



Genesee Valley Central School

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CLASS OF 2025

Honor Graduates

Genesee Valley honor graduates have earned a cumulative high school average of 88 and above. Students will be recognized at graduation as graduating Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude.



Noah Besant



Emily Brown



Kallie Burdick



Haelyn Clark



Brayden Cooper-Osterhout



Ryan Daciw



Hope Ford



Eal Gambino



Aubrey Jeppner



Daphne Jugino



Ty Hutchison



Mackenzie Marciano



Mara Mellinger



Hunter Newman



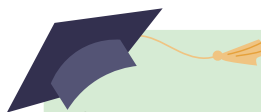
Keanna Sands



Seanna Stocking



Evan Turysbury



GRADUATION 2025

Genesee Valley Central School will hold its 29th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 28th at 11:00 in the school auditorium. We will celebrate the Class of 2025 honor graduates and present a wide range of scholarships and awards. The ceremony will be live-streamed on the GV Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

Annual School Budget Information

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **May 6, 2025** – Public Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Media Lab Room
- **May 6, 2025** – Budget copies available
- **May 6-15, 2025** – Voter Registration at Genesee Valley Central School Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturday by appointment only
- **May 20, 2025** – District Vote, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

TWO ELECTION DISTRICTS:

- **Belmont residents must vote** at Genesee Valley Central School Pool Vestibule, (back entrance of the building) 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont; and
- **Angelica residents must vote** at Angelica Grange, 55 Park Circle, Angelica

QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be at least 18 years of age or older by May 20, 2025
- Must be a resident of the Genesee Valley Central School district for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- Must be registered with the Allegany County Board of Elections or with the Genesee Valley School District

NOTE: An application is required if you would like to vote by Absentee Ballot, Military Ballot or Early Mail Voting Ballot. Please contact Pam Winterhalter at (585) 268-7909 or pwinterhalter@genvalley.org.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT:

- A patient in a hospital or unable to vote due to illness or physical disability
- Out of town because of duties, occupation, business or studies
- On vacation outside of the county or city of residence
- Detained in jail
- Serving in the Military

ELIGIBILITY FOR MILITARY BALLOT:

- A qualified voter who will be absent from your school district on the day of the election as a result of actual military service
- A qualified voter who has been discharged from actual military service within 30 days of the election in which you seek to vote
- The spouse, parent, child or dependent of a military voter as set forth above who is accompanying such military voter and who is qualified to vote in the same school district as the military voter

EARLY MAIL VOTING:

- A qualified voter may vote as an early mail voter
- Voters need not supply a reason why they cannot appear in person at the polls on election day
- Request for an early mail ballot: the early mail ballot application must be received by the district no earlier than the thirtieth day before election. If the early mail ballot is to be mailed to applicant, the application must be received no later than seven (7) days before the election

**** Absentee, Early Mail Voters, or Military Ballots are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2025 ****

Dear District Residents,

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, you will be asked to vote on the proposed 2025-26 school budget. During these difficult economic times, the Board of Education continues to maintain a balance between encouraging academic and extra-curricular program growth with the need to minimize the financial burden to taxpayers. This budget proposes a tax levy increase of 1.5%.

The proposed 2025-2026 budget maintains academic programs and implements programs designed to improve student achievement. The budget will continue district initiatives, maintain learning opportunities for students, maintain current extracurricular activities, athletics, and co-curricular offerings, and provide the resources necessary to ensure that all students are successful. It also provides academic and behavioral support for students and fully maximizes resources.

Remember every vote counts! Please attend the upcoming Budget Hearing Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Lab Room #1121 or view the live broadcast on the GVCS YouTube channel. The vote will occur on the Genesee Valley CSD campus for Belmont residents and the Angelica Grange for residents of Angelica. If you require additional information, please visit our website at www.genvalley.org

We remain committed to providing a rigorous and well-rounded curriculum for our students in the most cost-effective manner possible. Thank you for your continued support of the students at Genesee Valley CSD.

Sincerely,
Genesee Valley Central School District Board of Education members

Heath "Buddy" Gordon, President

Max Gilluly, Vice-President

Timothy Hand

Michelle Kelley

Jamie Willson

Shawn Grusendorf

James Cartwright

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget & Vote

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSAL (2025-2026)

2025-26 Genesee Valley Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 20,193,002	\$20,667,582	\$20,620,489
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$474,580	\$427,487
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.35%	2.12%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$3,139,578	\$3,186,671	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$114,200	\$116,364	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$3,253,778	\$3,303,035	\$3,253,778
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$2,473	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,216,942	\$3,251,140	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$3,137,105	\$3,186,671	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$79,837	\$64,469	
Administrative Component	\$1,492,203	\$1,477,917	\$1,470,000
Program Component	\$13,967,287	\$14,397,795	\$14,457,815
Capital Component	\$4,733,512	\$4,791,870	\$4,692,674

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2025-26 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Contingency Budget does not include equipment or Capital Outlay expenditures.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Angelica & Belmont Public Libraries	\$116,364
	\$
	\$
	\$

*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed
for the 2025-26 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$361

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Genesee Valley School District, Allegany County, New York, will be held at Genesee Valley School and the Angelica Grange in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 12:00 pm prevailing time OR between the hours of 12:00 pm and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the Genesee Valley School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget & Vote

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSAL (2025-2026)

