

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

All in All Homecoming was a success! The weather wasn't on or side this year and unfortunately the Homecoming parade had to be cancelled. Due to weather the Varsity football game was played on Friday and Saturday. Thank you to everyone who came out both days to support our hard working athletes!

The Viking Soccer Game began the Thursday evening events and the Vikings played well. Mr. Rogers and staff have done it again. The Pep Rally, JV and Varsity Cheer and Dance teams were awesome. Following the game, the Homecoming BBQ was served and sponsored by GHS PTO. Jennifer Main and I chaired the free BBQ. Thanks to our incredible volunteers we were able to serve over 1100 Sloppy Joes. Our wonderful parent volunteers donated regular, vegan and gluten free Sloppy Joes, what seemed like a million bags of washed grapes and amazing desserts. Because all of the cooks and bakers of GHS, this is a fun night for the community and we hope that you attend this event every year when possible. The evening ended with the traditional bonfire. Thank you to the Fire Department for providing their services.

GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL VIKING VESSEL

OCTOBER 2019



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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The Homecoming Dance was a success because of the faculty and volunteers. Thank you,

Homecoming Dance Parent Volunteers, you are all so helpful and make the night very nice for all of the students. We welcome new faces every year and we hope you make new friends as you help at the many volunteering opportunities throughout the year. Even just an hour of volunteering can help, so please look at the volunteer opportunities on the PTO website.

The PTO committees continue to be busy and helpful for the GHS Students and school in general.

A special thank you to all who make Homecoming incredibly fun, from making and serving the BBQ sandwiches, to selling Homecoming tickets, and helping during the dance. We truly appreciate your help and your smiles for all of these GHS activities.

Recently, the Joint PTO Committee has had two meetings. First, we welcomed new teachers and administrators to our 304 School District. The luncheon is a friendly event of sharing school information and a hearty welcome to the new staff into our school community. Secondly, the committee met to speak about current events and this is the manner in which the schools remain on the same page throughout the year.

Thank you to the many students who are members of student clubs. The Club and Activity Fair was a great event showcasing all the clubs GHS has to offer. The clubs stretch across a large canvas of activities from music, languages, student government, arts, robotics, Leo, Key, sports, equestrian, medical careers, chess, Ultimate Frisbee, speech, GTV, DECA, NHS, TRI M, drama, UNICEF, environmental, engineering, FEA, culinary, student council, sign language, literature magazine, alpine club, and so much more! New clubs are always being developed too, so please keep mentioning to your students the different ways to remain involved in GHS. These diverse clubs help students to come together and collaborate on new ideas while meeting new friends. Every club has room to grow, so do not hesitate to join during the year.

Thank you to our GHS families and we hope you enjoyed the many activities of Homecoming 2019. Please remember, we are an open committee and encourage everyone to join our

volunteer efforts. Without a doubt, all the parent groups, such as, Music Boosters, Theatre Boosters, and Sports Boosters are also always encouraging parents to join in their volunteer activities.

We for looking forward to a good year ahead. The Viking Vendor continues to be our daily contact with the students and many events are ahead. We thank all our volunteers who help run the store, Christine Stellick, Carol Rennolds, Amy Ahern and Cindy Alworth. This committee is well run and connects with many in the GHS community.

We hope you have a wonderful October and enjoy the changing season. This is an exciting month to be a Viking. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact anyone on our Board.

WE ARE Your PTO!

Sincerely,

The PTO Board:

President - Martha Harrison

Secretary - Carolyn Potosnak

Treasurer - Chrissy Swanson

Advisors: Candy Bengson, Julie Gearhart and Deb Dickinson

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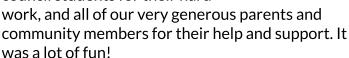
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians.

Homecoming 2019 - In Spite of the Weather, It Was a Great Week!

Homecoming was a huge success. Thank you to Emma Cole, Student Activities Director, Taylor Forni, Student Council Sponsor, Kim Lee, Hailey Cnota, Rob Showalter and Sue Nagle, Class Sponsors, all of our student council students for their hard





Congratulations to the cast and crew of "James and the Giant Peach." This all freshmen performance was outstanding. Thank you to Kate Woodruff, director, Jon Richert, tech director and the student directors for helping our freshmen produce this play so early in the school year.

Fall Musical - November 7th, 8th and 9th

Geneva High School will present a Fall Musical this year, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, on Thursday, November 7th, Friday, November 8th, and Saturday, November 9th, at 7:00 p.m. Please make plans to come to the GHS auditorium to enjoy the talents of our cast and crew.

