

What's Happening at GMSS

COMING SOON!

- **Orchestra Concert, Monday, May 18**
- **Band Concert, Tuesday, May 19**
- **Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 (No School)**
- **8th Grade Dance, Thursday, May 28**
- **8th Grade Picnic, Monday, June 1**
- **8th Grade Promotion, Monday, June 1**
8Blue 5:15 pm
8White 6:45 pm
- **Last Day of School, Tuesday, June 2 (full day of attendance)**
- **Registration Packets mailed week of June 8**
- **Registration Packets due to main office, Thursday, July 9**

We're on the Web!
geneva304.org/gmss

A Note from the Principal

As the end of the school year approaches, the middle school is an exciting place to work. The energy level of the students rises as they anticipate the coming summer. The teachers and staff eagerly begin coordinating the end of the year activities to bring about the close of another successful year. While all of this is happening, the administration and staff are also busy preparing for next year. The process of scheduling students at Geneva Middle School South is a complicated one. This process begins in the middle of January and continues into the summer. Throughout this time period, there are numerous processes and deadlines that need to be met in order to provide the students with schedules before the first day of school. Some of these processes and deadlines apply to parents as much as to the teachers and staff. It is for this reason I am informing the parents about the scheduling process.

The first step in the process occurred back in February and March when each parent sent in a form regarding their student's elective decisions. I am happy to say you all have accomplished this task and I appreciate your help.

You were mailed a letter that lists the courses your child will be enrolled in for the 2015-2016 school year. It shows their elective choices as well as the math and language arts levels of your student. It is important that the information is reviewed to make sure it is accurate. If it is not accurate, please call the school office to let us know about any changes you believe are necessary. If the information is accurate, but you wish to make a change, then please send me a letter requesting the appropriate change. **In order to keep our deadlines, it is important that all corrections or changes are made prior to Tuesday, June 2, 2015.**

June 2nd is an important deadline for another step in the process. By **June 2nd**, all special requests related to your student's schedule should be made in writing. It is important to note that although we do not encourage special requests, we do understand that it is sometimes necessary. A perfect example of a reasonable special request is when a parent has a set of twins and either wants them placed on the same team or separate teams. Another example of a special request may be asking for your student to be separated from another student that they have had consistent problems with throughout the past school year. Generally speaking we do not encourage requests for students to be placed on a same team unless there are exceptional circumstances. This being said, please send all special requests in writing to me by **Tuesday, June 2, 2015** so we can do our best to honor these requests.

The final step in this process occurs in the fall when the schedules are mailed home. When this occurs, there are a few things that need to happen. The first is to verify the accuracy of the schedule to make sure the math and language arts placements are accurate as well as the elective choices. You may want to avoid using the phone that day because every middle school student in Geneva will be busy calling the students they attended elementary school with to see what teams they were placed on! It is important to understand there are no changes to team assignments once schedules are mailed. Finally, remind your student that one of the best things about Geneva Middle School South is the opportunity to meet new friends from the other elementary schools while maintaining old friendships at the same time.

As much as I look forward to the wonderful activities that occur at the end of the year, I also look forward to the opportunity to meet the new students coming to us in the fall. Thank you for the support you provide your students throughout the school year and thank you for the help you provide us during our scheduling process.

Terry Bleau

Message from the PTO President



Dear GMSS Families,

Before I leave the PTO Leadership Board as President, I would like to acknowledge several things. First, I know that the PTO will be in good hands with Fatima Udoiwod and Mohammed Qasim, our new PTO Co-President's next school year. In addition, there are some fantastic people joining our PTO Leadership Team next year.

Though I am now taking the "backseat", I will always be a supporter of this PTO. I encourage others who haven't volunteered in our PTO programs or events to do so. By supporting our PTO, you are supporting all the children (including your own) through their wonderful academic journey at GMSS.

Additionally, I am proud of the accomplishments our PTO Board has achieved over this past year. I feel good that I am leaving the GMSS PTO Board in a great position with very capable individuals that will continue to help support our children and teachers through their various events, programs and fundraising efforts.

Lastly, I would like to thank the countless volunteers, chairs for our events, PTO Leadership Board members and teachers for creating this school community for my family. I feel lucky to be part of such a great organization.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,
Steve M. Hernandez
GMSS PTO President 2014-2015
stevemhernandez@live.com

PARENTS, IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE LEADING TEAM AT GMSS!

