



Genesee Valley Central School

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Jag News

Start the School Year Strong

There's no better time for a fresh start than back-to-school season. It is the second New Year.

While the first few weeks can feel busy, a little planning at home can go a long way in helping students ease back into the rhythm of school.

Here are a few simple ways you can help your student(s) get ready for a fabulous school year.

EASE BACK INTO A ROUTINE: After a summer of later nights and flexible schedules, getting back into a school-year rhythm can take time. Start with small adjustments, like moving bedtime and wake-up time a little earlier, even as little as 10- or 15-minute increments.

TALK THROUGH THE FIRST-DAY

FEELINGS: Excitement, nerves, and uncertainty are all normal at the start of a new school year. Take time to ask your child what they are looking forward to and what questions they may have. A quick conversation about their teacher, classroom, transportation, or lunch routine can help them feel more prepared. If you have unanswered questions don't forget about the resources GVCS has – the summer mailing from the building principal, Jag Newsletter, GVCS Website, Facebook, and Parent Square.

CREATE A "LAUNCH PAD" AT HOME: Choose one spot near the door for backpacks, shoes, lunchboxes, forms, and anything else your child needs for school. Having a designated place for daily essentials makes mornings easier and helps children build responsibility for keeping track of their own items.



BUILD INDEPENDENCE WITH SMALL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Back-to-school season is a great time to help children take ownership of age-appropriate tasks. Younger children can practice opening lunch containers, zipping backpacks, or choosing an outfit the night before, while older students can help review their schedule, pack their bag, or set reminders for assignments and activities. Giving children a few simple responsibilities can build confidence and help them feel more prepared to navigate the school day.

HELP REBUILD SOCIAL CONNECTIONS:

A new school year can bring new classmates, changing friend groups or a classroom that feels different from last year.

Encourage your child to think of simple ways to connect with others, like saying hello to a familiar face, inviting someone to sit together at lunch, or asking a classmate about their summer. Reminding children that friendships can take time to grow can help them approach the first weeks of school with patience and confidence.

Remember, back-to-school season does not have to be perfect to be successful. With a few simple routines, thoughtful preparation and support for the classroom community, families can help children step into the new school year feeling ready for what is ahead.

Adapted from <https://www.naesp.org/resource/6-simple-ways-to-start-the-school-year-strong/>

STAY CONNECTED! Find staff contacts, upcoming events, facility use details, and other helpful information at:

www.genvalley.org



GVCS SUPERINTENDENT
Dr. Paige Kinnaird

Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

A new school year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and achieve together. It also gives us the chance to strengthen the partnerships that help every student succeed. The entire GVCS

administrative team is excited to continue on this journey with you.

At GVCS, everything we do is centered on one shared goal: student success. We are committed to providing every student with the support, opportunities, and encouragement they need to reach their full potential. We believe the strongest schools are built when students, families, staff, and community members work together with a shared purpose.

This year, we invite you to become an active part of our school community. Whether you volunteer, attend school events, or serve on our Shared Decision-Making Committee or GVCS Parent Advisory Council, your voice and involvement make a difference. Together, we can create even more opportunities for our students.

Our focus this year is to provide engaging learning experiences, expand opportunities for every student, strengthen teaching and leadership, support our outstanding staff, and build strong connections with our families and community.

Every day, our classrooms will be places where students are encouraged to ask questions, solve problems, think creatively, and work together. Our teachers are dedicated to creating welcoming classrooms where every student feels valued, challenged, and inspired to do their best.

As we begin this new school year, let us move forward with hope, kindness, and a commitment to one another. Together, we can make the 2026–2027 school year one of growth, achievement, and memorable experiences for every student.

Thank you for being an important part of the GVCS family. We look forward to a wonderful year together.

Dr. Paige Kinnaird



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, August 26	Meet the Teacher Night / Dinner
Tuesday, September 1	First Day of Student Attendance
Friday, September 4	No School
Monday, September 7	Labor Day – School Building Closed
Friday, October 9	Professional Development Day – No Student Attendance
Monday, October 12	Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day – School Building Closed

2026 HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Wall of Fame Induction:

Saturday, October 3, 2026

10:00 a.m., GV Cafeteria

(Continental breakfast will be provided)

Homecoming Sports Schedule

Please see our website for the schedule

CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

RESPECT

Admiring someone, treating people well, and following rules.

