan Daciw, Daphne Gugino, Makayla Hutchison, Ty Hutchison, Mackenzie Marciano, Keanna Sands, Madison Tarar

### HIGH HONOR ROLL

**Grade 12:** Ildiko Szabo

**Grade 11:** Payton Grantier, JasLynn Shipman, Saige Thomas, Max Wedge

**Grade 10:** Kimimela Ball, Morgan Bentley, Haylee Blake, Caleb Bliven, Cassidy Hand, Molly Hannon, Karlee Jones, Madison MacKenzie, Emilyya Mejia, Jade Rounds, Jamie Szalay

**Grade 9:** Landon Phillips, Evan Turybury, Gavin Weaver

### HONOR ROLL

**Grade 12:** Jesse Babbitt, Neil Branning, Elijah Button, Noah Button, Dillian Middaugh, Thomas Shultz, Gavin Szalay, Morgan Torrey, Joseph Ward

**Grade 11:** Elden Aquila, Coltin Brown, Shelby Bulkley, Landon Burdick, Ashley Burrows, Dakota Clark, Brooke Hutchison, Kaylee Kozlowski, Ethan Lombardo, Dominic Marra, Killian McKnight

**Grade 10:** Jonathon Baker, Chrystal Larson, Alexander Osborn, Connor Otero, Liliana Porter Long, Ellaina Scholes, Lance Vohs, Evan Yeaples

**Grade 9:** Ernestine Bentley, William Edwards, Hope Ford, Salvatore

Gambino, Marah Mellinger, Hunter Newman, Seanna Stocking, Tyler Wedge

### Honor Roll list for students attending BOCES:

#### HIGH HONOR ROLL:

**Grade 12:** Jesse Babbitt, Addison Herring, Neil Branning, Addison Herring

**Grade 11:** Aria Barnes, Landon Burdick, Ashley Burrows, Payton Grantier, JasLynn Shipman

#### HONOR ROLL:

**Grade 12:** Lexi Burrows, Noah Button, Paige Cochran, Dillian Middaugh, Gavin Szalay, Morgan Torrey

**Grade 11:** Elden Aquila, Zachary Bourne, Coltin Brown, Hayden Burnell, Colton Cowburn, Jonathan Ford, Harland Geffers, Kaylee Kozlowski, Killian McKnight, Jessie Sweet

### 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! These dates listed above are at neighboring districts on Saturday mornings.

### National Testing Dates for SAT and ACT Exams for Spring/Summer 2022

\* Mrs. Preston will be administering the SAT at GVCS during the school day on March 23rd—students will be asked to sign up through TEAMS. The dates listed below occur on Saturdays at neighboring districts.

| 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               |

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

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



## HOME ALONE SAFETY COURSE

April 6, 2022  
3 pm - 5 pm

FOR AGES 8-12

Genesee Valley Central School  
1 Jaguar Dr, Belmont, NY 14813


- Street smarts
- Bike safety
- People safety
- Online and internet safety
- Snacking and kitchen safety
- Home fire safety
- Sibling rivalry
- Preventing accidents
- Handling emergencies
- Basic first aid skills



Registration required: contact Anne Campbell at  
acampbell@genvalley.org or 585-268-7900, ext. 1216




GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
PRESENTS



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THURSDAY, MARCH 10 @ 7:00 PM  
FRIDAY, MARCH 11 @ 7:00 PM  
SATURDAY, MARCH 12 @ 2:00 PM

## EUROPE TRIP UPDATE:

We are eager to begin our Mediterranean tour on April 7th! We have a great group of community members, students, teachers, and parents from both GV and Cuba-Rushford ready to go!



## SAFE KIDS SOUTHERN TIER NEW YORK

Safe Kids Southern Tier New York is working with Genesee Valley's After School program to teach free Home Alone Safety Classes and a Babysitter Training. Two previous classes were held on February 16, February 17th. There will be one more Home Alone Safety class on April 6th. Due to the content of the classes, participants must be at least eight years old to attend the Home Alone Class. Registration is required for students to attend, and space is limited to 20 students per class. For more information, please go to <https://www.genvalley.org/safe-kids-training> and return the consent to your child's classroom teacher.


## Transportation Requests to Non-Public Schools Due by April 1st

The deadline date for transportation requests to non-public schools for the 2022-23 school year must be submitted in writing by April 1, 2022. Requests should be sent to: Dr. Brian Schmitt, Superintendent, Genesee Valley Central School, 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont, NY 14813.

