



Genesee Valley Central School

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Congratulations to the Class of 2022!



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Meet the Teacher night will be Wednesday, August 31st from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Elementary teachers will be in classrooms from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for parents to visit their child's classroom; then they will be in the cafeteria until 7:30 p.m. Middle and High School teachers will be in the cafeteria from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Dinners will be served during this time in the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you all in the building!



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2022-2023 WILL BE PROVIDED!
YOU DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE!**

Classes Begin for Students on Tuesday, Sept. 6th

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

Dear Jaguars,

August always brings a rush of excitement and a sense of renewal as we prepare for the new school year. We are finalizing schedules, conducting professional development, and revising expectations in anticipation of an even better year this year. I cannot wait for students, faculty, and staff to arrive so we can get going!

I am proud to say that the building is ready to go and the custodial and maintenance staff have the building looking fantastic! I am confident the community will continue to be proud of the amazing facilities we are privileged to use.

I would like to personally invite all parents, students, and community members to attend the annual Meet the Teacher Night on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Students arrive after Labor Day this year; classes resume on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

I am pleased and excited about the progress we continue to make. I am confident that we will have a great year at GVCS. Please enjoy the remainder of the summer and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Schmitt
Superintendent
Genesee Valley CSD

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global
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Dr. Brian Schmitt,
Superintendent

www.genvalley.org

CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER – RESPECT: children may close their ears to advice, but they open their eyes to example

OCTOBER - RESPONSIBILITY: accept responsibility for your life, know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else

CLASSES BEGIN FOR STUDENTS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

The 2022-23 school year opens on Tuesday, September 6th for Grades PK3-12. Please visit the school website at www.genvalley.org for pertinent school information such as the master calendar, cafeteria menu, employee directory, sports schedules, etc.

The daily schedule will be as follows:

7:45 a.m.	Buses arrive, Grab & Go Breakfast
7:50-8:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Homeroom
8:00 a.m.	First period begins
45 minutes periods – 9 periods each day, 30 minute lunches	
8:45-11:10 a.m	Morning BOCES sessions
11:45-2:05 p.m.	Afternoon BOCES sessions
2:54 p.m.	Students dismissed



GVCS OFFICE & STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

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

OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS:

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

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

STAFF PHONE NUMBERS:

After School Program.....	585-268-7940
Baker, Denise (Guidance).....	585-268-7937
Bradt, Brooke (Social Worker).....	585-268-7936
Brockway, Bryan (Athletics).....	585-268-7927
Chamberlain, Maureena (Elementary Office).....	585-268-7906
Edmund, Amber (Middle/High School Office).....	585-268-7908
Fuller, Kristin (Nurse-RN).....	585-258-7915
George, Rita (Attendance/Nurse).....	585-268-7914
Graham, Chris (Sr. Maintenance).....	585-268-7917
Healy, Devan (Tax Collector).....	585-268-7909
Laraby, Charles (Maintenance).....	585-268-7919
McKinley, Amanda (Nurse-RN).....	585-268-7915
Mighells, Paul (Dean of Students/Curriculum Coordinator).....	585-268-7942
Ostrander, Erin (Business Office).....	585-268-7902
Preston, Josie (7-12 Guidance Counselor).....	585-268-7928
Preston, Rachele (CSE/CPSE Office).....	585-268-7913
Scholes, Brittany (Business Office).....	585-268-7911
Turybury, Jennifer (PK3-6 Guidance Counselor).....	585-268-7929
Warner, Linda (Welcome Desk).....	585-268-7907
Weaver, Willy (Transportation).....	585-268-7920
Winterhalter, Pam (District Office).....	585-268-7909
Zenoski, Kelli (Cafeteria).....	585-268-7916

Attention Juniors and Seniors driving to school:

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



Latin Honors

The Board of Education discussed and unanimously approved a move to the Latin Honors method of recognizing student academic achievement at graduation. The Latin Honors system will begin with the graduating class of 2025. Students will be recognized as graduating Summa Cum Laude for a cumulative high school average of 96% or above, Magna Cum Laude for an average of 92-95.99%, and Cum Laude for an average of 88-91.99%. The average levels assure a rigorous measure of academic achievement. Starting with the class of 2025, class rank will not be publicized unless requested by a college, university, or scholarship. Students interested in speaking at graduation will submit speeches to a selection committee comprised of faculty members and students.