Sign-up to Chair or Co-Chair a role in the 2015-16 PTO.
We are looking for chairs in the following areas;
Jivin' Geneva, Bake Sale, Box Tops, Honors Recognition, PE Uniforms &
Spirit Wear.
Contact Fatima Udoiwod at udoiwod@me.com or

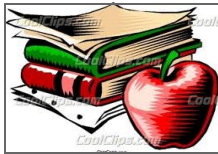


8TH Grade End of the Year activities

8th Grade Dance:	Thursday	May 28	6:30-8:30pm
8th Grade Picnic:	Monday	June 1	during school day
8th Grade Promotion:	Monday	June 1	8 Blue 5:15pm 8 White 6:45pm

2015-16 Registration Packets

....will be mailed the week of June 8th. If you have moved and have not changed your address at the District Office, your packet will not arrive. Call (630) 463-3000 to make an appointment to change your address.



2015-16 Registration is Due

...on Thursday, July 9th. Don't be late!! Incomplete or late packets will delay the mailing of your student's schedule in August.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			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	Notes

July 2015 Calendar



FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

If you have provided any medication to the health office for your child please remember to pick it up by the last day of school, June 2nd by 3:30. If your child has emergency medications (inhaler, epi-pens, etc.) and they have a self- carry order then they may bring their own medication home.

All other medication must be picked up by a parent. This applies to all emergency and over the counter medications. All medication not picked up on the last day of school will be disposed of unless other arrangements have been made.

On behalf of the GMSS Health Office we wish all of you a very healthy, safe and rejuvenating summer.



STEM

science • technology
engineering • math

There are still a few openings for the two sessions of STEM Camp being held this summer at Geneva Middle School South. The camps meet 3 hours each day from 9:00-12:00 Monday-Friday the weeks of June 15-19 or July 13-17. Permission slips can be found on our webpage at www.geneva304.org/gmss. Please call the main office at 630-463-3600 with questions.

The following students were honored at the
Stellar Student Breakfast in May

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Determination ... strives to reach full potential ... follows a dream ... fights
with fairness ... takes on large projects and sees them through**

6 White

Maryam Abidi
Kylie
Hosack-Ehinger
John McManus
Grace Popovich

6 Blue

Brian Daley
Kacie Orozco
Helena Rieffer
Cory Schneider

7 White

Angelina Hernandez
Jazmine Hernandez
Brian Kichka
Tommy O'Brien

7 Blue

Matthew Berry
Alessandra Kanellis

Abby Lewis
Lauren Walter

8 White

Cyndi Brunswig
Daria Gagala
J.T. Huffman
Gi Lowell-Salerno

8 Blue

Kaden Kobylecky
Sydney Nitschke
Megan Styrna
Nate Walinder

PE

Gina Loiacono
Madeline McAuliffe
Karizma Raines
Lauren Walter

Tech Ed

Thomas Glass
Tim Sustersic

Choir

Kate Barr
Carly Rasmussen

Orchestra

Cari Barr
Ryan Kredell

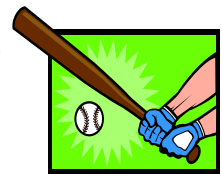
**Foreign Lan-
guage**

Morgan Wagnitz

INTRAMURALS



Thank you to all who made Intramurals successful this year.
We look forward to another great year in 2015-16.



Have a terrific summer!!

MUSIC NOTES

Audition for GMS South Jazz Band

7th and 8th graders interested in auditioning for the GMS South Jazz Band should see Mr. Flaks in the band room to pick up audition music before leaving for the summer. Audition music will be available for students the last week of May. Please pick up music before leaving for the summer. Auditions will be held during the second week of school.

Audition Music for the GHS Jazz Bands

There are two jazz bands at the high school. One is auditioned and one is not. Audition music for incoming freshman interested in playing in *Jazz Band 1* at the high school will be available for students the last week of May. Please pick up music before leaving for summer. Auditions for the high school jazz bands will be held at the beginning of the school year.

Wind and brass students interested in *Jazz Band 2* **do not** need to prepare an audition.

Rhythm section students (guitar, bass, piano, drum set) interested in playing in *Jazz Band 2* **will** need to prepare an audition and should pick up the audition music for *Jazz Band 1*.

8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP REMINDER

Date: **Thursday, May 21, 2015**
Where: Six Flags Great America located in Gurnee, Illinois.
Time: leaving school 8:45 A.M.
Returning: to Geneva Middle School South: 7:30 P.M.

