



Genesee Valley Central School

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Jag News

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CLASS OF 2025!**



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NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The Genesee Valley Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Paige Kinnaird as our district's new Superintendent of Schools, effective July 14, 2025. Dr. Kinnaird brings over 25 years of educational experience, having served as a Teacher, Department Coordinator, Assistant Principal, and most recently as the Director of Instruction/ Building Administrator for nine years at Allegany-Limestone Central School. Her extensive background in both teaching and administration, along with her local presence, aligns with the boards and stakeholders' expectations based on feedback gathered from surveys and interviews, that were prioritized throughout the selection process. She earned her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University at Buffalo, a Master's degree in Social Policy and Education from SUNY Empire State College, and a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature from St. Bonaventure University.

WE INVITE YOU TO WARMLY WELCOME DR. KINNAIRD AS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR JAGUAR FAMILY!

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Dear GVCS Community,

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I join this incredible community as your new Superintendent.

As an educator and leader, I believe in the power of public education to unlock potential, spark curiosity, and prepare students to thrive in a rapidly changing world. I bring with me more than twenty years of experience in education, having served as a teacher and as both a building and district leader. As we begin the 2025–2026 school year, I'm thrilled to share our district-wide after theme "**Jaguar Journey.**"

This theme reflects not only the strength and spirit of our school mascot but also the shared path we walk together. Every journey is made meaningful by the people on it—and I look forward to learning, growing, and leading alongside all of you.

My first priority as Superintendent is to listen and to learn. Over the coming weeks and months, I will be visiting classrooms, attending events, and engaging in conversations to better understand what makes Genesee Valley special. I want to hear your stories including the successes, challenges, and the aspirations you have for our schools.

Together, we will celebrate what is working, tackle challenges with transparency and collaboration, and build a shared vision for the next chapter of our district's story.

Whether you're just beginning your journey with us or have been a part of this district for generations, your voice matters.

Thank you for the warm welcome. I am honored to be part of the GVCS family.

***With gratitude and enthusiasm,
Dr. Paige Kinnaird***

Character

WORDS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

Respect

Admire (someone or something) deeply, as a result of their abilities, qualities, or achievements.

OCTOBER

Responsibility

The opportunity or ability to act independently and make decisions without authorization.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH – 5:00-6:30 P.M.

ELEMENTARY:

- Bounce houses will be outside near the playground starting at 4:00 p.m. and going until 6:30 p.m.
- You can meet your child's teacher in the gym starting at 5:00 p.m.
- Families can walk to see where the classroom is, but classrooms will not be open.
- A free meal will be served in the cafeteria for families who attend.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL:

- Teachers will be in the cafeteria from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- Dinner will be served during this time in the cafeteria for families who attend.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2025-26 WILL BE PROVIDED ONCE AGAIN. ALL YOUR CHILD WILL NEED WILL BE A BACKPACK TO CARRY ITEMS TO & FROM SCHOOL.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, August 27
**Meet the Teacher Night /
Bounce Houses /Dinner**

Monday, September 1
Labor Day
(School Closed)

Tuesday, September 2
**First Day of Student
Attendance**

Friday, October 10
Staff Development Day
(No Student Attendance)

Monday, October 13
Columbus Day
(School Closed)

GVCS PHONE NUMBERS

The Welcome Desk hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS:

Main Operator/Welcome Desk	(585) 268-7900
Elementary Principal's Office.....	(585) 268-7906
MS/HS Principal's Office	(585) 268-7908
District Office	(585) 268-7909
Business Office.....	(585) 268-7911
Cafeteria Office	(585) 268-7916
CSE/CSPE Office	(585) 268-7913
Guidance Office.....	(585) 268-7937
Nurse's Office	(585) 268-7915
Transportation/Bus Garage.....	(585) 268-7920
Student Attendance Reporting	(585) 268-7914
Tax Collector/Accounts Payable.....	(585) 268-7955
Technology Support	(585) 268-7912

To leave a message for a teacher, please call the Principal's Office and your call will be transferred to the teacher's voice mailbox during the school day.

