



Genesee Valley Central School

Jag News

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Senior Citizens Celebrate the Holidays

Genesee Valley hosted another successful senior citizens concert and dinner. This joyous occasion is held annually to honor our district's Senior Citizens. Everyone enjoyed the music provided by our high school band and choir under the direction of Alva Robbins and Caleb Durant. After the concert, our guests gathered in the cafeteria for a delicious turkey dinner prepared by the cafeteria staff. Dinner was served by the National Honor Society students, under the direction of Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Douglas, NHS Advisors. A big thank you goes out to all the staff and students for making this gathering a fun-filled evening.



Front row L-R: Mrs. Horne, Emily Brown, Mackenzie Marciano, Mrs. Douglas
Back row L-R: Brayden Cooper, Ryan Daciw



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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.

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL LIST:

The administration of Genesee Valley Central School announces the following students, grades 9-12, have been named to the Honor Rolls for the 1st quarter of the 2024-25 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:

12th grade: Emily Brown, Logan Burrows, Brayden Cooper, Ryan Daciw, Aubrey Geoppner, Daphne Gugino, Mackenzie Marciano, Marah Mellinger, Keanna Sands, Callin Shipman

11th grade: Bryson Covell, Bryce Davis, Jacey Davis, Zachary Davis, Larry Geffers, Ryker Holmes, Nolan Hunter, Meara Kelley, Abdul Mannan, Jade Sallazzo, Kenton Shultz, Lannden Tilton, Whitney Young

10th grade: Addison Bradt, Kylee Christensen, Alivia Crossley, Tanner Herdman, Trent Hutchison, Zackery Mapes, Addison Middaugh, Brian Stevens, Kayla Wedge

9th grade: Baylee Babbitt, Ada Griffin, Alayna McCullen, Lena McNinch, Mackenzie Newman, Spencer Rambaran, Andra Shultz, Paizlee Tilton, Mackenzie Turybury, Rowan Vossler

High Honor Roll:

12th grade: Noah Besant, Kallie Burdick, Liberty Clarke, Paul Cleveland, Hope Ford, Hunter Newman, Tyler Wedge

11th grade: Graham Bradt, Tayla Brenna, Logan Callahan, Cole Cochran, Ethan Davenport, McKenna Jefferds, Ian MacKenzie, Christina McAuley, Tristan Metatos

10th grade: Ash Bauer, Riley Blarr, Elivia McIntrye, Maks Stocking

9th grade: Jaden Brown, Leah Burrows, Regina Dougherty, Morgan Grooms, Gabriel Marble

Honor Roll:

12th grade: Reagan Butler, Haelyn Clark, Rhianna Cowburn, William Edwards, Kiara Holmes, Makayla Hutchison, Ty Hutchison, Harmony Jensen, Charisma Metatos, Thomas Ryan, Seanna Stocking, Zachary Thomas, Regina Willmart

11th grade: Cree Bulkley, Mason Fanton, Byron France, Joseph Frawley, Kaden Huffer, D'Andre LaClair, Raymond Lance, Abbygail Meigs, Charlotte Mejia, CayLeigh Shipman, Justine Willson

10th grade: Dorian Barnes, Riely Barnes, Damon Davis, Derick Grantier, Bryan Kear, Dominick Miller, Ian Miller, Chilaleah Ormsby, Peyton Young

9th grade: Arianna Anticola, Victor Baxter, William Clarke, Riley Crittenden, Cierra Davenport, Ryley Frank, Enasjah Koontz Gibbs, Aason White, Faith White

HONOR ROLL FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING BOCES:

High Honor Roll:

12th grade: Logan Burrows, Brayden Cooper, Paul Cleveland, Daphne Gugino, Marah Mellinger, Zachary Thomas, Tyler Wedge

11th grade: Graham Bradt, Tayla Brenna, Bryce Davis, Zachary Davis, Bryson Covell, Larry Geffers, Meara Kelley, D'Andre LaClair, Tre Lance, Christina McAuley, Jade Sallazzo

Honor Roll:

12th grade: Kallie Burdick, Liberty Clarke, William Edwards, Ty Hutchison, Hunter Newman, Seanna Stocking

11th grade: Logan Callahan, Cole Cochran, Ethan Davenport, Mason Fanton, Joseph Frawley, Kasey Ganoung, Kaden Huffer, Ian MacKenzie, Abbygail Meigs, Tristan Metatos, CayLeigh Shipman, Justine Willson

CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY - ACCEPTANCE: the action of consenting to receive or undertake something offered.

