



Genesee Valley Central School

Jag News



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Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT / FUN IN THE JUNGLE PLAY ANNIE JR.

Meet the Teacher night will be Wednesday, August 30th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Elementary teachers will be in the classrooms from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for parents to visit their child's classroom; then in the cafeteria to eat with everyone. Middle/High School teachers will be in the cafeteria from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served during this time in the cafeteria.

Following the Meet the Teacher Night at 7:15 p.m., the Fun in the Jungle students and staff will perform Annie Jr. in the Auditorium. All are welcome to come!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2023-2024 WILL BE PROVIDED ONCE AGAIN!
ALL YOUR CHILD WILL NEED IS A BACKPACK TO CARRY ITEMS TO & FROM SCHOOL.

CLASSES BEGIN FOR STUDENTS ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 5TH

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 Genesee Valley Community Members,

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close and school will open very soon! August always brings a rush of excitement and a sense of renewal as we prepare for the new school year. Fall athletics begin on August 21, new staff report on August 28, and students return on Tuesday, September 5. I am proud to say that the building is ready to go. Kudos to the custodial and maintenance staff for making the building and grounds look fantastic! I am confident the community will continue to be proud of the amazing facilities we are privileged to use.

In addition to some new faces joining our team at GV, you will see some continued work occurring on the campus. This fall, bus garage doors and some rooftop air handlers will be replaced. We are finalizing plans on a new playground designed specifically for our youngest students and hope to begin work this fall. We remain dedicated to being a Community School and will continue to provide school supplies and access to telemedicine on campus.

I would like to invite parents and community members to our annual **“Meet the Teacher Night” on Wednesday, August 30, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Dinner will be served and all faculty and staff will greet parents in classrooms and the cafeteria. This year, following the Meet the Teacher Night, Annie Jr. will be performed by “Fun in the Jungle” summer program students and staff in the auditorium. I would like to personally invite all parents, students, and community members to attend.

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

Sincerely,



Dr. Brian Schmitt
Superintendent
Genesee Valley CSD

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Dr. Brian Schmitt,
Superintendent

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ACADEMIC HONORS DINNER

Please mark your calendars for the Academic Honors Dinner which will be held at the American House & Hotel in Angelica at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Stephanie Coombes and her staff will be providing the meal for our dinner.

ANNUAL ALUMNI SOCCER GAME

Saturday, September 30th
9:00-10:30 a.m. at 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.



CLASSES BEGIN FOR STUDENTS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

The 2023-24 school year opens on Tuesday, September 5th for Grades PK-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/Welcoming 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
Tax Collector/Accounts Payable.....	585-268-7955

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, Maureen (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).....	585-268-7955
Laraby, Charles (Maintenance).....	585- 268-7919
Mighells, Paula (Dean of Students/Curriculum Coordinator).....	585-268-7942
Ostrander, Erin (Business Office).....	585-268-7902
Preston, Josie (7-12 Guidance Counselor).....	585-268-7928
Scholes, Brittany (Business Office).....	585-268-7911
Secretary TBD (CSE/CPSE Office).....	585-268-7913
Turybury, Jennifer (PK3-6 Guidance Counselor).....	585-268-7929
Warner, Linda (Welcoming 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 class of 2024 as well as recognize honor graduates at graduation according to the Latin Honors method outlined above.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- » Monday, September 4 - Labor Day – School Closed
- » Tuesday, September 5 – First Day of Student Attendance
- » Friday, October 6 – Staff Development Day – No Student Attendance
- » Monday, October 9 – Columbus Day – School Closed



NEW EMPLOYEES WELCOMED TO GVCS



Nichole Chamberlin joined us the end of last school year as a Cashier/Food Service Worker. Nichole stated, "I am a GV Class of 2007 alumna. I am thankful for this opportunity and excited

to be back in the hallways." She previously was a substitute for BOCES and GVCS. Nichole currently resides in Angelica with her husband and three children. Her interests include camping with family and going for walks to the park.