OCTOBER

RESPONSIBILITY

The duty to do what you are supposed to do, the care of tasks or people, and the accountability for your own choices and actions.

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
Student Attendance Reporting	(585) 268-7907
Elementary & 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
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:

Alsworth, Mandy (<i>Welcome Desk & Attendance</i>)	(585) 268-7907
Baker, Denise (<i>Guidance</i>)	(585) 268-7937
Bradt, Brooke (<i>Social Worker</i>)	(585) 268-7936
Burdick, Linda (<i>CSE/CPSE Office</i>)	(585) 268-7913
Edmund, Amber (<i>Elementary & MS/HS Office</i>)	(585) 268-7908
Fuller, Kristin (<i>Nurse-RN</i>).....	(585) 258-7915
George, Rita (<i>Nurse</i>).....	(585) 268-7914
Graham, Chris (<i>Sr. Maintenance</i>).....	(585) 268-7917
Halbert, Amy (<i>Cafeteria</i>)	(585) 268-7916
LaBenne, Jeff (<i>Technology</i>).....	(585) 268-7922
LaFever, Kelly (<i>Psychologist</i>).....	(585) 268-7944
Laraby, Charles (<i>Maintenance</i>)	(585) 268-7919
Ostrander, Erin (<i>Business Official</i>).....	(585) 268-7902
Preston, Josie (<i>7-12 Guidance Counselor</i>).....	(585) 268-7928
Ryan, Raegan (<i>Athletic Director</i>)	(585) 268-7927
Scholes, Brittany (<i>Payroll/HR-Business Office</i>)	(585) 268-7911
Turybury, Jennifer (<i>PK3-6 Guidance Couns.</i>).....	(585) 268-7929
Weaver, Willy (<i>Transportation</i>)	(585) 268-7920
Willson, Devan (<i>Tax Collector/Accts. Payable</i>)	(585) 268-7955
Winterhalter, Pam (<i>District Office</i>)	(585) 268-7909

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL 2026-2027 SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION



PAYMENT OPTIONS

In Person: Community Bank, N.A. –
Belmont Branch
(Not accepted at GVCS)

Mail:
Devan Willson, Tax Collector
1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont, NY 14813

Online:
www.genvalley.org → Departments
(Top Right Corner) → Business
Office → Devan Willson /School Tax
Information → Payment Methods &
Information → Online Payment Link

DEADLINES

September: No penalty
October: Approx. 2% penalty
October 31, 2026: Final day to pay
school taxes.

QUESTIONS?

Devan Willson, Tax Collector
585-268-7955
dwillson@genvally.org
Mon–Fri • 8:00 AM–3:00 PM

IMPORTANT

If you do not receive your bill, contact
the Tax Collector before October 31,
2026. Unpaid taxes will be added to
your County & Town tax bill issued in
January 2027.

GENESEE VALLEY WELCOMES NEW STAFF

We are excited to welcome the following new staff members to be a part of our GV family:

Morgan Hamer 1st Grade Teacher
Cynthia Incognito Special Education Teacher
Courtney Halbert Special Education Teacher
Kelley McGinnis MS/HS Math Teacher
Stephanie Collins MS/HS Art Teacher
Kylee Graham PK4 Teacher
Jerry Kowalczyk Custodian

Mandy Alsworth Receptionist
Chris Baker Bus Driver
Christine Jefferds Food Service Worker
Sarah Glick Elementary Music Teacher
Brooke Shultz Teacher Aide
Mandy Alsworth Receptionist/Attendance

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, 2026 and October 1, 2026**. The purpose of this census is to identify and ensure accurate records with regards to students in the district who may be in need of special education services or who are in jeopardy of being homeless. If you have a child, or know of a child, eligible to attend preschool or public school and they have/are suspected of needing additional services, please contact the Genesee Valley Central School Special Education Department. 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.

GVCS Special Education Department
(585) 268-7913

PHOTO OPT OUT

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 Middle/High School or Elementary Office if you **do not** want your child's name and/or picture in publications.

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.