We will continue to recognize a valedictorian and salutatorian for the classes of 2023 and 2024 as well as recognize honor graduates at graduation according to the Latin Honors method outlined above.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- » Monday, September 5 - Labor Day – School Closed
- » Tuesday, September 6 – First Day of Student Attendance
- » Friday, October 7 – Staff Development Day – No Student Attendance
- » Monday, October 10 – Columbus Day – School Closed



NEW EMPLOYEES WELCOMED TO GVCS



Holly LaBenne is our newly hired Math Intervention Teacher at Genesee Valley. Mrs. LaBenne obtained her degree in Elementary Education from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and her Masters in Children's

Literacy from Saint Bonaventure University. She joins our GV team with 21 years of elementary education experience, ranging from teaching both 3rd & 5th grade, academic intervention and literacy coaching. Mrs. LaBenne resides in Wellsville with her husband, Jeff (Genesee Valley's Director of Educational Technology & Information Systems) and their two children Ellie and Parker, who have both been lifeguards during Fun in the Jungle and members of the Aqua Jag swim team. Mrs. LaBenne enjoys spending time outdoors, reading, cooking, and crafting. She looks forward to continuing to learn and grow with her students and colleagues at GV.

Carolyn Wright has joined GV as our new Technology Teacher. Carolyn's college education includes an AAS Agricultural Business degree from Alfred State College, BS Agricultural Science, Education Minor from Cornell University, and MAT Agriculture Education (K-12) from Ithaca College. During her educational journey, she has gathered experience working as a substitute teacher at Franklinville Central School and Cuba-Rushford Central School. She did her student teaching at Cuba-Rushford and Pioneer Central High School, a lifeguard at Franklinville Summer Recreation program and Odosagih Bible Conference. Carolyn resides in Farmersville, NY on her family's dairy and maple farm. Carolyn writes, "Growing up on a 50-cow dairy farm and 8,000 tap maple operation has been a huge influence in my life from teaching me important skills and characteristics sought after by employers to cultivating my passion for Agriculture. I am excited to join the GVCS family and use my experiences to enrich my classroom content in a positive, engaging way." She enjoys reading, puzzles of any kind, swimming, collecting snow globes, and playing board games.



Julia Wesche is returning this year as our 5th Grade Teacher. Julia filled in last year as a long term substitute in this position. She has served as a substitute at GV since 2018 and has worked at numerous summer camps. Julia received her Bachelor's

degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from St. Bonaventure University. She currently resides in Angelica. Julia writes, "I am excited to continue and expand upon my role in the GV community." Her hobbies/ interests are reading, photography and cooking.



April Miller is our newly hired 1st Grade Teacher. She received her Master's of Early Childhood Education at Grand Canyon University and her Bachelor's degree in Childhood Education and Special

Education from Houghton College. Her previous work experience includes 3rd & 4th Grade ELA Teacher at I.C.S in Wellsville, Substitute Teacher in grades PreK-6th Grade and Pre-School Teacher at Accord. April currently resides in Wellsville with her husband and three children. Outside of work she enjoys reading, writing children's books, dancing, basketball, animals and playing with her kids. April writes, "I'm very excited to be a part of the Genesee Valley family! I'm looking forward to working with my students, their families and all of the Genesee Valley School community."

Caleb Durant is joining us as our new Elementary Music & Choir Teacher. He received his Bachelor's degree in Music Education at Houghton College. Caleb previously did his student teaching for grades PK3-6 here at GVCS with Mr. Musin-go. He recently moved to Belmont but is from Brewerton, NY. Caleb is a huge fan of Broadway, loves dogs and cats. Caleb stated, "I am looking forward to being reacquainted with this supportive community."