STAFF PHONE NUMBERS:

After School Program	(585) 268-7940
Baker, Denise (Guidance)	(585) 268-7937
Bradt, Brooke (Social Worker)	(585) 268-7936
Burdick, Linda (CSE/CPSE Office)	(585) 268-7913
Chamberlain, Maureena (Elementary Office).....	(585) 268-7906
Edmund, Amber (Middle/High School Office)	(585) 268-7908
Fuller, Kristin (Nurse-RN)	(585) 258-7915
George, Rita (Attendance/Nurse)	(585) 268-7914
Graham, Chris (Sr. Maintenance)	(585) 268-7917
Halbert, Amy (Cafeteria).....	(585) 268-7916
LaBenne, Jeff (Technology)	(585) 268-7922
LaFever, Kelly (Psychologist)	(585) 268-7944
Laraby, Charles (Maintenance).....	(585) 268-7919
Ostrander, Erin (Business Office).....	(585) 268-7902
Preston, Josie (7-12 Guidance Counselor)	(585) 268-7928
Roberts, Paula (Dean of Students/Curriculum Coordinator).....	(585) 268-7942
Ryan, Raegan (Athletic Director).....	(585) 268-7927
Scholes, Brittany (Business Office)	(585) 268-7911
Turybury, Jennifer (PK3-6 Guidance Counselor)	(585) 268-7929
Warner, Linda (Welcome Desk)	(585) 268-7907
Weaver, Willy (Transportation)	(585) 268-7920
Willson, Devan (Tax Collector/Accts. Payable).....	(585) 268-7955
Winterhalter, Pamela (District Office)	(585) 268-7909

BELL SCHEDULES



Classes Begin for Students on Tuesday, September 2nd

The 2025-26 school year opens on Tuesday, September 2nd for Grades PK-12. Please visit the school website at www.genvalley.org for pertinent school information such as the master calendar, cafeteria menu, employee directory, sports schedules, etc.

MS BELL SCHEDULE	
Breakfast/Homeroom	7:50 - 8:00
Period 1	8:00-8:45
Period 2	8:48-9:33
Period 3	9:36-10:21
Period 4	10:24-11:09
Period 5	11:12-11:57
Period 6 (LUNCH)	12:00-12:30
Period 7	12:33-1:18
Period 8	1:21-2:06
Period 9	2:09-2:54

- AM BOCES bus will leave GV at 8:45 a.m. and return to GV at 11:10 a.m. Students should go straight to lunch.
- PM BOCES bus will leave GV at 11:45 a.m. and return to GV at 2:05 pm.

2-HOUR DELAY BELL SCHEDULE	
No Breakfast Served	
Report to Homeroom	9:50
Period 1	9:50-10:13
Period 2	10:16-10:40
Period 3	10:43-11:07
Period 4	11:10-11:34
Period 5 (HS LUNCH)	11:37-12:07
Period 6 (MS LUNCH)	12:10-12:40
Period 7	12:43-1:25
Period 8	1:28-2:10
Period 9	2:13-2:54

- AM BOCES students will be picked up at 9:55 a.m. and return to GV at 11:05 a.m. Students will report to the library until lunch.
- PM BOCES students will be picked up at 12:07 p.m. and return to GV at 2:05 p.m. Students will report to the library until 2:10 p.m.

HS BELL SCHEDULE	
Breakfast/Homeroom	7:50 - 8:00
Period 1	8:00-8:45
Period 2	8:48-9:33
Period 3	9:36-10:21
Period 4	10:24-11:09
Period 5 (LUNCH)	11:12-11:42
Period 6	11:45-12:30
Period 7	12:33-1:18
Period 8	1:21-2:06
Period 9	2:09-2:54

- Students may enter their classrooms at 7:50 a.m.
- Periods are 45-minutes with 30-minute lunches

CELL PHONE POLICY

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

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

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

PHOTO OPT OUT

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

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

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

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

Please send a letter to GVCS Elementary if you do not want your child's name and/or picture in publications.

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS DRIVING TO SCHOOL:

A parking permit is necessary for students driving to school and must be renewed each year. Please email Mrs. Edmund in the high school office at aedmund@genvalley.org for the student parking permit and vehicle registration paperwork. We will need a copy of your driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance, along with the registration form, complete with your parent's signature.



SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

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

LATIN HONORS

Graduating seniors are recognized as graduating Summa Cum Laude for a cumulative high school average of 96% or above, Magna Cum Laude for an average of 92-95.99%, and Cum Laude for an average of 88-91.99%. The average levels assure a rigorous measure of academic achievement. Class rank is not publicized unless requested by a college, university or scholarship. Students interested in speaking at graduation will submit speeches to a selection committee comprised of faculty members and students.





SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Parents,

We are excited to welcome students back to the Genesee Valley campus in a few short weeks! We have been working hard this summer and are ready to begin the 2025-2026 school year on Tuesday September 2nd. All necessary school supplies will be provided by the district. Your child's teachers will distribute supplies for each of their classes.

If your child has their driver's license and plans to drive to school, they need to fill out a parking permit form. A copy of their driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance are required. Once the necessary paperwork is completed, they will be given a permit to hang from their rearview mirror. This process must be completed each year.

The middle and high school bell schedules are included in this newsletter. Our "Grab and Go" breakfast will start at 7:45 a.m. Homeroom will begin at 7:50 a.m. and first period will start at 8:00 a.m. Meet the Teacher Night will be held on

Wednesday, August 27th from 5:00-6:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teachers and other families in our school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions or concerns as the year progresses, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Sara Donlon*

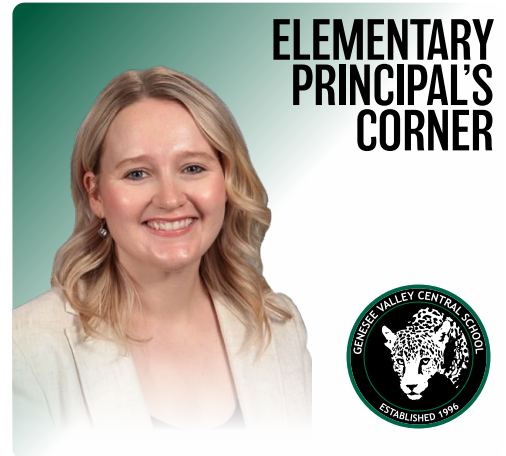
Dear Genesee Valley Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year at Genesee Valley Central School!

Whether your family is new to our school or you've been with us before, we're excited to have you with us. We're looking forward to a great year filled with learning, growth, and fun experiences for your child.

At Genesee Valley, we believe every student is unique and has something special to share. Our teachers and staff are ready to help your child grow in school, make friends, and feel supported. We've worked hard to prepare classrooms, plan lessons, and get everything ready for a successful year.

We also know that when families are involved, students do even better. To help you stay connected, we encourage you to download the **ParentSquare App**. You can also stay up to date through our school website, Facebook page, newsletters, and teacher messages.



Here are a few important reminders to help you get started:

- **First Day of School:** Tuesday, September 2nd
- **Meet the Teacher Night:** Wednesday, August 27th from 4:00-6:30 PM
 - o Bounce houses will be outside near the playground starting at 4:00 PM and going until 6:30.
 - o You can meet your child's teacher in the gym starting at 5:00 PM.
 - o Families can walk to see where the classroom is, but classrooms will not be open.
 - o A **free meal** will be served in the cafeteria for families who attend.
- **School Supplies:** All school supplies are provided for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **Parent Square Info:** You'll find the following on Parent Square:
 - o Student contact information
 - o Classroom teacher assignments
 - o Transportation details
 - o Student login/password information

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to call or email. We are here to support you and your child and can't wait to partner with you for a great year!

*Warm regards,
Sarah Taylor*

GRANT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR GV STUDENTS

Genesee Valley Central School again offers healthy meals every school day. GV received grant funds to continue providing all students free breakfast and lunch daily for the 2025-26 school year. The district does request that if you qualify for free or reduced price meals according to the income guidelines below, please complete and return a free/reduced meal application. They are available on our website or by calling the Main Office. Thank you for your cooperation.

2025-26 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK

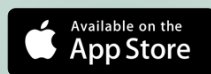
2025-26 REDUCED PRICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES					
Total Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 28,953	\$ 2,413	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,114	\$ 557
2	\$ 39,128	\$ 3,261	\$ 1,631	\$ 1,505	\$ 753
3	\$ 49,303	\$ 4,109	\$ 2,055	\$ 1,897	\$ 949
4	\$ 59,478	\$ 4,957	\$ 2,479	\$ 2,288	\$ 1,144
5	\$ 69,653	\$ 5,805	\$ 2,903	\$ 2,679	\$ 1,340
6	\$ 79,828	\$ 6,653	\$ 3,327	\$ 3,071	\$ 1,536
7	\$ 90,003	\$ 7,501	\$ 3,751	\$ 3,462	\$ 1,731
8	\$ 100,178	\$ 8,349	\$ 4,175	\$ 3,853	\$ 1,927
*Each add'l person, add	\$ 10,175	\$ 848	\$ 424	\$ 392	\$ 196

ParentSquare

We are switching from Remind to ParentSquare this year to send districtwide, school-specific, and even class-specific updates to parents, guardians, and families.