ConnectLife Blood Drive Tuesday, Sept 29

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Genesee Valley Central School
in the Auditorium at 1 Jaguar Dr,
Belmont, NY 14813



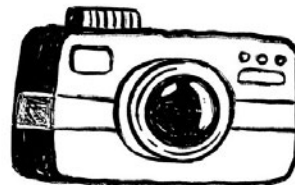
To make an appt:
Scan the QR code, call
716.529.4270 OR visit
ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org
& enter sponsor code:
000602

All blood & platelet donors will be entered to **win a pair of regular season tickets** to a football game at the new stadium. Two winners picked every week!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PICTURE DAY

Septmeber 18th



PICTURE RETAKE DAY

October 29th

Paris, South of France, Monaco

France 2027

THANKSGIVING BREAK

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

AT GV: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
6 P.M. IN ROOM #1136

AT BCS: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

QUESTIONS? SHORNE@GENVALLEY.ORG

GRANT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR GV STUDENTS

Genesee Valley Central School again offers healthy meals every school day. GVCS received grant funds to continue providing all students free breakfast and lunch daily for the 2026-2027 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.

2026-2027 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK

Total Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 29,526	\$ 2,461	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,136	\$ 568
2	\$ 40,034	\$ 3,337	\$ 1,669	\$ 1,540	\$ 770
3	\$ 50,542	\$ 4,212	\$ 2,106	\$ 1,944	\$ 972
4	\$ 61,050	\$ 5,088	\$ 2,544	\$ 2,349	\$ 1,175
5	\$ 71,558	\$ 5,964	\$ 2,982	\$ 2,753	\$ 1,377
6	\$ 82,066	\$ 6,839	\$ 3,420	\$ 3,157	\$ 1,579
7	\$ 92,574	\$ 7,715	\$ 3,858	\$ 3,561	\$ 1,781
8	\$103,082	\$ 8,591	\$ 4,296	\$ 3,965	\$ 1,983
*Each add'l person, add	\$10,508	\$ 876	\$ 438	\$ 405	\$ 203

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 lots. Students in Grades Pre-K to Grade 6 should be dropped off from the main parking lot and students enter through the elementary main doors. Students in Grades 7-12 should be dropped off in the Small Loop. We are following the same procedure that began last school year.

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 Pre-K to grade 6 from the Pool Vestibule area**. Specific dismissal times will be communicated to parents from the building principal and your child's teacher. Students in **grades 7-12** who are walkers should be picked up in the **Small Loop** (same area as morning drop off).

SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE FOR GRADES Pre-K-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 Dr. Paige Kinnaird. Students and/or parents may report concerns to an administrator (Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Donlon, or Dr. Kinnaird).

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, and

- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and major(s) or areas of concentration.

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

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

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include subject matter tested, purpose of the test, source of the requirement (if applicable), amount of time it takes to complete the test and time and format of disseminating results.

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

ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATIONS:

*Section 9528 (a) (1) of the legislation requires that each school district receiving Title I funds under No Child Left Behind shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters

or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. A student or a parent may request that such information not be released without prior written parental consent. In order to make such a request, please contact the guidance office at (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.



CELL PHONES & OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Students are not allowed to have electronic communication devices with them during the school day. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, wireless headphones, earbuds, smart watches, and any other smart devices that can send or receive messages.

Any electronic communication device brought into the school building must be turned off and stored away from **7:55 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.** or for the entire school day.

During the school year, students will keep their backpacks in lockers. All electronic communication devices should also be stored in students' lockers during the school day.

The GVCS Medical Director will review and approve any exceptions for students who need a device for medical reasons. Students with approved medical exceptions must still follow the district's expectations for appropriate device use during school hours.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAUREENA CHAMBERLAIN ON HER RETIREMENT!

Maureena Chamberlain started at GVCS as a Teacher Assistant in the Library, a role she held for 13 years before moving into the Principal's Office as secretary, where she's spent the last 13 years managing the daily needs of the office. Along the way, she's also chaperoned events and worked as an after school monitor.

When asked what she'll miss most, Maureena commented: "I'll miss my normal routine, my coworkers, Friday treat days, and of course my paycheck."

