



Genesee Valley Central School

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Jag News

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT / FUN IN THE JUNGLE MUSICAL

Meet the Teacher night will take place on Wednesday, August 28 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Elementary teachers will be in their classrooms from 5:30-6:45 p.m. for parents to visit, 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.

Following Meet the Teacher Night at 7:00 p.m., the Fun in the Jungle students and staff will perform Seussical the Musical Jr. in the Auditorium. All are welcome to attend!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2024-2025 WILL BE PROVIDED ONCE AGAIN!

ALL YOUR CHILD WILL NEED IS A BACKPACK TO CARRY ITEMS TO & FROM SCHOOL.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Jaguars,

It is hard to believe that summer is ending 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. 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 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to see classrooms, meet faculty and staff, and familiarize students with schedules. Dinner will be provided in the cafeteria.

The Fun in the Jungle students will perform Seussical the Musical Jr. beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium following Meet the Teacher Night. Students have worked hard all summer and I encourage everyone to stay for the performance. Fall athletics begin on Monday, August 26 and students arrive for the first day of classes on Tuesday, September 3.

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

CELL PHONE POLICY

Students are prohibited from having electronic communication devices on their person for the duration of the school day. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, wireless headphones, ear buds, smart watches, or any other smart device that possesses the ability to send or receive messages.


All electronic communication devices brought into the school building must be turned off and put away from 7:45 a.m. to 2:54 p.m. or for the duration of the school day.

The GVCS Medical Director will review and approve exemptions for any student needing a device for medical necessity, these students will be held to the same standard of use during district operating hours.




ConnectLife Blood Drive

Thursday, September 19th, 2024
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Genesee Valley Central School
In the Choir Room
1 Jaguar Dr. Belmont, NY

 Donate blood during Sept. & Oct. to be entered to win a pair of tickets to a regular season Buffalo Bills home game in the all-inclusive M&T Bank Club.
WINNERS DRAWN EACH WEEK!

To make an appointment:
Scan the QR code, call ConnectLife at 716.529.4270 OR visit ConnectLife.GiveBlood.org & enter sponsor code: 000602



SCAN ME

GVCS OFFICE & STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

The Welcome Desk hours are 7:30 a.m. to 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
Cafeteria Office.....	585-268-7916
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
Tax Collector/Accounts Payable.....	585-268-7955
Technology Support.....	585-268-7912

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
Burdick, Linda (CSE/CPSE Office).....	585-268-7913
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).....	585-268-7955
LaBenne, Jeff (Technology).....	585-268-7922
LaFever, Kelly (Psychologist).....	585-268-7944
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
Ryan, Raegan (Athletic Director).....	585-268-7927
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 and must be renewed each year. Please email Mrs. Edmund in the high school office at aedmund@genvalley.org for the student parking permit and vehicle registration paperwork. We will need a copy of your driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance, along with the registration form, complete with your parent's signature.

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

- » Wednesday, August 28 – Meet the Teacher Night / Seussical the Musical Jr.
- » Monday, September 2 - Labor Day – School Closed
- » Tuesday, September 3 – First Day of Student Attendance
- » Friday, October 11 – Staff Development Day – No Student Attendance
- » Monday, October 14 – Columbus Day – School Closed

CLASSES BEGIN FOR STUDENTS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

The 2024-25 school year opens on Tuesday, September 3 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.

Genesee Valley Central School 2024 - 2025 Bell Schedule

- Buses arrive, Grab & Go Breakfast at 7:45 a.m.
- 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

2024-2025 Two Hour Delay Schedule

- Periods 1-9 are 31-minute periods with a 30-minute lunch.
- AM BOCES will be picked up at 9:55 a.m. and will return at 11:05 a.m. They will report to the library during period 4.
- PM BOCES students will eat lunch at 11:15 a.m.
- PM BOCES bus will leave at 11:45 a.m. and will return at 2:05 p.m. Students should report to the library until 2:20 p.m.