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

2025-26 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>ADMIN.</u>	<u>2025-26 PROGRAM</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>
<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u>					
Board of Education members receive no salary. Provides for travel, membership, supplies.	\$5,350	\$5,350	\$5,350		
<u>DISTRICT MEETING</u>					
Provides funds for the District Clerk, costs for school votes, legal notices, other expenses for the election process.	\$29,120	\$37,279	\$37,279		
<u>CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Compensation for the Superintendent, clerical staff, office supplies and travel are included here.	\$254,198	\$204,951	\$204,951		
<u>BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/AUDIT/TREASURER</u>					
Coordination for financial matters of the district. Includes costs for treasurer, auditors & BOCES services.	\$200,399	\$203,983	\$203,983		
<u>TAX COLLECTION/PURCHASING</u>					
Provides for collection of taxes and purchasing for district.	\$45,624	\$49,000	\$49,000		
<u>LEGAL & PERSONNEL</u>					
Provides legal counsel services district-wide as well as labor dispute settlement, and employee benefit coordination.	\$331,581	\$367,805		\$367,805	
<u>PUBLIC INFORMATION</u>					
Provides for publication of district newsletter of all buildings as well as utilities.	\$112,320	\$113,643	\$2,493	\$111,150	
<u>OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE</u>					
Provides for maintenance & operation	\$1,358,791	\$1,399,707			\$1,399,707
<u>CENTRAL SERVICES</u>					
Provides for mailing, copy and data processing services district-wide.	\$386,400	\$403,257	\$4,000	\$399,257	
<u>SPECIAL ITEMS</u>					
Includes insurance, BOCES administration, tax refunds, etc.	\$258,354	\$268,099	\$243,449	\$24,650	
<u>INSTRUCTIONAL ADMINISTRATION & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</u>					
Includes principals and their clerical staff. All includes curriculum development costs and supplies, test scoring, travel, etc.	\$430,629	\$432,179	\$348,547	\$83,632	
<u>INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF DEVELOP.</u>					
Provides funding for continued professional growth and improvement.	\$147,818	\$137,802		\$137,802	
<u>REGULAR TEACHING</u>					
Included in this area are salaries for teachers, aides, substitutes, equipment, supplies, textbooks and BOCES instructional costs.	\$4,120,897	\$3,957,532		\$3,957,532	
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION</u>					
Provides for staff, supplies, textbooks, tuition and BOCES costs for special education programs.	\$2,344,407	\$2,653,970	\$75,000	\$2,578,970	
<u>OCCUPATIONAL/SPECIAL SCHOOLS</u>					
Includes occupational tuition at BOCES and summer school.	\$575,687	\$531,355		\$531,355	
<u>LIBRARY/AUDIO VISUAL</u>					
Includes salaries for librarian and assistant, books, AV supplies and equipment.	\$171,071	\$147,548		\$147,548	
<u>COMPUTER INSTRUCTION</u>					
Includes funds for technology coordinator and lab aides/assistants, hardware and software, and supplies.	\$525,188	\$538,928		\$538,928	
<u>GUIDANCE/ATTENDANCE</u>					
Provides school counselor services along with their clerical help, supplies and travel.	\$200,763	\$215,755		\$215,755	
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>					
Includes the salaries of the nurses and school doctor as well as costs of their offices.	\$130,776	\$132,578		\$132,578	
<u>PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES</u>					
Includes the expenses for our school psychologist, supplies, travel, etc.	\$78,965	\$83,977		\$83,977	

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget & Vote

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSAL (2025-2026)

	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>ADMIN.</u>	<u>2025-26 PROGRAM</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>
<u>SOCIAL WORK SERVICES</u>					
Includes expenses for our school social workers, supplies, travel, etc.	\$73,926	\$78,162		\$78,162	
<u>CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</u>					
Includes costs for non-athletic student activities such as yearbook, musicals, student council, advisors, etc.	\$140,379	\$157,273		\$157,273	
<u>ATHLETICS</u>					
Includes coaching salaries, equipment, official's fees, supplies, etc.	\$240,195	\$240,630		\$240,630	
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>					
Includes costs of transportation such as salaries, vehicle parts, insurance, bus garage utilities, rental, etc.	\$843,902	\$884,680	\$9,200	\$875,480	
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>					
Includes costs of retirement, social security and insurance for all employees.	\$4,098,431	\$4,333,308	294,665	3,735,311	303,332
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>					
Principal and interest payments on all debt (building, buses, etc.) included here.	\$3,087,831	\$3,088,831			3,088,831
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</u>					
Funding for Capital or Debt Reserve	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$20,193,002	\$20,667,582	\$1,477,917	\$14,397,795	\$4,791,870
2024-25 TOTALS (for comparison)		\$474,580	\$1,492,203	\$13,967,287	\$4,733,512
INCREASE IN TOTAL BUDGET		2.35%	-0.96%	3.08%	1.23%
<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>			
<u>REAL PROPERTY TAX ITEMS</u>					
Includes the estimated tax levy and interest/penalties on taxes.	\$3,144,578	\$3,191,671			<i>Basic STAR Exemption Impact</i>
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>					
Admissions, transportation for BOCES, preschool transportation and services.	\$1,020,750	\$1,203,316			<i>Budget Proposed for 2025-26</i>
<u>USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY</u>					
Interest earnings, room rental to BOCES	\$170,000	\$93,000			<i>School Year</i>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>					
Refund of prior year's expenses, sale of excess items, miscellaneous items	\$305,566	\$339,227			<i>Basic STAR Tax Savings</i>
<u>STATE SOURCES</u>					
NYS Aid	\$12,706,344	\$13,039,487			<i>using 100% Equalization Rate</i>
BOCES Aid, Tuition w/ DBL, Medicaid Reimbursement	\$1,595,000	\$1,578,000			\$361.00
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS/FEDERAL SOURCES</u>					
Transfers from Debt Service, encumbrances, Federal sources, reserves, etc.	\$525,764	\$497,881			
<u>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</u>					
Portion of unreserved fund balance estimated to be available to reduce property taxes	\$725,000	\$725,000			
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$20,193,002	\$20,667,582			
INCREASE		2.35%			

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget & Vote

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSAL (2025-2026)

2025-26 Property Tax Report Card

020702 - Genesee Valley Central School		
Contact Person: Erin Ostrander	Budgeted 2024-25 (A)	Proposed Budget 2025-26 (B)
Telephone Number: (585)268-7900		
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	20,193,002	20,667,582
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	3,139,578	3,186,671
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	114,200	116,364
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	0	0
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	3,253,778	3,303,035
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	2,473	0
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	3,216,942	3,251,140
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	3,137,105	3,186,671
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	79,837	64,469
Public School Enrollment	595	600
Consumer Price Index		2.95%

¹ Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

² Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

³ For 2025-26, include any carryover from 2024-25 and exclude any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2024-25 (D)	Estimated 2025-26 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	4,249,993	4,060,876
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	725,000	725,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,248,284	826,703
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	6.18%	4.00%

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/25 Actual Balance
Capital	Transportation Equipment Reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$687,064
Capital	Capital Improvements Reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$530,000
Repair	Repair Reserve	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	\$745,655
Workers' Compensation		To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	\$86,313
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.	
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service	Reserve for Debt Services	To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.	\$83,881
Insurance		To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	
Property Loss	Reserve for Property Loss	To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property loss.	\$441,712
Liability		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.	
Tax Certiorari		To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year end.	
EBALR - Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Reserve for Compensated Absences	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	\$653,370
Retirement Contribution	Reserve for Retirement Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	\$754,234
Retirement Contribution	Reserve for Retirement Contribution	To fund employer retirement contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System	\$150,000
Other Reserve			

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget & Vote

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSAL (2025-2026)

PROPOSED 2025-26 BUDGET & VOTE

The annual vote of the qualified voters of the Genesee Valley Central School District, shall be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 to vote upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education currently held by incumbents Heath “Buddy” Gordon and Max Gilluly. Board seats are “at-large,” meaning the two candidates that receive the two highest votes will fill the terms. The term of office for the two seats are three years, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028.
3. To adopt the following propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE / USE OF TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) seventy-two (72) passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$174,000.00 (one hundred seventy-four thousand & 00/100) being the aforesaid maximum estimated cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary

for use in the transportation program of the District, said funds shall be expended from the District’s Transportation Reserve Fund - 2014, as duly established on May 20, 2014, in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State Law.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – ANGELICA AND BELMONT FREE LIBRARIES

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to, and will, levy and collect taxes in the District in the fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amounts, respectively, of \$57,000 for the Angelica Free Library and \$59,364 for the Belmont Free Library to provide public library services, and pay over such funds to the Board of Trustees of each library, respectively.