Please call the Transportation Office at (585) 268-7920 if you have questions.




# March 2022

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|  <p><b>CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH</b><br/>-RESILIENCE</p> | <p>PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE</p> | 1       | 2         | 3        | 4      | 5        |
|   | 6   | 7       | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11       |
|   | 13  | 14      | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18       |
|   | 20  | 21      | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25       |
|   | 27  | 28      | 29        | 30       | 31     |          |
|   |   |         |           |          |        |          |

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## April 2022

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|  <p><b>CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH</b><br/>-SINCERE</p> | <p>PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE</p> |         |           |          | 1      | 2        |
|  | 3   | 4       | 5         | 6        | 7      | 8        |
|  | 10  | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15       |
|  | 17  | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22       |
|  | 24  | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28     | 29       |
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# UPDATES FROM THE CSE OFFICE

It is important to plan ahead so that your child can prepare for a high school diploma, learn skills necessary for employment, receive postsecondary education, or gain skills to become an independent adult. When your child turns 12, they will receive an assessment to determine vocational skills, aptitudes, and interests. By age 15, the Committee will begin discussing your child's goals as an adult, and how they can learn the important skills to meet those goals. From this point forward, the IEP will include programs and services to prepare for adult life (transition services) to address your child's hopes and dreams for the future. Outside agencies play a large role in this transition to post-secondary life. As a result, the CSE Office can ensure that your child is connected to outside agencies. Transition planning will involve you, your child, and the school.

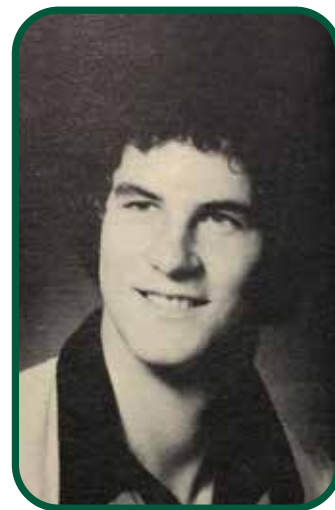
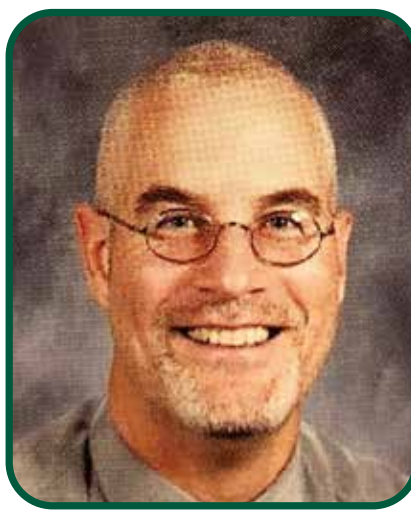
## NHS INDUCTIONS

We are pleased to announce that our National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This in-person ceremony will be for the families of those being inducted. A live-stream and recording of the evening will be made available as well. Applicants who are GPA-eligible are currently undergoing the application and review process. Stay tuned for our published list of new 2022 members!

## CONGRATULATIONS ON RETIREMENT!

Congratulations to Bill Horton on his retirement at the end of February, after finishing a nineteen-year career at GVCS.

A 1979 graduate of Angelica Central School, Mr. Horton has become a fixture in the community over the years, serving as coach and teacher to countless students. He began coaching boys JV basketball at Angelica in 1987 and since that time has coached varsity boys



basketball, boys and girls volleyball, girls varsity basketball, and girls JV basketball.

He has taught many social studies and business courses, including Participation in Government, Economics, Global 9, Marketing, Accounting, Sports Marketing, College Accounting, and more.

"I wouldn't teach anywhere else," he commented. "I always said, if I'm going to teach, I'm going to teach at Genesee Valley. I bleed green."

Mr. Horton has served as tech advisor and FBLA advisor, taking several trips to NYC with FBLA students. He and his team of communication students have live-streamed events, recorded podcasts, and produced the daily morning announcements live on video. In 2008, the GV Business Department (comprised of Matt Hopkins and Mr. Horton) earned the distinction of 'Business Department of the Year,' by the NYS Business Teachers Association. That same year (2008) the Jag Pride yearbook was dedicated to him.