Caroline Mapes is our newly hired Family and Consumer Science Teacher. She received her Master's degree (M.S. Ed) from SUNY Oswego and her Bachelor's degree in Food Science from Cornell

University. Caroline most recently worked as an itinerant teacher for CABOCES, teaching Family and Consumer Science at both Bolivar-Richburg Central School and Scio Central School. She currently resides in Belmont with her husband Brock, their Chihuahua, Henry, and two cats, Tony & Roger. Outside of work she enjoys cooking, baking, playing the bassoon, going for walks around the village and listening to K-pop. Caroline writes, "I am so excited to begin working with the students and staff at GV! I'm look-

ing forward to meeting everyone and having a wonderful year!"



Jill Vossler is joining us as our new Math Intervention Teacher. She received her Bachelor's degree in Childhood Education with a focus in Early Childhood. Jill previously worked as a Teaching Assistant at

Wellsville Elementary School for 5 years. During that time, she worked in Preschool and 3rd Grade Special Education rooms. Jill resides in Wellsville with her husband and three children, Morgan, Rowan and Max. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her family, relaxing on a beach, and international travel. Jill stated, "I love exploring new countries and experiencing new cultures."

Morgan Davis has joined us as our new 4th Grade Teacher. She received her Bachelor's degree in Childhood Inclusive Education at SUNY Fredonia. Morgan's previous employment was Placements throughout Chautauqua County. She resides in Allegany and her hobbies/interests include reading, traveling and spending time with family. Morgan writes, "I'm super excited to be a part of the GVCS school district and look forward to working with the students and faculty!"



Becky Webb is our new ELA Teacher for 8th and 12th graders. She received her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education (ELA & Psychology) from Cornerstone University in western Michigan, a Graduate Certificate in

Outdoor Ministry and Leadership from Wheaton College (HoneyRock Camp in northern Wisconsin), and an MA in Teaching (Curriculum & Instruction) from Nova Southeastern University. Becky's teaching experience includes two years of Life Skills at a charter school in Michigan, one year of English as a Foreign Language in Taipei, Taiwan, and 15 years of GED and Professional Communication Skills at Belmont CTE Center. She grew up in Michigan, traveled the world for a while, and then moved to New York when her husband took a job at Houghton College. They have 3 kids – Cadie (13), Lilee (11), and Ian (9) – who all attend Fillmore Central. She loves reading (especially historical fiction, and dystopian and time travel novels), people, traveling, and lots of outdoor activities like camping, hiking, and ice skating.

FUN IN THE JUNGLE

Fun in the Jungle Summer Camp served about 90 kids this summer! The camp ran for six weeks and was open to kids in grades Pre-K4 through 6th. Daily breakfast and lunch were offered to the kids as well. Everyday activities included swimming, crafts, reading, and more! On Fridays we went on field trips which was always something to look forward to. This program is a lot of fun and has so much to offer.



2023 SCHOOL PHOTO DATES

Due to scheduling by the photo company, school picture day will be late this year. Picture day will be October 21, 2022 and Retake Day will be December 9th. This is for all GV and BOCES students and staff. Please note, we cannot guarantee that photos taken on Retake Day will be back before Christmas.

YEARBOOKS:

There are still copies of the 2022 Jag Pride yearbook available for purchase for \$71.00, check or exact cash only. Please contact ngeorge@genvalley.org for information. Also, copies of the 2019 and 2021 yearbooks are available of \$45.00 each.

BUSINESS CLASSES ARE THE KEY TO YOUR FUTURE!!

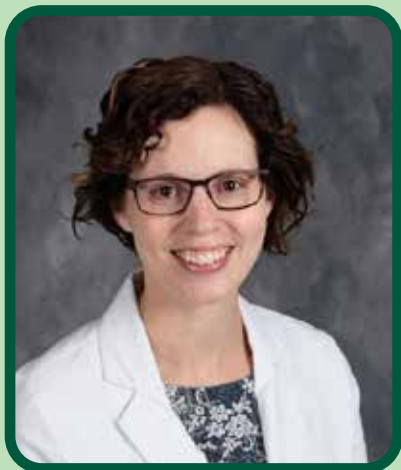
Unlock Your Potential by Taking a BUSINESS CLASS



Message Mrs. Preston to join



From: Mrs. Donlon
7-12 Building Principal



Dear Parents,

We are excited to welcome students back to the Genesee Valley campus in a few short weeks! We have been working hard this summer and are ready to begin the 2022-2023 school year on Tuesday September 6th. In an effort to meet the needs of every student, all necessary school supplies will be provided by the district. Your child's teachers will distribute supplies for each of their classes.

