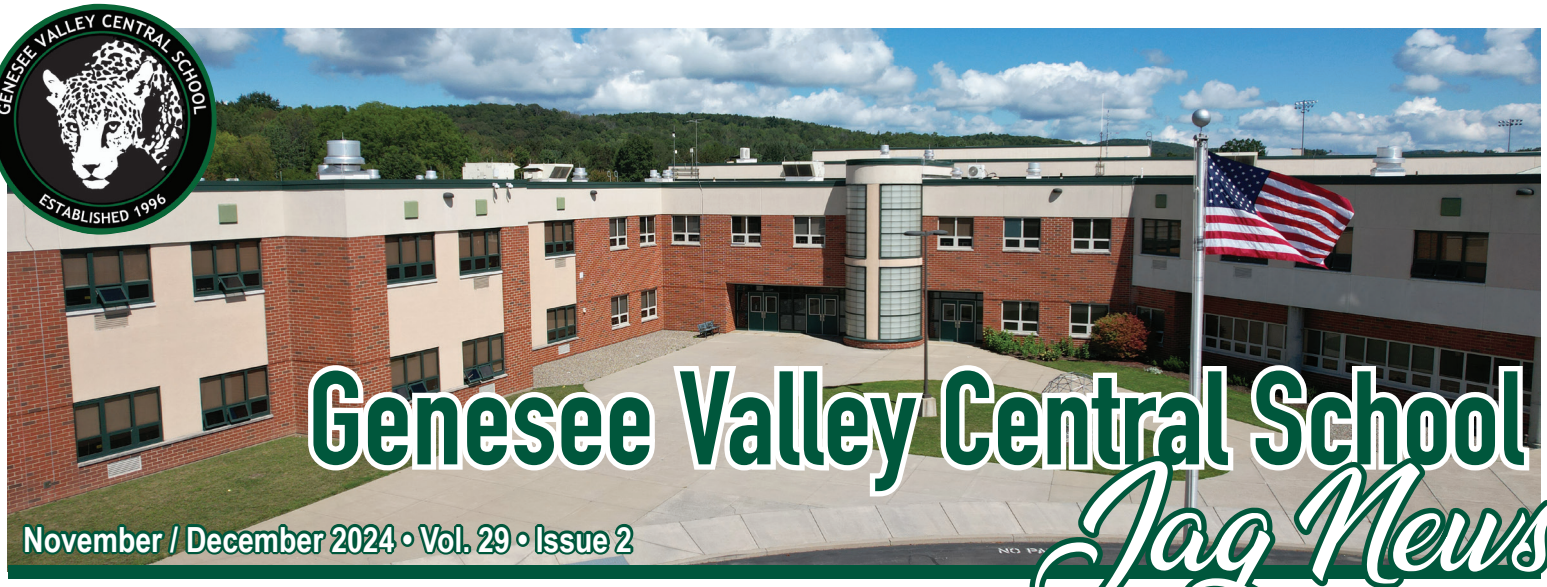


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GV/BC HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Our halls were filled with school spirit the week of September 30th preparing for Homecoming Weekend, October 4th and 5th. Students from GV along with fellow athletes from Belfast, gathered in the High School gym as the pep band played during the tug of war, roll the table (won by the Freshmen), and musical chairs played by the Seniors.

Over the weekend, several events took place including the Athletic Wall of Fame induction, soccer games, volleyball matches, bonfire at Belfast School, and the Homecoming Dance at GV. Thank you to everyone who made this weekend a big success!



GV Homecoming Court

L-R: Victor Baxter, Lena McNinch, Trent Hutchison, Addison Bradt, Whitney Young, Nolan Hunter, Evan Turybury (King), Keanna Sands (Queen)











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For a GVCS staff listing, events calendar, details regarding community use of district facilities and other helpful information, please visit us online.