Cassie Warnica

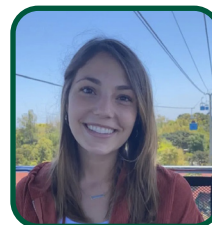
has joined Genesee Valley School as our new Mental Health Specialist. Cassie stated, "I am a GV Class of 2007 alumna. I enjoy baking (cupcakes), reading, and classic rock music. I reside in Belmont with my husband and have 2 kids enrolled at GV. I look forward to coming back to my Alma Mater." Prior to coming back to GV, Cassie worked as a Mental Health Counselor at Belfast Central School for 2 years, and EAP Counselor for 7 years. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from SUNY Oneonta and Master's in School Counseling from St. Bonaventure University.



Julia Mertsock is our newly hired 1st Grade Teacher. She received her undergraduate degree in Inclusive Childhood Education from St. John Fisher University. Julia

has many placements in grades K-4 in the Rochester area and filled a long-term substitute position at Eastview Elementary School. Julia writes, "I am very excited to be a part of the Genesee Valley School District. I look forward to working with my students, families, staff, and the incredible first grade team." Her hobbies include

spending time with family and friends, and traveling.



Elizabeth Allen is returning this year as a 1st Grade Teacher. She filled in last year as a long-term substitute as a 2nd Grade Teacher.

Elizabeth received her Bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology and Nutrition from the University at Buffalo, and will be graduating this December with a Master's degree in Childhood & Special Education 1-6 from Roberts Wesleyan University. Elizabeth writes, "I am so excited to officially become a GV Jag! I look forward to my first year in 1st grade and all the future years to come here at GV." Her hobbies include watching the Buffalo Bills and New York Mets, staying active, working out, and fly fishing.

Rachel Drake is our newly hired PK3

Teacher. She received her Bachelor's in Early Childhood & Childhood Education from SUNY Geneseo. Rachel previously worked 4 years in a daycare center with children ages 2-5 years old. She completed her student teaching here at GV in the Kindergarten classroom. Rachel writes, "I am extremely excited to become a part of the GVCS Community!" Her hobbies include running, traveling, watching sports games, and playing with my cats.



Jamie Bump is joining us this year as a 2nd Grade Teacher. She obtained her undergraduate and graduate degrees from SUNY Geneseo. Jamie has taught for 23 years with 20 of those years at Wellsville Central School. The past 8 years she has taught 6th grade science. She currently resides in Wellsville with her husband Brandon and 2 daughters. Jamie enjoys reading, crocheting, coaching the Girls Varsity Track team in Wellsville, and spending time in the outdoors.

Candie Mitchell is returning this year as a Teacher Aide. Candie was employed as a long-term Teacher Aide last year and was a substitute for 2 years prior. She resides in Belmont with her husband and four children. Candie writes, "I have felt a part of the GV family for a while, but it's great to finally be officially a part."

Her hobbies include crafting and baking in her spare time.



Damian Johnson is returning this year as a Teacher Aide. Damian has been a long term substitute at GV for the past 1½ years. She is currently in her 2nd year at Grand Canyon University working

towards her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education. Damian resides in Angelica with her husband and 2 children. Her interests include spending time with family, reading, and writing.

Jody Clancy is our newly hired Food Service Helper in the Cafeteria. Jody previously worked at Crego's Birdsall Inn as a cook, Alstom Transportation, and at Off Duty Bar & Grill.

She currently lives in Angelica with her husband Dan. They have 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

She graduated from Iroquois Central School. Her hobbies include gardening, canning, walking, spending time with family, and enjoying her grandchildren and cats. Jody stated, "I am very excited to join the GVCS team."



Rachele Preston is returning this year in a new position as a 2nd Grade Teacher. For the past 12 years Rachele has been an Administrative Assistant to the

Director of Special Education. She obtained her Associates degree in Human Services, and Bachelor's degree in Community and Human Services. Rachele is working on completing her Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education. Her hobbies are fishing, being outdoors, exercising, and attending and/or coaching sports that her children are involved in. She loves spending time with her family which includes her two children, Brayden and Ryan and their Labrador Retriever, Mater.

WELCOME!



From: Mrs. Donlon
7-12 Building Principal



Dear Parents & Guardians,

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 2023-24 school year on Tuesday, September 5th. 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 driver's license and plans 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 are 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 a.m. Meet the Teacher Night will be held on Wednesday, August 30th from 5:30-7:00 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.