Pick-up: We request that parents pick up their student in these locations-

- ◆ Blue team students: Geneva Middle School South Cafeteria Parking Lot.
- ◆ White team students: Geneva Middle School South P.E. Parking Lot.

To reduce congestion, we encourage you to carpool with students on the same team.

What: This field trip connects to our science physics unit.

Food: **Students will need to provide their own lunch and dinner. Students will need to bring money for food. Parents will need to determine what amount of money is appropriate.**

Cell phones: We are requesting that **students bring their cell phones**, if they have them. This will allow your child to communicate with teachers from his/her team, if there is an emergency. **Your child will be responsible for his/her cell phone!**

Note: In the event of poor weather we will likely still go on the trip or it may be scheduled the following week. Parents are encouraged to assess the weather conditions on the day of the trip. If parents/guardians believe that it would not be in the best interest of their child to attend due to inclement weather, they can elect not to send them on the trip. The ticket will then be given to the student, which can be used for general admission on any other day. If in fact the school makes a decision to reschedule the trip, notification will be sent home with the students, but no new permission slip will be required.



Señora Lindahl's South of the Border Spanish Newsletter

¡Hola! I cannot believe that the end of the year is quickly approaching. We are in the process of finishing up Chapter 9 and preparing for the second semester final exam. I hope that the students are using their materials and spreading their studying for the exam over time.

Once we have completed the final, we will be working on a cultural unit on immigration and sweet 15 celebrations. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about this custom and issues surrounding immigration.

Since this is the last newsletter of the school year, I would like to take the time to thank my students for a wonderful year. They have worked very hard, and have hopefully had some fun along the way. It has been incredible as a teacher to see their growth from the beginning of the school year to now. They have come a long way, and they should be very proud of themselves. I would also like to thank parents for supporting their child through the process of learning a foreign language. It may not have been easy, but you have played an important role in their success.

STUDY TIP: Association is a key to memory:

You remember approximately 10 percent of what you read.

You remember approximately 20 percent of what you hear.

You remember approximately 30 percent of what you see.

You remember approximately 50 percent of what you hear and see together.

You remember approximately 70 percent of what you say (if you think as you are saying it).

You remember approximately 90 percent of what you do.

SUMMER REVIEW: Don't forget to visit the textbook website to help review what we have learned over the summer. The website can be found at: **www.glencoe.com**. Enter in the Quick Pass Code: **ASD4003c10**. You can change the last number to reflect the chapter you want to review. For example if you want to review Chapter 3 you would type ASD4003c3. Be sure to explore this site and play the many games and do the review activities that are available. There are also flashcards available on this site with an audio component that can help students review vocabulary for the chapter and learn the correct Spanish pronunciation of the term. I also encourage you to visit my website at: **www.geneva304.org/gmss/clindahl**. There are many valuable resources including links to practice sites, homework assignments, study guides, and other helpful information. You may also visit my share point site at **<http://share.geneva304.org/staff/clindahl/>**. Here you will find additional review activities.

All students should have their verb packet, vocabulary lists, and study guides. All of these tools will be helpful for review and a great reference as they continue on. In addition, I would also encourage students to listen to the Spanish radio station or watch TV in Spanish over the summer. This is a great way to review listening skills and keep Spanish on their minds. Although they may not understand everything they hear they should be able to get a general idea of what is going on.

FRASES DEL MES: Join in on the fun and learn two new Spanish phrases!

¡Felices vacaciones de verano! Have a nice summer break! *¡Buena suerte!* Good luck!



Opportunities for Middle School Students at Geneva High School Summer School 2015

Geneva High School offers middle school students the opportunity to enrich their learning through summer enrichment experiences. These non-credit programs will take place at Geneva High School on the following dates:

Session 1: June 8-June 25 (Mon thru Thurs)

Session 2: July 13-July 30 (Mon thru Thurs)

Program Descriptions

Introduction to Computer Programming (Middle School)

Audience: Students entering grades 6-8

Offered: Session 2 only from 8:00-11:00 AM

Tuition: \$135

Description: Now that computers are prevalent in society today, it has become important to understand how and why computer software is created. This course is designed to give students an edge in logical thought, and provide practical applications into how to solve complex problems in any field with the help of computer programming. Students will begin to understand how to take problems without clear solutions and break them down into manageable pieces. They will learn problem solving skills that they can take with them to other applications outside of programming. By the end of this course, students will be able to write simple programs and be able to understand various pre-written codes.