From the Superintendent



Dear Genesee Valley Community,

Autumn always brings a sense of nostalgia to me. I love the annual traditions we share like Homecoming, the Fall Festival, Trunk or Treat, and the opportunity to serve students Thanksgiving Dinner. Hunting season brings additional time with family and friends spent in the great outdoors. I am very grateful for all of the support the faculty, staff, and community provide to Genesee Valley. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to say THANK YOU for all you provide to our students and school.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we have a great deal to be thankful for. I would like to share with you what I am thankful for as the Superintendent of GVCS:

- I am thankful for the outstanding students who come to school daily eager to learn. The energy they bring makes the building come alive!
- I am thankful for the dedicated teachers, teacher aides, teacher assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, administrators, office staff, custodians, and cleaners who give so much to make GVCS a truly special place. I am very proud of the outstanding professionals who give so much of their time to support the students of our community.
- I am thankful to serve with a Board of Education who truly cares about what is best for students, staff and the community. They are committed to making GVCS a community focused district and the best school in the country.
- I am thankful for the parents, grandparents, and volunteers who donate time and expertise so generously to support the district.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season and look forward to seeing you at one of the many upcoming district concerts and events.

Sincerely,

B. Schmitt

Dr. Brian Schmitt
Superintendent Genesee Valley CSD

School Closings or Delays

In the event our school needs to close due to inclement weather or an unforeseen situation, an automated call or text message will be sent out to notify families. To ensure you receive these notifications, please make sure we have your most up-to-date phone number. If your contact information has changed, please notify Denise Baker at (585) 268-7937 or dbaker@genvalley.org.

We also announce closings or delays on our website, TV channels (2, 4, 7, and Spectrum), along with local radio stations WQRW 93.5, WLSV/WJQZ 103.5, and WPIG 95.7.

Character Words of the Month

November - Gratitude: is to show that you are thankful for what others have done for you

December - Compassion: is having sympathy and concern for sufferings or misfortunes of others. When you have learned compassion for yourself, compassion for others is automatic

SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION WEEK

October 14-18, 2024

School Board Recognition Week is an opportunity to raise community awareness and understanding about the crucial role school board members have within our school district. Recognizing our board members should be a year-round endeavor, but designating one week to highlight these volunteers' efforts ensures they receive some of the thanks they deserve. They make tough decisions every month and spend numerous hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our community expects. School Boards are comprised of volunteers who do not receive any compensation for their service. They are individuals within the community who dedicate their time to improving public education.

The key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Supporting a healthy school district culture in which to work and learn
- Creating a shared vision for the future of education
- Setting the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance
- Aligning district resources to improve achievement
- And much more!



Board members complete mandatory courses for Board membership. They attend GVCS Board meetings, committee meetings, NYS School Boards Association meetings/ conventions, Allegany County School Boards Association meetings, and various school events.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Education for their dedication to our school: Heath "Buddy" Gordon, President, Max Gilluly, Vice-President, Timothy Hand, Michelle Kelley, Jamie Willson; Shawn Grusendorf; and James Cartwright.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



- Friday, November 8 – **Parent - Teacher Conferences / Superintendent Conference Day Grades PK-12...NO school Attendance**
- Monday, November 11 – **Veterans Day Observed – School Building Closed**
- Tuesday, November 26 – **All Students Dismissed at 11:00 a.m.**
- Wednesday, November 27 – **Thanksgiving Break – No School**
- Thursday, November 28 – **Thanksgiving Day – School Building Closed**
- Friday, November 29 – **Thanksgiving Break – School Building Closed**
- Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3 – **Christmas/New Year's Break – No School , School Building Closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 & Jan. 1 – Students return Monday, Jan. 6, 2025**



From: Mrs. Donlon
7-12 Building Principal

The school year is off to a great start! Classes are under way and the fall athletic season is in full swing. Our students had fun showing their school pride during spirit week! We had great weather for games and the dance was well attended.

Parent/Teacher conferences for grades 7-12 will be held the week of November 4. Please reach out to your child's teachers to schedule a time to come to the building, talk on the phone, or video conference.

As we look forward to the holiday season, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the Genesee Valley school community. I am thankful for the students, faculty, and community members who make up our district. Thank you for the part you play in making our community a wonderful place to live, learn, and grow!

With gratitude,
Mrs. Donlon

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Veterans Recognition Concert:
Genesee Valley would like to invite everyone to a special **Veterans Recognition Concert at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7th.** The High School Band is excited to recognize the veterans with a musical tribute. Please come and support this musical celebration.