If your child has their license and would like to drive to school, they need to fill out a parking permit form. A copy of their driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance is required. Once the necessary paperwork is completed, they will be given a permit to hang from their rearview mirror. This process must be completed each year.

The middle and high school bell schedules are included in this newsletter. Our "Grab and Go" breakfast will start at 7:45 a.m. Homeroom will begin at 7:50 and first period will start at 8:00. Meet the Teacher Night will be held on Wednesday, August 31st from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teachers and other families in our school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions or concerns as the year progresses, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Genesee Valley Central School

2022 - 2023 Bell Schedule

- Students may enter their classrooms at 7:50 a.m.
- Periods are 45-minutes with 30-minute lunches.
- AM BOCES bus will leave GV at 8:45 a.m. and return to GV at 11:10 a.m. Students should go straight to lunch.
- PM BOCES bus will leave GV at 11:45 a.m. and return to GV at 2:05 p.m.

HS Schedule...

Breakfast/Homeroom	7:50-8:00
Period 1	8:00-8:45
Period 2	8:48-9:33
Period 3	9:36-10:21
Period 4	10:24-11:09
Period 5 (LUNCH)	11:12-11:42
Period 6	11:45-12:30
Period 7	12:33-1:18
Period 8	1:21-2:06
Period 9	2:09-2:54

MS schedule...

Breakfast/Homeroom	7:50-8:00
Period 1	8:00-8:45
Period 2	8:48-9:33
Period 3	9:36-10:21
Period 4	10:24-11:09
Period 5	11:12-11:57
Period 6 (LUNCH)	12:00-12:30
Period 7	12:33-1:18
Period 8	1:21-2:06
Period 9	2:09-2:54



Welcome Back from Mr. Ed! Elementary Principal

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2022-23 ARE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS

I can't believe we are heading out of summer already, but here we are. It has been a whirlwind summer here of working on curriculum, planning for the 2022-23 school year, and gearing up to have the best school anywhere! You will see lots of new names for teachers this year—some are new, others are familiar people with new last names. Thank you for all you do to make GV great with kids who are Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to learn in new and exciting ways!

The summer found GV a busy place. The only consistent thing we've had is change as we return to a more normal school year. As you connect with your child's teacher, please be honest and open with what works and what does not work for you and your family. All of us here want to make the 22-23 school year the best it can possibly be. We will do everything in our power to work with you every day. The relationship between class and home is vital for success!

Unfortunately, Covid is still going to be a factor this year; however, we are hopeful that the impact will be far less than we have seen for the past few years. At this point we will notify you if there's a positive contact in a class, but you will gauge your child's health and we will not be doing contact tracing. We will do our best keep you updated if guidance changes.

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| 3PK | Ms. Bagley and Ms. Sanasith |
| 4PK | Ms. Schmidt and Ms. Hopkins |
| Kindergarten | Ms. Hillman, Ms. Bliven, and Ms. Johnson |
| 1st grade | Ms. White, Ms. Miller, and Ms. Grastorf |
| 2nd grade | Ms. Kasperski and Ms. Shafer |
| 3rd grade | Ms. Cole and Ms. Kelley |
| 4th grade | Ms. Davis and Ms. Majot |
| 5th grade | Ms. J. Wesche and Ms. Dunham |
| 6th grade | Ms. Burger, Ms. Finnemore |
| Other teachers | Ms. Ring, Ms. Shaw, Ms. Graham, Ms. Rizzo, Ms. Romance |
| Elem. Music | Mr. Durant and Mr. Robbins |
| Elem. Art | Ms. Shultz |
| Digital Literacy | Ms. Auman |
| Elem. Counselor | Ms. Turybury |
| Teacher Assistants | Ms. S. Wesche, Ms. Prentice |
| Elem. PE | Mr. Clancy, Mr. Bradt |
| Library | Ms. Norasethaporn |
| Nurses | Ms. George, Ms. McKinley, and Ms. Fuller |
| Intervention | Ms. Palmer, Ms. Vossler, Ms. Burton, Ms. Labenne, Ms. McKeown |

