



Genesee Valley Central School

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Genesee Valley Central School Names Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Genesee Valley Central School (GVCS) is proud to announce this year's valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 2022.



Kimberly Butler, daughter of Margaret Ames and Floyd France, has been named valedictorian with a cumulative grade point average of 97.39. Kimberly works part-time at Giant Food Mart in Cuba and has volunteered at Wellspring Ministries all four years of high school. She has also been involved in NHS.

Kimberly plans to attend the University at Buffalo with a major in Business Administration with Finance.

Nathan Slawson, son of Donna and Jeremy Slawson, has been named the salutatorian of the Class of 2022 with a cumulative grade point average of 93.99. Nathan has served as President of the Drama Club, National Honor Society, Band, Student Government, and Art Club for one year,

Youth and Government for two, and Class Government for all four high school years. He has been a member of the Odyssey of the Mind Club, the Morning Announcements, LOTE and Varsity Baseball.

Nathan's musical involvement includes Choir, Band, Jazz, Band, and Marching Band as Drum Major. He has also starred in lead roles in *Newsies* and *Beauty and the Beast*. He plans on working at the school for the Fun in the Jungle Program this summer before going to college.

Nathan plans to attend Mansfield University in Pennsylvania in their Honors Program majoring in political science.



GRADUATION 2022

Genesee Valley Central School will hold its 26th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 25th at 11:00 in the school auditorium. The Class of 2022 Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be recognized, along with other Honor Graduates. Numerous scholarships and awards will be presented. The ceremony will be live-streamed on the GV Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Annual School Budget



Important Dates:

- **May 3, 2022** – Budget copies available
- **May 3-12, 2022** – Voter Registration at District Clerk's Office, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) or by appointment
- **May 9, 2022** – Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Media Lab room.
- **May 17, 2022** – *District Vote*, 12:00 (noon) to 8:00 p.m.

TWO ELECTION DISTRICTS:

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

Qualifications of Voters:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be at least 18 years of age by May 17, 2022
- Must be a resident of the Genesee Valley Central School district for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- Must be registered with the Allegany County Board of Elections or with the Genesee Valley School District

Eligibility for Absentee Ballot:

(Absentee ballots are due by **5:00 p.m. on May 17th**)

- 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
- Serving in the Military
- Temporary illness or physical disability due to prevalence and community spread of COVID-19.

Absentee ballot applications are available in the district office. Contact **Pamela Winterhalter**,

District Clerk at
pwinterhalter@genvalley.org
or (585) 268-7909



Dear District Residents,

On Tuesday, May 17, 2022 you will be asked to vote on the proposed 2022-23 school budget. During these difficult economic times, the Board of Education continues to maintain a balance between encouraging academic and extra-curricular program growth with the need to minimize the financial burden to taxpayers. This budget proposes a tax levy increase of 0.9%.

The proposed 2022-2023 budget maintains academic programs and implements programs designed to improve student achievement. The budget continues district initiatives, expands learning opportunities for students, maintains current extracurricular activities and athletics, and provides the resources necessary to ensure that all students are successful. It also provides additional behavioral support for students, expands opportunities for professional development for faculty and staff, and fully maximizes resources.

Remember every vote counts! Please attend the upcoming Budget Hearing meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center, or view the live broadcast on the GVCSS YouTube channel. The vote will occur on the Genesee Valley CSD campus for Belmont residents and at the Angelica Grange for residents of Angelica. If you require additional information, please visit our website at www.genvalley.org.

We remain committed to providing a rigorous and well-rounded curriculum to our students in the most cost-effective manner possible. Thank you for your continued support of the students at Genesee Valley CSD.

Sincerely,

Genesee Valley Central School District Board of Education
Members

Mr. Timothy Hand, President

Mr. Heath Gordon, Vice-President

Mr. Fred Grusendorf

Mr. Joshua Shannon

Ms. Beverly Evans

Mr. Don Baker

Mr. Eric Kaapp

PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET & VOTE

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 17,535,366	\$18,483,359	\$18,351,336
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$947,993	\$815,970
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.41%	4.65%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$3,038,246	\$3,065,590	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$106,000	\$107,000	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$3,144,246	\$3,172,590	\$3,144,246
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,097,945	\$3,151,455	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$3,038,246	\$3,065,590	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$59,699	\$85,865	
Administrative Component	\$1,365,159	\$1,421,989	\$1,410,674
Program Component	\$11,778,416	\$12,477,007	\$12,463,340
Capital Component	\$4,391,791	\$4,584,363	\$4,477,322

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Contingency Budget does not include equipment or Capital Outlay expenditures.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Angelica & Belmont Public Libraries	\$107,000
	\$
	\$
	\$

*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$428.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Genesee Valley School District, Allegany County, New York, will be held at Genesee Valley School and the Angelica Grange in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 12:00pm prevailing time OR between the hours of 12:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Genesee Valley School and the Angelica Grange, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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



PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET & VOTE

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSAL (2022-2023)

	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>ADMIN.</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>
<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u> Board of Education members receive no salary. Provides for travel, membership, supplies.	\$14,700	\$12,050	\$12,050		
<u>DISTRICT MEETING</u> Provides funds for the District Clerk, costs for school votes, legal notices, other expenses for the election process.	\$25,456	\$26,885	\$26,885		
<u>CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</u> Compensation for the Superintendent, clerical staff, office supplies and travel are included here.	\$251,696	\$247,265	\$247,265		
<u>BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/AUDIT/TREASURER</u> Coordination for financial matters of the district. Includes costs for treasurer, auditors & BOCES services.	\$143,569	\$150,983	\$150,983		
<u>TAX COLLECTION/PURCHASING</u> Provides for collection of taxes and purchasing for district.	\$39,849	\$42,851	\$42,851		
<u>LEGAL & PERSONNEL</u> Provides legal counsel services district-wide as well as labor dispute settlement, and employee benefit coordination.	\$288,953	\$324,538		\$324,538	
<u>PUBLIC INFORMATION</u> Provides for publication of district newsletter of all buildings as well as utilities.	\$88,177	\$97,891	\$2,281	\$95,610	
<u>OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE</u> Provides for maintenance & operation	\$1,070,493	\$1,232,373			\$1,232,373
<u>CENTRAL SERVICES</u> Provides for mailing, copy and data processing services district-wide.	\$325,450	\$370,150	\$4,000	\$366,150	
<u>SPECIAL ITEMS</u> Includes insurance, BOCES administration, tax refunds, etc.	\$232,634	\$242,770	\$222,520	\$20,250	
<u>INSTRUCTIONAL ADMINISTRATION & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</u> Includes principals and their clerical staff. All includes curriculum development costs and supplies, test scoring, travel, etc.	\$413,707	\$421,585	\$355,106	\$66,479	
<u>INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF DEVELOP.</u> Provides funding for continued professional growth and improvement.	\$140,087	\$149,325		\$149,325	
<u>REGULAR TEACHING</u> Included in this area are salaries for teachers, aides, substitutes, equipment, supplies, textbooks and BOCES instructional costs.	\$3,794,088	\$4,054,000		\$4,054,000	
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION</u> Provides for staff, supplies, textbooks, tuition and BOCES costs for special education programs.	\$1,956,087	\$1,968,077	\$91,013	\$1,877,064	
<u>OCCUPATIONAL/SPECIAL SCHOOLS</u> Includes occupational tuition at BOCES and summer school.	\$499,318	\$568,932		\$568,932	
<u>LIBRARY/AUDIO VISUAL</u> Includes salaries for librarian and assistant, books, AV supplies and equipment.	\$133,844	\$137,803		\$137,803	
<u>COMPUTER INSTRUCTION</u> Includes funds for technology coordinator and lab aides/assistants, hardware and software, and supplies.	\$427,334	\$469,716		\$469,716	
<u>GUIDANCE/ATTENDANCE</u> Provides school counselor services along with their clerical help, supplies and travel.	\$180,518	\$186,191		\$186,191	
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u> Includes the salaries of the nurses and school doctor as well as costs of their offices.	\$120,969	\$126,647		\$126,647	
<u>PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES</u> Includes the expenses for our school psychologist, supplies, travel, etc.	\$49,255	\$50,964		\$50,964	



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	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>ADMIN.</u>	<u>2022-23</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>
<u>SOCIAL WORK SERVICES</u>					
Includes expenses for our school social workers, supplies, travel, etc.	\$66,801	\$69,094		\$69,094	
<u>CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</u>					
Includes costs for non-athletic student activities such as yearbook, musicals, student council, advisors, etc.	\$121,724	\$124,544		\$124,544	
<u>ATHLETICS</u>					
Includes coaching salaries, equipment, official's fees, supplies, etc.	\$281,745	\$240,475		\$240,475	
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>					
Includes costs of transportation such as salaries, vehicle parts, insurance, bus garage utilities, rental, etc.	\$619,212	\$652,657		\$652,657	
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>					
Includes costs of retirement, social security and insurance for all employees.	\$3,148,819	\$3,401,724	267,035	2,896,568	238,121
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>					
Principal and interest payments on all debt (building, buses, etc.) included here.	\$3,100,881	\$3,113,869			3,113,869
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</u>					
Funding for Capital or Debt Reserve	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$17,535,366	\$18,483,359	\$1,421,989	\$12,477,007	\$4,584,363
2021-22 TOTALS (for comparison)		\$947,993	\$1,365,159	\$11,778,416	\$4,391,791
INCREASE IN TOTAL BUDGET		5.41%	4.16%	5.93%	4.38%
<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>			
<u>REAL PROPERTY TAX ITEMS</u>					
Includes the estimated tax levy and interest/penalties on taxes.	\$3,043,246	\$3,070,590			
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>					
Admissions, transportation for BOCES, preschool transportation and services.	\$159,250	\$262,000			
<u>USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY</u>					
Interest earnings, room rental to BOCES	\$95,700	\$110,700			
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>					
Refund of prior year's expenses, sale of excess items, miscellaneous items	\$201,000	\$161,000			
<u>STATE SOURCES</u>					
NYS Aid	\$12,123,788	\$12,530,305			
BOCES Aid/Medicaid Reimbursement	\$1,160,000	\$1,335,000			
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS/FEDERAL SOURCES</u>					
Transfers from Debt Service, encumbrances, Federal sources, reserves, etc.	\$352,382	\$413,764			
<u>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</u>					
Portion of unreserved fund balance estimated to be available to reduce property taxes	\$400,000	\$600,000			
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$17,535,366	\$18,483,359			
INCREASE		5.41%			