In retirement, she's looking forward to travel and a schedule that isn't dictated by the clock, though she admits the change will take some getting used to. In her own words: "Ready or not, it's time to retire. I hope to enjoy whatever I encounter next."

Congratulations, Maureena — thank you for 26 years of capable and cheerful service to GVCS!



ACADEMIC HONORS BANQUET

The 2026 Academic Honors Banquet will take place on Thursday, November 12, 2026 at GVCS. 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 2025-2026 school year, as well as previous school years.

This is an invitation only event, and more information will be forthcoming.

We will also be honoring the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Inductees.

There is information in this Jag Newsletter edition on how to nominate an alumni for the Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame.

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





7-12 PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Donlon

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 2026-2027 school year on Tuesday, September 1st. All necessary school supplies will be provided by the district. Your child's teachers will distribute supplies for each of their

classes.

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

The Middle/High School Bell schedule has changed this year. You will find the new schedule included in this newsletter along with the Elementary schedule. Our "Grab and Go" breakfast will start at 7:55 a.m. Homeroom will begin at 7:55 a.m., and first period will start at 8:05 a.m. Meet the Teacher Night will be held on **Wednesday, August 26th from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** 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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2026-2027 WILL BE PROVIDED ONCE AGAIN

All your child will need is a backpack to carry items to and from school.



ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Taylor

Dear Elementary Families,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope your family had a wonderful summer. Our teachers and staff are excited to welcome students back and begin another year of learning, growth, and fun. We look forward to partnering with you to help every child succeed.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- **Tuesday, September 1,**

2026 – First day for **Grades 1–6**

- **Pre-K through Kindergarten** students will have a **staggered start** on **September 1 and September 2.**
- Families of Pre-K and Kindergarten students will receive information about which day their child will attend first.
- **All Pre-K and Kindergarten students will attend together beginning Thursday, September 3.**

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 4:30–6:00 P.M.

Come meet your child's teacher and learn about the upcoming school year. **A free meal will be provided for all families.**

Please note our new school start time this year is 7:55 a.m. Students should arrive on time each day, so they are ready to learn when instruction begins.

Good news! All school supplies will be provided by the school. Families do not need to purchase classroom supplies unless your child's teacher shares a special request.

Our district uses **ParentSquare** to keep families informed. Through ParentSquare, you can:

- Receive school and classroom updates
- Communicate with your child's teacher
- Get reminders about important events
- Receive emergency notifications

Be sure your contact information is up to date, so you don't miss important messages throughout the school year.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will make this a successful and exciting school year for every student. We can't wait to welcome everyone back!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Sarah Taylor

Classes Begin for Students on Tuesday, September 1st

The 2026-2027 school year opens on Tuesday, September 1st for Grades Pre-K-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.

Middle/High School Bell Schedule			
Period	Start Time	End Time	Minutes
HR	7:55	8:05	10 min
Per 1	8:05	8:46	41 min
Per 2	8:49	9:30	41 min
Per 3	9:33	10:14	41 min
Per 4	10:17	10:58	41 min
Per 5L	11:01	11:31	30 min
Per 6	11:34	12:15	41 min
Per 6	11:01	11:41	41 min
Per 6L	11:45	12:15	30 min
Per 7	12:18	12:59	41 min
Per 8	1:02	1:43	41 min
Per 9	1:46	2:27	41 min
Per 10	2:30	3:05	35 min

Elementary School Bell Schedule			
Period	Start Time	End Time	Minutes
Breakfast	7:55	8:05	10 min
Per 1	8:05	8:40	35 min
Per 2	8:45	9:20	35 min
Per 3	9:25	10:00	35 min
Per 4	10:05	10:40	35 min
Per 5L	10:45	11:20	35 min
Per 6L	11:25	12:00	35 min
Per 7L	12:05	12:40	35 min
Per 8	12:45	1:20	35 min
Per 9	1:25	2:00	35 min
Per 10	2:05	2:40	35 min
Per 11	2:45	3:05	20 min

Attention Juniors and Seniors Driving to School:

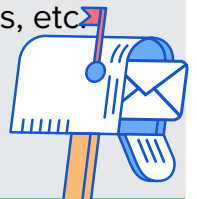
Students who plan to drive to school this year must obtain a Student Parking Permit before parking on campus. **Parking permits must be renewed annually.** To request a Student Parking Permit and Vehicle Registration packet, please email Mrs. Edmund in the High School Office at aedmund@genvalley.org. The completed packet must include a signed Student Parking Permit and Vehicle Registration Form, a copy of the student's valid driver's license, current vehicle registration, and proof of insurance. Parking permits will be issued once all required documentation has been received and approved.