Sincerely,
Sara Donlon

Genesee Valley Central School

2023 - 2024 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 2023-24 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 at GV working on curriculum, planning for the 2023-24 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 in new places. We have been lucky to have had so many fantastic applicants and have hired well! ***Meet the Teacher Night*** will be a great time to meet our new staff! ***(August 30th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.)*** Teachers will be in classrooms from 5:30-6:30 p.m., then in cafeteria until 7:00 p.m. Our summer drama team will then perform *Annie, Jr.* in the auditorium at 7:15 p.m.

The summer found GV a busy place. As always, our Maintenance staff and summer crew have the building looking fantastic! 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 2023-24 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. 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!

3PK
4PK
Activity Room
Kindergarten
1st grade
2nd grade
3rd grade
4th grade
5th grade
6th grade
Speech
Special Ed Teachers
Elem. Music
Elem. Art
Digital Literacy
Elem. Counselor
Peaceful Schools
Elem. PE
Library
Nurses
Intervention

Ms. Bagley and Ms. Drake
Ms. Schmidt and Ms. Hopkins
Ms. Michaela Edmister
Ms. Hillman, Ms. Bliven, and Ms. Johnson
Ms. Mertsock, Ms. Miller, and Ms. Allen
Ms. Bump, Ms. Preston
Ms. LaBenne and Ms. Vossler
Ms. Davis and Ms. Majot
Ms. J. Wesche and Ms. Dunham
Ms. Burger, Ms. Finnemore
Ms. Graham, Ms. Rizzo
Ms. Ring, Ms. Faller, Ms. Shaw
Mr. Durant, Mr. Robbins
Ms. Shultz
Ms. Auman, Ms. Marsh
Ms. Turybury
Mr. Alhadj Diallo
Mr. Clancy, Mr. Bradt
Ms. Norasethaporn, Ms. Preston
Ms. George, and Ms. Fuller
Ms. Palmer, Ms. Cole, Ms. Burton, Ms. White, Ms. Bailey, Ms. Prentice

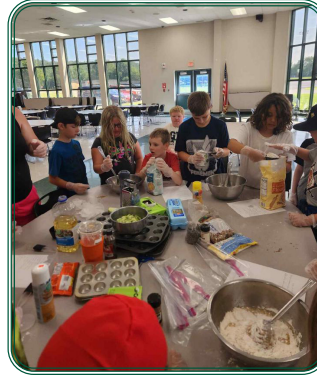
Meet The Teacher Night
August 30th 5:30-7:00PM



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!

FUN IN THE JUNGLE

Genesee Valley accommodated about 70 kids this summer at Fun in the Jungle! The program ran for six weeks and was offered to kids going into grades K-6. Daily breakfast and lunch were offered for all at no cost. Our facilitators provided planned activities for two hours a day consisting of crafts, baking, games, and more. During the afternoon, the kids enjoyed swimming in the pool, playing on the playground, watching a movie, or playing indoors. On Fridays we all looked forward to our "Friday Field Trip." This summer we had the opportunity to go to Funland Skating Rink, Letchworth State Park, and The Buffalo Zoo! The Fun in the Jungle summer program has so much to offer and is a great place for kids to spend their summer!



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.

2023 SCHOOL PHOTO DATES

Picture day will be September 13, 2023
and Retake Day will be November 7th.
This is for all GV and BOCES students
and staff.

CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER- RESPECT: To accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them.

OCTOBER - RESPONSIBILITY: The opportunity or ability to act independently and make decisions without authorization.



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.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such



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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.