Known for his calm, cool demeanor, and Jedi Master, Zen-like wisdom, Mr. Horton has left an indelible impression on the lives of students, colleagues, and community members alike. You will be missed!



## PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT CLASS

Seniors in Mrs. Horne’s Participation in Government (PIG) class have been analyzing school violence concerns, mental health trends amongst young people, and the impact of social media on the school climate.

Today, the class presented questions to a panel of school administrators and staff, including Tim Hand (Board of Education President), Dr. Brian Schmitt (Superintendent), Paula Mighells, (Dean of Students), Tory Rounds (School Resource Officer), Josie Preston (High School Guidance Counselor), and Erika Hyer-Scott (Social Studies Teacher).

The panel addressed the way that mental health and pressures faced by students have evolved over the years. They also discussed the balance between personal and parental responsibility, as well as how to break the cycle of bullying and victimization.

A point of emphasis was Genesee Valley’s goal to foster positive personal relationships between students and staff, with the goal of providing a welcoming environment for all students.

This panel discussion, entitled “For the Health of Our School,” concludes a 6-week unit in PIG class in which students analyzed the broader impact of technology in our everyday life. This conversation also covered areas like Big Tech, global shifts because of companies like Amazon, First Amendment rights and social media, as well as personal choices regarding our devices.



## NEW EMPLOYEES WELCOMED AT GVCS

Brock Mapes recently started a new position at GV as a Full-Time Substitute Teacher. Brock graduated from Genesee Valley in 2014, and stated “I am thrilled to be back in such a special school community”. After high school he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering at Cornell. Brock previously was on our substitute list and has filled a couple long-term substitute positions for maternity leaves. Before returning to GV, Brock worked at Dresser-Rand/Siemens Energy as a Product Design Engineer. He currently lives in Belmont with his wife Caroline. His hobbies/interests include reading (especially History), Volleyball (coached JV girls this year).

## BUILDING SCIENCE PROGRAM



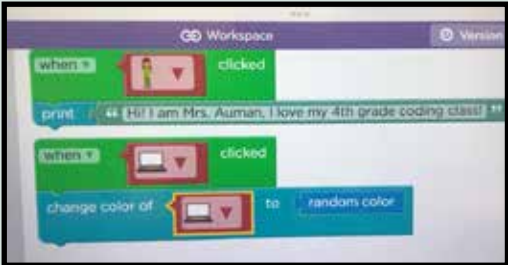
The Genesee Valley/Wellsville Central School Building Science program recently completed the construction of an 8 ft. X 8 ft. storage building for the Allegany County Landbank. The students used the skills they have been learning in the program while building the shed. They were able to frame and close in the shell, side the shed, put on the roof, and install the siding. They also made the doors from scratch. They all take great pride in their work, and it shows in the end result.

(in the photo) Instructor Mr. Jacob Grisewood, Ethan Lombardo - GV, Jayce Covert - GV, Caleb Bliven - GV, Nolan Kozlowski

- WCS, Beau Gaylord - WCS, Sarah Rogers - WCS, Jayden Costello - WCS, Ian Perry - WCS, John Baker - GV, and Christian King - GV (Missing from the photo is Noah Black – WCS)



# STEAM at Genesee Valley



## Digital Literacy Class

Students in PK4 through 6th grade are continuing to learn about all things digital in Digital Literacy Class with Ashley Auman and Sabrina Wesche. PK4 students are building their fine motor skills through crafts, cutting, and Legos. Starting in Kindergarten, students are learning typing and how to use Microsoft apps to complete assignments and communicate with their teachers. Other topics in the class include digital citizenship, which teaches kids how to act responsibly online, as well as coding, which helps develop problem solving skills and teamwork. Students are even creating and designing their own apps and games!

## STEAM in the Library

STEAM in the Library was once again a hit for all in the Elementary as Mrs. Noras-ethaporn and Mrs. Simpson led students through several winter activities! The library was full of laughter as creativity exploded with activities like snowman water bottles, building Ninjabread traps, building unique snowflakes, applying their scientific knowledge of light to create shadows, and even disguising penguins!



## Christmas Sign Making

The Innovation Center was opened to students and staff for an evening to create personalized Holiday signs with Mrs. Slawson! Mrs. Slawson guided students through the process of sanding and painting the wooden backing and applying the vinyl stencils that can be created with the Cameo Silhouette machines right here in the Innovation Center. As a finishing touch, participants learned how to tie a decorative bow for their beautiful signs before taking them home! Mrs. Slawson looked forward to the opportunity sharing, "it was exciting to bring a personal passion to GV and share how to create signs with the student body and adults! I am looking forward to doing another event in the spring!"