FEBRUARY - TRUSTWORTHY: a person that is reliable, responsible, and can be trusted completely.

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.

ANNUAL PK3 THANKSGIVING DAY

PK3 put on a great spread and fun activities for kids and parents at their annual Thanksgiving Day event.



MATH FACT FRENZY

The Math Fact Frenzy did not disappoint! Students in grades K-6 practiced their math facts as they competed on one of four teams. What a great event!



**1,206 FACTS
ANSWERED**

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



- Monday, December 23 – Friday, January 3 – **Christmas/New Year's Break** – (*No School*) (*Building Closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 & Jan. 1* – Students return Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2025)
- Monday, January 20 – **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed** – (*Building Closed*)
- Wednesday, January 29 – **Lunar New Year *NEW** – (*Building Closed*)
- Monday, February 17 – **President's Day** – (*Building Closed*)
- Tuesday, February 18-21 – **Mid-Winter Break** – (*No School*)



From: Mrs. Donlon 7-12 Building Principal

Our building has been bustling with activity as many wonderful things have been happening at Genesee Valley in recent weeks! In November, we held our annual Academic Awards Banquet at the Angelica Hotel for students who have been on honor roll for four consecutive quarters. We recognized our fall senior athletes at their senior nights, welcomed parents to the building for parent/teacher conferences, and enjoyed our annual Veterans Recognition concert. Winter sports practices and games are underway.

As 2024 comes to a close and we look forward to 2025, I am grateful for our students, parents, and community members. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward into the New Year.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Sara Donlon*

THREE ALUMNI INDUCTED INTO THE GVCS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI WALL OF FAME



Three alumni were inducted into the Genesee Valley Central School (GVCS) Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame on November 6, 2024, at the annual Academic Awards Banquet held at the American House and Hotel.

Deanna Hand, Class of 1994, Angelica Central School

Deanna Hand's academic journey began with a Regents Diploma from Angelica Central School and continued with a Bachelor's in Exercise Science from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, followed by a Master's in Health, Leisure, and Sport from the University of West Florida. She launched her career as an athletic trainer for the Olean Medical Group and later joined Houghton University, where she became the first Senior Woman Administrator for the Athletic Department in 2012. Deanna lives in Angelica with her husband and has two grown children.

Rebekah Fleming, Class of 2009, Genesee Valley Central School

A 2009 graduate of GVCS, Rebekah Fleming earned a Bachelor's in Psychology from the University of Rochester and was commissioned into the U.S. Navy in 2013. Since then, she has held various roles, including Main Propulsion Officer (USS Jason Dunham), Fire Control Officer (USS Gonzalez), Assistant Current Operations Officer (US Naval Forces Southern Command/US Fourth Fleet), Weapons Officer (USS Carney), and Combat Systems Officer (USS Carney).

Chris Plummer, Class of 1989, Belmont Central School

Chris Plummer's career is marked by expertise in welding and a strong commitment to public service. A graduate of Belmont BOCES Class A Tractor Trailer School and the NYS Corrections Academy, Chris has worked as a journeyman welder, constructing steam turbines for U.S. aircraft carriers and compressors for offshore drilling rigs. In 2017, he founded P-Mac Welding Services LLC, building on nearly three decades of industry experience and numerous welding certifications.

As a member of the Belmont Fire Company since 2000, he served as Fire Chief from 2017-2019 and earned Firefighter of the Year in both 2015 and 2022. Chris and his wife, married for over 30 years, are proud parents and grandparents.