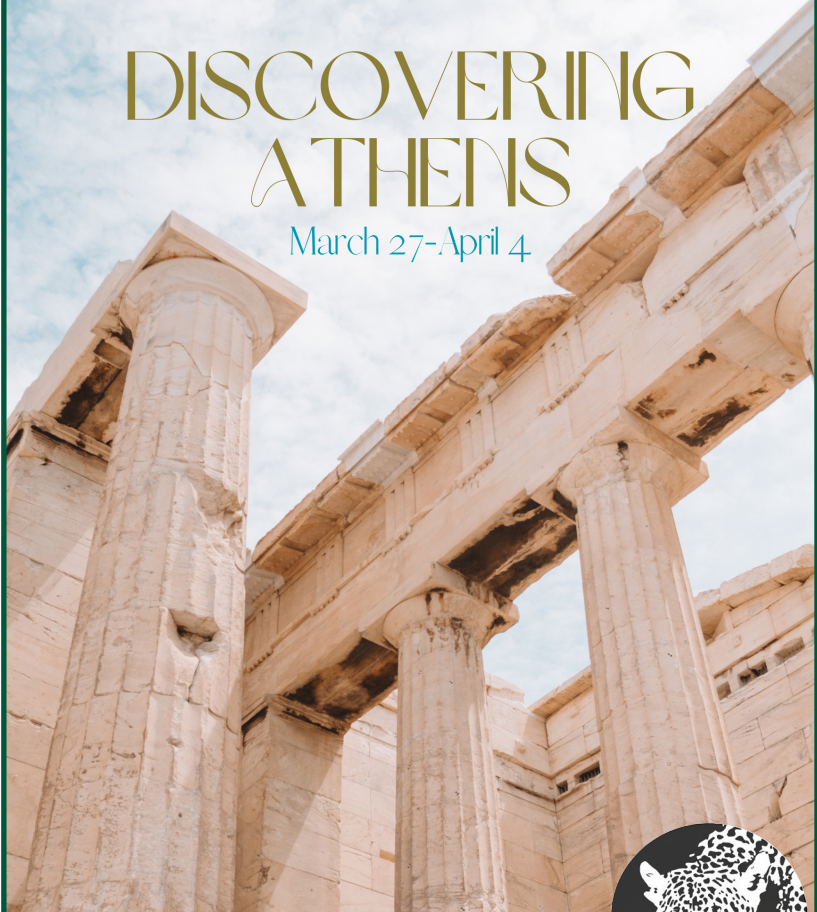
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Interested in more information?
Contact Mrs. Sarah Horne-
shorne@genvally.org
pick up a flyer in the main office.

DISCOVERING ATHENS

March 27-April 4





FORTH QUARTER HONOR ROLLS LISTED FOR 2022-23

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 2022-23 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: Aria Barnes, Kiri Bogle, Zachary Bourne, Coltin Brown, Shelby Bulkley, Ashley Burrows, Sophia Gambino, Lealah Greene, Adison Grusendorf, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, Brooke Hutchison, Alessandro Marotta, Clelia Parla, Max Wedge

Grade 11: Karlee Jones, Chrystal Larson, Emily Mejia

Grade 10: Kallie Burdick, Brayden Cooper, Ryan Daciw, Keanna Sands

Grade 9: Jacey Davis, Kenton Shultz, Cody Webster, Whitney Young

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Landon Burdick, Harland Geffers, Kylee Lorow, Dominic Marra

Grade 11: Kimimela Ball, Morgan Bentley, Molly Hannon, Hunter Nickens, Alexander Osborn, Jacob Rizzo, Jade Rounds, Ellaina Scholes

Grade 10: Emily Brown

Grade 9: Graham Bradt, Cole Cochran, Ryker Holmes, Nolan Hunter, Meara Kelley, Tristan Metatos, Lannan Tilton

HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Elden Aquila, Ethan Bigelow, Hayden Burnell, James Frawley, Payton Grantier, Kaylee Kozlowski, Killian McKnight, Thai Noraethaporn, JasLynn Shipman, Saige Thomas

Grade 11: Clayton Babbitt, Kendra Bigelow, Riley Edwards, Cassidy Hand, Dakota Hemphill, Christian King, Alivia Marra, Erin McIntyre, Jamie Szalay

Grade 10: Haelyn Clark, Liberty Clarke, Daphne Gugino, Makayla Hutchison, Ty Hutchison, Mackenzie Marciano, Marah Mellinger, Ryan Snyder, Madison Tarar, Tyler Wedge

Grade 9: Cree Bulkley, Logan Callahan, Bryce Davis, Zachary Davis, Mason Fanton, Ian MacKenzie, Christina McAuley, Rylee Ordway, Justine Willson, Madelyn Young