2 Hour Delay High School	
No Breakfast served	
9:50 Report to Homeroom	
Period 1	9:50-10:23
Period 2	10:26-10:57
Period 3	11:00-11:31
Period 5 (LUNCH)	11:34-12:04
Period 4	12:07-12:38
Period 6	12:41-1:12
Period 7	1:15-1:46
Period 8	1:49-2:20
Period 9	2:23-2:54

2 Hour Delay Middle School	
No Breakfast served	
9:50 Report to Homeroom	
Period 1	9:50-10:23
Period 2	10:26-10:57
Period 3	11:00-11:31
Period 4	11:34-12:05
Period 6 (LUNCH)	12:08-12:38
Period 5	12:41-1:12
Period 7	1:15-1:46
Period 8	1:49-2:20
Period 9	2:23-2:54



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

2024-25 school year on Tuesday September 3. 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 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 a.m., and first period will start at 8:00 a.m. Meet the Teacher Night will be held on Wednesday, August 28 from 5:30-7:00pm. 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
7-12 Building Principal

SOCIAL MEDIA

Genesee Valley Central School social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, X and YouTube) inform parents, staff and community members about our achievements, events and activities. This is not an open or public forum. We expect comments will be respectful, factual and constructive. Personal insults against any individual will be deleted, as will posts that violate the privacy of others or the social media platform's rules.

Comments not consistent with the purposes of our accounts will also be deleted. Examples include unauthorized commercial solicitations; posts that bully, intimidate or harass; content that is hateful, threatening, pornographic, or contains violence; or any post that is unlawful, misleading, vulgar, malicious or discriminatory, any posts that contain personally identifiable information, medical information or other confidential information, or if the comments interfere with the district including threatening posts or posts that endanger the health or safety of any students or employees. If more than one post by the same individual must be deleted, the district reserves the right to block that individual from our accounts.

Genesee Valley Central School social media accounts are followed by students in our schools. It is our belief that we must model respectful and kind behavior on these accounts.



2024 HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Wall of Fame Induction

- **Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m., GV cafeteria.**
Continental breakfast will be provided

Homecoming Sports Schedule

Please see our website for the schedule

CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER- RESPECT: To accept someone on an equal basis and giving them the same consideration you would expect for yourself. Respect begins with oneself.

OCTOBER - RESPONSIBILITY: The state or fact of being accountable, reliable, dependable, and trustworthy.



Welcome Back!

from Mr. Ed Elementary Principal

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 2024-25 school year, and gearing up to have the best school anywhere! You will see lots of new names for teachers this year, either familiar teachers in new places or ones with new last names. Meet the Teacher Night will be a great time to meet our new staff on August 28. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Dinner is available in the cafeteria. The Drama Club will be presenting *Seussical the Musical Jr.* at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

The summer found GV a busy place. The only consistent thing we've had is change. 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 2024-25 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 Class Teachers

Elem. Music
Elem. Art
Digital Literacy
Elem. Counselor
Teacher Assistant
Elem. PE
Library
Nurses
Intervention

Ms. Bagley (1268) and Ms. Hopkins (1269)
Ms. R. Schmidt (1258) and Ms. Johnson (1260)
Ms. Deck (Literacy West) (1266)
Ms. Hillman (1259) and Ms. Bliven (1261)
Ms. Moffat (Mertsock) (1267) and Ms. Miller (1265)
Ms. Preston (2268) and Ms. Bump (2266)
Ms. LaBenne (2267) and Ms. Vossler (2263)
Ms. E. White (2216) and Ms. K. Schmidt (Majot) (2234)
Ms. J. Wesche (2230) and Ms. Dunham (2232)
Ms. Burger (2218) and Ms. Finnemore (2220)
Ms. Graham (1253) and Ms. Rizzo (1254)
Ms. Ring (2240), Ms. Faller 6:1:1 (2261) Ms. Shaw 6:1:1 (2258)
Ms. Wonderling (Allen) 12:1:1 (1263) Ms. Edmister 4-6 8:1:1 (2239)
Ms. Dougherty K-3 8:1:1 (1257)
Mr. Durant (2250) and Mr. Robbins (1176)
Ms. Shultz (2257) and Ms. Buchholz (1151)
Ms. Auman (1281)
Ms. Turybury (1218)
Ms. Marsh (1281), Ms. H. White (2258) and Ms. Prentice (2265)
Mr. Clancy (1298) and Mr. Bradt (1407)
Ms. Norasetaporn (1150)
Ms. George (1236) and Ms. Fuller (1235)
Ms. Palmer (2265), Ms. Cole (2262), Ms. Burton (2262), Ms. Bailey (2251)

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 every parent in our district: we will love your children and strive to make GV the best experience possible!