All district communication will be sent via ParentSquare to the email address or phone number we have on file for each parent/guardian. Communications can also be received on the ParentSquare mobile app.

If you need to update your phone number or email address, please call the school at 585-268-7900



FOURTH 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 4th 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, Mackenzie Marciano, Keanna Sands, Callin Shipman, Madison Tarar, Scarlett Turner

11th grade: Bryce Davis, Jacey Davis, Ryker Holmes, Nolan Hunter, Meara Kelley, Ian MacKenzie, Tristan Metatos, Kenton Shultz, Lannden Tilton, Whitney Young

10th grade: Kylee Christensen, Trent Hutchison, Addison Middaugh, Maks Stocking, Kayla Wedge

9th grade: Baylee Babbitt, Ada Griffin, Alayna McCullen, Lena McNinch, Andra Shultz, Paizlee Tilton

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

12th grade: Noah Besant, Haelyn Clark, Brayden Cooper Osterhout, Ryan Daciw, William Edwards, Aubrey Geoppner, Daphne Gugino, Thomas Ryan, Seanna Stocking, Tyler Wedge

11th grade: Graham Bradt, Tayla Brenna, Cree Bulkley, Logan Callahan, Ethan Davenport, Mason Fanton, McKenna Jeffers, Christina McAuley, Jade Sallazzo

10th grade: Addison Bradt, Alivia Crossley, Zackery Mapes, Elivia McIntyre

9th grade: Morgan Grooms, Gabriel Marble, Mackenzie Newman, Spencer Rambaran, Mackenzie Turybury

HONOR ROLL:

12th grade: Kallie Burdick, Logan Burrows, Reagan Butler, Paul Cleveland, Makayla Hutchison, Charisma Metatos, Zachary Thomas

11th grade: Bryson Covell, Joseph Frawley, Larry Geffers, Izak Hutchison, D'Andre LaClair, Rylee Ordway, Logan Rice

10th grade: Hailee Allen, Riley Blarr, Tanner Herdman, Dominick Miller, Ian Miller

9th grade: Arianna Anticola, Victor Baxter, Leah Burrows, Regina Dougherty, Ryley Frank, Rowan Vossler, Aason White

HONOR ROLL FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING BOCES:

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

12th grade: William Edwards, Daphne Gugino, Thomas Ryan

11th grade: Graham Bradt, Tayla Brenna, Logan Callahan, Bryson Covell, Bryce Davis, Meara Kelley, D'Andre LaClair, Ian MacKenzie, Christina McAuley, Tristan Metatos, Jade Sallazzo

HONOR ROLL:

12th grade: Kallie Burdick, Logan Burrows, Reagan Butler, Paul Cleveland, Makayla Hutchison, Seanna Stocking, Zachary Thomas, Tyler Wedge

11th grade: Cree Bulkley, Ethan Davenport, Mason Fanton, Joseph Frawley, Kasey Ganoung, Larry Geffers, Izak Hutchison, Cayleigh Shipman



We are proud to announce that Genesee Valley Central School has been recognized again as a School of Distinction by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for the 2024-25 school year. To be recognized as a School of Distinction, a school must apply for the honor and have 100% of its varsity teams earn the Scholar-Athlete Team Award during their respective sports seasons.



BACK TO SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS

DROP OFF OF STUDENTS

Parents who drive their children to school are asked to please use the Parent Drop Off parking lot. Please remember that students should not be in the school building before 7:45 a.m. due to coverage.

DISMISSAL OF WALKERS

In order to keep our students safe, our teachers will be dismissing all students in grades PK-4th who are walkers to the welcome desk area. There is a daily sign out sheet for parents/guardians.

SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE FOR GRADES PK-12TH

1. Parents/guardians needing a student to be dismissed from school must sign them out at the welcome desk area with a written note in advance.
2. Students will not be released to any individual without prior authorization from the Principal.
3. Parents/guardians may sign their child(ren) out from school with a legal excuse as defined by NYS Education Department.
4. Parents must personally sign their child(ren) out at the welcome desk.
5. When signing out, students should provide their name, reason for dismissal, and the time they leave.
6. When returning to school the same day, students should sign in, document arrival time, provide verification of absence, obtain a pass from the welcome desk personnel and immediately report to class.
7. Students will not be excused on a regular basis for purposes not listed on the legal absence list.