1st Semester Final Assessment and Parent/Teacher Conference Reminders

With the school year in full swing, please be reminded of several important things during first semester:

1. First semester final assessments will take place before the holiday break on Wednesday, December 18th, Thursday, December 19th, and Friday, December 20th. These assessments are an extremely important part of the semester grade so we encourage you to avoid making travel plans until after the 20th.



- 2. Because of the timing of these assessments, please note our Parent/Teacher Conference dates.
 Conferences will be held on the following dates and times:
- Thursday, October 10th 3:30p.m. 8:30p.m.
- Friday, October 11th –12:00p.m. 3:30p.m.
- Monday, November 25th –8:00a.m. 12:00p.m. &1:00p.m. 4:00p.m.

Congratulations to the following students:

National Merit Semi-Finalists

Geneva Community High School is proud to announce that four GHS seniors have been named Semi-Finalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students are: **Reese Gosain, Anne McQueeny, Alex Wilson** and **Julia Zuzinski**.

These four individuals placed among the top 1 percent of more than 1.5 million juniors nationwide who entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. These students will be notified in February if they have advanced to the Finalist level.



National Merit Commended Students We were notified in late September, that twenty Geneva High School seniors have earned recognition in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

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Aaron Beck, Janet Bellantoni, Colton Benjamin, Lauren Berry, Jack Brandt, Sam Caballero, Matt Granquist, Emily Hancock, Julia Kaniuk, Ryan Klemm, Audrey LaCost, Gus Larson, Antara Mageshwaran, Jonathon Maher, Anthony Maiorella, Brady Owen, Valdis Slokenbergs, Lauren Teubner, Ian Watson and Collin Weber have been named National Merit Commended Students. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic achievement. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2020 competition by taking the PSAT last fall.

Please read the rest of this "Viking Vessel" for lots of important and helpful information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (630) 463-3805 or at trogers@geneva304.org. Sincerely,

Tom Rogers, Principal Geneva Community High School

Geneva High School Participating in IHSMTA for 2020



Required PSAT/NMSQT Exam for all GHS Juniors

Test Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019

On Wednesday, October 16, 2019, all GHS juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT exam during the school day at GHS.

Below is important information for junior students and their parents/guardians.

Information for juniors and their parents/guardians about the PSAT:

- The PSAT/NMSQT is a pre-test to the SAT college entrance exam that all Illinois juniors will take in the spring at GHS during the school day. Colleges and universities have indicated that they will accept the school-day SAT scores for college admission.
- The PSAT/NMSQT is a multiple-choice assessment of verbal, mathematics and writing skills.
 Students will take subtests in reading, language, and math. The results of these assessments will provide students and families with personalized feedback about a student's readiness to take the SAT along with suggestions for improvement.
- The PSAT/NMSQT also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT).
 Top-performing juniors nationally (approximately 1%) may be eligible for scholarships.
- The official PSAT information manuals (which include practice tests) were distributed to juniors in their English classes the week of September 3.
- Additional information regarding the PSAT/NMSQT can be found at the following website: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/taking-the-tests

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Additional details for juniors and their parents/guardians regarding October 16th:

- Late arrivals will not be honored. All juniors need to be ready to begin testing at 7:40am. Prior to testing, student room assignments will be made available to students.
- Juniors will not attend their early bird classes.
- Following testing, students will be provided with a complimentary lunch from Sodexo food service before returning to their last two classes of the day (periods 9 and 10) before dismissal at the standard 2:45pm time.
- Please ensure your child's attendance by rescheduling or not scheduling appointments for this important day.
- For freshmen, sophomores, and seniors this is a normal school day.
- The results of these exams will provide students and parents with important information that will help plan for the future. Updates to this information will be communicated to parents via 304Connects.

If you have any questions regarding the PSAT/NMSQT, please contact your school counselor.

Freshman Play





WHERE?

LORADO TAFT FIELD CAMPUS, OREGON, IL.



REGISTER.GFRVOS.ORG

THE EVENT WILL PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PARTICIPANTS TO LEARN FACTS
ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT FACE
TEENS TODAY AND DISCUSSIONS
ABOUT THE FEELINGS THAT
TEENS AND ABULTS HAVE ABOUT
THESE ISSUES. ALL OF THIS IS
MIXED WITH A LOT OF FUN
ACTIVITIES AND ALTERNATIVES
THAT ALLOW TEENS TO LEARN
IN POSITIVE, EXCITING WAYS.

Contact Tim Baker at snobl48@gmail.com for questions or visit www.gfvros.org

October Parent/Teacher Conference Date and Details!