Algebra Bridge

Audience: Students entering grades 9-12 who will be taking Algebra I or Algebra IA in the fall

Offered: Session 2 only from 8:00-11:00 AM

Tuition: \$100

Description: This course is designed for students who may need a refresher or additional practice in order for them to be the most successful in their Algebra I or Algebra IA course. The focus of the program will be reinforcement of concepts including integers/fractions, operations, solving one and two step equations, proportions, percents, as well as some geometry concepts. This program will require limited work outside of the official class times.

Typing/Computer Keyboarding

Audience: Students entering grades 6-12 who wish to improve their typing/keyboarding skills

Offered: Session 1 only from 8:30-10:30 AM

Tuition: \$65

Description: With the use of computers in homes, schools, and workplaces, it is very important that students have the ability to type effectively. Participants in this program will work to develop efficient and effective typing/keyboarding skills as they work on their typing speed and accuracy using the touch typing technique. Participants will also spend time getting more familiar with typing in word processing software (Microsoft Word). Students able to type 30 words per minute will be able to meet the proficiency for the Computer Software Applications course at GHS.

Summer school information is available online at www.geneva304.org/ghs. Online registration is now open and will close June 3rd for Session 1 and on July 8th for Session 2 or when sessions fill to capacity.

Geneva High School



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2015 SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

BADMINTON CAMP - GHS Contest Gym Camp Director - Coach Fischer

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
GBAD 1	9 - 12	July 6 - July 10	12:30 - 2:00	\$60.00
GBAD 2	5 - 8	July 6 - July 10	2:00 - 3:30	\$50.00

BASEBALL SUMMER LEAGUE- GHS Home and Away Camp Director - Coach Hahn

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
BA 1	10	June - July	TBA	\$175.00
BA 2	11 - 12	June - July	TBA	\$175.00

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL- GHS Mack Olson Camp Director - Coach Seitelman

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
BVB1 (Located at GMSS)	6 - 8	July 27 - July 31	12:30 - 2:00	\$60.00
BVB2	9 - 12	July 27 - July 31	9:00 - 11:00	\$80.00

BOYS' BASKETBALL CAMP - GHS Contest Gym/Mack Olson Gym Camp Director—Coach Ralston

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
BBB 1	3 - 4	June 8 - June 12 (M - F)	7:30 - 9:00 AM	\$80.00
BBB 2	5 - 6	June 8 - June 12 (M - F)	9:00 - 10:30	\$80.00
BBB 3	7	June 8 - June 18 (M - Th)	10:30 - 12:00	\$120.00
BBB 4	8	June 8 - June 18 (M - Th)	10:30 - 12:00	\$120.00
BBB 5	9	June 22 - July 2 (M - Th)	10:30 - 12:00 PM	\$120.00
BBB 6	10 - 12	June 15 - June 25 (M - Th)	Sophs—9:00 - 10:30 Var—7:00 - 9:00	\$120.00

GIRLS' BASKETBALL CAMP - GHS Contest Gym/Mack Olson Gym Camp Director - Coach Meadows

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
GBB 1	3 - 4	June 8 - June 12	12:00 - 1:30	\$80.00
GBB 2	5 - 6	June 8 - June 12	1:30 - 3:00	\$80.00
GBB 3	7 - 8	June 8 - June 12	3:00 - 4:30	\$80.00
GBB 4	9	June 4 - June 24 (M,T,W)	10:00 - 11:30 AM	\$115.00
GBB 5	9 - 12	June 4 - June 24 (M,T,W)	8:30 - 10:00 AM	\$115.00
GBB 6 (Summer League)	9 - 12	June	TBA	\$50.00

CROSS COUNTRY CAMP - GHS Contest Gym Foyer ^{**} Camp Director - Coach Thomson

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
CC1	6 - 12	June 16 - July 30 (M—TH)**	7:00 - 9:30 AM **Meets at Various Locations	\$110

FOOTBALL CAMP - Center Street Fields /Burgess Field Camp Director - Coach Wicinski