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Budget Proposed for 2022-23

School Year **\$18,483,359**

Basic STAR Tax Savings

using 100% Equalization Rate **\$428.00**



PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET & VOTE

2022-2023 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

020702 - Genesee Valley Central School

Contact Person: Erin Ostrander

Telephone Number: (585)268-7900

	Budgeted 2021-22 (A)	Proposed Budget 2022-23 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	17,535,366	18,483,359
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	3,038,246	3,065,590
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	106,000	107,000
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	0	0
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	3,144,246	3,172,590
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	0
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	3,097,945	3,151,455
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	3,038,246	3,065,590
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	59,699	85,865
Public School Enrollment	576	590
Consumer Price Index		4.70%

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

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

³ For 2022-23, include any carryover from 2021-22 and exclude any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2021-22 (D)	Estimated 2022-23 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	5,328,788	5,000,860
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	400,000	600,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,169,138	739,334
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	6.67%	4.00%

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/22 Actual Balance
Capital	Transportation Equipment Reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$517,441
Capital	Capital Improvements Reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$1,315,000
Repair	Repair Reserve	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	\$735,780
Workers' Compensation		To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	\$86,261
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.	
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service	Reserve for Debt Services	To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.	\$471,055
Insurance		To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	
Property Loss	Reserve for Property Loss	To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property loss.	\$441,712
Liability		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.	
Tax Certiorari		To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year end.	
EBALR – Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Reserve for Compensated Absences	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	\$541,584
Retirement Contribution	Reserve for Retirement Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	\$779,234
Retirement Contribution	Reserve for Retirement Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System	\$100,000



PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET & VOTE

PROPOSED 2022-23 BUDGET & VOTE

The annual vote of the qualified voters of the Genesee Valley Central School District, shall be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 to vote upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2022-23 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education. The two seats are currently held by incumbents Heath "Buddy" Gordon and Donald Baker. Seats are "at-large," meaning the two candidates with the two highest votes will fill the (2) three-year terms, The term of office for the two seats are three years, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025.
3. To adopt the following propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE / USE OF TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany

County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) sixty-four (64) passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$131,000.00 (one hundred thirty-one thousand dollars & 00/100) being the aforesaid maximum estimated cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary for use in the transportation program of the District, said funds shall be expended from the District's Transportation Reserve Fund - 2014, as duly established on May 20, 2014, in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State Law.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – ANGELICA AND BELMONT FREE LIBRARIES

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to, and will, levy and collect taxes in the District in the fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amounts, respectively, of \$54,000 for the Angelica Free Library and \$53,000 for the Belmont Free Library to provide public library services, and pay over such funds to the Board of Trustees of each library, respectively.

6/30/22 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2022-23 School Year
\$617,441	To purchase school bus.
\$1,315,000	Do not intend to use during the 2022-23 school year.
\$745,655	To pay for any unanticipated, emergency repairs to district facilities or equipment.
\$86,261	To help offset unemployment claims to NYS.
\$412,173	To pay down district debt.
\$441,712	To pay for any unanticipated, non-recurring property losses that were not included in the regular operating budget.
\$528,384	To pay employees for accrued unused sick, personal, and vacation time upon termination of employment.
\$754,234	To help offset district expenses to the NYS & Local Retirement System.
\$100,000	To help offset district expenses to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System.



SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

The following qualified district residents are running for the Genesee Valley Central School District Board of Education. Their names will be listed on the ballot at our annual school election held on May 17, 2022:

- 1) **Max Gilluly (new candidate)**
- 2) **Heath "Buddy" Gordon (running for re-election)**

Max Gilluly (new candidate)



My name is Max Gilluly and I'd like to be considered for a BOE opening this May. I'm a Genesee Valley Alumni and since high school I've earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting at Ashford University. Professionally, I work with Siemens Energy as an Order Manager and my wife Courtney works at GVCS as a Teacher's Aide. Together, we have two young children and hope they will be attending this school for the foreseeable future.