VOTING LOCATIONS PER DISTRICT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Belmont residents vote at: Genesee Valley Central School, pool vestibule (back of school building), 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont, NY 14813

Angelica residents vote at: Angelica Grange, 55 Park Circle, Angelica, NY 14709

6/30/25 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2025-26 School Year
\$594,064	To purchase school bus.
\$580,000	Do not intend to use during the 2025-26 school year.
\$745,655	To pay for any unanticipated, emergency repairs to district facilities or equipment.
\$86,330	To help offset unemployment claims to NYS.
\$83,881	To pay down district debt.
\$441,712	To pay for any unanticipated, non-recurring property losses that were not included in the regular operating budget.
\$650,000	To pay employees for accrued unused sick, personal, and vacation time upon termination of employment.
\$704,234	To help offset district expenses to the NYS & Local Retirement System.
\$175,000	To help offset district expenses to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System.

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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.

BOARD CANDIDATES



Heath "Buddy"
Gordon

My name is Heath "Buddy" Gordon, and I am running for re-election to the Genesee Valley School Board. For those who may not know me, I am a resident of Angelica. My children are graduates of Genesee Valley, and my grandchildren currently attend the school. I take pride in our school and the community that supports it. I have served as a member of the school board for ten years. Over the past ten years, I have served as vice president and president. As our district faces changes in the upcoming school year, I take great care to facilitate open communication channels with the incoming superintendent, school administration, school board members, and the community. I believe in practical, common-sense solutions. These solutions address problems directly and efficiently.

My top priorities include:

- Ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment
- Fiscal responsibility
- Open and honest communication with stakeholders

Please support me on May 20, 2025, as you head to the polls to vote on your Genesee Valley School budget. I appreciate your support and take great pride in representing the taxpayers of our school district.

Over the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving our community as a board member, and for the past year, as the vice president of the board. I am seeking re-election and would greatly appreciate your consideration. Although the last three years have been challenging and marked by significant change, I have consistently strived to make sound decisions that reflect the interests of the majority of taxpayers and stakeholders within the district, even when faced with difficult choices.

Our board has engaged in many challenging discussions and has worked tirelessly to devise the best possible solutions to the obstacles ahead of us. It is imperative to acknowledge that we will need to appoint a new superintendent, along with other key positions in the very near future.

Given the existing knowledge and experience of the current board members, I believe it is crucial to maintain continuity to navigate these transitions effectively and achieve a more stable and comfortable position in the next three years.

I would also encourage you to consider Heath "Buddy" Gordon, who has led us well in his capacity as board president.



Max Gilluly



Sean Kelley

Hi, my name is Sean Kelley, and I am a 2001 GVCS graduate living in West Almond with my family. My oldest son is also a graduate of Genesee Valley, and six more of our children can currently be found traveling through the hallways.

One reason I am running for a school board position is that two of my sons have gone through a life-changing transformational learning experience through the special education program, and I want to ensure that it will always be something the district can offer to its families. I also believe my professional and volunteer experience has given me the tools to be a great asset for the district and an advocate for the students and faculty.

I am currently an associate professor at Alfred State College, where I have taught in the electrical department for the past 11 years. During that time, I was the chair of the Academic Integrity Committee for three years, a committee that not only handled violations of the academic integrity code but also developed policy and procedures for the college. Additionally, I am the electrical department assessment coordinator, ensuring that the program meets its student learning outcomes, and I have served on the faculty senate for six years.

Outside of teaching, I am on the board of Directors for the Alagille Syndrome Alliance, a global patient advocacy organization for patients and families affected by Alagille Syndrome.

2025 RETIREES *We're Sad To See You Go!*

BRIAN EDMISTER II



After nearly two decades at Genesee Valley, Brian “Mr. Ed” Edmister is retiring as elementary principal.

His 33-year career in education spans 19 years at Genesee Valley (including Angelica and Belmont), 2 years at CA BOCES, and 12 years at Franklinville. In addition to his role as principal, he has served as a Digital Staff Specialist, Elementary Teacher, Director of Special Education, and Athletic Director.

At Genesee Valley, Mr. Ed has been deeply involved in various leadership and instructional roles, including teaching in the Jr. Firefighter program, coaching swimming, serving as a Scuba Instructor, Red Cross Instructor Trainer, and Lifeguard. He also founded the AquaJag Swim Team.

He shared, *“It has been my honor to serve the faculty, community, and most of all the students of Genesee Valley for the majority of my career. This has been the most rewarding career I could imagine, and I will always be a Jaguar at heart.”*

ROLLIE DUTTWEILER

Rollie Duttweiler is retiring after teaching for 33 years—4 years in Angelica and 29 at Genesee Valley. Over the years, he has taught every math course offered, from 6th-grade enrichment to Calc 2, totaling around 25 different math courses!

He has also served as an advisor for multiple classes, the Masterminds Team, Math Competition Team, and Scholastic Challenge. Additionally, Mr. Duttweiler has coached Varsity and JV Girls Basketball, Varsity Track & Field, and Varsity Cross Country, spanning 36 sports seasons.

In retirement, he looks forward to driving school bus, spending time with his wonderful wife, kids, and grandson, and getting in a few rounds of golf.

Mr. Duttweiler shared, *“It has been a blessing to have been here so long and to have had so many opportunities to play different roles in this community.”*



DONNA COOMBES



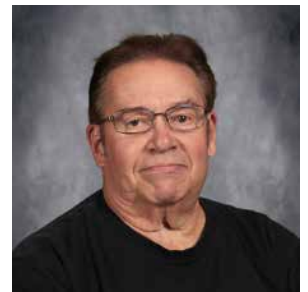
Donna Coombes is retiring this year after six years at Genesee Valley. She is grateful for the opportunity to work as a teacher aide in a variety of classrooms and with so many wonderful students. *“I will miss seeing their smiling faces and hearing their endless laughter,”* she commented.

In retirement, she looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and working as a nanny/daycare provider.

She shared, *“I am so honored to have spent these last wonderful years here at Genesee Valley! Thank you, GV!”*

DANA GUINNIP

Dana Guinnip’s fondest memories of driving bus at Genesee Valley are watching students grow from preschoolers to graduating seniors. Before becoming a bus driver, he worked for many years at Air Preheater and L.C. Whitford in Wellsville. While he found those jobs satisfying and rewarding, he appreciated the relationships formed during his 13+ years driving bus. Reflecting on his time at Genesee Valley, he shared, *“It’s just really cool to see the students grow, develop, and mature into adults before your very eyes! I will miss that.”*



APRIL COLE



April Cole began her 34-year career as a Special Education Teacher in 1991 at Belmont Central School. After the merger, she moved to the Angelica campus and then to Genesee Valley, where she has taught third grade and served as a math intervention teacher.