## Follow the STEAM Action

Follow **GVCS STEAM** on Instagram!

 @gvcs\_steam

**Steam at GV**

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



### Post-It War

Congratulations to Kylee Christensen and Lena McNinch for winning the Post-It War Challenge! Kylee narrowly won 1st place with Lena coming closely behind!

### Cardboard City Project

Students have officially begun the Innovation Center's collaborative project, building a Cardboard City! Students in all different grade levels are working to build cardboard structures to complete their map. While some students are creating buildings they know (their homes or local businesses) others have chosen to create their own attractions! The final product will surely blow everyone away!



## GVCS ROBOJAGS

Genesee Valley Robotics students took their robot "Thundercat Mk IV" to Elmira High School to compete in the Elmira Expressway Scrimmage and Skills challenge. The GV Jags placed 2nd overall in their first Robotics competition of 2022.



# WINTER SPORTS SENIOR NIGHT

## SWIM TEAM

Congratulations to Gavin Szalay and Kenndy Butler for their dedication to GV Swimming!



## BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Joe Ward was honored during senior night for our Boys Varsity Volleyball Team. Congrats, Joe!



## GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our GV/Belfast Central School Girls' Varsity Basketball Seniors!  
From GV: Addison Herring, Aissata Diabate, Lexi Burrows, and Paige Cochran. From Belfast: Alicia Borden and Katlin Sadler.





Join us for this exciting new socialization and respite program to support older adults and caregivers in Allegany County!

The Forever Young program engages older adults in fun and rewarding activities with the students and staff at Genesee Valley Central School. The program acts as a respite opportunity for those providing care and those receiving the care to have a break from their normal routine, allowing both parties to experience free time to themselves.

### Program Details

#### WHAT to expect:

Join students K-12 in programs that interests you! Pick from a menu of programs or activities that meet your personal interests. Socialize with peers and students in an easy-going yet energetic environment.

#### WHEN can I attend:

As scheduled Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00AM-5:00PM

#### WHERE do I attend:

Genesee Valley Central School in Belmont, NY or from home with use of provided Ipad tablet



#### This is a FREE program!

For more information or to enroll call Danielle at (585) 593-5223 ext. 1015 or email

[delongd@ardentnetwork.org](mailto:delongd@ardentnetwork.org)

#### WHO can join the program:

Any adult that requires assistance to remain in their home, such as help accessing groceries or other goods, transportation assistance, help preparing meals, or needing companionship, is invited to take a break from your regularly scheduled day and participate in Forever Young!

The Intergenerational Enrichment and Educational Caregiver Respite program is an initiative of Ardent Solutions, Inc., in partnership with the Allegany County Office for the Aging and Genesee Valley Central School District. This program is a part of Exhale The Family Caregiver Initiative which is supported by the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York and the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, and managed by the Philanthropic Initiative.



# 2022 NYS GRADES 3-8 ASSESSMENTS

At the time of this publication, it is uncertain whether or not the USDE will require districts to administer the New York State Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments or the Grades 4 and 8 Science assessments this school year. If required, Genesee Valley Central School will administer NYS 3-8 testing according to the anticipated schedule listed below.

As these dates approach, you may check Genesee Valley Central School's website for details ([www.genvalley.org](http://www.genvalley.org)). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call testing coordinator Paula Mighells at (585) 268-7942 or your child's principal.

| 2022 ELA Assessment Schedule |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Assessment Start Time        | March 29-30       |
| 8:00 a.m.                    | Grades 3, 4, 7, 8 |
| 8:45 a.m.                    | Grades 5, 6       |

| 2022 Math Assessment Schedule |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Assessment Start Time         | April 26-27       |
| 8:00 a.m.                     | Grades 3, 4, 7, 8 |
| 8:45 a.m.                     | Grades 5, 6       |

| 2022 Science Written Assessment Schedule |             |
|--|-------------|
| Assessment Start Time                    | June 6      |
| 8:00 a.m.                                | Grades 4, 8 |

## 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

# REGISTER TODAY FOR PK3, PK4 AND KINDERGARTEN

Genesee Valley Central School is recruiting for the 2022-2023 school year for PK3 & PK4 students. Children must live in the GVCS school district; Interested families should call the **585-268-7906** to begin the application process and to request an enrollment packet to be mailed or picked up. All registration packets should be completed and returned by April 22, 2022.