Honor Roll list for students attending BOCES:

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Zachary Bourne, Coltin Brown, Landon Burdick, Ashley Burrows, Harland Geffers, Payton Grantier, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Killian McKnight

Grade 11: Clayton Babbitt, Karlee Jones, Kolton Moore, Alexander Osborn

HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Elden Aquila, Colton Cowburn, Jonathan Ford, Kaylee Kozlowski, JasLynn Shipman, Jessie Sweet

Grade 11: Johnathon Baker, Kimimela Ball, Morgan Bentley, Haylee Blake, Kaylyn Goodwill, Dakota Hemphill, Fisher Herdman, Erin McIntyre, Jamie Szalay, Lance Vohs

Seniors/Guardians of Seniors

College applications should be completed by the end of November. Mrs. Preston will have 1:1 meetings in September and also will be coming to classes to help students complete applications. Please remember that all scholarships will be on Mrs. Preston's website—please check this weekly as they will be added throughout the year!

SAT/ACT exams

Any seniors or juniors considering going to college should take one or both of these tests. These exams are seen equally by colleges! I will be giving the SAT within the school day on October 26th at 8:00 a.m. and also will give another in the Spring. GVCS pays for these exams making them free to our students!

*If you would like to take the exam at a neighboring district on a Saturday morning, families are responsible for fees and transportation. Come see Mrs. Preston if you need the dates and locations.

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) will be offered October 11, 2023 for sophomores and juniors this year.

Students interested in the military

The ASVAB exam will be offered to any interested students on November 6 at 8:00 a.m. at GVCS. Mrs. Preston will be coming into the classrooms to explain more and register students.



Please contact Josie Preston in the school counseling office with any questions or concerns at 585-268-7928 or jpreston@genvalley.org.

From the CSE Office

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 several important documents and further 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.

In addition, 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. We are looking forward to working with you throughout this school year!

Special Education Department

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, 2023 and October 1, 2023. 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.

Genesee Valley Central School

Attn: Director of Special Education

(585) 268-7913

FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING

Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA):

- \$650,548
- Daytime Cleaner
- LVT Flooring
- Access Controls – Classroom Doors
- PPE/Sanitation Requirements
- Storage Units – Rent
- Furniture
- Technology
- Floor Scrubber

ARP State Reserves:

- Summer Enrichment
- \$100,002
 - Summer Academic Clinic
 - Summer Athletic Camps
 - Summer Fun in the Jungle
- After School
- \$100,002
 - After School Program Staffing

- Learning Loss
- \$499,996
 - Intervention Teacher
 - A+ Learning
 - Peaceful Schools Professional Development

American Rescue Plan Act (ARP):

- \$1,462,094
- 20% Learning Loss - \$292,419
- Professional Development
- Behavior Specialist
- Intervention Teacher
- School Nurse
- Clerical Work for Nurse
- After School Program
- PreK Playground
- HVAC/Air Handler Work

School Tax Information

The 2023-24 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 585-268-7955 or preferred 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 with no penalty or in October with around a 2% penalty. No school taxes will be collected after October 31, 2023. 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 2023 the amount will be added onto your County and Town bill that comes out in January.



Distinguished Alumni Wall Of Fame Nomination

The Board of Education and Administration of Genesee Valley Central School is seeking nominations for this year's 2023 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 Monday, October 16, 2023. 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.

The induction ceremony will be held Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. as part of the Academic Honors Dinner at the Angelica American House & Hotel. We consider it an honor to be inducted and look forward to receiving nominations.

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 2023-24 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 by calling the Main Office. Thank you for your cooperation.

2023-2024 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Milk

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$1,038	\$519
2	\$36,482	\$3,041	\$1,521	\$1,404	\$702
3	\$45,991	\$3,833	\$1,917	\$1,769	\$885
4	\$55,500	\$4,625	\$2,313	\$2,135	\$1,068
5	\$65,009	\$5,418	\$2,709	\$2,501	\$1,251
6	\$74,518	\$6,210	\$3,105	\$2,867	\$1,434
7	\$84,027	\$7,003	\$3,502	\$3,232	\$1,616
8	\$93,536	\$7,795	\$3,898	\$3,598	\$1,799

*Each add'l \$ 9,509
person add

\$ 793

\$ 397

\$ 366

\$ 183



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.