In direct relation to this, we have a strong vested interest in the overall health and well-being of Genesee Valley and its students.

I currently help coach youth sports and serve as a committee member for the Town of Amity. I'd love to expand upon my service in this particular capacity, as it makes the most sense to me at this stage in my life. I find it of great value and relevance to elect officials that best represent the community's values and believe that I'm capable of achieving just that, especially in a time where we desperately need more young adults and parents like myself to get involved. I'd be a proponent in looking to build upon open gym activities for the public as I believe this is beneficial to both physical and mental health, while also giving some back to the taxpayers. I'd also approve of ideas or programs that promote real-life experience that would prepare children to face the challenges that will come at them after school and fortify their workforce readiness. Also, since it's become a pressing topic and I believe in being transparent, if the decision were to be passed down to individual schools and boards to decide upon, I would oppose the recent mandates imposed on our children by the government this past year, instead favoring individual and parental choice regarding these specific matters.

In summary, I'd mostly like to assist and supplement the number of positive developments that have come to fruition whilst being open to any innovative ideas that could prove beneficial to the student base as a whole. There are many positive programs and features at this school that I'd only wish to help maintain and enhance. My goal is to serve in a manner of integrity, contributing sound decisions and questioning core issues in a manner the taxpayers of this district deserve. My hope is that our school can sustain a learning and comfortable atmosphere that the students can thrive in, while always driving to improve in any facet along the way.

CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

MAY – Citizenship: is a relationship between an individual and a state to which the individual owes allegiance and in turn is entitled to its protection.

JUNE – Patience: the ability to remain calm when dealing with a difficult or annoying situation, task, or person.

Mediterranean Trip

The GVCS/Cuba-Rushford Mediterranean Tour had a great time visiting Spain, France, and Monaco over spring break! This photo was taken in the country of Monaco in front of the famous Monte Carlo casino.



Back row: Kim Douglas, Holly Grusendorf, Lauren Haggstrom, Shelby Bulkley, Dominic Marra, Aaron Kumpf, Sophia Gambino, Lexi Lombardo, Sam Van Dyke, Josie Van Dyke, Desi Minns, Thai Norasethaporn, Ethan Bigelow

Front row: Adison Grusendorf, Sarah Horne, Charlean Clawson, Nicole Gambino, Nanette Vossler, Erika Scott

Not pictured: Paula Van Dyke and David Kumpf





Seniors with Post Plans

Jesse Babbitt	Workforce - Electrical field	Jessica Lance	Will be returning to GV
Jason Becker, Jr.	Jamestown Community College - Welding	Sofia Marra	University at Buffalo - Criminology/Prelaw
Neil Branning	SUNY Broome Community College - History	Emily Mess	Finger Lakes Community College - Creative Writing
Lexi Burrows	Workforce - Welding	Dillian Middaugh	Workforce - Heavy equipment
Kennedy Butler	Jamestown Community College - Human Resources	Trenton Scott	Clarkson University - Computer Engineering
Kimberly Butler	University at Buffalo - Business Administration/Finance	Thomas Shultz	United States Coast Guard
Elijah Button	Workforce - Heavy Equipment	Nathan Slawson	Mansfield University - Political Science
Noah Button	United States Army	Takoda Stephens	Workforce - Logging industry
Paige Cochran	Alfred State College - Veterinary Technology	Ildiko Szabo	Will finish senior year in Hungary
Aissata Diabate	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - Air Traffic Control	Gavin Szalay	Workforce - Heavy equipment
Gerald Gage	Will be returning to GV	Morgan Torrey	Southeast Lineman Training Center - Lineman
Colen Hale	Will be returning to GV	Michael Truax	Workforce - Automotive Technician
Noah Hamilton	Workforce - Construction	Joseph Ward	United States Army
Addison Herring	Alfred State College - Veterinary Technology	Caleb Webster	Workforce - Carpentry field
		Kyler White	Workforce

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Friday, May 27th – **School Closed** **Please note this is a calendar change
- Monday, May 30th – **Memorial Day / School Closed**
- Tuesday, June 14th – Last Full day of Attendance for Grades 7-12th
- Friday, June 17th – Last Full day of Attendance for Grades PK-6th
- Monday, June 20th – **Juneteenth Holiday / School Closed**
- Tuesday, June 21st – Students in Grades K-6th dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 22nd – Students in Grades PK-6th dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
- June 25th – Graduation at 11:00 a.m.



EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JUNE 2022

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

June 1 WEDNESDAY	June 15 WEDNESDAY	June 16 THURSDAY	June 17 FRIDAY	June 20 MONDAY	June 21 TUESDAY	June 22 WEDNESDAY	June 23 THURSDAY	June 24 FRIDAY
9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.		9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	RATING DAY
U.S. History & Government (Framework)*	English Language Arts	Algebra I	Global History & Geography II	Juneteenth Holiday Observed	Geometry <small>* World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally developed Checkpoint A Exam</small>	Algebra II	Physical Setting/ Physics	
	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.					
	Living Environment	Physical Setting/ Chemistry	Physical Setting/ Earth Science			<small>* World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally developed Checkpoint B Exam</small>		
					Uniform Admission Deadlines Morning Examinations: 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations: 2:00 p.m.			

* The Conversion Chart for this exam will be available no later than June 24, 2022.

2022 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony



On Wednesday evening, March 23, 2022, six new members were inducted in the Genesee Valley Central School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS).

This year's guest speaker, Alexis Lombardo, 2016 GV alum, spoke to the attributes of service. She shared, "Service is something much less quantifiable and more about your attitude and actions...it is the ultimate act for creating a better future."

The ceremony was open to the community and livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel. A reception for inductees and their families followed the ceremony – compliments of the cafeteria staff.

The 2022 NHS members look forward to serving the community's senior citizens at the upcoming Senior Citizens Concert and dinner on May 19, 2022.

Pictured (L-R): Brooke Hutchison, Lauren Haggstrom, Aria Barnes, Adison Grusendorf, Raygen Haggstrom, Sophia Gugino



2022 NYS Grades 3-8 Assessments

This spring, the New York State Education Department will require school districts to administer the NYS 3-8 ELA and Math assessments and the Grades 4 & 8 Science assessments. Therefore, Genesee Valley Central School will administer the NYS 3-8 assessments as listed to the right.

To promote your child's ability to perform at their very best, here are a few test-taking tips to review with your child:

- Keep a positive attitude and simply focus on doing your best. Try to relax and take a few deep breaths.
- Go to bed early so you can get a good night's sleep before testing day.
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning of the test.
- Read each question carefully so you know what the directions are asking you to do.
- Write neatly so everyone can read your work.
- Make sure you answer all questions. If you don't know the answer, make your best guess.
- If your child feels ill, keep them home for the day.

If you have a child who could use some reassurance, please don't hesitate to contact the child's teacher. Our teachers can support your child while at school.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call your child's principal or testing coordinator Paula Mighells at (585) 268-7942.

2022 Science Performance Assessment Schedule	
Assessment Start Time	May 24-25
1 st Period	Grade 4, 8

2022 Science Written Assessment Schedule	
Assessment Start Time	June 6
1 st Period	Grades 4, 8

UPCOMING CONCERTS & AWARD CEREMONIES

Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m.	Spring Concert for Grades 5-8, Auditorium
Thursday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m.	Senior Citizens Concert & Dinner after, Auditorium & Cafeteria
Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m.	Spring Concert for Grades 9-12, Auditorium
Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m.	H.S. Awards Night (grades 9-12), Auditorium
Monday, May 30th at 9:00 a.m.	Angelica Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m.	Belmont Memorial Day Parade
Wednesday, June 1st at 6:00 p.m.	Awards Night M.S. (grades 5-8), Auditorium
Saturday, June 25th at 11:00 a.m.	Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony



GVCS MID-YEAR GRADUATE

We would like to recognize Kegin Sweet as a mid-year graduate. Kegin plans to enter the workforce.

Congratulations and good luck!

FROM THE NURSES

We are currently reviewing student allergies to assure accuracy and consistency with the cafeteria's list. Please email healthoffice@genvalley.org with your child's current, new and/or no longer relevant allergies.



RESCHEDULED SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERT & DINNER

We are very happy to announce the date and time for our rescheduled Senior Citizens Concert and Dinner!

New date: Thursday May 19th

Concert at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium with dinner served by the National Honor Society students in the cafeteria afterward.

To make a reservation contact Pam Winterhalter in the district office at 585-268-7909.

UPDATES FROM THE CSE OFFICE



The Parent Network of WNY is a not-for-profit agency that provides education and resources for families of individuals with special needs (birth through adulthood) and for professionals.

Parent Network of WNY provides 1-on-1 support and education through resources, workshops, and support groups to assist families of individuals with disabilities to understand their disability and navigate the support service system. The majority of the staff and board members are parents of children with disabilities, which provides a unique perspective, personal experience, and empathy to the families that they reach. Please visit parentnetworkwny.org for further information!

PARENTS OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

As per School Board policy, parents of out-of-district students must request permission in writing for their child to attend Genesee Valley Central School every year. Letters of request to Genesee Valley Central School for the 2022-23 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools no later than August 11, 2022. These requests will be reviewed from July 1st to September 15th each year.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Beauty and the Beast, performed at GVCS March 10-12, 2022.