FIRE INSPECTION NOTICE

The Annual Fire Inspection Reports can be reviewed and copies obtained by contacting the district office.

POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Genesee Valley Central School District has a policy concerning sexual harassment. The school and community are alerted to the fact that acts of sexual harassment are contrary to school district policy and will not be tolerated in the school environment. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, this policy applies to all staff members and students. Sexual harassment creates an unhealthy atmosphere destructive of the School District's educational purpose. Such conduct violates Education Laws 3214, 3020A and Civil Service Law 75. All alleged harassment claims will be investigated and appropriate action taken.

DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (DASA)

Public school districts are required to provide all public school

students with an environment free from discrimination and harassment, as well as to foster civility in public schools. The Dignity Act also focuses on prevention of harassment and discriminatory behaviors through promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate.

A part of the mandate requires all districts to name a Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC). The DAC for Genesee Valley is Ms. Paula Mighells. Students and/or parents may report concerns to Ms. Mighells. An important component of the Dignity Act focuses on educating students to treat each other with greater respect.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students".

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR 99.31):
 - School officials with legitimate educational interest;
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
 - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
 - Accrediting organizations;
 - To comply with a judicial order or lawfully

- issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, “directory” information such as a student’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

For additional information, you may call 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) (voice). Individuals who use TDD may use the Federal Relay Service.

Or you may contact us at the following address:
 Family Policy Compliance Office
 U.S. Department of Education
 400 Maryland Avenue, SW
 Washington, DC 20202-8520

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) NOTIFICATION

– The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was passed by the US Congress and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The ESSA replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and is the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Under the ESSA, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child’s teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request. At any time you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and major(s) or areas of concentration.

If your child is working with one of our paraprofessionals, we can provide you with information regarding their qualifications as well.

The ESSA includes additional right-to-know requests. Parents and guardians may also inquire about the following:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out

- Information on required assessments that include subject matter tested, purpose of the test, source of the requirement (if applicable), amount of time it takes to complete the test and time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking skills he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable New York State requirements.

ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATIONS:

*Section 9528 (a) (1) of the legislation requires that each school district receiving Title I funds under No Child Left Behind shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students’ names, addresses, and telephone listings. A student or a parent may request that such information not be released without prior written parental consent. In order to make such a request, please contact the guidance office at (585) 268-7937 for further information. If you do not wish to have your student’s information released to the military or to colleges without your permission, you must send a signed, written statement to that effect to the guidance office.

*UNDER SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (MEGAN’S LAW)

information that is disseminated to the School District regarding the presence in the community of a convicted sex offender will be communicated to staff, community and local law enforcement officials in order to ensure that the offender does not have contact with children. Any information which the School District receives regarding a sex offender from a source other than the Sex Offender Registry, and which is maintained independent of the requirements of Megan’s Law, will be available from the District, upon written request to the District Office, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law. Any inquiries regarding this requirement may be made to the Superintendent’s Office.



NEW EMPLOYEE WELCOMED TO GVCS

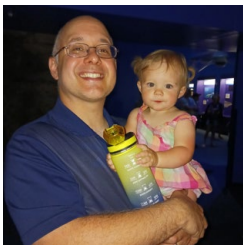


KAYLEE ELLIOTT is returning this year as a PK4 Teacher. Kaylee was a substitute last year and also served as a Long-Term Substitute position in the 4th Grade. She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and triple certification in Inclusive and Early Elementary Education from St. Bonaventure University. She is currently working on her master's degree in Literacy. Kaylee previously worked as a daycare caregiver while obtaining her bachelor's.

Kaylee writes, *"I am so excited to be joining GV and am looking forward to a great year of growth and learning alongside my co-workers and students!"*

Her hobbies include playing video games, reading, going for walks, and drawing.

THOMASEMRICH is joining us this year as our new Committee on Special Education (CSE/CPSE) Chair. Thomas obtained a bachelor's degree in Music from SUNY Oswego, a master's degree in Childhood Education, graduate Special Education coursework at SUNY Cortland, and is currently pursuing his School Building Leader CAS through the University of Rochester. His previous employment and experience include the following: member of the Alternate Education Program, Special Education Teacher in both a 12:1:1 and 15:1 classrooms at Whitesville Central School, and Special Education Teacher (Direct



Consultant Teacher).