Winter Concerts:

- *Thursday, December 5*
  6:00 p.m. – Grades K-1
  6:45 p.m. – Grades 2-4
- *Tuesday, December 10*
  4:00 p.m. – Senior Citizens Concert & Dinner
  6:30 p.m. – Grades 9-12 Band
  Grades. 7-12 Choir
- *Thursday, December 12*
  6:30 p.m. – Grades 5-8 Band
  Grades 5-6 Choir

NEW EMPLOYEE WELCOMED TO GVCS



Caitlin Whitfield joined us this year as a Teacher Assistant. She received a bachelor's degree from Alfred State College in Human Services Management, and earned her associate's degree in Liberal Arts with a minor in ASL. For the last 2 years she was a teacher aide at Wellsville Central School District, and prior to that she worked for a year and a half as the Youth Development Educator at Hornell Area Concern for Youth, Inc. There she worked with at risk children ages 8-18. Caitlin stated, "I am so excited to become a member of the GV family and to be around so many familiar faces! I'm thankful for this opportunity and have felt so welcomed into this school district." Her hobbies include reading, running, traveling, and spending time with family.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Grades K-12: Conferences will be held between Monday, November 4th and Friday, November 8th by appointment. Please reach out to your child's teachers to schedule a time via Zoom, TEAMS, email, phone, or in person.

****NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE on Friday, November 8th; and the School Building is CLOSED on Monday, November 11th - Veterans Day Observed**

From Mr. Ed!
Elementary Principal



Happy Fall! It is hard to believe we are heading towards the Holidays of 2024 already, but they are upon us. Please check the PJC on Facebook regularly to keep up with all the many things that GV Elementary has planned to make this a great school year.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held the week of November 4-8. Be on the lookout for paperwork coming home to schedule a time to meet with your child/children's teacher. If you have any questions, contact either the office or the classroom teacher as needed.

Brian Edmister

flu shot clinic

Wegmans pharmacists will be on-site providing flu shots.

When: **Tuesday, November 5th 4pm-7pm**

Where: **Genesee Valley CSD**

$0 copay with most insurances.

Minimum age requirements vary by state.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend getting the flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available to help protect you from the flu throughout the flu season.

Wegmans pharmacy

scan here for appointment

Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner - December 10th

Once again Genesee Valley School will be hosting our annual Christmas concert and dinner on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. We request that only senior citizens living in the Genesee Valley School District attend.

When arriving at the school, parking is available in the front or back parking lots. Students will be available at both entrances to assist our special guests to the auditorium. Visitors are asked not to arrive before 3:30 p.m. to give our GV staff time to clear parking spaces for you.

Starting at 4:00 p.m., the high school band and choir will perform in the Auditorium. Immediately following the concert you will be guided to the cafeteria to enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by our cafeteria staff and served by our National Honor Society students and staff.

For reservations, call Pam Winterhalter at (585) 268-7909 by Tuesday, December 3rd.
We look forward to sharing this evening with you.

Genesee Valley's "Seussical Jr." Honored by NYS Theatre Association

Genesee Valley's production of "Seussical Jr." was recently recognized with multiple awards from the Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS). The production, held on August 28, received high praise from Joan Luther, a TANYS adjudicator, who attended the show and provided the cast and crew with detailed feedback on their performance.

Award Highlights:

- Meritorious Achievement in Vocal Performance: Lena McNinch for her portrayal of Gertrude McFuzz.
- Meritorious Achievement in Acting: Ella Schoonover for her portrayal of Horton the Elephant.
- Excellence in Performance: Amelia Auman for her portrayal of Jojo.
- Excellence in Prop Moving: Cooper Young (Thing 1) and Lyla Hanchett (Thing 2).
- Outstanding Achievement in Ensemble Performance: The entire cast.
- Outstanding Achievement in Theater Education and Youth Development: Donna Slawson, Mandy Tawil, Caleb Durant, Nathan Slawson, Payton Werner, Harleigh Silsby, Jeremy Slawson, Ryan McMurray, Kylee Kear, Nancy George, and Jeff Babbitt.