**Meet The Teacher Night
August 31st 6:00-7:30PM**

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



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS

DROP OFF OF STUDENTS

Parents who drive their children to school are asked to please use the Parent Drop Off parking lot. Please remember that students should not be in the school building before 7:45 a.m. due to coverage.

DISMISSAL OF WALKERS

In order to keep our students safe, our teachers in grades PK-4 will be dismissing all students who are walkers to the welcome desk area. There is a daily sign out sheet for parents/guardians.

SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE FOR GRADES PK-12

1. Parents and guardians needing a student to be dismissed from school must sign out at the welcome desk area with a written note in advance.
2. Students will not be released to any individual without prior authorization from the Principal.
3. Parents and guardians may sign their children out from school with a legal excuse as defined by NYS Education Department.
4. Parents must personally sign their children out at the welcome desk.
5. When signing out, students should provide their name, reason for dismissal, and the time they leave.
6. When returning to school the same day, students should sign in, document arrival time, provide verification of absence, obtain a pass from the welcome desk personnel and immediately report to class.
7. Students will not be excused on a regular basis for purposes not listed on the legal absence list.

FIRE INSPECTION NOTICE

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

POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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

DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (DASA)

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



FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

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

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

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR 99.31):
 - School officials with legitimate educational interest;
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
 - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
 - Accrediting organizations;
 - To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
 - Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
 - State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS

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

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

Or you may contact us at the following address:

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

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was passed by the US Congress and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The ESSA replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and is the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATIONS

* Section 9528 (a) (1) of the legislation requires that each school district receiving Title I funds under No Child Left Behind shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students’ names,

addresses, and telephone listings. A student or a parent may request that such information not be released without prior written parental consent. In order to make such a request, please contact the guidance office at 268-7937 for further information. If you do not wish to have your student’s information released to the military or to colleges without your permission, you must send a signed, written statement to that effect to the guidance office.

* Under Sex Offender Registration Act (Megan’s Law) information that is disseminated to the School District regarding the presence in the community of a convicted sex offender will be maintained in the District office. Any information which the School District receives regarding a sex offender from a source other than the Sex Offender Registry, and which is maintained independent of the requirements of Megan’s Law, will be available from the District, upon written request to the District Office, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law. Any inquiries regarding this requirement may be made to the Superintendent’s Office.

OPT OUT CLARIFICATION

This right is under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. If you agree to allow Genesee Valley Central School to use your child’s picture in our yearbook, publications, website, social media, and newsletters, **there is no need to do anything further.** We are hoping to be able to highlight your child in our publications. They are doing awesome things!

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

OPT IN CLARIFICATION

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

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY CALLS, TEXTS, OR EMAILS ON SCHOOL MESSENGER, ON-LINE SERVICES, PLEASE SEND A LETTER STATING THIS TO THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE.



FOURTH 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 4th 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, Sofia Marra, Emily Mess, Trenton Scott, Callin Shipman, Nathan Slawson, Ildiko Szabo, Kyler White
- Grade 11: Aria Barnes, Kiri Bogle, Ashley Burrows, Sophia Gambino, Lealah Greene, Adison Grusendorf, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, Brooke Hutchison, Max Wedge
- Grade 10: Kendra Bigelow, Malakhi Coish, Molly Hannon, Karlee Jones, Emilyya Mejia, Jacob Rizzo
- Grade 9: Emily Brown, Kallie Burdick, Brayden Cooper, Ryan Daciw, Hope Ford, Daphne Gugino, Mackenzie Marciano, Marah Mellinger, Seanna Stocking, Madison Tarar, Evan Turybury