May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - CITIZENSHIP	2	3	4	5 -Last day to register for 6/4 SAT Test	6 -Last day to register for 6/11 ACT Test	7 -SAT Test (register by 4/8)
8 PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE	9 -5:30pm - Board of Education Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting, Room 1121	10	11	12	13 -NYSSMA Solo Festival at Fillmore	14 -NYSSMA Solo Festival at Fillmore
15	16 -12-8:00pm-School Vote, Belmont residents-GV pool vestibule, Angelica residents-Grange Hall -Accept Vote Results -6:30pm Spring Concert Grades 5-8	17	18	19 -4:00pm Senior Citizens Spring Concert & Dinner -6:30pm Spring Concert Grades 9-12	20 -Progress Reports available online/mailed home, Gr. 5-12 -Springville Jazz Band Festival 8am-3pm	21 Springville Concert / Marching Band Festival -6:30pm - 10:30pm Prom Alfred Lake Lodge
22	23	24	25 -6:00pm Awards Ceremony for Grades 9th-12th, Auditorium	26	27 School Closed - Please note this is a Calendar change	28
29 School Closed - Memorial Day Observed -9am-Angelica Parade -11am-Belmont Parade	30	31				

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - PATIENCE			1 -6:00pm Awards Ceremony for Grades 5th-8th, Auditorium	2	3	4 -SAT Test (register by 5/5)
5 PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE	6	7	8 -6:00-8:00 pm. Art & Music Celebration & Awards Ceremony, Cafeteria	9 -6:00 pm GV/BC Sports Banquet, Cafeteria	10	11 -ACT Test (register by 5/6)
12	13 -5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 112	14 -End of 4th Marking Period, Gr. 5-12 -End of 3rd Marking Period, Gr. K-4 -1:00pm Flag Day Ceremony -7th & 8th Grade Boston trip	15 -Regents -7th & 8th Grade Boston Trip	16 -Regents -7th & 8th Grade Boston Trip	17 -Regents -Last day to register for 7/16 ACT -Last Full Day PK-6 -1:00pm Kindergarten Grad. Aud. -7:00pm BOCES Grad. Aud.	18
19 No School/Building Closed - Juneteenth Observed	20	21 -Regents -1:00 pm dismissal for grades PK-6 -Family Picnic 3:00-5:00 pm -Health & Wellness Fair	22 -Regents -1:00 pm dismissal for grades PK-6	23 -Regents	24 -Regents Rating Day -Senior Lunch -Band Rehearsal for Graduation	25 -11:00am - Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony, Auditorium
26	27	28	29	30		



GVCS RETIREES



Heidi Musingo

Heidi Musingo is retiring at the end of the 2021-22 school year after over twenty years in the district. She started at GVCS in September of 2000 and has served in a variety of roles including 4th Grade Classroom Teacher, 5th and 6th Grade Math Intervention, 1st Grade Teacher, and 4th Grade Special Education Teacher.

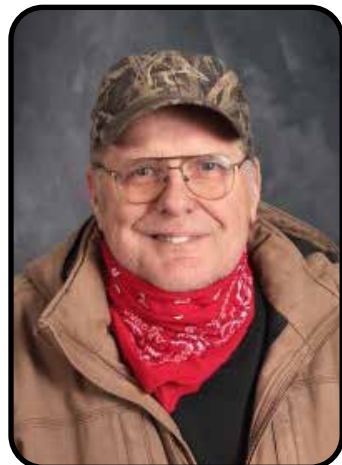
Heidi is known for giving treats to her students when they mastered a difficult concept or learned an important fact. One such act of

kindness backfired when a student she rewarded with a Sour Patch Kid began flopping on the floor like they were having a seizure. Heidi dashed to the student's rescue only to hear the student exclaim: "I'm fine! It was just really sour!"

Heidi also enjoys incorporating creativity in her work. A small example is a having a protractor on the floor of her room to help students understand angles. Her artistic flair also shines through in her Book Fair decorations and displays.

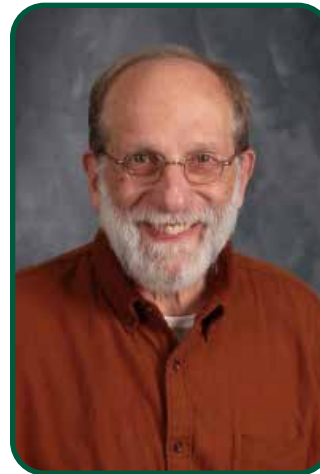
Heidi and her former co-teacher Kellie Schmidt had the distinction of being the first to cross the new bridge in Belmont along with their fourth grade class at the time.

Lindsay Simpson had the privilege of being mentored by Heidi early in her teaching career. "Heidi is so very caring to those around her," commented Lindsay. "She is a talented baker and surprised me with a delicious cookie cake for one of my birthdays. It was those little touches that let you know that she cared for you both in and out of school."