Dutt's Last Dance



After 30 years, Rollie Duttweiler has officially retired from the Genesee Valley MBA (Morning Basketball Association). The MBA started back in 1994-95, and has included a mix of students, staff, and alumni over the years. Mr. Dutt was a competitive force, always making sure everyone was communicating, calling out screens, and reacting fast.

Max Gilluly, GV Board Member and MBA participant, commented, "We call him the Commissioner of the MBA. A lot of sectional champs played with Dutt, and even Syracuse alum Jake Presutti would come back to play. We're all just thankful for the memories."

Raymie Auman has been participating in MBA nearly as long as Dutt, 29 years. He added, "What Dutt started certainly played a huge role in the basketball culture at GV. It impacted a lot of kids and is quite the accomplishment."

Mr. Dutt joked, "Honestly, I didn't think it would last this long or that I'd still be playing. It's been a great chance to get some exercise, have fun, and stay in contact with alumni. Lots of memories have been created with staff members, community members and former students. I hope they keep it going…I might even show up just to watch!"

2024 ATHLETIC WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Three athletes and one team were inducted into the GVCS Athletic Wall of Fame on Saturday, October 5.

Deborah Granger Histed (1973 graduate of Angelica)
Debbie was a standout player on the girls' basketball team, earning the title of Most Valuable Player. She continued her athletic career at Alfred State College, and after graduating she tried out for the 1976 U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball Team.

1990 Angelica Central School Cheer Squad
Under the guidance of Coach Judy Horton, the squad made history as one of only two teams in the school's history to win a Section V title in cheerleading. The team also earned second place at the Scio Pom-Pom competition.

Karah Landries (2018 graduate of GVCS)
Karah made her mark both as a student-athlete and in her professional career. A four-sport athlete at GVCS, Karah excelled in soccer, basketball, softball, and track & field, while also participating in travel basketball and softball. She was also a 4-time scholar-athlete while playing soccer at Alfred University.

Emily Daciw (2019 graduate og GVCS)
Emily, a native of Angelica, NY, established herself as an outstanding athlete at GVCS and Nazareth College. Her high school and college careers are filled with numerous accolades on the softball field, including 2 all-state selections.

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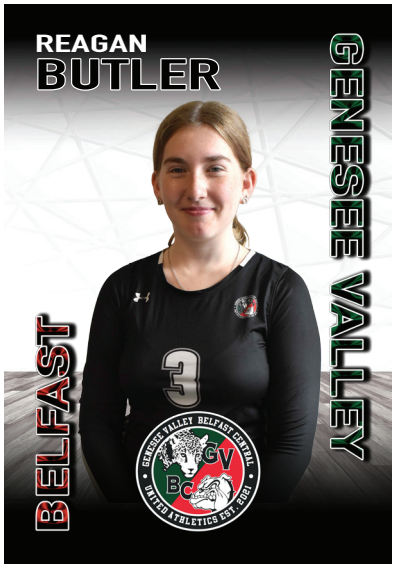




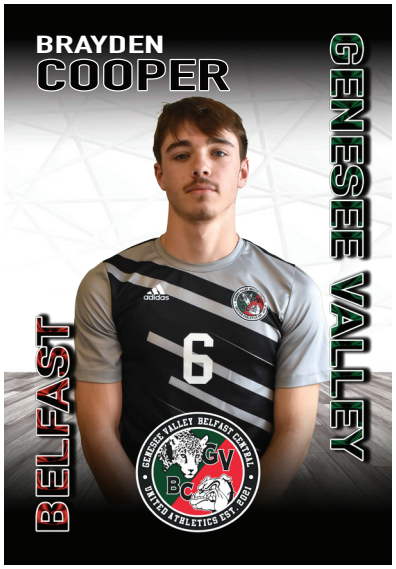
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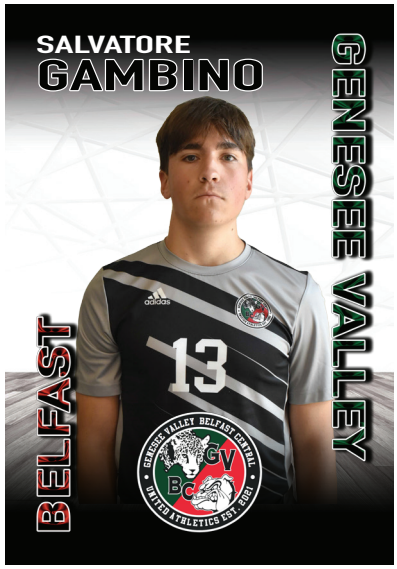