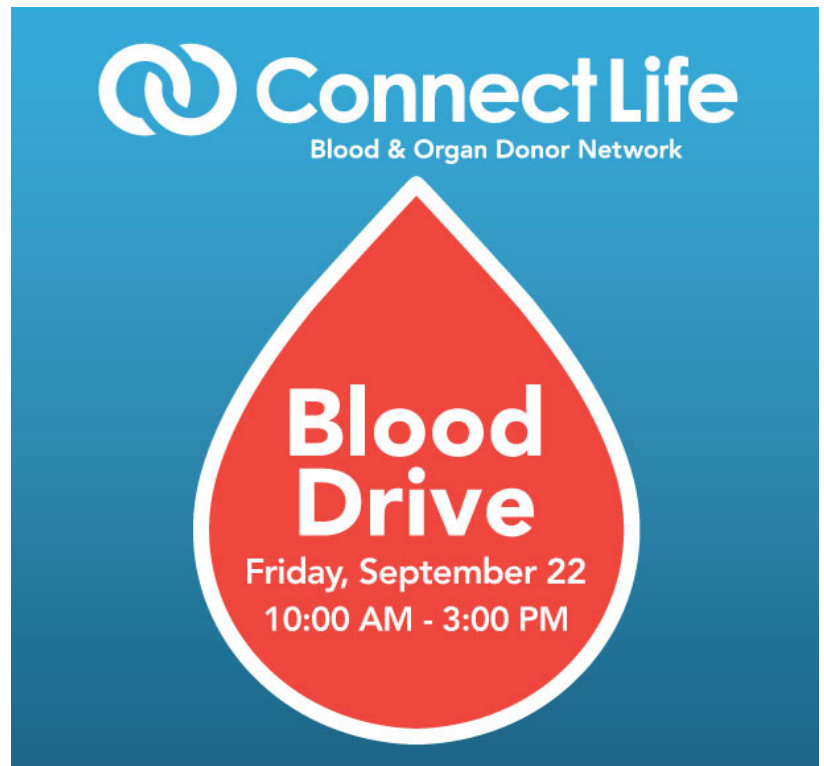
BUS RULES:

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.

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

- William Weaver, Transportation Supervisor



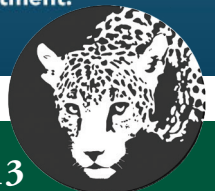
Genesee Valley Central School

In the Auditorium at 1 Jaguar Dr., Belmont



Scan the code or call ConnectLife at 716.529.4270 to make an appointment.

Walk-ins are welcome!



Genesee Valley CSD FFA's Debut at the Allegany County Fair

By: Carolyn Wright

This year Genesee Valley CSD FFA members competed at the Allegany County Fair for the first time. Four members came out to represent the chapter throughout the week and we had at least one member compete in every contest. On Monday, students competed in Livestock Judging where they had to place classes of sheep, pigs, and beef cattle. Derick Grantier placed 5th individually and Addison Middaugh placed 8th individually. The team of Derick Grantier, Addison Middaugh, and Riley Blarr placed 3rd overall. On Tuesday, students competed in Tractor Operation, Tree ID, and Wildlife ID. Derick Grantier placed 3rd in tractor operation and 2nd in Tree ID. Chilaleah Ormsby placed 3rd in Tree ID and 2nd in Wildlife ID. On Wednesday, students competed in the Livestock Skill-a-thon and Dairy Judging. GV CSD FFA had another great showing in both of these contests

with Addison Middaugh placing 3rd in the Livestock Skill-a-thon and 1st individually in Dairy Judging. Chilaleah Ormsby placed 2nd individually in Dairy Judging and Derick Grantier placed 10th. As a team, Addison, Chilaleah, and Derick brought home a 2nd place ribbon in the Dairy Judging Contest. On Thursday, contests finished up with Horse Judging. Addison Middaugh represented the GV CSD FFA Chapter in this event and placed 1st overall. I couldn't be prouder of each of these students' performances and am looking forward to what GV CSD FFA members will accomplish at the fair and beyond in the coming years.