ACADEMIC HONORS DINNER

Our 8th annual Academic Honors Dinner will be held at the American House & Hotel in Angelica at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6. The purpose of this event is to recognize our high school students who achieved honor roll status or above for all consecutive quarters throughout the 2023-24 school year, as well as previous high school years.

We will also be honoring the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Inductees.

FUN IN THE JUNGLE

This summer, the school building was alive with the sounds of laughter, joy, and adventure, thanks to the “Fun in the Jungle” summer recreation program. Over 100 local students had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of exciting activities that made this summer one to remember.

The program offered a variety of engaging trips and events, ensuring that there was something for everyone. From roller skating at Funland Skating Rink to the friendly bowling competition at Community Lanes, students enjoyed every moment. Nature lovers were thrilled with our day trip to Kanakadea Park, where they kayaked with Mr. Ed and took part in various outdoor games and activities.

A highlight for many was the visit from the SPCA, where students learned about animal care and got the chance to interact with some of the kittens looking for forever homes. This experience was both educational and heartwarming, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who participated.

But the fun didn’t stop there! Over 40 students also highlighted their talents in a summer musical, *Seussical Jr*, expressing their creativity and gaining confidence in the process. Arts and crafts sessions allowed for artistic exploration, and the summer “Olympic Games” brought out the competitive spirit in everyone, with friendly challenges that promoted teamwork and physical activity.

This year, we were excited to offer swimming lessons, which were a big hit for students of all ages. In addition to these lessons, we held a week-long varsity-level swim clinic run by Brian Edmister III, providing more advanced swimmers with the opportunity to hone their skills under expert guidance. These new additions to the program were extraordinarily successful and are sure to become a staple in future summers.

Another exciting addition this summer was a new healthy and fresh afternoon snack opportunity organized with the assistance of Ms. Alyssa Dean, Farm to School Coordinator through Cornell Extension and GVCS Healthy Meals Incentive Grant. We also had amazing meals served up daily with a smile under the direction of Mrs. Michelle Haggstrom.

We would like to extend a special thank you to our incredible lifeguards, swimming instructors, program facilitators, and aids. Their dedication and hard work ensured that every activity was not only fun but also safe and well organized. Their efforts made this summer unforgettable for all who participated.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of our community sponsors. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Nicholson’s Pharmacy, the Angelica Lions Club, Angelica American Legion, Armstrong Cable, and East Wind Landscape Nursery. Their contributions helped us provide these wonderful experiences to our community’s youth, and we are deeply grateful for their commitment to making a difference.

As we reflect on this incredible summer, we are reminded of the importance of community and the joy that comes from shared experiences. “Fun in the Jungle” was more than just a recreation program; it was an opportunity for students to build friendships, discover new interests, and create memories that will last a lifetime. We can’t wait to see what next summer has in store!



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 will be dismissing all students in grades PK-4th 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/guardians needing a student to be dismissed from school must sign them 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/guardians may sign their child(ren) out from school with a legal excuse as defined by NYS Education Department.
4. Parents must personally sign their child(ren) 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 Ms. Paula Mighells. Students and/or parents may report concerns to Ms. 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.

LET'S GO TO ITALY!

Venice
Rome
Pisa
Florence

November 8-16,
2025

shorne@genvalley.org
for more info!