She has been actively involved in the GV community, serving on the PTO and Sports Boosters, coaching Odyssey of the Mind, and acting as Ski Club Advisor. Additionally, she spent many years as Union President.

In retirement, Mrs. Cole looks forward to having more time to read, travel with her husband, and possibly do some substitute teaching at GV.

SENIOR POST GRAD PLANS

Noah Besant.....	Alfred State College - <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Emily Brown	St. John Fisher or University of Northern Florida - <i>Accounting</i>
Kallie Burdick	Jamestown Community College - <i>Business</i>
Logan Burrows.....	Workforce - <i>County work; CDL</i>
Reagan Butler.....	Grand Canyon University - <i>Early Childhood Education</i>
Mackenzie Button.....	Alfred State College - <i>Business Administration</i>
Haelyn Clark.....	SUNY Brockport - <i>Nursing</i>
Paul Cleveland.....	United States Army
Brayden Cooper-Osterhout.....	University at Buffalo - <i>Biochem & Pre-Med</i>
Iris Cowburn.....	Jamestown Community College
Ryan Daciw	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - <i>Aerospace Engineering</i>
William Edwards.....	Workforce
Hope Ford	Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science - <i>Mortician</i>
Salvatore Gambino	SUNY Oswego or Salisbury University - <i>Finance</i>
Aubrey Geoppner	Golisano Institute for Business & Entrepreneurship - <i>Business/Pharmaceutical Rep</i>
Daphne Gugino.....	Mercyhurst University - <i>Biochemistry</i>
Echo Holmes	Alfred State College - <i>Culinary Baking</i>
Makayla Hutchison	Workforce or Alfred State College
Ty Hutchison.....	Alfred State College - <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Harmony Jensen	Jamestown Community College - <i>Childhood Education</i>
Abdul Mannan	Alfred State College - <i>Information Technology</i>
Mackenzie Marciano	St. Bonaventure University - <i>Biology/Veterinary Medicine</i>
Marah Mellinger.....	Landmark College - <i>Computer Science</i>
Charisma Metatos.....	Alfred State College - <i>Vet Tech</i>
Hunter Newman.....	Alfred State College - <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Thomas Ryan.....	Workforce
Keanna Sands.....	SUNY Brockport - <i>Biology/Physical Therapy</i>
Ryan Snyder	United States Army
Seanna Stocking	Missouri State University - <i>Psychology</i>
Madison Tarar.....	Alfred State College - <i>Business</i>
Zachary Thomas.....	Alfred State College - <i>Individual Studies</i>
Scarlett Turner	Finger Lakes Community College - <i>Health Science or Biology</i>
Evan Turybury.....	Alfred State College - <i>Electrical Engineering Technology</i>
Gavin Weaver	Alfred State College - <i>History Teacher</i>
Tyler Wedge	Alfred State College - <i>Automotive Technology</i>
Jacob White	Workforce - <i>Tree/logging field</i>
Jordan White Phipps	Workforce - <i>Union pipeline welder</i>

PARENTS OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS



As per School Board policy, parents of out-of-district students must request permission in writing for their child to attend Genesee Valley Central School every year. Letters of request to Genesee Valley Central School for the 2025-26 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools no later than August 1, 2025. These requests will be reviewed from July 1 - September 15 each year.

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 3rd 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

Grade 12: Noah Besant, Emily Brown, Kallie Burdick, Brayden Cooper-Osterhout, Ryan Daciw, Salvatore Gambino, Aubrey Geoppner, Mackenzie Marciano, Keanna Sands, Callin Shipman, Scarlett Turner

Grade 11: Graham Bradt, Tayla Brenna, Cree Bulkley, Bryce Davis, Jacey Davis, Mason Fanton, Nolan Hunter, Meara Kelley, Abdul Mannan, Tristan Metatos, Kenton Shultz, Lannden Tilton, Whitney Young

Grade 10: Addison Bradt, Kylee Christensen, Alivia Crossley, Trent Hutchison, Addison Middaugh, Kayla Wedge

Grade 9: Baylee Babbitt, Ada Griffin, Morgan Grooms, Gabriel Marble, Alayna McCullen, Lena McNinch, Mackenzie Newman, Spencer Rambaran, Andra Shultz, Paizlee Tilton, Mackenzie Turybury

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Haelyn Clark, Paul Cleveland, William Edwards, Daphne Gugino, Marah Mellinger, Seanna Stocking, Gavin Weaver

Grade 11: Logan Callahan, Cole Cochran, Bryson Covell, Ethan Davenport, Zachary Davis, Ryker Holmes, Ian MacKenzie, Jade Sallazzo

Grade 10: Tanner Herdman, Zackery Mapes, Elivia McIntrye, Maks Stocking

Grade 9: Victor Baxter, Leah Burrows, Regina Dougherty, Rowan Vossler

Summer Break is almost here!



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, May 20
SCHOOL VOTE

Friday, May 23
SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday, May 26
Memorial Day /
SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday, June 16
Last day of Attendance
for Grades 7-12

Thursday, June 19
Juneteenth Holiday /
SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday, June 23
Last Full day of
Attendance for Grades
PK-6

Tuesday, June 24
Students in Grades
PK-6
dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25
Students in Grades
PK-6
dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 28
Graduation at 11:00 a.m.

HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Logan Burrows, Hope Ford, Makayla Hutchison, Harmony Jensen, Charisma Metatos, Madison Tarar, Tyler Wedge

Grade 11: Joseph Frawley, Larry Geffers, Kaden Huffer, McKenna Jefferds, D'Andre LaClair, Christina McAuley, Abbygail Meigs, Charlotte Mejia, Logan Rice, Justine Willson

Grade 10: Hailee Allen, Dorian Barnes, Riley Blarr, Derick Grantier, Dominick Miller, Ian Miller, Brian Stevens

Grade 9: Arianna Anticola, Matthew Besant, Jaden Brown, Willaim Clarke, Riley Crittenden, Cierra Davenport, Ryley Frank, Dean Frawley, Enasjah Koontz Gibbs, Brett Lewandowski, Aason White, Faith White

HONOR ROLL FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING BOCES: HIGH HONOR ROLL:

12th Grade: Daphne Gugino, William Edwards, Seanna Stocking

11th Grade: Graham Bradt, Tayla Brenna, Logan Callahan, Bryson Covell, Bryce Davis, Mason Fanton, Meara Kelley, D'Andre LaClair, Ian MacKenzie, Christina McAuley, Jade Sallazzo, Justine Willson

HONOR ROLL:

12th Grade: Kallie Burdick, Paul Cleveland, Brayden Cooper Osterhout, Makayla Hutchison, Marah Mellinger, Tyler Wedge

11th Grade: Cree Bulkley, Cole Cochran, Ethan Davenport, Zachary Davis, Joseph Frawley, Kasey Ganoung, Larry Geffers, Tristan Metatos, Logan Rice

GENESEE VALLEY ARCHERS QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT



In March, more than 550 students from 39 schools across New York State competed in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Tournament. Genesee Valley had a strong showing with 21 archers participating.