Summer AgEd and FFA Update

By: Carolyn Wright

At the end of the school year the Tech 8 students worked hard to give the raised bed gardens some much needed love. They weeded the beds, pulled up sod that had grown over the landscape fabric, and re-laid out the decorative rocks. In class, we worked together to create a planting plan for each raised bed and started planting the different vegetables in June. Students decided to plant pumpkins, peas, green beans, sweet peppers, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, regular tomatoes, cayenne peppers, poblano pepper, habanero peppers, watermelon, rainbow carrots, regular carrots, and zucchini. By the time school ended we had either directly planted seeds in the raised beds or had them starting inside. Students learned how to plant seeds in rows versus hills and the importance of marking each row and hill with a label. Mrs. Faller students joined in the fun by planting the watermelon.

Throughout the summer, Genesee Valley CSD FFA members have been coming to school 1-2x a week to weed, water, transplant, and harvest the produce from the raised beds. We have harvested a total of 39 cucumbers, 10 zucchini, just over a quart of peas, and 5-6 quarts of green beans to date. All of the produce has either gone home with the students taking care of the garden or been used in the cafeteria for the students' lunches throughout the summer program. The students continue to take care of the garden and look forward to harvesting tomatoes, carrots, peppers, and pumpkins as the school year begins and fall arrives.

In addition to maintaining the garden at school, GV CSD FFA members have been working on getting the hydroponic systems up and running for the upcoming school year. Hydroponics are systems that grow plants without using soil. Currently the school has a grow tower that will pump water with a nutrient solution from a reservoir throughout the tower. This system is designed to grow lettuce and herbs. We also have a dutch bucket system that students built this past school year. This system also pumps water from a reservoir but is designed to grow fruiting crops such as strawberries. Our goal is to be able to grow fresh veggies and fruits throughout the school year that can be utilized by the school in lunches.



GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY 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					

Total Student Days = 180
Staff Develop./Rating Day = 5+1
TOTAL DAYS = 187

4 Independence Day

ADOPTED BY BOE: 3.14.2023
Re-Adopted by BOE: 6.13.2023

JANUARY 2024

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
15 M.L. King Jr. Day
23-26 Regents Exams
26 Regents Rating Day/
Staff Development Day

Student Days – 20

AUGUST 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		

28 New Staff Orientation
29-30 Staff Development Days
30 Meet the Teacher Night

FEBRUARY 2024

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

19 President's Day
20-23 Mid-Winter Break

Student Days – 16

SEPTEMBER 2023

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

1 No School
4 Labor Day
5 First Day of School

Student Days – 19

MARCH 2024

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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15 Staff Development Day
29 Good Friday
31 Easter

Student Days – 19

OCTOBER 2023

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

6 Staff Development Day
9 Columbus Day

Student Days – 20

APRIL 2024

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28	29	30				

1-5 Easter / Spring Break

Student Days – 17

NOVEMBER 2023

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26	27	28	29	30		

9 Parent-Teacher Conferences/
Superintendent Confer. Day
Grades PK-12 NO School
Schedule conferences
between Nov. 6th - 9th
10 Veterans Day observed
21 11:00 Dismissal PK-12
22-24 Thanksgiving Break

Student Days – 17

MAY 2024

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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3 Extra Day Off
27 Memorial Day

Student Days – 21

DECEMBER 2023

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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22-29 Christmas Break

Student Days – 15

JUNE 2024

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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4 Regents Exam
14, 18, 20, 21, 24, 25 Regents Exams
17 Regents Rating Day
19 Juneteenth Holiday observed
26 Rating Day/Last Day for Staff
29 Graduation

Student Days – 16

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
Tracie Bliven, Interim Director of Special Education &
CSE/CPSE Chairperson
Paula Mighells, Dean of Students and
Curriculum Coordinator
Erin Ostrander, School Business Official

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

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**

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.*

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,
for more information contact Kristin at
kbuchholz@genvalley.org or call
(607) 382-7755*

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.