Dan Hunt

Dan Hunt started as a full-time bus driver at GVCS in March of 2017. He had previously served as a substitute bus driver the year before. Dan is married to his wife, Joy, and has 3 kids: Angela, Jason, and Melissa. He enjoys his sugar shack, hunting, and working on his farm. We wish you the best in your retirement!



Tom Musingo

Tom Musingo is retiring after serving for thirty years in the district. He was hired in 1992 as a music teacher at Belmont Central School (prior to the merger). Tom graduated from Engineering Management Institute in 1984 and then earned a degree in Music Education from Mansfield University in 1992.

A man of patience who inspired and delighted hundreds of students across four decades, Tom has entered countless classrooms with

guitar in hand, teaching songs, introducing students to different instruments, and developing within them a lifetime love of music.

He is well known for his witty humor and sarcastic personality. "He always put a smile on his students' faces," shared Kaitlyn McKeown, "whether he was eating their birthday cupcake whole or passing out random items from his fridge on Halloween."

"Mr. 'Singo' is so loved by our littlest students," commented Amy Spagg. "The kids always have fun as he introduces them to many different instruments and hundreds of songs. Tom is a great teacher, musician, and friend."

Kathy Johnson recalls a time when Tom was in the 3Pre-K classroom marching around like a dinosaur with his guitar singing We are the Dinosaurs: "Every child in the room had the biggest smile as they followed him around stomping their feet."

Nichole Wesche was a co-coach of the Lego League with Tom. She commented, "Tom has a passion for everything about Legos and this certainly spilled over to the students on the team. It was a privilege to work together to build a great group of kids into a hardworking team."

"Most importantly," shared Cristin Hopkins, "Tom is a kind person. He always shares a smile or a kind word and is forever making me laugh! I certainly hope that he enjoys his upcoming retirement. He will definitely be missed by all of us!"

HAPPY
Retirement!





YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

Senior Nathan Slawson and Junior Sophia Gugino recently attended the New York State YMCA Youth and Government conference in Albany, NY. This conference is a 3-day learning program in which students participate in a model state government session. Students are divided into two houses of government, the Assembly and the Senate. Each district creates bills to present at the conference that they feel would help the state. Debate is done first in their own house then the other. If approved it is passed on to the Governor, who can veto the bill or sign it into law. Nate and Sophia earned a top-ranked bill out of committees and their bill passed with a huge majority in favor by their peers from around the state. At the end of session Sophia was selected to represent NYS at this summer's Conference on National Affairs; Nathan was selected to be an alternate. Their ability to exhibit the Y Core Values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility, combined with attention to deadlines for applications and bill submissions, earned GV their second Premier District award.



IMPRESSIVE ARTWORK

Ildikó Szabó, a senior at GVCS, had one of her photographs selected into the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts' 2021-2022 High School Juried Art Exhibition. Ildikó is a foreign exchange student from Hungary.



SPORTS BANQUET

GVCS/Belfast Sports Banquet (includes Fall/Winter/Spring sports), will be held on Thursday June 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the GVCS cafeteria. This is for all JV & Varsity athletes and families.



STEAM at Genesee Valley



INVESTIGATING THE SUN

Kindergarteners explored the sun, and more importantly, how to protect ourselves and our plants from the sun! After investigating different ways our world provides shade (pavilions, umbrellas, hats, stroller covers, etc.), students were provided with a variety of materials and had the task of creating their own shade device! Students tested the “natural” heat temperature under the “sun” (a.k.a. heat lamp) and then made observations of another thermometer under the heat lamp but using their shaded structure. The Kindergarten team, Mrs. Simpson, and Mrs. Shultz were impressed with all the designs that students produced and built, and even more impressed when all the designs worked! Well done, Kindergartners!



STEAM IN THE LIBRARY

STEAM in the Library was once again full of energy for all in the Elementary as Mrs. Norasethaporn and Mrs. Simpson led students through fun science-based activities! Students had the pleasure of exploring coding with Bee Bots, creating vocabulary words with Valentine’s Day conversation hearts, creating secret messages through Glyphs, creating their own shoveling devices, and even applying their knowledge of magnetics to send a “groundhog” through its den! 6th Grade continued their novel study on Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief and are completing their work on their podcast which should be ready for the community soon!



CARDBOARD CITY PROJECT

Several classes have continued the Innovation Center’s collaborative project, building a Cardboard City! Now that many of the structures have been completed, students created a coordinate plane on the base of their map, decided where urban and rural areas would be, and worked together to plan where each structure should be located. Currently, students are painting their coordinate, applying their communication and teamwork skills to ensure that it blends with the coordinates surrounding them!

Follow the STEAM Action

Follow GVCS STEAM on Instagram!

 **@gvcs_steam**

Steam at GV

www.genvalley.org/steam





Student Name _____ Age _____ Grade entering in Fall _____ D.O.B. _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact #1 Name _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact #2 Name _____ Phone _____

Does your child have allergies (including food allergies) or other medical concerns? Please describe.