Congratulations to Deanna, Rebekah and Chris on their well-deserved induction into the GVCS Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame.



From Mr. Ed Elementary Principal

Dear GVCS Families,

Happy New Year! We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits as we embark on an exciting journey together in 2025. January and February promise to be filled with learning, fun, and memorable experiences for our students at Genesee Valley.

Here is a recap of December and looking ahead:

1. 2024 Christmas Concerts: The Elementary Christmas concert was held on December 6th. As always, it was a real treat! The Middle School concert was on December 12th and showcased many fine musicians. Thank you for providing GV such amazing musicians!

2. Coming up in January: January 1-3 are still part of winter break and there is no school on the 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; the 29th is a new holiday this year for Lunar New Year. The school building is closed on all holidays.

3. Coming up in February: February break will be the week of February 17-21. We are looking forward to a fantastic start to the new year with your support and enthusiasm. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out. Please see the PJC (Positive Jag Community) Group on Facebook for details about the many events and activities that will take place in January and February.

Wishing you a wonderful New Year!

*Warm regards,
Brian Edmister*

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL'S 2024 ACADEMIC HONORS DINNER

On November 6, 2024, Genesee Valley Central School celebrated its 8th annual Academic Honors Dinner at the Angelica American House & Hotel. The purpose of this event was to recognize our high school students who achieved honor roll status or above for all four quarters throughout the school year, as well as previous high school years. Dean of Students and Curriculum Coordinator, Paula Mighells, organized and hosted the event.

One-Year Academic Honors Recipients

These students were on the honor roll or above for 4 quarters in a row during the 2023-2024 school year: Riley Blarr, Addison Bradt, Logan Burrows, Kylee Christensen, Paul Cleveland, Bryson

Covell, Ethan Davenport, William Edwards, Byron France, Aubrey Geoppner, Tanner Herdman, Trent Hutchison, Bryan Kear, Elivia McIntyre, Charlotte Mejia, Addison Middaugh, Dominick Miller, Xander Murray, Hunter Newman, Maks Stocking, Seanna Stocking, Evan Turybury, and Kayla Wedge.

Two-Year Academic Honors Recipients

These students were on the honor roll or above for 4 quarters in a row during the 2023-24, 2022-23, or 2021-22 school years: Graham Bradt, Cree Bulkley, Logan Callahan, Liberty Clarke, Cole Cochran, Bryce Davis, Jacey Davis, Ryker Holmes, Nolan Hunter, Meara Kelley, Tristan Metatos, Rylee Ordway, Keanna

Sands, Kenton Shultz, Lannden Tilton, and Whitney Young.

Three-Year Academic Honors Recipients

These students were on the honor roll or above for 4 quarters in a row during the 2023-24, 2022-23, and 2021-22 school years: Emily Brown, Kallie Burdick, Brayden Cooper, Ryan Daciw, Daphne Gugino, Ty Hutchison, Mackenzie Marciano, Marah Mellinger, and Tyler Wedge.

Student honorees were each presented with an award for their accomplishments.

Congratulations to our Academic Honors students!



FARM TO SCHOOL

The Farm to School Grant continues to challenge our kids to try new foods. November was winter squash!



EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2025

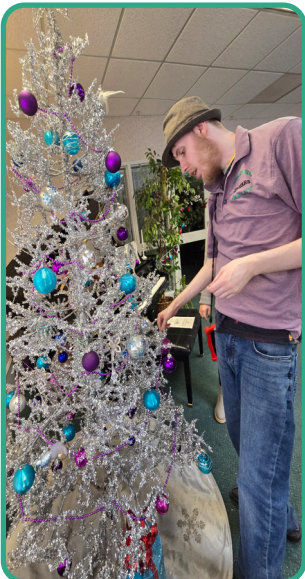
Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

JANUARY21 TUESDAY	JANUARY22 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY23 THURSDAY	JANUARY24 FRIDAY
7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
English Language Arts	Geometry U.S. History & Government	Global History & Geography II	Living Environment
11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	Uniform Admission Deadlines
Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry	Algebra I Physical Setting/Physics*	Algebra II	Morning Examinations - 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations - 2:00 p.m.

* Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.

WORK-BASED LEARNING

Our Work-Based Learning students have been spreading holiday cheer at Manor Hills Assisted Living in Wellsville! From cleaning and decorating the facility to joining a party with residents and making festive Christmas crafts, they've been making a positive impact and brightening everyone's day.



SOCIAL STUDIES PRESENTATION

Abdul, our exchange student from Pakistan gave a presentation on his country and culture to all high school Social Studies classes.



Computer Applications Class

Students have been learning about computers, hardware, accessories, and internal components



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM SPARKS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Junior Firefighter program, launched through an Appalachian Regional Commission grant, is a partnership between Genesee Valley and Scio schools. This innovative program, which also includes an EMT training component, is led by Brian Edmister and Miranda Hemphill.

To date, the program has motivated more than a dozen students to join local fire companies, including Angelica, Belmont, and Scio. Weekly training sessions

at participating fire stations provide students with hands-on experience, allowing them to learn critical emergency response roles, assist senior firefighters, and promote fire safety education in their communities.

As they progress, participants are encouraged to enroll in Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations training, paving the way for future certification and active service. By building skills, confidence, and a sense of duty, the program prepares participants to serve their communities and uphold the proud tradition of volunteer firefighting.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIOR ATHLETES FROM THE WINTER SEASON!



Aubrey Geoppner

Swimming



Billy Edwards

Swimming



Brayden Cooper

Boys Basketball



Ryan Daciw

Boys Basketball



Daphne Gugino

Cheerleading



Haelyn Clark

Cheerleading



Harmony Jensen

Swimming



Tyler Wedge

Boys Basketball



Keanna Sands

Girls Basketball



Noah Besant

Boys Basketball



Rhianna Cowburn

Swimming

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

All of our GV/BC Varsity Fall Sports Teams have earned the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award this season! This honor recognizes teams where 75% or more of the members maintain a 90% average or higher.

In addition, the following student-athletes were individually recognized as NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athletes for achieving a 90% or above during the Fall season:

Girls Varsity Soccer

Kayla Wedge
Whitney Young
Makenzie Turybury

Varsity Volleyball

Addison Bradt
Mackenzie Marciano
Aubrey Geoppner
Paizlee Tilton
Keanna Sands
Kallie Burdick
Tayla Brenna

Boys Varsity Soccer

Tristan Metatos
Ian MacKenzie
Kenton Shultz
Ethan Davenport
Hunter Newman
Brayden Cooper
Abdul Mannan

Varsity Cross Country

Lannden Tilton
Nolan Hunter
Graham Bradt
Emily Brown
Rowan Vossler
Christina McAuley

Congratulations to all of these athletes for their hard work and dedication to both academics and sports.



GENESEE VALLEY/BELFAST BOYS BASKETBALL

The GV/BC Boys Basketball team opened their season with a win against Andover-Whitesville at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, home of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers!



SPANISH CLASS JUST DANCE

Ms. Lindquist's Spanish classes love Just Dance, Shakira's Waka Waka is a favorite!



VETERANS CONCERT

On November 7th the High School Concert and Jazz bands, led by band director Alva Robbins, performed for our annual Veterans Recognition Concert.



Veterans, THANK YOU for everything you have done for our country and our freedom!

PHONE NUMBER AND/OR ADDRESS CHANGES?

Please contact Denise Baker in the Guidance Office at (585) 268-7937 or email her at dbaker@genvally.org if you or your children have phone number, email address, emergency number/contacts, or address changes that need to be made in our student information system.

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for information on sex offenders living in the GVCS District

GENESEE VALLEY FITNESS CENTER

NOTE: A friendly reminder when you use the GVCS Fitness Center: *please remember to change into clean shoes before entering the fitness center.* 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.**



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.