Three students from Genesee Valley have qualified for the National Tournament in Louisville, KY, on May 8-10:

- **5th grader Nolan Schrader:** placed 7th in the Elementary Boy's Division
- **8th grader Braylen Heitman:** placed 1st in the Middle School Boy's Division
- **8th grader Kylee Kear:** placed 9th in the Middle School Girl's Division

Best of luck to Kylee, Nolan, and Braylen as they represent Genesee Valley at Nationals!



New NHS Members Inducted

Congratulations to the newest members of the GVCS National Honor Society!

Pictured L to R: *Mrs. Douglas, Jacey Davis, Meara Kelley, Kallie Burdick, Nolan Hunter, Whitney Young, and Mrs. Horne.*



The American Legion Boys' State

We would like to recognize Ryan Snyder and Evan Turybury for representing GVCS at Boys State last summer.

The American Legion Boys' State is a one-week program that immerses rising high school seniors in leadership training and citizenship. Participants learn about the practical aspects of government in New York State and understand the important role each individual plays in its success. The program also includes physical training, teamwork, and other activities with guidance from American Legion counselors and U.S. Marines.

We'd also like to thank our local Belmont and Angelica Legions for sponsoring them to attend!

2025 NYS Grades 3-8 Assessments

Genesee Valley Central School will be administering the 2025 NYS Grades 3-8 ELA, Math and Grades 5 & 8 Science computer-based assessments according to the schedule below. Please notify us if your child will be absent on testing days so we can schedule a make-up session. The New York State Education Department will again be limiting the NYS ELA and Math testing to two days per test as they have in previous years.

As always, we appreciate the support we get from parents. If you have a child who could use some reassurance, please contact their classroom teacher. Our teachers can support your child while at school.

If you have any questions, please call testing coordinator **Paula Mighells** or your child's principal at **(585) 268-7900**.

To promote your child's ability to perform at their very best, here are a few test-taking tips to review with your child:

- *Keep a positive attitude and simply focus on doing your best. Try to relax and take a few deep breaths.*
- *Go to bed early so you can get a good night's sleep before testing day.*
- *Eat a healthy breakfast each morning of the test.*
- *Read each question carefully so you know what the directions are asking you to do.*
- *Write neatly so everyone can read your work.*
- *Make sure you answer all questions. If you don't know the answer, make your best guess.*
- *Avoid medical and dental appointments on testing days. If your child feels ill, keep them home for the day.*

2025 MATH ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Assessment Start Time	Tuesday-Wednesday, April 29-30
8:00 AM	Grades 7 & 8
8:15 AM	Grades 3 & 4
8:50 AM	Grades 5 & 6

2025 SCIENCE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Assessment Start Time	Tuesday, May 6
8:00 AM	Grades 8
8:50 AM	Grades 5

Elementary Principal Named for 2025-26



WELCOME

Sarah Taylor

The Genesee Valley Central School (GVCS) District announces the hiring of Sarah Taylor as the new Elementary Principal, effective July 1, 2025. Taylor currently serves as the district's Director of Special Education.

Taylor began her role as Director of Special Education in December 2023. Prior to that, she worked as a school psychologist and has six years of experience serving local districts. At GVCS, she has been actively engaged with staff, students, and families to strengthen the special education program.

As elementary principal, Taylor looks forward to continuing to build strong relationships with students, staff, and families while fostering a collaborative school culture. She is committed to

academic excellence, social-emotional learning, and innovative teaching strategies to help every child reach their full potential.

Genesee Valley Superintendent Dr. Brian Schmitt shared his thoughts on Taylor's hiring: "I am excited to have Sarah become the next Elementary Principal. Her commitment to building strong, positive relationships resonated throughout her tenure. I believe that she is an excellent fit for the district."

Taylor earned her bachelor's degree in Child and Clinical Psychology from Alfred University and a master's degree in School Psychology, along with a School Building Leader Certificate, from SUNY Plattsburgh. She lives in Angelica with her husband, Keegan, and their two children.

World Down Syndrome Day



On March 21, 2025, the Genesee Valley Central School District celebrated World Down Syndrome Day to promote inclusion and awareness. March 21 marks World Down Syndrome Day, a global event dedicated to raising awareness about Down syndrome and promoting inclusion for people with the condition. This day is celebrated annually to highlight the abilities and contributions of individuals with Down syndrome and to encourage a more accepting and supportive society. The date 3/21 was chosen to represent the triplication

(trisomy) of the 21st chromosome, which causes Down syndrome. This genetic condition affects approximately 1 in 700 babies worldwide and can influence physical development, learning, and health. Genesee Valley celebrated this day by wearing brightly color or mismatched socks to symbolize diversity and celebrating difference. Additionally, our 12:1:1 Life Skills classroom created a bulletin board to highlight the day, and students were on the announcements to spread awareness of Down syndrome.



Celebrating Autism Awareness at Genesee Valley Central School

We believe in celebrating diversity and promoting understanding at GVCS - this past April we celebrated Autism Awareness Month! On April 2nd, staff and students wore Autism Awareness shirts in support of our population of students with ASD. Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), affects how people communicate, learn, and experience the world around them. One in 36 children in the U.S. is diagnosed with autism, and every person with autism has unique strengths and challenges. That's why awareness, acceptance, and inclusion are more important than ever.



From Mr. Ed

Elementary Principal



For nearly two decades I have had the pleasure to help lead Genesee Valley through the many challenges of public education. Since 2006 I have watched our community support the education of our kids in so many ways. This has been the most rewarding career I could imagine, yet I find that time for change is upon me. Through the years, I have seen GV kids move into the world and begin to do incredible things, and now many send their kids back to GV as the next generation of Jaguars. Thank you for sharing this walk called life with me for so many years.

As I reflect on my time here, I think of the amazing students, teachers, and parents that have been a part of this journey. The creativity, stamina, and excitement you have brought to us has changed the world forever. It has been the honor of a lifetime to share the years with you.

Thank you for all you have done to make Genesee Valley great. It truly is a special school. The future is bright because of what we have accomplished over these past years. I wish our teachers, students, parents, and leadership at Genesee Valley all the best as they continue our tradition of greatness.

THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Office of State Assessment
Albany, New York 12234

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JUNE 2025

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

June 10 TUESDAY	June 11 WEDNESDAY	June 17 TUESDAY	June 18 WEDNESDAY	June 19 THURSDAY	June 20 FRIDAY	June 23 MONDAY	June 24 TUESDAY	June 25 WEDNESDAY	June 26 THURSDAY	June 27 FRIDAY
7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	Juneteenth Holiday Observed	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	RATING DAY	
Life Science: Biology*	Geometry*	English Language Arts	Global History & Geography II		U.S. History & Government	** Suggested date for local assessments: May include Checkpoint exams or other end-of-year assessments at district discretion.	Physical Setting/ Chemistry	Algebra II		
11:45 a.m.		11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.		11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	Physical Setting/ Physics			
Earth and Space Sciences*		Living Environment	Algebra I		Physical Setting/ Earth Science	Physical Setting/ Physics	Uniform Admission Deadlines Morning Examinations: 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations: 2:00 p.m.			

Character

WORDS OF THE MONTH

MAY

Citizenship



a legal status and relation between an individual and a state that entails specific legal rights and duties.

JUNE

Patience



the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Spring Concerts • 6:30 p.m.
Choir Grades 7-12 and Band Grades 9-12

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Choir Grades 5-6 and Band Grades 5-8 • 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 26:

Memorial Day Parades
9:00 a.m. – Angelica
11:00 a.m. – Belmont

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

The Julia Deichmann Memorial Flag Day March
1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony
12:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony • 11:00 a.m.

Masquerade Prom

- LOCATION: MOONWINKS, CUBA, NY

- DATE AND TIME: MAY 31ST, 7 PM TO 11 PM

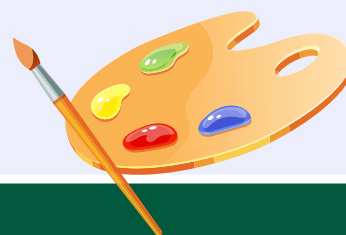
- TICKETS: \$50 EACH, SOLD INDIVIDUALLY

Class of 2026



HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS/MUSIC BANQUET

GVCS would like to welcome students and their families to attend the High School Fine Arts/Music Banquet on **June 4th 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** Awards will be presented, art work will be on display, and there will be music to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you!





Dental Services at GVCS

We are excited to announce that the Mosaic Health Community Dentistry Program will be visiting GVCS during the month of May to provide dental services for our students in Pre-K through 12th grade.

The services provided include:

- Screenings
- Cleanings
- X-rays
- Fluoride treatments
- Sealants



To secure your child's spot, please complete the online form here:

<https://mosaichealth.org/community-dentistry-online-registration/>

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the nurse's office at **585-268-7915**.

4-H Camp Bristol Hills SUMMER CAMP

4-H Camp Bristol Hills is now accepting registrations for the 2025 Summer Camp Season! Join us for our 100th Summer of Camping!

Register Today!

Day & Overnight Camp Programs
Campers are not required to be 4-H Members.
Ages 5 and Up!

4-H Camp is now accepting registrations for the 2025 Summer Camp season! Financial Assistance is available! Campers are not required to be 4-H members, and there is no residency requirement. 4-H Camp Bristol Hills offers day and overnight camp programs for youth 5 years and up.

SPRING (ACHOO!) HAS SPRUNG

The spring season brings delights of warmer weather, flowers blooming and the onset of numerous outdoor sports and activities. Unfortunately, for many, it can also bring sneezing, itchy eyes, runny nose, congestion, coughing and sinus pressure. While mild symptoms may just be an annoyance, severe pollen allergies can lead to frequent sick days, poor sleep, difficulty concentrating, asthma exacerbations and an increase in ear and sinus infections. Every year, seasonal allergies contribute to school absences and have a significant impact on student's academic, physical and emotional health.

Seasonal allergies, Covid and other common illnesses can have very similar symptoms. Careful assessment and consideration of key differences between allergies versus other illnesses is critical to prevent transmission of potentially infectious diseases.

- Allergies come with a significant itch factor. Itchy eyes, ears, nose and/or throat likely point to seasonal allergies.
- Allergy symptoms will often be lingering and may even follow a pattern.
- Allergies **do not** cause fevers.
- A clear runny nose or nasal congestion can be due to allergies, but thick, green nasal discharge is typically associated with an infection.
- A "tickle in your throat" cough is associated with allergies, while a more productive, wet or "hacking" cough is likely to be from a virus or other illness.
- Body aches and pains do not usually occur with allergies, although headaches from allergies can be common. A sore throat or general achiness is a good indicator that allergies are not to blame.

AVOIDING TRIGGERS

Taking steps to limit exposures to potential allergy triggers is one of the best ways to manage spring allergies.

- Keep windows in the home and car closed.
- Wash hands and face after being outside.
- Shower or bathe before going to bed.
- Use air conditioning in the home and car
- Vacuum frequently.
- Wash bedding weekly.
- Encase padded furnishings like mattresses in allergen-proof, zip-up covers.
- Check pollen counts and plan outdoor activities accordingly.

There are several prescriptions and over the counter treatments available that can alleviate symptoms including oral antihistamines and decongestants, topical eye drops and nasal sprays. It is recommended starting the medications before peak pollen seasons ever begin.

When spring is in the air, unfortunately, likely so is pollen. When it gets into the eyes, ears, nose or throat of individuals who suffer from pollen allergies, the symptoms can be miserable and, in addition to exacerbating asthma and leading to other health concerns, can significantly impact student's performance and participation in school.





Maple Production at Genesee Valley CSD

By: Carolyn Wright

This year marked the 2nd year of making maple syrup at Genesee Valley Central School. The students in Miss Wright’s agriculture classes and Mr. Werner’s Building Trades class are responsible for the program. Due to the cold winter season, students didn’t tap trees until February 24th. This year we ran about 65 taps in total—50 buckets, 6 sap bags, and 9 taps on a 3/16” tubing line—which was more than double what we tapped last season. Derick Grantier spearheaded the 3/16” line with natural vacuum and was responsible for installing and managing it throughout the season while the 8th grade team of Keegan Carlin, Karson Harvey, Elizabeth Grantier, and Liviya Rice handled most of the sap collection during their 9th period study hall.

Other classes such as 8th grade AgTech and Design for Entertainment also helped collect sap during the school day.

While the Agricultural classes managed the woods, Mr. Werner’s building trades students worked to get the sugar shack set up for the season by completing the cabinets, lighting, and new fuel system. They also oversaw the moving of the sugar shack into its place behind the bus garage. With increased taps this season, students were able to be an active part in all stages of the syrup making process from tapping, collecting sap, boiling, and even drawing off the first batch of syrup from the evaporator. Students got to learn in a hands-on way how to use the tools to determine when syrup can be drawn off and how to use the filter press to improve the final quality of the finished syrup. We ended the season on March 31st with 5 gallons of syrup made. Due to the length of the season, Miss. Wright’s classes were able to host 14 elementary class tours from grades Pre-K through 6th. Each tour ended with a syrup tasting.

A sample of syrup made at GVCS will be submitted to the NYS Agriculture in the Classroom Schoolyard Sugaring Contest where we hope to improve on our 2nd place finish from last year. The remainder of the GVCS Maple Syrup will be used for the taste test day on April 24th and at the FFA Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on May 3rd. Thank you so much to all the students and staff for a successful 2025 Maple Season!





YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

Genesee Valley took 11 students to the YMCA Youth and Government Conference in Albany this year. Before attending, Addison Bradt and Abbygail Meigs participated in the Leadership Conference in February, where they were trained in parliamentary procedure. This training allowed both of them to serve as committee Chairs during the first night of the conference, giving them an inside look at student leadership behind the scenes.

Students researched and wrote three bills to be debated, covering topics such as requiring financial literacy courses in

high school, strengthening animal abuse laws, and lowering the cost of prenatal care and childbirth. This year's conference, attended by 735 students from across New York State, was the largest to date.

Addison Bradt received a Service Learning Award for completing her training and participating in at least 15 hours of community service. She was also selected as the GVCS Best Delegate and was invited to attend the Conference on National Affairs this summer. There, she will join 25 other New York State delegates to discuss national issues alongside students from 32 different states.

The purpose of the Legislative Branch at the conference is to allow students to propose new laws, amend existing legislation, and develop a deeper understanding of current events. It also

helps students improve their public speaking and debate skills. Participants work in bill groups of 2-5 students to draft legislation, which is then presented for debate. Every bill is heard and considered at least once. Bills that pass both chambers are reviewed by the Youth Governor and their Cabinet, who may either sign or veto them. If vetoed, a bill can still be enacted if it receives a two-thirds majority vote in the override process.

This year, one GV bill written by Jacey Davis, Abbygail Meigs, and Charlie Mejia was signed into law by the Youth Governor. Other groups gained valuable insights into the legislative process and plan to refine their bills for future submission.

Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to participate in one of two Youth and Government conferences. Those interested should reach out to Mrs. Slawson with any questions.



Genesee Valley CSD FFA Spring Update

By: Carolyn Wright

The FFA competition season kicked off in February with the District Leadership Development Events (LDE) at Fillmore CSD. The GVCSD FFA Chapter had five members represent GV in four different events: Senior Creed Speaking, Employment Skills, Senior People in Agriculture, and Junior People in Agriculture.

In Creed speaking, FFA members must memorize the 5 paragraph FFA Creed, recite it before judges, and answer questions about the Creed. Addison Middaugh placed second in this event. Employment Skills asks students to apply for a real-life job, create a resume and cover letter, go through an interview, and write a follow up email. Addison Middaugh, Sarah Dorrett, and Cayleigh Shipman competed in this event with Addison placing 4th and Sarah Dorrett placing 8th. The People in Agriculture contest requires students to research individual jobs within the different career areas within agriculture and create a presentation showcasing them. Chilaleah Ormsby placed 8th in the senior version of the contest and Elizabeth Grantier placed

3rd in the junior version of the contest. Addison Middaugh and Elizabeth Grantier moved on to the Substate Competition held in March at Lyons Central School.

The end of March marked the start of the Career Development Events (CDE). GV FFA members participated in the Finger Lakes CDE Invitational to prepare for the State Convention where Derick Grantier brought home 1st place in the Maple Production contest. The following week nine GV FFA members competed at the State level in Milk Quality and Products, Meat Evaluation, and Ag Mechanics held at SUNY Cobleskill. The students are looking forward to continuing to grow in these contests for the coming years. In May fifteen GV FFA members will head to the NYS FFA Convention to join the state in celebrating 100 years of NY FFA and compete in several CDE's: Maple Production, Tool ID, Veterinary Science, Food Science, Agricultural Sales, and Quiz Bowl. We are excited to go represent GV and make everyone proud!



Lynn Manning Memorial Scholarship GOLF TOURNAMENT

Genesee Valley Central School will be hosting the 4th Annual Lynn Manning Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, July 18 at the Wellsville Country Club.

The proceeds will be used to support her scholarship fund for GV students pursuing a career path in business or education.

Team registration information can be found on the Genesee Valley webpage at www.genvalley.org. Monetary donations and items for the gift basket raffle are also being accepted for this event.

Please reach out to Erin Graham at egraham@genvalley.org with any questions.

We truly appreciate your support in making this tournament a huge success!



JULY 18

FRIDAY | 2025

Registration 8:00AM

9:00AM Tee Off

\$400

Foursome

Scramble Format
Includes golf, cart,
and lunch &
dinner provided

Course Games
Basket Raffles
50/50 Raffle

**Wellsville
Country
Club**

for more info
www.genvalley.org

WELLSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB
3006 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
WELLSVILLE, NY 14895

GENESEE VALLEY ATHLETIC WALL OF FAME

Genesee Valley Central School is now accepting nominations for the Athletic Wall of Fame, which honors individuals or teams who have significantly contributed to the athletic programs of Angelica Central School, Belmont Central School, or Genesee Valley Central School.

To nominate a deserving individual or team, please complete the Wall of Fame Nomination Form by May 15.

For additional information, please contact **Athletic Director Raegan Ryan** at rryan@genvalley.org.

Access the Nomination Form here:

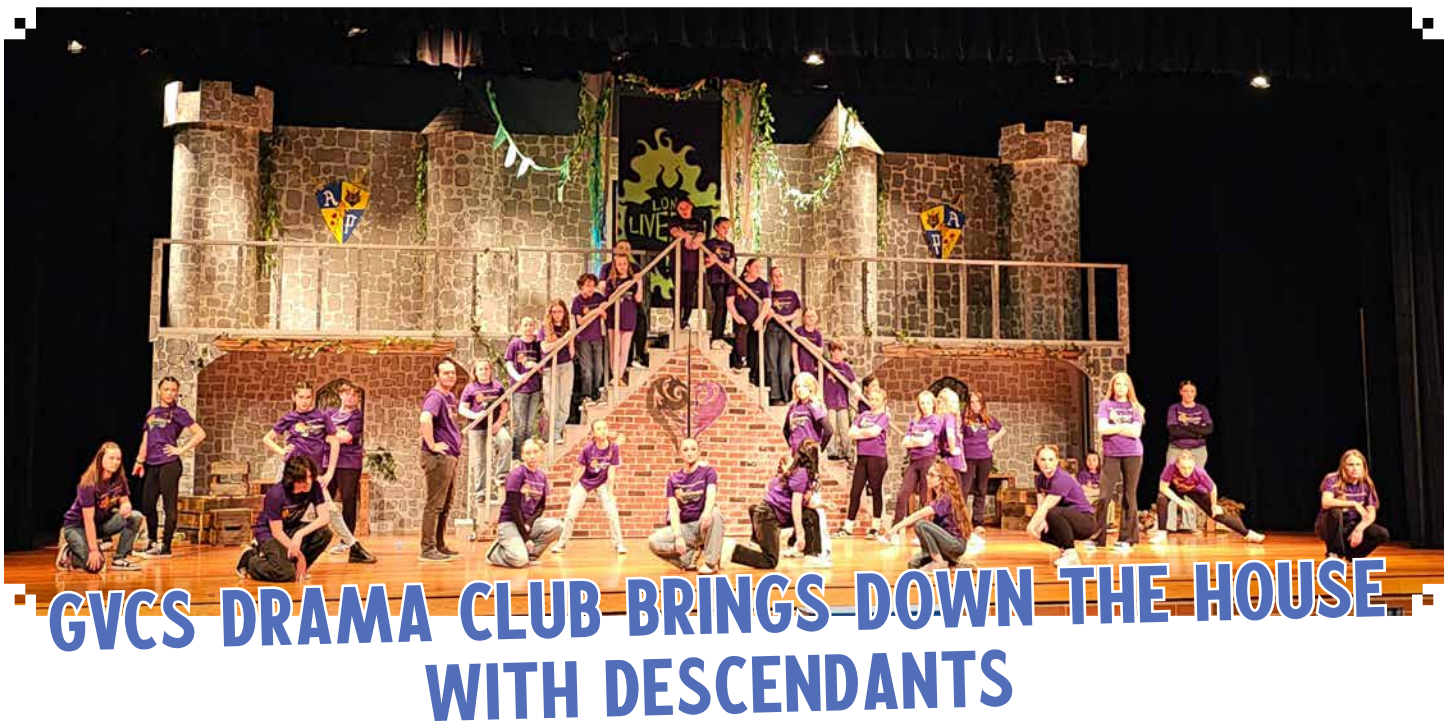


SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGE COMPETITION

On Saturday, March 29, three teams of GV students put their knowledge to the test tackling questions on a variety of topics. We are proud of their hard work and dedication this year to TRIVIA!

The teams included Ryker Holmes, Gavin Weaver, Brayden Cooper-Osterhout, Kenton Shultz, Addison Bradt, Larry Geffers, Jacey Davis, Graham Bradt, Addison Middaugh, and Chilaleah Ormsby, coached by Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Horne.





This year's spring musical, *Descendants*, was nothing short of spectacular, thanks to the incredible work of our cast, crew, staff, and academic teams. With a cast of 45 student performers and a crew of 12, the production brought together over 100 students and adults, uniting talent and energy from across the district to make the magic happen.

What made this show even more extraordinary was the deep collaboration across multiple courses and departments, creating real-world learning experiences that linked curriculum to live performance. Students were given opportunities to shine both on stage and behind the scenes, using a wide range of creative and technical skills.

In our Theater Production and Exploration class, students designed the set and many props using tools and techniques such as scale modeling, 3D printing, laser engraving, large-scale printing, Silhouette machines, and digital design. These students weren't just preparing for a show, they were building career-ready skills in design and fabrication.

The Building Science program took those designs and brought them to life, constructing the set from the ground up. Meanwhile, Design for Entertainment students added dramatic flair with large props crafted in the shop, enhancing the overall aesthetic and storytelling of the show.

This production wasn't just a performance—it was a collaborative, cross-disciplinary effort that provided meaningful, hands-on learning and celebrated the strengths of students across all interests and abilities.

Descendants also received multiple **TANYS (Theatre Association of New York State) awards**, recognizing excellence across the production:

- **Meritorious Achievement in Ensemble Performance** – to the *Descendants* Cast and Crew
- **Excellence in Direction** – Donna Slawson
- **Excellence in Vocal Direction** – Caleb Durant
- **Excellence in Costuming** – Mandy Tawil, Payton Werner, and Donna Slawson
- **Excellence in Technical Design and Execution** – Nathan Slawson, Daphne Gugino, and the Theater Production and Exploration class

These awards reflect the creativity, dedication, and teamwork of everyone involved—from students in the spotlight to those working hard behind the curtain.

Congratulations to the entire GVCS Drama Club and all the educators, volunteers, and families who supported this outstanding production. At Genesee Valley, we're proud to say: we're always Better Together.

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Character Word of the Month: Citizenship						-SAT Test
				1	2	3
Please Note - Sports Schedules will be on GV Website		-5:30 PM - Board of Education Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting, Room 1121			-End of 4th Quarter Gr. 6-12 -NYSSMA Solo Festival at Fillmore	-NYSSMA Solo Festival at Fillmore
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		-Spring Concert 6:30 PM, Gr. 9-12 Band Gr. 7-12 Choir		-Spring Concert 6:30 PM, Gr. 5-8 Band Gr. 5-6 Choir	-Progress Reports Mailed Home -Springville Jazz Band Festival, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	-Springville Concert/Marching Band Festival
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		-12:00-8:00pm -District Vote, Belmont residents- GV Pool Vestibule; Angelica residents- Angelica Grange Hall Accept Vote Results			School Building Closed	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	MEMORIAL DAY School Building Closed 9:00am - Angelica Parade 11:00am - Belmont Parade					-Junior Prom
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Character Word of the Month: Patience 1	-6:00pm MS/HS Awards Ceremony, Auditorium 2	3	-Regents Exams 6:00pm Fine Arts Banquet 4	-6-8:00pm - FFA Banquet 5	6	-SAT Test 7
Please Note - Sports Schedules will be on GV Website 8	9	-Regents Exams 5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121 10	-Regents Exam 11	12	-1:00pm - Julia Deichmann Memorial Flag Day March 13	-ACT Test 14
15	-End of 4th Marking Period Grades 5-12 -End of 3rd Marking Period Grades K-4 -Last day for Gr. 7-12 16	-Regents Exam 17	-Regents Exams -Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony at Noon 18	JUNTEENTH School Building Closed 19	-Regents Exam 20	21
22	-Regents Exams -Last Full Day for Elementary 23	-Regents Exams -1:00pm Dismissal - Elementary 24	-Regents Exams -1:00pm Dismissal - Elementary 25	-Regents Rating Day 26	-Regents Rating Day -Senior Lunch & Graduation Practice -10:30am - HS Concert Band Rehearsal for Graduation -Last day for staff 27	-11:00am - Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony 28
29	30					

Genesee Valley Central School

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Central Administration:

Dr. Brian Schmitt, Superintendent
Erin Ostrander, School Business Official
Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal
Brian Edmister, PK-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

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY-FRIDAY **SATURDAY-SUNDAY**

5:00-8:00 A.M. & 7:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

3:00-9:00 P.M

If the school building is closed (holidays, snow days, early dismissals, etc.) **the Fitness Center will be closed**

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.

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.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION

The Annual Fire Safety Inspection Report for the 2024-25 school year is available for public review in the district office. Please contact the school if you have questions.

AHERA STATEMENT

In accordance with the 1986 Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) 29 CFR 763.84(c) the Genesee Valley CSD is required to annually post written notification of all known Asbestos within the school facilities.

The Genesee Valley CSD has NO Asbestos containing building material (ACBM) within any of its facilities as determined by certified personnel, architects and engineers. An official written copy of this statement can be viewed by calling the school at (585) 268-7900.

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.*