Person(s) Authorized to Pick Up Your Child

**Note: We will not release your child to anyone not listed below other than custodial parent/guardian.*

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to Child _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to Child _____

Check which week(s) your child will be attending:

- Week 1** (July 11-July 15)
- Week 2** (July 18-July 22)
- Week 3** (July 25-July 29)
- Week 4** (August 1-August 5)
- Week 5** (August 8-August 12)
- Week 6** (August 15-August 19)



THIRD 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, Addison Herring, Sofia Marra, Emily Mess, Trenton Scott, Callin Shipman, Nathan Slawson, Ildiko Szabo

Grade 11: Aria Barnes, Ethan Bigelow, Kiri Bogle, Ashley Burrows, Sophia Gambino, Lealah Greene, Adison Grusendorf, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, Kylee Lorow, Tiffeny Smith, Max Wedge

Grade 10: Morgan Bentley, Kendra Bigelow, Malakhi Coish, Molly Hannon, Emilyya Mejia, Connor Otero, Jacob Rizzo, Jade Rounds

Grade 9: Emily Brown, Kallie Burdick, Brayden Cooper, Ryan Daciw, Daphne Gugino, Ty Hutchison, Mackenzie Marciano, Landon Phillips, Madison Tarar, Evan Turybury

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Jesse Babbitt, Neil Branning, Gerald Gage, Gavin Szalay, Morgan Torrey, Kyler White

Grade 11: Shelby Bulkley, Landon Burdick, Ethan Lombardo, Saige Thomas

Grade 10: Johnathon Baker, Kimimela Ball, Cassidy Hand, Karlee Jones, Madison MacKenzie, Hunter Nickens, Alexander Osborn, Ellaina Scholes

Grade 9: Hope Ford, Makayla Hutchison, Marah Mellinger, Seanna Stocking, Gavin Weaver

HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Lexi Burrows, Paige Cochran, Aissata Diabate, James Hosmer, Dillian Middaugh, Thomas Shultz

Grade 11: Elden Aquila, Zachary Bourne, Coltin Brown, Hayden Burnell, Dakota Clark, Colton Cowburn, Payton Grantier, Brooke Hutchison, Kaylee Kozlowski, Dominic Marra, Killian McKnight, Thai Norasethaporn, JasLynn Shipman

Grade 10: Haylee Blake, Caleb Bliven, Aidan Chapman, Chrystal Larson, Alivia Marra, Lance Vohs

Grade 9: Reagan Butler, Haelyn Clark, William Edwards, Salvatore Gambino, Aubrey Geoppner, Christian King, Keanna Sands, Tyler Wedge

Honor Roll list for students attending BOCES:

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Jesse Babbitt, Neil Branning, Addison Herring, Morgan Torrey

Grade 11: Aria Barnes, Zachary Bourne, Landon Burdick, Ashley Burrows, Colton Cowburn, Jonathan Ford, Payton Grantier, Killian McKnight

HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Lexi Burrows, Paige Cochran, Dillian Middaugh, Gavin Szalay, Joseph Ward

Grade 11: Elden Aquila, Coltin Brown, Hayden Burnell, Kaylee Kozlowski, JasLynn Shipman, Jessie Sweet

NEW VISIONS PROGRAM

We would like to recognize Lauren Haggstrom, Thai Norasethaporn, and Sophia Gugino for being accepted into the extremely competitive Medical New Visions program!

New Visions is a one-year, senior-level, highly academic program that allows students to explore the health care field while gaining high school and college credits.

Congratulations!





The 5th Annual GVCS Alumni Golf Tournament

Date: Sunday, June 12, 2022

Cost: \$50 per player

4-man scramble format, shotgun start at 1:30PM
Cost includes golf, cart, and lunch at the turn


Where: Wellsville Country Club

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

To register: [Call 585-781-0825](tel:585-781-0825)




The Belfast and Genesee Valley cheerleaders will be offering a summer camp for students entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. If you would like to register your child, please complete the Google Document found on the GV website. Camp will run from June 28th - July 1st with performances on Saturday, July 2nd. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Powers or Jess Hess from Belfast Central School.




ConnectLife
Blood Drive

1 pint of blood can save up to 3 LIVES

Friday, May 6
11am - 4pm
Genesee Valley Central School
Auditorium at
1 Jaguar Dr., Belmont, NY 14813



Scan the code or call 716-529-4270 to make an appointment.
Walk-ins also welcome!



All May blood donors will receive a pair of flex passes (good for 2 free tickets to any Bisons home game).

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Art & Music
Celebration & Awards Ceremony

GVCS CAFETERIA
6-8PM ART, MUSIC & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

June 8th
SAVE the DATE



Genesee Valley Central School

1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont, NY 14813



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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for information on sex offenders living in the GVCS District

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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.* 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**

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
or call
(607) 382-7755 for more info.

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.