Again this fall, Geneva High School will follow a slightly different conference schedule. Because GHS ends the semester prior to winter break, we will have two separate 1st semester conference opportunities in October and November.

Here are the October conference dates and scheduling for 1st semester.

Conference Dates:

Thursday, October 10 from 3:30 - 8:30pm

Friday, October 11 from 12:00 - 3:30pm

Scheduling Timeline:

PTC Wizard Scheduler OPENED on Tuesday, October 1 @ 5:30pm

PTC Wizard Scheduler CLOSES on Monday, October 7 @11:59pm

You will be able to access the PTC Wizard scheduler via Home Access Center using your parent logon (not the student logon). The PTC Wizard link is found under the "School Links" tab in HAC.

* Please remember that the High School will also hold a day of conferences on Monday, November 25. Details regarding the scheduling window for the 25th will be sent as the date nears.

Counselor Availability During Parent Teacher Conferences

Counselors will be accessible throughout the conference times at a table located within the cafeteria. This location will provide a rotation of counselors, all of whom will be able to assist with any inquiries.

The tables will consist of one with Freshman/Sophomore Programming, Junior/Senior Programming and another with Career Focused information.

If you have questions about Parent-Teacher Conferences, please call the High school at 630-463-3800.

GHS New Assessment Center

Geneva High School has a new Assessment Center that provides students with the opportunity to take tests and quizzes missed due to an excused absence or retake tests and quizzes (certain courses only).

The Assessment Center is open daily from 7:00am-4:00pm in Room EE188. Students should make arrangements with their teacher in order to utilize the Assessment Center before school, after school, or during a study hall and should not miss class. Students will need a pass from their classroom teacher in order to leave study hall to visit the Assessment Center.

During PLC on Thursdays, the Assessment Center will operate out of Room CC154 from 7:00-8:25 AM before returning to EE188 at 8:30am.



GHS Students of the Month: September

A GHS Student of the Month award is earned by a student who stands apart, succeeds despite circumstances, or contributes in some special way to our school.

September students of the month are pictured left to right:

Sophie Broviak, Hailey McChristy-Pontecorvo, Markus Malioris, Olivia Holmes, Julianna Ori, Cameron Clausen, Lilly Nowak, Scout Fortun.

Not Pictured: Justin Klodzinski & Abby O'Connor



Geneva Distance Runners

GHS Personal Learning Choices (PLC) on Thursdays

First Semester: October thru December 2019

Every Thursday will begin with a PLC period, which stands for Personal Learning Choices. This period will begin at 7:40 and will last until 8:20. Buses will run on the same schedule as they normally do. First hour will then begin at 8:30 with slightly shortened periods for the remainder of the day. The school day will still conclude at 2:45.

During the PLC period, a variety of opportunities will exist for students to enrich their learning, collaborate with their peers, receive extra help on assignments in various tutoring centers, and participate in different activities. In addition to these choices, there will be some required sessions for specific groups and grade levels held during the PLC time. Attendance will be taken at these mandatory sessions and consequences will be issued for unexcused absences. The dates of these required sessions as well as additional information are included below.

Personal Learning Choices available each week:

Math Tutoring	BE184	Study Hall	Library
Writing Center	A101	Study Hall & Brenkfast	Cafeteria
World Language Tutoring	A107	Silent Study Hall	A105
Science Tutoring	H216	Open Gym Basketball (open to rit)	Contest Gym
PLC Test Makeup Center	CC154	PE Makeups	Weight Room
Technology Help Desk	Library Office	Detention	EE193

Required and Optional PLC opportunities August - December 2019

WHEN?	WHO?	WHERE?	WHAT?
October 3 rd , 2019	Junior Last Names: Chavda-Dixon Geisman-Henry Raon-Lloyd Mesmos-Palmer Radgers Smith Van Breds-Z	KK269 Cheir Room Otchestin Reco: 1245 B126 Connucky Boon	Required: Naviance and Senior Year Course Planning (Please bring your charged computer)
October 10th, 2019	Enrich & Empower students	Auditorium	Required: Regular Meeting
October 17th, 2019	Freshman last names: Black-Celin Dow Greey Hennardez-Kellen Lockner-Mikula Pantane-Rass Snickr-Vyas	KK269 Choir Room Ordesto Room 1245 B126 Commy Bern	Required: Freshmen Wellness for half of the freshman class (second half is next week)
	All Seniors	Contest Gym.	Required: Senior Class Meeting regarding graduation. The Senior Class Photo will also be taken.
October 24th, 2019	Freshman last names: A-Binzen Coller-Bouglas Getamm-Hendense Kellick-Lewis Millewski-Padgett Kudowsez-Sorith Waggener-Z	Band Room KK269 Choir Room Othesta Root. 1245 B126 Committy Boon	Required: Freshmen Wellness
	All Junior & Senior Athletes (na. wane & sprage	Auditorium	Required: Proper Nutrition for Athletes presentation by Northwestern Health
October 31s, 2019	All Freshmen	Counseling & Advising Office	Optional: Freshmen Wellness follow up from the 10/17 and 10:24 PLCs. Stop by the Counseling & Advising Office if you have questions or need more information.