ITALY TRIP MEETING

**GV Information Meeting for Students and
Community Members, Wednesday, September 11,
2024, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 1136**

FORTH QUARTER HONOR ROLLS LISTED FOR 2023-24

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 2023-24 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: Clayton Babbitt, Kimimela Ball, Morgan Bentley, Haylee Blake, Fisher Herdman, Karlee Jones, Chrystal Larson, Madison MacKenzie, Alivia Marra, Emilyya Mejia, Jacob Rizzo

Grade 11: Emily Brown, Brayden Cooper-Osterhout, Mackenzie Marciano, Xander Murray, Keanna Sands

Grade 10: Logan Callahan, Jacey Davis, Byron France, Nolan Hunter, Meara Kelley, Rylee Ordway, Kenton Shultz, Landen Tilton, Cody Webster, Whitney Young

Grade 9: Kylee Christensen, Samantha Clark, Tanner Herdman, Trent Hutchison, Kayla Wedge

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Johnathon Baker, Kendra Bigelow, Cassidy Hand, Molly Hannon, Dakota Hemphill, Erin McIntyre, Hunter Nickens, Alexander Osborn, Liliana Porter Long, Jade Rounds, Callin Shipman, Jamie Szalay, Lance Vohs

Grade 11: Kallie Burdick, Ryan Daciw, Daphne Gugino, Hunter Newman, Ryan Snyder, Seanna Stockiing

Grade 10: Graham Bradt, Cree Bulkley, Bryson Covell, Bryce Davis, Ryker Holmes, McKenna Jefferds, Abbygail

Grade 9: Addison Bradt, Elivia McIntyre, Addison Middaugh

HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Jayden Beckwith, Caleb Bliven, Christian King, Ellaina Scholes

Grade 11: Logan Burrows, Reagan Butler, Liberty Clarke, Paul Cleveland, William Edwards, Aubrey Geoppner, Kiara Holmes, Ty Hutchison, Marah Mellinger, Thomas Ryan, Zachary Thomas, Evan Turybury, Tyler Wedge

Grade 10: Cole Cochran, Ethan Davenport, Zachary Davis, Mason Fanton, Christina McAuley, Charlotte Mejia, Tristan Metatos, Jasmine Rounds, Jade Sallazzo, Justine Willson, Madolyn Young

Grade 9: Ash Bauer, Riley Blarr, Bryan Kear, Dominick Miller, Maks

Honor Roll list for students attending BOCES:

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Clayton Babbitt, Kimimela Ball, Morgan Bentley, Molly Hannon, Dakota Hemphill, Fisher Herdman, Karlee Jones, Emilyya Mejia, Jade Rounds

Grade 11: Logan Burrows, William Edwards, Seanna Stocking, Zachary Thomas

HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Johnathon Baker, Erin McIntyre, Alexander Osborn, Jamie Szalay, Lance Vohs

Grade 11: Kallie Burdick, Reagan Butler, Liberty Clarke, Paul Cleveland, Rhianna Cowburn, Hope Ford, Kiara Holmes, Ty Hutchison, Marah Mellinger, Hunter Newman, Thomas Ryan, Ryan Snyder, Evan Turybury, Tyler Wedge

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. **Remember all scholarships will be on Mrs. Preston's website. Please check this weekly as they will be added throughout the year.**

SAT/ACT exams

Although these exams are optional at most colleges, they are still encouraged for entry into some programs and also for scholarships. The ACT and SAT exams are viewed equally by colleges. I will be giving the "SAT school day" in October for seniors and juniors. I will also be giving another "SAT school day exam" in the Spring. GVCS pays for these exams, which means they are free to 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.

Students interested in the military

The ASVAB exam will be offered to any interested students on November 4 at 8:00 a.m. at GVCS. Mrs. Preston will be coming into the classrooms to explain more and register students.

Community service

A reminder that all students in high school must have 20 hours of community service. This must be completed by the Spring of their senior year for graduation!

Please contact Josie Preston in the school counseling office with further questions or concerns at (585) 268-7928 or jpreston@genvally.org.

From the CSE Office

Dear Parent/Guardians,

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer! We are so excited to begin the 2024-25 school year! Over the last several months, there have been changes to the special education department staff and we have added special education classrooms throughout our building to better serve our special education population. The Special Education Department will continue to adapt, change, and evolve to make this a great year for students. We continue to encourage parents/guardians to communicate and connect with us as much as possible. You are a vital part of success for your child.