HIGH HONOR ROLL

- Grade 12: Jesse Babbitt, Neil Branning
- Grade 11: Ethan Bigelow, Shelby Bulkley, Landon Burdick, Kylee Lorow, Dominic Marra, Thai Norasetthaporn, Saige Thomas
- Grade 10: Kimimela Ball, Morgan Bentley, Haylee Blake, Caleb Bliven, Hunter Nickens, Jade Rounds
- Grade 9: Haelyn Clark, Makayla Hutchison, Ty Hutchison, Hunter Newman

HONOR ROLL

- Grade 12: Lexi Burrows, Noah Button, Gavin Carl, Addison Herring, James Hosmer, Thomas Shultz
- Grade 11: Elden Aquila, Zachary Bourne, Coltin Brown, Dakota Clark, Harland Geffers, Payton Grantier, Kaylee Kozlowski, Ethan Lombardo, Killian McKnight, JasLynn Shipman
- Grade 10: Jayce Covert, Cassidy Hand, Dakota Hemphill, Chrystal Larson, Alivia Marra, Alexander Osborn, Ellaina Scholes, Jamie Szalay, Lance Vohs, Evan Yeaples
- Grade 9: Logan Burrows, Reagan Butler, Salvatore Gambino, Aubrey Geoppner, Christian King, Tyler Wedge

2022 GVCS HOMECOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Friday 9/30:** JV Girls Soccer vs. Portville - 5:00 p.m. (Belfast)
 Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Cuba-Rushford - 7:00 p.m. (Belfast)
 Modified Volleyball vs. Cuba-Rushford - 5:00 p.m. (GVCS)
 JV Volleyball vs. Cuba-Rushford - 6:15 p.m. (GVCS)
 Varsity Volleyball vs. Cuba-Rushford - 7:30 p.m. (GVCS)
- Saturday 10/1:** Modified Girls/Boys Soccer vs. Fillmore – 10:00 a.m. (Belfast)
 JV Boys Soccer vs. Avoca-Prattsburgh – 12:00 p.m. (GVCS)
 Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Avoca-Prattsburgh – 2:00 p.m. (GVCS)

ANNUAL ALUMNI SOCCER GAME

Saturday, October 1st
 9:00-10:30 a.m.
 GVCS Varsity Soccer Field

For more information or to sign up, please contact Bryan Brockway, Athletic Director, at bbrockway@genvalley.org or (585) 268-7927.



LYNN MANNING MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 1st annual Lynn Manning Memorial Golf Tournament was held on July 15, 2022 at the Wellsville Country Club. There were 23 teams who participated in the event. In addition to golf, proceeds for the scholarship fund were also raised through a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing. Genesee Valley would like to thank all of our local businesses and organizations for their support and generous donations! We are already looking forward to next year's tournament which will be held on July 14, 2023. More details to follow!

Winners are as follows:



Mens:

Josh Brooks, Tyler Landries,
Mitch Porter, Brian Landries



Womens:

Leisa Smith, Rose Cozzi,
Myrna Adderly, Judy Clark



Mixed:

Eric Weinman, Beverly Evans,
Chris Weinman, Noah Weinman

Special Education Department at Genesee Valley



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you had a wonderful summer! We are so excited to begin another school year. As a reminder, our Special Education Department webpage contains important documents and helpful information. This includes the "Family Guide to Special Education Services" as well as Procedural Safeguards, which are your legal rights under

Federal and State laws to be informed about and involved in the special education process and to make sure that your child receives a free appropriate public education (FAPE). There are also several video tutorials, which further explain the CSE process.

The CSE Office is now offering parents/guardians the opportunity to access the Parent Portal. This will allow parents and guardians to access their child's IEPs and 504 Plans, meeting notices, notice of recommendations, progress notes, and approval letters from the Board of Education online anytime. Our webpage includes further documentation, which will help you access the Parent Portal.

Our contact information is listed on the Department webpage, as well. We are looking forward to working with you throughout this school year!