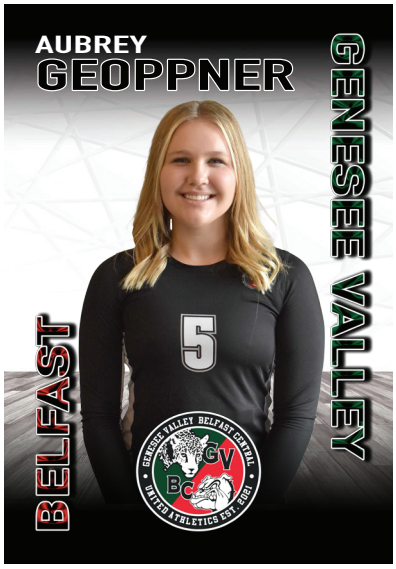








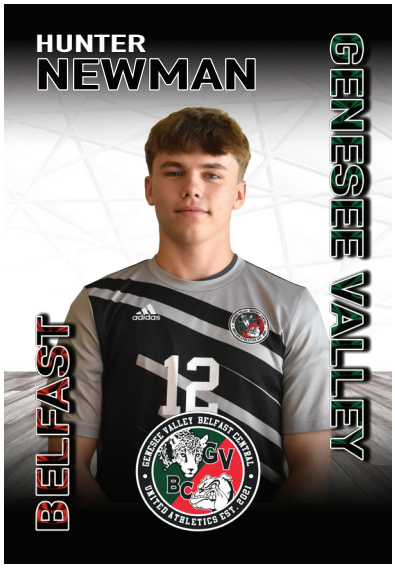




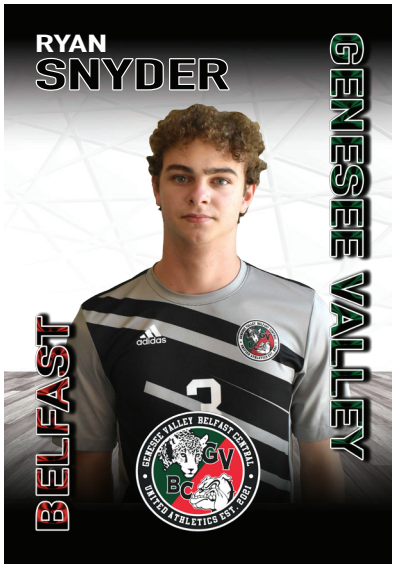


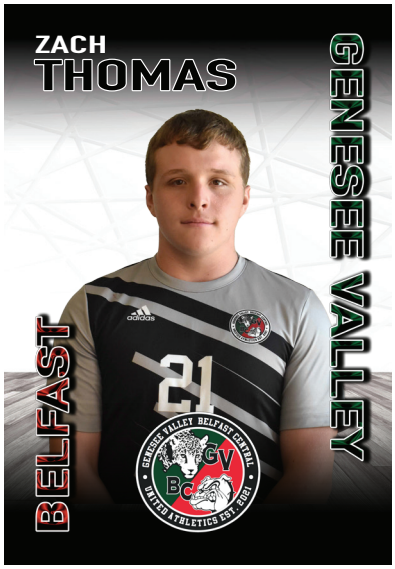


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Congratulations!



ALFRED STATE COLLEGE TOUR

Students from Ms. Wright's and Mrs. Mapes's classes attended the Veterinary, Agriculture, STEM, and Trades Career Discovery Event at Alfred State College.

Activities included an Ax Throwing Contest, Heavy Equipment Operation, US Army Climbing Wall, and more! Students watched demonstrations and participated in hands-on activities and contests. Congratulations to Mrs. Mapes's Baking students who took third place in the pie contest!