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. These 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).

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

Sincerely,
Sarah Taylor

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, 2024 and October 1, 2024. 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.

Sarah Taylor
Director of Special Education
(585) 268-7913

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

OPT OUT

Open Events: Please be aware that ensuring student privacy is NOT POSSIBLE during open events such as school or district-related meetings, assemblies, activities, performances and athletics where cameras are permitted.

Parents, guardians, family members, and students are potentially taking and sharing photos and videos during these Open Events, even if not open to the general public. Images of your student could be in these photos and videos. By choosing to allow students to attend or participate in such activities and programs, parents/guardians agree to this condition. GVCS will do its best to not share photos of students with photo opt-out forms taken at open events.

Public Events: Students participating in sports, choir, band, cheerleading, theater, and other school activities, or attending such activities, that are open to the public are NOT ELIGIBLE for photo Opt-Out forms, as there is no way to prevent photos, videos and news media coverage of public events. GVCS has the right to use photo of these students.

The Opt-Out is a right under the Family Rights and Privacy Act. If you agree to allow GVCS to use your child’s name and/or picture to be printed or posted as well as names in our yearbook, publications, website and newsletters, etc., **there is no need to do anything further.** We are hoping to be able to highlight your child(ren) in our publications! They are doing awesome things!

Also, please send a letter to the GVCS Elementary Office if you **do not** want your child’s name and/or picture in publications.

OPT-IN

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.

Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Nominations for 2024

The Board of Education and Administration of Genesee Valley Central School are seeking nominations for the 2024 inductees 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 (class of 2009) 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 Thursday, October 10. You can e-mail mchamberlain@genvalley.org or call (585) 268-7906 with your nomination and pertinent contact information. A questionnaire will then be mailed to the nominee.

The Alumni Wall of Fame Selection Committee will review all applications and make selections for induction according to the bylaws. One nominee from Angelica Central, Belmont Central and Genesee Valley Central Schools will be inducted. The induction ceremony will be held during our Academic Honors Dinner on November 6. If selected, a plaque for each inductee will be placed on the wall in the auditorium at GVCS. 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 2024-25 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.

2024-2025 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Milk

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 27,861	\$ 2,322	\$ 1,161	\$ 1,072	\$ 536
2	\$ 37,814	\$ 3,152	\$ 1,576	\$ 1,455	\$ 728
3	\$ 47,767	\$ 3,981	\$ 1,991	\$ 1,838	\$ 919
4	\$ 57,720	\$ 4,810	\$ 2,405	\$ 2,220	\$ 1,110
5	\$ 67,673	\$ 5,640	\$ 2,820	\$ 2,603	\$ 1,302
6	\$ 77,626	\$ 6,469	\$ 3,235	\$ 2,986	\$ 1,493
7	\$ 87,579	\$ 7,299	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,369	\$ 1,685
8	\$ 97,532	\$ 8,128	\$ 4,064	\$ 3,752	\$ 1,876
*Each add'l person add	\$ 9,953	\$ 830	\$ 415	\$ 383	\$ 192

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 or 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.

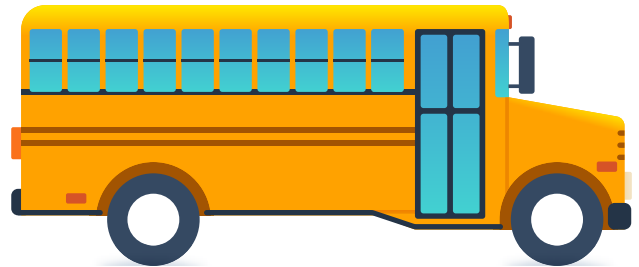
BUS RULES:

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 585-268-7920 with questions or concerns. Thank you.

- William Weaver, Transportation Supervisor



School Tax Information

The 2024-25 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.
(We do not accept in person payments at GVCS)
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, 2024. 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 2024 the amount will be added onto your County and Town bill that comes out in January.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Bill and Penny Shipman, who are both retiring this September after a combined 56 years of service!