PHONE NUMBER AND/OR ADDRESS CHANGES?

Please contact Denise Baker in the Guidance Office at **(585) 268-7937** or email her at dbaker@genvalley.org if you or your child(ren) have changes to phone numbers, email address, emergency numbers/contacts, or address 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.



The administration of Genesee Valley Central School announces the following students, grades 7-12, have been named to the Honor Rolls for the 4th quarter of the 2025-26 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.

FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLL LIST:

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL:

12th grade: Tayla Brenna, Jacey Davis, Byron France, McKenna Jefferds, Amani Kaffan, Meara Kelley, D'Andre LaClair, Ian MacKenzie, Tristan Metatos, Xander Murray, Roy Osgood, Lannden Tilton, Whitney Young

11th grade: Kylee Christensen, Tanner Herdman, Trent Hutchison, Zackery Mapes, Addison Middaugh, Maks Stocking, Kayla Wedge

10th grade: Ada Griffin, Jasmine Henriquez, Alayna McCullen, Zachary Ryan, Paizlee Tilton, Mackenzie Turybury

9th grade: Boone Fanton, Gracyn Graham, Kylee Kear, Ainsley Marciano, Anthony Marra, Ella Schoonover, Madelynn Scott

8th grade: Allison Geffers, Tye Vargas-Frezza

7th grade: Evan Kermott, Madyson Mahoney, Fiona Marble, Lillian Mountain, Karson Osterhout, Hazel Prout, Blake Sheridan, Isabella Snapp, Attica Weinblatt

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

12th grade: Graham Bradt, Cree Bulkley, Ethan Davenport, Bryce Davis, Mason Fanton, Joseph Frawley, Larry Geffers, III, Ryker Holmes, Nolan Hunter, Christina McAuley

10th grade: Arianna Anticola, Morgan

Grooms, Leah Hutchison, Brett Lewandowski, Lena McNinch

9th grade: Finn Hunter, Kymberli Perryman, Isabelle Waters

8th grade: Harper Bell, Amelia Edmund, Killian Stocking, Natalie White, Jaxson Wyre

7th grade: Alyx Allison, Steven Dougherty, Brockten Fanton, Brayden Graves, Melody Johnson, Paul Mitchell, Blake Sheridan

HONOR ROLL:

12th grade: Logan Callahan, Cole Cochran, Zachary Davis, Kasey Ganoung, Logan Rice, Jade Sallazzo, Kenton Shultz, Justine Willson

11th grade: Hailee Allen, Riely Barnes, Riley Blarr, Addison Bradt, Roderich Clarke, Alivia Crossley, Parker Davis, Derick Grantier, Bryan Kear, Elivia McIntyre, Dominick Miller, Ian Miller, Ruthlyn Patrick, Trenton Whitesell

10th grade: Baylee Babbitt, Jaden Brown, Leah Burrows, Cierra Davenport, Regina Dougherty, Ryley Frank, Dean Frawley, Ryan Jadwin, Enajah Koontz Gibbs, Madisyn Lananger, Gabriel Marble, Spencer Rambaran, Andra Shultz, Rowan Vossler, Aason White

9th grade: Elizabeth Grantier, Kaylin Greene, Emily Laraby, Leah Laraby, Trent Lewandowski, Corbin Pease, Liviya Rice, Braylie Sands

8th grade: Sawyer Brown, Audrey Clark, Alaina Cleveland, Avery Geoppner, Braelynn Jordan, Everett McNinch, Abigail Montgomery Collins, Rae Scholes, Braelyn Zwiefka

7th grade: Amelia Aylor, Brayden Besant, Grayson Burt, Tara Cartwright, Laci Dean, Serenity Easton, Nicholas Geffers, Kendra Harding, Zachary Irish, Avery Jones, Alyssa McGaughey, Malia Scott

HONOR ROLL FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING BOCES:

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

12th Grade: Graham Bradt, Tayla Brenna, Cree Bulkley, Ethan Davenport, Mason Fanton, Joseph Frawley, Meara Kelley, D'Andre LaClair, Ian MacKenzie, Tristan Metatos, Kenton Shultz, Whitney Young

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Logan Rice, Jasmine Rounds, Jade Sallazzo, Justine Willson

11th Grade: Riley Blarr, Landon Burrows, Parker Davis, Sarah Dorrett, Dominick Miller, Ian Miller, Trenton Whitsell

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.

Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Nominees Sought for 2026

The Genesee Valley Central School Board of Education and Administration are now accepting nominations for the **2026 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame**.

The Wall of Fame honors outstanding graduates of Genesee Valley Central School, as well as the former Angelica and Belmont Central Schools. We are looking for alumni who have made a positive impact through their careers, community service, or personal accomplishments since graduating from high school.

To be eligible, nominees must have graduated at least 15 years ago. For the 2026 class, eligible nominees must have graduated in **June 2011 or earlier**.

Examples of accomplishments may include:

- Career success and professional achievements
- Awards or honors
- Professional organizations or publications
- Community service and volunteer work
- Educational accomplishments
- Personal achievements that have made a positive difference

Please submit your nomination to **Dr. Paige Kinnaird** by **October 1, 2026**. Email your nomination to pkinnaird@genvalley.org and include the nominee's phone number and email address.

After a nomination is received, the nominee will be sent a questionnaire to complete. The completed questionnaire must be returned to the district by **October 26, 2026**.

The Alumni Wall of Fame Selection Committee will review all completed nominations and select this year's inductees according to the Wall of Fame bylaws.

One alumnus or alumna from each of the following schools will be inducted:

- Angelica Central School
- Belmont Central School
- Genesee Valley Central School

The induction ceremony will take place during the Academic Honors Banquet on November 12, 2026. Each inductee will be honored with a plaque displayed on the Wall of Fame in the GVCS auditorium.

Being inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame is a special honor. We encourage you to nominate a deserving graduate and help us celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

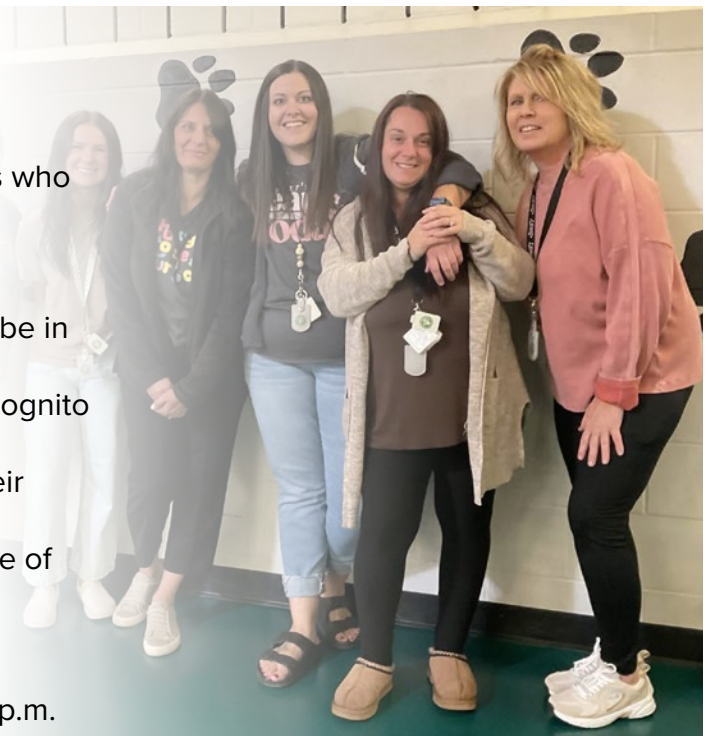
Wednesday, August 26th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
A free meal will be served in the cafeteria for families who attend.