November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITES	CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH GRATITUDE				1 -End of 1st Marking Period Grades K-12 -Junior High Area All State Music Festival Rehearsal at GVCS, 12:00-8:00pm	2 -SAT Test -Junior High Area All State Music Festival Concert at GVCS, 2:00pm
3	4	5 -Flu Shot Clinic, 4:00-7:00 pm	6 -Academic Honors Dinner & Alumni Wall of Fame Induction, American House & Hotel, Angelica, NY 6:00-7:30pm	7 -Veterans Recognition Concert, Auditorium 6:30-7:30pm	8 -Parent-Teacher Conferences -No Student Attendance -Report cards ready for parent pick up/ mailed home Grades K-12	9
10	11 VETERANS DAY -School Building Closed	12 5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121	13	14	15 -Senior High Area All State Music Festival Rehearsal at Bath, 12:00-8:00pm	16 -Senior High Area All State Music Festival Concert at Bath, 2:00pm
17	18 -First day of Winter Sports	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 11:00am - All Students Dismissed	27 Thanksgiving Break -No School -Offices Open	28 THANKSGIVING -School Building Closed	29 Thanksgiving Break -School Building Closed	30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - COMPASSION	2	3	4	5 -Winter Concerts: -6:00pm Grades K-1 -6:45pm Grades 2-4	6 -End of 2nd Mid-Quarter Grades 6-12	7 -SAT Test
8 PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEB-SITE	9	10 -5:30pm-Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121 -4:00pm Senior Citizens Concert & Dinner -Winter Concerts: 6:30pm -Grades 9-12 Band -Grades 7-12 Choir	11	12 Winter Concerts: 6:30pm -Grades 5-8 Band -Grades 5-6 Choir	13 -Progress Reports mailed home Grades 6-12	14 -ACT Test
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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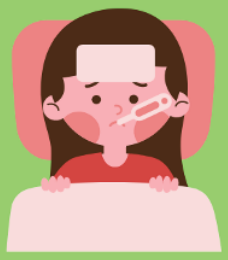
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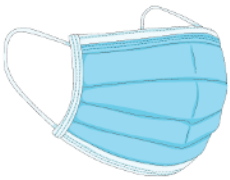
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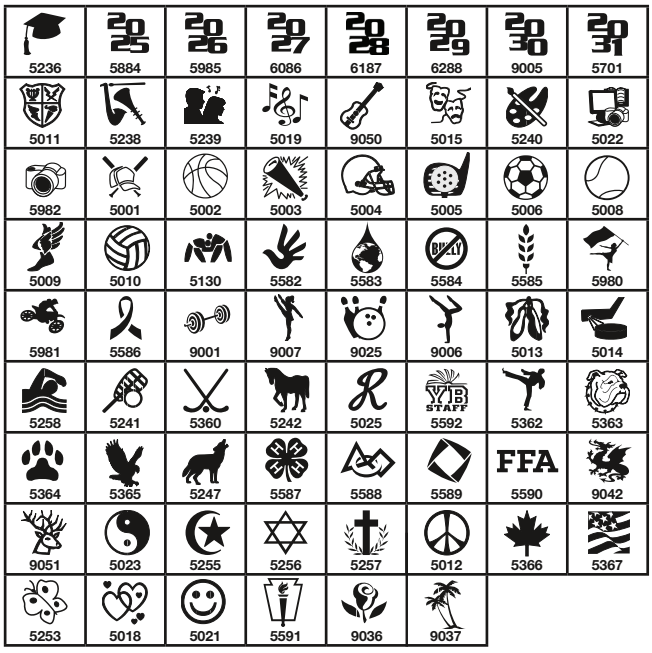
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NOTE: A friendly reminder when you use the GVCS Fitness Center: ***please remember to change into clean shoes before entering the fitness center.*** There is ample space to change footwear prior to entering the center. Thank you for helping us keep 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

- All members must be a district resident, alumni, faculty, staff or taxpayer of the Genesee Valley community or have a student attend GVCS.
- All applicants will complete a training session prior to receiving their membership.
- No one under 18 may utilize the fitness center without adult supervision.
- 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.

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