Penny's GVCS journey began 30 years ago as a cleaner in Belmont, and over the years, she's worked in a variety of roles including as a 1:1 aide, classroom aide, and even as a chaperone for basketball, volleyball, softball, and track events. Penny says she'll miss the kids, her co-workers, and all the friends she made along the way.

Bill's 26 years in maintenance began at Belmont Central. After a 20-year career in the service, he decided it was time to retire from GVCS as well. He's loved the early morning snow days and keeping our hallways in top shape, and will miss the rapport he's developed with students. During retirement he's hoping to dive into some projects around the house.

As they head into retirement, Bill and Penny are looking forward to traveling, visiting family, and finally checking off some bucket list destinations—like a return trip to Alaska and visiting states they haven't yet been to. And once their youngest graduates, they hope to spend the winter months in Kentucky.

Congratulations, Bill and Penny, and thank you for your many years of service to the staff, students, and families of GVCS!

LYNN MANNING MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Men's: Bryan Collins, Ed Amore, and Scott and John Walsh



Women's: Leisa Smith, Michelle Alvord, Cindy Potter, and Shelly Chaffee



Mixed: Beverly Evans and Chris, Eric and Cooper Weinmann

The 3rd annual Lynn Manning Memorial Golf Tournament was held on July 19 at the Wellsville Country Club, where 24 teams participated. In addition to our hole and contest sponsors, proceeds for the scholarship fund were also raised through a basket auction and 50/50 raffle. We would like to thank all our local businesses, community organizations, community members, and friends and family for their continued support and generous donations.

SAVE THE DATE! NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY JULY 18, 2025.



We are proud to announce that Genesee Valley Central School has been recognized as a School of Distinction by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. This honor was awarded because 100% of our athletic teams achieved the Scholar-Athlete Team Award for the 2023-24 school year.



GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY 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			

Total Student Days = 181
 Staff Development Days = 6
TOTAL DAYS = 187

4 Independence Day

ADOPTED BY BOE: 3/12/2024

JANUARY 2025						
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	

1-3 New Year's / Break
20 M.L. King Jr. Day
21-24 Regents Exams
24 Regents Rating Day
29 Lunar New Year *NEW

Student Days – 18

AUGUST 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

26 New Staff Orientation
27-29 Staff Development Days
28 Meet the Teacher Night
30 No School

FEBRUARY 2025						
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	

17 President's Day
17-21 Mid-Winter Break

Student Days – 15

SEPTEMBER 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					

2 Labor Day
3 First Day of School

Student Days – 20

MARCH 2025						
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					

14 Staff Development Day

Student Days – 20

OCTOBER 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		

11 Staff Development Day
14 Columbus Day

Student Days – 21

APRIL 2025						
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			

14-21 Easter / Spring Break
18 Good Friday
20 Easter

Student Days – 16

NOVEMBER 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

8 Parent-Teacher Conferences/ Superintendent Confer. Day
Grades PK-12 NO School
Conferences Nov. 4th - 8th

11 Veteran's Day Observed
26 11:00 Dismissal PK-12
27-29 Thanksgiving Break

Student Days – 16

MAY 2025						
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

26 Memorial Day

Student Days – 21

DECEMBER 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				

23-31 Christmas Break

Student Days – 15

JUNE 2025						
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					

4 Regents Exam
10, 17, 18, 20, 23-26 Regents Exams
19 Juneteenth (Holiday)
27 Rating Day/Last Day for Staff
28 Graduation

Student Days – 19

Revised 6.18.24 ****added June 10th as a regents day**

School Closed Staff Development Parent Conf. Regents Exams

Genesee Valley Central School

1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont, NY 14813



Central Administration:

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

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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 through the main doors by the Fitness Center, exit through exterior doors in Fitness Center
- Members must ensure that the equipment is clean by wiping off all equipment after each use. GVCS fitness center does provide sanitary wipes for use.



FITNESS ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT GVCS

(only when school is in session)

Cardio, Core, Strength & More

Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. Room 1170

Instructor Pat Presutti, Call 716-860-8287 for information.

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.*

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.