November 7th, 2019	Enrich & Empower students	Auditorium	Required: Regular Meeting
	All seniors who are graduating in December	KK269	Required: Meeting to finalize requirements for early graduation
November 14th, 2019	All Freshmen	Auditorium	Required: Preparing to Take End-Of-Semester Assessments and Final Exams
November 21st, 2019	All Sophomores	Auditorium	Required: Course selection presentation for Junior Year (Please bring your charged computer)
December 5th, 2019	All Freshmen	Auditorium	Required: Course selection overview for Sophomore Year (Please bring your charged computer)
December 12th, 2019	British & Empower students	Auditorium	Required: Regular Meeting
	Freshmen & Sophamores	Counseling & Advising Office	Optional: Course selection Q&A (follow up from 11/21 and 12/5 PLCs). Stop by if you have questions or need more information.
December 19th, 2019	NO PLC TODAY DUE TO END-OF-		
	SEMESTER ASSESSMENTS.		
	School begins at 7:40.		

Please note that additional presentations and options may be added to this schedule; any such changes will be communicated to students and parents, and the most updated copy of this schedule will always appear on the GHS website. There are a few Thursdays, such as half days and final exam weeks that PLCs do not meet; these dates are noted on the PLC schedule. Additional information regarding PLCs at Geneva High School is available on the Geneva High School website.

Updated 10/1/2019



Yearbook Team 2019-2020

SADD Club to Facilitate Red Ribbon Week Celebration October 21 - 25

Why do we have red ribbon week?

Kiki Camarena was an undercover agent for the United States Drug

Enforcement Administration. In 1985, he was abducted, tortured, and murdered by the drug cartel.

After his death, his family began to wear red ribbons to spread awareness and remind people of the consequences of drug abuse. left behind.

We continue to wear red ribbons to honor the work of Agent Camarena and the legacy he



Red Ribbon Spirit Week

- · Monday 10/21—Wear Red Day
- Tuesday 10/22—Clubs / Extracurricular Activity **Apparel Day**
- · Wednesday 10/23—Pink Day
- · Thursday 10/24—College, Military, Vocational Apparel Day
- Friday 10/25—Blue and White Day

Dress to show what your future could hold being drug free!

Food Drive!

During Red Ribbon week, Oct 21-25, bring toiletries and canned goods to your second hour class. There will be prizes for the winning class.

GHS Blue and White Night





GHS THEATRE BOOSTERS promote and support theatrical events at GHS and help to build a supportive culture behind our talented youth. To get involved, please contact Debra Nowak at debra.nowak@yahoo.com or Christina Vrba at cmvrba@gmail.com for more information or drop in at any of our monthly meetings. Everyone is welcome!

ALL THEATRE BOOSTER MEETINGS IN THE GHS COMMUNITY ROOM AT 7PM

- September 11
- October 9
- November 6
- No December meeting
- January 8
- February 12
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13

ANNOUNCING THIS YEAR'S IMPORTANT DATES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Freshman Play: "James and the Giant Peach" performing 9/20-9/21 (NEW THIS YEAR)

Fall Play: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" performing 11/7-11/9

Spring Musical: "Legally Blonde" performing 3/19-3/22

Student Directed One Acts: performing 4/17-4/18

2019-2020 Theatre Banquet: 5/3

Viking Revue: performing 5/15-5/16

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK US OUT ONLINE OR ON SOCIAL MEDIA AT:

Website: www.genevatheatreboosters.org

Twitter: gtboosters

Facebook: Geneva High School Theatre Boosters

Instagram: www.instagram.com/ghstheatreboosters

Geneva Bowling Teams



The Geneva bowling teams are looking for new bowlers for the 2019-2020 winter season. Practices will be after school Monday through Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:00 at St. Charles Bowl on Rt. 64. Meets are on weekdays and some Saturdays. Transportation will be provided for students who don't have their own rides. We are happy to train novice bowlers who want to try their hand at something new! Don't be afraid to come on out! Any interested students should see Mr. Zimberoff in room KK276 or Mrs. Meister in room EE191 with any questions.