Megan Retchless
Director of Special Education

Notice Of Census

In accordance with New York State regulations, the Genesee Valley Central School District will be conducting its Annual Census between August 1, 2022 and October 1, 2022. The purpose of this census is to identify and ensure accurate records with regards to students in the District who have handicapping conditions. If you have a child, or know of child, eligible to attend preschool or public school and they have/are suspected of having a handicapping condition please contact the Genesee Valley Office of Special Education. Please be prepared to provide the name of the family, age of the child and contact information. After we contact you, census forms may then be mailed.

Megan Retchless
Director of Special Education
(585) 268-7913

ACADEMIC HONORS DINNER

Please mark your calendars for the Academic Honors Dinner which will be held at the Angelica American House & Hotel at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Stephanie Coombes and her staff will be providing the meal for our dinner.



Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Nominees Sought for 2022

The Board of Education and Administration of Genesee Valley Central School are seeking nominations for this year's 2022 Class for induction into the Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame. The Wall of Fame exists to recognize outstanding Genesee Valley alumni, as well as alumni from the founding schools in Angelica and Belmont, who have achieved distinction in their lives and chosen field after high school through significant contributions to their career, community or through personal achievements. This also provides incentive for current and future students.

Nominees to the Alumni Wall of Fame must be graduated at least 15 years before they are eligible for selection. Achievements after graduation may include job related achievements, professional honors and awards, professional affiliations, publications; civic or community involvement; personal achievements/accomplishments; and educational achievements.

Nominations are due to Maureena Chamberlain by Friday, October 21, 2022. You can find the nomination form on our website www.genvalley.org. If you have any questions please e-mail mchamberlain@genvalley.org or call 585-268-7906.



Grant Continues to Provide Meals for GV Students

Genesee Valley Central School again offers healthy meals every school day. GV received grant funds to continue providing all students free breakfast and lunch daily for the 2022-23 school year. The district does request that if you qualify for free or reduced price meals according to the income guidelines below, please complete and return a free/reduced meal application. They are available on our website or call any school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

2022-2023 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Milk

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$1,048	\$967	\$484
2	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$1,412	\$1,303	\$652
3	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$1,776	\$1,639	\$820
4	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$2,140	\$1,975	\$988
5	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$2,503	\$2,311	\$1,156
6	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$2,867	\$2,647	\$1,324
7	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$3,231	\$2,983	\$1,492
8	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$3,595	\$3,318	\$1,659
*Each add'l person add	\$ 8,732	\$ 728	\$ 364	\$ 336	\$ 168



Transportation Procedures:

Help Keep Our Children Safe



BUS PICK UP AND DROP OFF:

The transportation department at GVCS makes the transportation of our students as safe and efficient as possible. The school has encountered parents requesting that their child/children be dropped off or picked up in different locations on different days of the week. Please keep in mind that changing pick up and drop off locations is very confusing for students, teachers, office staff and bus drivers and it creates unnecessary problems with our bus routes. If changes are going to be requested, a bus change request form must be filled out and received by 12:00 noon at the welcome desk on the day of the change. **No requests will be accepted after 12:00 noon.** The change request form is available on our website. No changes will be accepted by phone unless there is an emergency. Mailers will be sent out with pick up and drop off times and also posted in Power School. Please allow for a 10-minute window the first week of school.

BUS INFORMATION:

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

BUS RULES:

1. Be on time at your stop. During inclement weather, driving conditions warrant extreme safety. Therefore, to maintain our time schedule, it is advisable to expect your bus to arrive early, especially if your stop is at the beginning of the trip. Please plan accordingly.
2. Parents should bring their children to school if they miss the bus.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a full stop before attempting to get on or off.
4. Go immediately to a seat (the bus driver may assign seats) and remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop or arrives at the school.
5. Help keep the bus clean.
6. Do not destroy property.
7. Violence is prohibited.
8. No objects shall be passed through an open window.

9. Keep arms, hands, and head inside the bus.
10. Be sure to take all belongings with you when you leave the bus.
11. Do not distract the driver while the bus is in motion.
12. Be a courteous and responsible passenger at all times.
13. Face covering over mouth and nose is mandatory for all passengers.

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

- *William Weaver, Transportation Supervisor*

School Tax Information

The 2022-23 school taxes will be collected by Devan Healy, Tax Collector.