Thomas writes, *"I am incredibly excited to take on the role of CSE/CPSE Chair at GVCS! I look forward to meeting all students, staff and families in the coming weeks. It's going to be a great school year and I look forward to working with all of you!"*

His hobbies/interests are the New York Yankees, New York Giants, and spending time with his family.



ZACHARY SMITH is our new Secondary Math Teacher. He received his associate's degree in Liberal Arts Math/Science from Alfred State College, a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from SUNY Brockport, and a master's degree in Adolescent Mathematics also from SUNY Brockport.

For the last 7 years Zachary taught Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry Applications, SAT Prep and Math in Sports at Wellsville Central School. For the past 9 years he has worked as an Adjunct Math Professor at Alfred State College (two years full-time as the Math Support Specialist). He has also taught 6-8th Grade Math and Science at Immaculate Conception School in Wellsville.

Zachary writes, *"I am very excited for the opportunity to join the Genesee Valley faculty. For years, I have heard great things about the students, families, community, faculty, and staff. I have been lucky enough to know many Jaguars in my life, including teachers that I had in high school, a dear friend and mentor and even my sister-in-law. All have told me that I will love this place because of the family environment and support given by all. I will do my best to live up to the tremendous expectations left by the legend himself, Mr. Duttweiler. GO JAGS!"*

His hobbies include pickleball and Math.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION! CONGRATS ABDUL!

We honored Abdul Mannan and presented him with a Certificate of Completion before he returned to his home in Pakistan. Fred and Jocia Mellinger hosted Abdul this school year. He was a wonderful addition to our student body and we were so happy to have him here!



CONGRATS BRYSON!

We'd like to congratulate Genesee Valley's most recent graduate, Bryson Covell! Bryson graduated a year early and was awarded his diploma at the Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, August 19, by Mrs. Donlon. Bryson plans to enter the workforce.



2025 HOMECOMING WEEKEND

WALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.,
GV Cafeteria
(Continental breakfast will be provided)

HOMECOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Please see our website for the complete schedule
of athletic events during Homecoming

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

The 2025-26 school taxes will be collected by Devan Willson, Tax Collector.

Taxes can be paid in one of the following ways:

1. In person at Community Bank, N.A.: Belmont NY Location. (We do not accept in person payments at GVCS)
2. Mail to:
Devan Willson Tax Collector
Genesee Valley Central School
1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont NY 14813
3. Via credit card or e-check
See www.genvally.org (Top right hand page click "Business Office" under Devan Willson under "School Tax Information" Click "Payment Methods & Information".

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Willson at 585-268-7955 or preferably, by email at dwillson@genvally.org.
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Payments can be made in the month of September with no penalty or in October with around a 2% penalty. No school taxes will be collected after October 31, 2025. If you do not receive your bill you will need to contact the tax collector before the October deadline. If taxes are not paid in September or October of 2025 the amount will be added onto your County and Town bill that comes out in January of that year.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI WALL OF FAME NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR 2025

The Board of Education and Administration of Genesee Valley Central School are seeking nominations for this year's 2025 Class for induction into the Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame. The Wall of Fame exists to recognize outstanding Genesee Valley alumni, as well as alumni from the founding schools in Angelica and Belmont, who have achieved distinction in their lives and chosen field after high school through significant contributions to their career, community or through personal achievements. This also provides incentives for current and future students.

Nominees to the Alumni Wall of Fame must be graduated at least 15 years before they are eligible for selection. Achievements after graduation may include job related achievements, professional honors and awards, professional affiliations, publications; civic or community involvement; personal achievements/accomplishments; and educational achievements.

Nominations are due to Maureena Chamberlain by October 16, 2025. You can e-mail mchamberlain@genvally.org call 585-268-7906 with your nomination and pertinent contact information. A questionnaire will then be mailed to the nominee.

The Alumni Wall of Fame Selection Committee will review all applications and make selections for induction according to the bylaws. One nominee from Angelica Central, Belmont Central and Genesee Valley Central Schools will be inducted. The induction ceremony will be held during our Honor's dinner on November 19, 2025. If selected, a plaque for each inductee will be placed on the wall in the auditorium at GVCS. We consider it an honor to be inducted and look forward to receiving nominations.