### GVCS "PRE-KINDERGARTEN PK3" REGISTRATION

Children in PK3 must be three (3) years of age on or before December 1, 2022. PK3 offers flexible day sessions and student must live in district. Transportation is available. **No PK3 screening required, just return application.**

### GVCS "PRE-KINDERGARTEN PK4" REGISTRATION

Children in PK4 must be four (4) years of age on or before December 1, 2022. PK4 offers full day sessions and student must live in district. **Important Note – PK4 registration and screening is only for those children who did not attend the PK3 Program at Genesee Valley School.** Registration and screening appointments will be available (1 hour) **May 6th, (8a.m.-11a.m.), May 13th, (12-2p.m.) or May 20th, (12-2p.m.),** please make an appointment.

### GVCS "K-12" REGISTRATION

**Registration for grades Kindergarten – 12th for the 2022-2023 school year begin after July 1st. Requests for out of district must be received by August 15, 2022. Please contact Denise Baker in the Guidance Office at 585-268-7937.**



### GVCS 4-YEAR-OLD PRE-KINDERGARTEN (PK4) - SEPTEMBER 2022 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

In order to identify all children who will enter PK4 in September 2022, we are asking parents who have eligible district children to complete and return this form by April 22, 2022. This information is necessary for PK4 registration in the spring. The information below will generate a mailing list for the registration packet. Children must be 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2022. Only "new" children to GVCS will need a screening. Students already enrolled at GVCS do not need to complete this enrollment form. Please call Elementary Office with any questions 268-7906. To be considered an eligible student, you must live in GVCS district.

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ M / F \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Maiden Last

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different than above- uses PO Box) (Between 8AM - 3PM)

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different than above - uses PO Box) (Between 8AM - 3PM)

Child Resides with \_\_\_\_\_ Siblings at GVCS \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a convenient 1-hour Screening/Registration for new PK4 Students only: (We will confirm the time & date is available)

May 6, 2022: 8-9am, 9-10am, 10-11am, 11am-12pm \_\_\_\_\_

May 13, 2022: 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm \_\_\_\_\_

May 20, 2022: 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm \_\_\_\_\_

### 3-YEAR-OLD PRE-KINDERGARTEN (PK3) - SEPTEMBER 2022 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

In order to identify all children who will enter PK3 in September 2022, we are asking parents who have eligible district children to complete and return this form by April 22, 2022. This information is necessary for PK3 registration in the spring. The information below will generate a mailing list for the registration packet. Children must be 3 years of age on or before December 1, 2022. PK3 children do not need a screening. Please call Elementary Office with any questions 268-7906.

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ M / F \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Maiden Last

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Child Resides with \_\_\_\_\_ Siblings at GVCS \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Return this sheet to the office and we will send out a packet for you to complete on your child. The PK3 teachers will contact you on the next step once we have received your child's packet. To be an considered an eligible student, you must live in the GVCS district.



## Genesee Valley Central School

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### Central Administration:

Dr. Brian Schmitt, Superintendent  
Brian Edmister, PreK-6 Principal  
Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal  
Megan Retchless, Director of Special Education and  
CSE/ CPSE Chairperson  
Paula Mighells, Dean of Students and  
Curriculum Coordinator  
Erin Ostrander, School Business Official

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## Postal Patron

## Or Current Resident

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

# GENESEE VALLEY FITNESS CENTER

**NOTE:** A friendly reminder when you use the GVCS Fitness Center: *please remember to change into clean shoes before entering the fitness center.* (Salt from the roads is getting into some of our equipment.) There is ample space to change footwear prior to entering the center. Thank you for helping us keep our fitness equipment clean and usable for all.

### 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

*(only when school is in session)*

### **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 Linda Presutti,  
Call 716-474-0761 for  
information.*

### **Open Indoor Walking Track**

**Weekdays 7-8 a.m., 5-8 p.m.**

*(except during athletic contests  
& holidays)*

### **Adult Yoga Class**

**Thursdays 4:00-5:15 p.m.**

**Room 1170**

*Instructor Kristin Buchholz,  
Contact Kristin at [kbuchholz@genvalley.org](mailto:kbuchholz@genvalley.org) or call  
(607) 382-7755 for more info.*

**[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.**