ELEMENTARY:

- **Grades Pre-K through 3rd**, and Mr. Wagner will be in the Elementary Gymnasium
- **Grades 4th through 6th**, Mrs. Ring, and Mrs. Incognito will be located at the 2nd floor pod area
- **Mrs. Faller and Mrs. Shaw** will be outside of their classrooms (room 2261 and 2258)
- **Mrs. Halbert and Mrs. Dougherty** will be outside of their classrooms (room 2138 and 2140)

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL:

- Teachers will be in the cafeteria from 4:30-6:00 p.m.



GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL | 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY 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	

Total Student Days = 180
Staff Develop./Rating Days = 5+1
TOTAL DAYS = 185

4 Independence Day

Revised/Adopted: July 14, 2026
ADOPTED BY BOE: March 10, 2026

JANUARY 2027						
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 New Year's Holiday
18 M.L. King Day
26-29 Regents Exams

Student Days - 19

AUGUST 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					

18-19 Regents Exams
24 New Staff Orientation
25, 26 Professional Dev. Days
26 Meet the Teacher Night
(4:30 – 6:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 2027						
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						

15 President's Day
16-19 Mid-Winter Break

Student Days - 15

SEPTEMBER 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			

1 First Day of School
4 No School
7 Labor Day

Student Days - 20

MARCH 2027						
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			

12 Professional Dev. Day
26 Good Friday
28 Easter
29-31 Easter/Spring Break

Student Days - 18

OCTOBER 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

9 Professional Development Day
12 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

Students Days - 20

APRIL 2027						
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	

1-2 Easter/Spring Break

Student Days - 20

NOVEMBER 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					

11 Veteran's Day
23 1:00 Dismissal PK-12
24 Parent-Teacher Conferences/ Superintendent Conf. Day
Grades PK-12 NO School
25-27 Thanksgiving Break

Student Days - 16

MAY 2027						
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					

3 No Students & Teaching Staff – Offices Open
31 Memorial Day

Student Days - 19

DECEMBER 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		

23-31 Christmas Break

Student Days - 16

JUNE 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

14 Last Day for 7-12 Grade
15-24 Regents Exams
18 Juneteenth Observed/ Regents Rating Day
21,22,23 1:00 Dismissal PK3-6 Grade
23 Last Day for PK3-6 Grade
24 Last Day for Staff/Rating Day
26 Graduation

Student Days - 17

School Closed = Holiday = Prof. Development = Parent Conf. = Regents Exams =

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Character Word of the Month: Respect	Please Note - Sports Schedules will be on GV Website	<i>Welcome Back</i> First Day of Student Attendance			No School	
		1	2	3	4	5
6	LABOR DAY School Building Closed	5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121				SAT Test
	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	Fall School Picture Day	ACT Test
20	21	22	23	24	4:00-6:00pm JAM Fish Fry	26
27	28	29	Last Day to Pay School Taxes without Penalty - Postmarks accepted	30		

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Character Word of the Month: Responsibility	Please Note - Sports Schedules will be on GV Website				End of 1st Mid-Quarter Homecoming	SAT Test Homecoming Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	Professional Development Day No Student Attendance Progress Reports Available	10
11	COLUMBUS DAY/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY School Building Closed	5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting & Work Session, Room 1121				ACT Test
	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	Fall Retake Picture Day	30	HALLOWEEN Last Day to Pay School Taxes with Penalty - accepted next business day - Postmarks accepted
				29		31

Genesee Valley Central School

1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont, NY 14813

Central Administration:

Dr. Paige Kinnaird, Superintendent
Erin Ostrander, School Business Official
Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal
Sarah Taylor, PK-6 Principal
Adreanna Wight, CSE/CPSE Chairperson

Board of Education:

Heath Gordon, President
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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

5:00-8:00 A.M. &
3:00-9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY

5:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

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

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.

RULES FOR USING THE FITNESS CENTER

- All members must be a district resident, alumni, faculty member, staff member, taxpayer of the Genesee Valley community, or have a student attending GVCS.
- All applicants are required to complete a training session prior to receiving their membership, please contact Tory Rounds for more information – (585) 268-7900.
- Students attending GV and individuals under the age of 18 may not use the fitness center without adult supervision.
- Members are responsible for ensuring equipment is cleaned after each use by wiping it down. GV provides sanitary wipes for this purpose.
- For more rules, please refer to the list at the Fitness Center.