ACADEMIC HONORS DINNER

The 2025 Academic Honors Dinner will take place on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the American House & Hotel in Angelica. The purpose of this event is to recognize our high school students who achieved honor roll status or above for all consecutive quarters throughout the 2024-25 school year, as well as previous high school years. This is an invitation-only event, and more information will be forthcoming.

We will also be honoring the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Inductees.

TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

BUS PICK UP AND DROP OFF:

The transportation department at GVCS makes the transportation of our students as safe and efficient as possible. The school has encountered parents requesting that their child or children be dropped off or picked up in different locations on different days of the week. Please keep in mind that changing pick up and drop off locations is very confusing for students, teachers, office staff, and bus drivers and it creates unnecessary problems with our bus routes. If changes are going to be requested, a bus change request form must be filled out and received by 12:00 noon at the welcome desk on the day of the change. No requests will be accepted after 12:00 noon. The change request form is available on our website. No changes will be accepted by phone unless there is an emergency. Mailers will be sent out with pick up and drop off times and also posted in Power School. Please allow for a 10-minute window the first week of school.

BUS INFORMATION:

Transportation of students on the school bus is a privilege and an extension of the classroom. Rules for student behavior are as much in force on the bus as in the school facility. School authorities can deny this privilege to any child who is insubordinate or disorderly.

BUS RULES:

1. Be on time at your stop. During inclement weather, driving conditions warrant extreme safety. Therefore, to maintain our time schedule, it is advisable to expect your bus to arrive early, especially if your stop is at the beginning of the trip. Please plan accordingly.
2. Parents should bring their children to school if they miss the bus.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a full stop before attempting to get on or off.
4. Go immediately to a seat (the bus driver may assign seats) and remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop or arrives at the school.
5. Help keep the bus clean.
6. Do not destroy property.
7. Violence is prohibited.
8. No objects shall be passed through an open window.
9. Keep arms, hands, and head inside the bus.
10. Be sure to take all belongings with you when you leave the bus.
11. Do not distract the driver while the bus is in motion.
12. Be a courteous and responsible passenger at all times.

Please contact Denise Baker in the Guidance Office when there is a change in your address or telephone number. If we need to contact you, it is very important that we have a current phone number.

Feel free to contact me at 585-268-7920 with questions or concerns. Thank you!

~Willy Weaver, Transportation Supervisor



LYNN MANNING MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual Lynn Manning Memorial Golf Tournament was held on July 18, 2025, at the Wellsville Country Club, with 23 teams coming out to enjoy a great day of golf.

With support from our hole and contest sponsors, along with generous contributions through the basket auction and 50/50 raffle, we were able to raise valuable funds for the scholarship.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

- Men's Division: Brian Landries, Tyler Landries, Josh Brooks, and Mitch Porter
- Women's Division: Judy Winterhalter, Karol Maricano, Rose Cozi, and Brenda Joyce
- Mixed Team Division: Bev Evans, Eric Weinman, Chris Weinman, and Cooper Weinman

A big thank you goes out to our local businesses, community groups, friends, family, and everyone who donated, participated, or helped make this event a huge success. We truly appreciate your continued support and generosity!

Mark your calendars! Next year's tournament is set for Friday, July 10, 2026—we hope to see you there!



AN ITALIAN ADVENTURE

This November, a group of GVCS students, staff, and community members will embark on an adventure to Italy! Travelers will explore the history, culture, and beauty of Venice, Florence, and Rome, experiencing three of the world's most iconic cities.

GENESEE VALLEY FITNESS CENTER



HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY-FRIDAY

5:00-8:00 A.M. &

3:00-9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY-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*

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.

WELCOME BACK FROM THE CSE OFFICE



Dear Families and Staff,

It is with great excitement that I write this Welcome Back letter to you as the new Committee on Special Education (CPSE/CSE) Chair at Genesee Valley Central School.

I am honored to have been invited to join a great school community and to lead a talented department devoted to serving students and their families. I also wanted to take the opportunity to share a little

bit about me and my journey in education.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music from SUNY Oswego and then went on to receive a Master of Education in Childhood Education from SUNY Oswego. After graduating from SUNY Oswego, I was employed by the Fulton City School District in their Alternative Education program. During my time there, I experienced the power of building positive relationships with others. I have continued to carry this with me as I moved into future positions at Whitesville Central and Alfred-Almond Central. In those districts I served as a self-contained classroom teacher and as a direct consultant teacher.