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
FB 1	2 - 4	June 22 - June 25	9:00 - 10:30 AM	\$70.00
FB 2	5 - 6	June 22 - June 25	11:00 - 12:30	\$80.00
FB 3	7 - 8	June 22 - June 25	1:00 - 2:30	\$80.00
FB 4	9	June 2 - 5	3:00 - 7:00	\$110.00
FB 5	10	June 1 & 2 (3 - 7PM); June 3—6 (8 - 12)	See	\$110.00
	10	July 20 - 25 (8:00 - Noon)	←←←	
FB 6	11 - 12	June 1 & 2 (3 - 7PM); June 3—6 (8 - 12)	See	\$110.00
		July 20 - 25 (8:00 - Noon)	←←←	

LACROSSE CAMP - Center Street Fields Camp Director - Coach Bahler

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
LAC 1	9 - 12	July 6 - July 9 (M - TH)	9:00 - 11:00 AM	\$95.00
LAC 2	4 - 8	July 6 - July 9 (M - TH)	12:00 - 2:00	\$65.00

GHS GYMNASIUMS ARE NOT AIR CONDITIONED. PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY.

2015 SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

GYMNASTICS CAMP - GHS Gymnastics Room

Camp Director—Coach Hostman

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
GYM 1	K - 5	June 15 - June 19	10:30 - 11:30	\$65.00
GYM 2	6 - 8	June 15 - June 19	11:30 - 12:30	\$70.00
GYM 3	9 - 12	June 15 - July 30 (M - W - TH) (Off July 4 week)	8:00 - 10:30	\$195.00

BOYS' SOCCER CAMP - Center Street Fields/Burgess Field

Camp Director—Coach Estabrook

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
BSOC 1 (Camp & Summer League)	11 - 12	June 8 - 10/ July 22 - 23/ July 28 - 31	7:30 - 9:45/AM 6:30 - 9:30 PM/ 7:30 - 9:45 AM	\$165.00
BSOC 2 (Camp & Summer League)	9 - 10	June 8 - 10/ July 22 - 23/ July 28 - 31	10:00 - 12:00/ 6:00 - 9:00 PM/ 10:00 - 12:00	\$165.00
BSOC 3	6 - 8	July 21 - 23	1:00 - 2:15	\$35.00
BSOC 4	1 - 5	June 8 - 11	1:00 - 2:00	\$30.00

GOLF CAMP - Eagle Brook G.C.

Camp Director—Coach Hatczel (Boys) & Ross (Girls)

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
GOLF 1 (Coed)	9 - 12	June 15 - July 20 (Mondays Only)	8:00 - 11:15	\$250.00
Additional Information found			@GenevaBoysGolf	

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GIRLS' SOCCER CAMP - Center Street Fields/Burgess Field

Camp Director—Coach Owens

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
GSOC 1	K-2	June 15 - June 18	9:00 - 10:00 AM	\$45.00
GSOC 2	3-6	June 15 - June 18	10:00 - 11:30 AM	\$65.00
GSOC 4	7 - 9	July 13 - July 16	10:00 - 11:30 AM	\$65.00
GSOC 5	10-12	July 13 - July 16	8:00 - 10:00 AM	\$75.00

SPIRIT CAMP - GHS Burgess Field/or Mack Olson

Camp Directors—Cheer = Coach George; Dance = Coach VanWagenan

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
CHEER TEAM	2 - 5 (Burgess Field)	Aug 3 - 6 (M-TH)	6:00 - 7:30 PM	\$50.00
DANCE TEAM	2 - 5 (Mack Olson)	July 13 - 16	9:00 - 10:30 AM	\$50.00

TENNIS CAMP - GHS Tennis Courts / Center Street

Camp Director—Coach Evans

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
TEN 1	6 - 8	July 13 - July 24 (M-F)	8:00 - 9:00	\$100.00
TEN 2	9 - 12	July 13 - July 24 (M-F)	9:20 - 11:00	\$100.00

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP - GHS Contest Gym / Mack Olson

Camp Director—Coach Seitelman

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
VB 1	5 - 6	July 20 - July 24 (M - TH)	8:30 - 10:30	\$90.00
VB 2	7 - 8	July 20 - July 24 (M - TH)	2:30 - 4:30	\$90.00
VB 3	9 - 12	July 20 - July 24 (M - TH)	10:30 - 2:30	\$125.00

WRESTLING CAMP - GHS Wrestling Room

Camp Director—Coach Chernich

Session	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
WR 1	K - 6	June 15 - June 19	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$75.00
WR 2	7 - 12	June 15 - June 19	8:00 - 10:00 AM	\$75.00
WR 3 (Team Camp)	9 - 12 (Univ. Of Illinois)	June 25 - June 29	TBA	\$405.00

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