Taxes can be paid in one of the following ways:

1. In person at Community Bank, N.A.
2. Mailed to:
Devan Healy
Genesee Valley Central School
1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont NY 14813
3. Via credit card or e-check

See www.genvally.org (Click on "School Taxes" under "District Office" menu)

If you have questions please contact Ms. Healy at 585-268-7900, ext. 2132 or by email at dhealy@genvally.org
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Payments can be made in the month of September or in October with a penalty. No school taxes will be collected after October 31, 2022. If you do not receive your bill you will need to contact Ms. Healy before the October deadline. If taxes are not paid in September or October of 2022 the amount will be added onto your County and Town bill.



Become Genesee Valley's next JASON Argonaut!

Are you a 9-12th grader at GVCS looking for a new adventure? Are you a teacher at Genesee Valley Central School looking for a unique opportunity to share your love of learning in a new context? Then consider joining the JASON Argonaut Program during 2022-23 school year.



Through the Argonaut program, GV students and staff

have traveled across the US and the world to study caterpillars and climate change in Nevada, design thinking in California, the Amazon Rainforest in Peru, and more!

Sophia Marra, class of 2022, described her experience in the Amazon Rainforest: "I was a JASON Argonaut as a freshman when I went to the Amazon rainforest in Peru. It was the most terrifying and AMAZING experience I have ever had. I met amazing new people and faced many of my biggest fears. I am a better and stronger person because of my time as an Argonaut."

Sophia was accompanied by Megan Retchless, Director of Special Education at GV. "It was truly the trip of a lifetime, and an experience that I will never forget," shared Mrs. Retchless. "Sofia and I were able to explore the Amazon Rainforest with other teachers and students from across the country. We learned about insects through experiments, hikes, and other opportunities with the Bug Chicks. This trip truly opened my eyes and allowed me to appreciate another culture. I will forever be grateful for this chance to step out of my comfort zone!"

Participation in the Argonaut Program is a prestigious and life-changing opportunity for GV students! If this sounds intriguing, feel free to talk to Mrs. Retchless, Mrs. Newton, or Ms. Wesche about their experiences! Then connect with Ashley Auman to learn more about the Argonaut program for the 2022-23 school year. Application details will also be posted on GV's social media pages and highlighted on the morning announcements!



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GVCS 2022-2023 DISTRICT CALENDAR

JULY 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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

4 Independence Day

ADOPTED BY BOE: 3.14.2022

JANUARY 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

1 New Year's Day
2 New Year's Holiday
16 M.L. King Day
24-26 Regents Exams
27 Regents Rating Day

Student Days - 20

AUGUST 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

29 New Staff Orientation
30, 31 Staff Development Days
31 Meet the Teacher Night

FEBRUARY 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

20 President's Day
21-24 Mid-Winter Break

Student Days - 15

SEPTEMBER 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

1 Staff Development Day
5 Labor Day
6 First Day of School

Student Days - 19

MARCH 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

17 Staff Development Day

Student Days - 22

OCTOBER 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

7 Staff Development Day
10 Columbus Day

Student Days - 19

APRIL 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

3-7 Easter / Spring Break
7 Good Friday
9 Easter

Student Days - 15

NOVEMBER 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE****
10 Parent-Teacher Conferences/
Superintendent Confer. Day
Grades PK-12 NO School
Schedule conferences
between Nov. 7th - 10th
11 Veteran's Day
22 11:00 Dismissal PK-12
23-25 Thanksgiving Break

Student Days - 18

MAY 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

29 Memorial Day

Student Days - 22

DECEMBER 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

23-30 Christmas Break

Student Days - 16

JUNE 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

13-22 Regents Exams
19 Juneteenth (Holiday)
23 Rating Day/Last Day for Staff
24 Graduation

Student Days - 15

School Closed Staff Development Parent Conf. Regents Exams



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

Board of Education:

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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

Rules for Using the Fitness Center

- Enter & exit through the main doors by the 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.



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 9:00 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 7:00-8:00 a.m.
& 5:00-8:00 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.