These experiences have instilled a deep belief in me that all students and staff should have the opportunity to grow and reach their full potential. Currently, I am pursuing a certificate in School Building Leadership through the University of Rochester.

I have been married to my amazing wife, Cynthia, for twelve years. We have two daughters, Lily and Leah, who are the lights of our life! Lily will turn three in September and Leah just turned two this past April. Having the opportunity to be a father and watch them grow up has been one of the rewarding parts of my life. It is unbelievable how quickly children grow up.

As a reminder, our Special Education Department webpage contains several important documents for families. This includes the “Family Guide to Special Education Services” as well as Procedural Safeguards. These are your legal rights, as parents, under Federal and State laws to be informed about and involved in the special education process and to make sure that your child receives a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

I look forward to meeting all of you. You are a vital part of your child’s success. You are encouraged to communicate and connect with us often. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you have. It is going to be a great school year!

Sincerely,
Tom Emrich
CPSE/CSE Chair

NOTICE OF CENSUS

In accordance with New York State regulations, the Genesee Valley Central School District will be conducting its Annual Census between August 1, 2025 and October 1, 2025. The purpose of this census is to identify and ensure accurate records with regards to students in the district who have handicapping conditions. If you have a child, or know of child, eligible to attend preschool or public school and they have/are suspected of having a handicapping condition please contact the Genesee Valley Office of Special Education. Please be prepared to provide the name of the family, age of the child and contact information. After we contact you, census forms may then be mailed.

Tom Emrich
CPSE/CSE Chair
(585) 268-7913

Save the Date

Picture day is September 25th.
Picture retake day is November 7th.

More information will be sent home and posted on Facebook

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Total Student Days = 181
Staff Develop./Rating Day = 5+1
TOTAL DAYS = 187

4 Independence Day

ADOPTED BY BOE: March 11, 2025

JANUARY 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

1-2 New Year's/Break
19 M.L. King Jr. Day
20-23 Regents Exams
23 Regents Rating Day

Student Days – 19

AUGUST 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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

FEBRUARY 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

16 President's Day
17 Lunar New Year
18-20 Mid-Winter Break

Student Days – 15

SEPTEMBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

1 Labor Day
2 First Day of School

Student Days – 21

MARCH 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

13 Staff Development Day

Student Days – 21

OCTOBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

10 Staff Development Day
13 Columbus Day

Student Days – 21

APRIL 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

3 Good Friday
5 Easter
6-10 Easter/Spring Break

Student Days – 16

NOVEMBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

10 Parent-Teacher Conferences/ Superintendent Confer. Day Grades PK-12 NO School Conferences Nov. 10 - 14
11 Veteran's Day Observed
25 11:00 Dismissal PK-12
26-28 Thanksgiving Break

Student Days – 15

MAY 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

25 Memorial Day

Student Days – 20

DECEMBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

22-31 Christmas Break

Student Days – 15

JUNE 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

9, 10 Regents Exams
17, 18 Regents Exams
19 Juneteenth
22-25 Regents Exams
26 Rating Day/Last Day for Staff
27 Graduation

Student Days – 18

School Closed Staff Development Parent Conf. Regents Exams

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Character Word of the Month: Respect	LABOR DAY School Building Closed	<i>Welcome Back!</i> First Day of Student Attendance				ACT Test
7	1	2	3	4	5	6
Please Note - Sports Schedules will be on GV Website		5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121				SAT Test
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	Fall School Picture Day	4:00-6:00pm - JAM Fish Fry	27
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
28	29	30				

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Character Word of the Month: Responsibility			1	2	3 End of 1st Mid-Quarter Grades 6-12	4 SAT Test Homecoming Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Please Note - Sports Schedules will be on GV Website			8	9	10 Staff Development Day No Student Attendance Progress Reports mailed home Grades 6-12	11
12	13 COLUMBUS DAY School Building Closed	14 5:30pm - Board of Education Regular Meeting & Work Session, Room 1121	15	16	17	18 ACT Test
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN End of 1st Marking Period Grades K-12	

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Sarah Taylor, PK-6 Principal
Thomas Emrich, CSE/CPSE Chairperson
Paula Roberts, Dean of Students
and Curriculum Coordinator

Postal Patron

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Shawn Grusendorf
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Or Current Resident

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



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.

This information is very important for contacting our families about days off, cancellation of activities, mailings, etc.

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.