We will have informational meetings on the following dates:
Boys Bowling will meet on October 16th in room EE191 at 2:55 to 3:30pm.
Girls Bowling will meet on November 6th in room EE191 at 2:55 to 3:30pm.

Boys Bowling begins October 28

Girls Bowling begins November 18

Parents can email <u>izimberoff@geneva304.org</u> or <u>lmeister@geneva304.org</u> with any questions.

Freshman Team Sports

Freshmen Team Sports classes started the year with a team building unit. The students participated in a variety and games and activities which allowed them to get to know each other. The PE Department feels this is an important unit to begin the year, because we have students joining us from different middle schools. The students have fun together, while getting to know each other better and making new friends.



G.I.V.E

Geneva Is Volunteering Everywhere

The 2019-2020 school year is in full swing and students have been racking up hours since last May. Yes, summer volunteer hours count for this school year! Freshman, you can count hours from the day after 8th Grade Promotion Ceremonies!

How does my student get started?

- Students should find an organization (through school, church or community, etc.) that works with their interests and schedule. Some students help out at a few different events throughout the year e.g. an elementary school fun fair or a full week volunteering at a church retreat. Other students have an ongoing weekly commitment e.g. at Delnor Community Hospital, the Library, their church, the Geneva History Center or the Boy Scouts. Volunteer opportunities are also noted in the school's daily announcements, through GHS Connects, and (new this year) Twitter @GIVE304.
- Visit GHS website click on Parents tab...'registration forms'...'PTO & Booster Information'. Here you will find:
 - GIVE Information link that gives full information about the GIVE program including guidelines, examples of acceptable hours, documenting and recording hours. Please read this carefully before recording hours.
 - GIVE Record Form download this form (or pick one up from the GHS main office) and start recording per the instructions.
- Finally, make a copy of the form(s) for your own records & turn them in at the GHS Main Office <u>anytime</u> throughout the year. Final turn in date is April 24, 2020.

New this year!

- In order to encourage equitable recording of GIVE hours, the committee has noted in the <u>GIVE</u>
 <u>Information</u> document some clear examples of acceptable (and unacceptable) GIVE hours. If there are questions about suitability of a volunteer opportunity, please check with a club sponsor or GIVE chairperson *prior* to doing the service
- Twitter account @GIVE304. Follow the GIVE committee to get up-to-date information about the program and volunteer opportunities.

G.I.V.E. Awards:

WHITE LEVEL – Students providing 20-49 service hours per year will receive a certificate at the end of the school year.

BLUE LEVEL – Students providing 50+ service hours per year will receive a certificate, and a sweet treat at the end of the school year.

GOLD LEVEL – Graduating students with a total of 200 or more service hours while attending GHS will receive a certificate, and a tassel to be worn at graduation.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact

Nicole Close at nclose747@gmail.com

GHS PTO GENERAL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all parent volunteers who helped make Homecoming 2019 a big success! From selling tickets, to scanning spirit wear, chaperoning and donating delicious treats for the dance we appreciate all of your support! Even though the parade didn't happen, we would like to thank all the convertible/vehicle drivers that were ready to volunteer and help. The Homecoming BBQ was a hit! A great big THANK YOU to all the wonderful cooks, bakers, and volunteers. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help.

Our General Volunteer group has grown to over 100 members who are ready to help out with one-day fun events throughout the school year. Thank you to all for your help with handing out yearbooks and selling and handing out Blue Crue t-shirts. Many of the General Volunteer jobs are at school during lunch periods which is a great time to see your students and their friends. We always have fun and encourage you to join us. If you would like to sign up for a PTO committee, just check out our SignUpGenius site and all of the current signups at any point throughout the school year by clicking on this link...

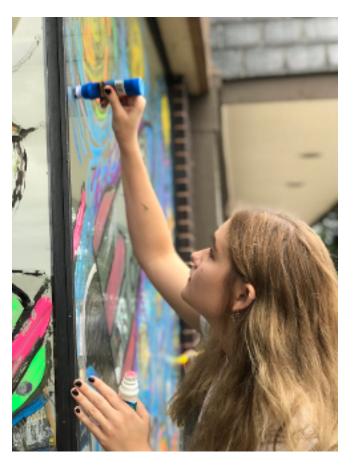
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GHS Dance Team





GHS Homecoming Week Window Painting



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A LAST LOOK BLUE AND WHITE NIGHT









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Send photos, announcements, and news to the Viking Vessel
Email vikingvessel@gmail.com
by the 15th of each month.