

GHS BAND EVENTS 2025-26

Date	Time	Event	Location	Students Involved
Wed., June 4 & Thurs., June 5	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Marching Band Kick-Off Mini-Camp – DAY 1 & 2	Geneva High School	Marching Band <i>New Members, Section Leaders & Drum Majors</i>
Fri., June 6	8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Marching Band Kick-Off Mini-Camp – DAY 3	Geneva High School	Marching Band (<i>includes all GHS band students, flags, and twirlers</i>)
Wed., July 16, 23, & 30	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Woodwind and Brass Section Rehearsals	Geneva High School	Woodwind and Brass students only (<i>new & returning members</i>)
Mon., July 28 – Fri., Aug. 1	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Drumline Camp	Geneva High School	Drumline Members only
Tues., July 29	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Marching Fundamentals Make-Up Day 1	Geneva High School	New marchers who did not attend at least one day of the Marching Band Kick-Off Mini- Camp
Thurs., July 31	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Marching Fundamentals Make-Up Day 2	Geneva High School	New marchers who did not attend at least one day of the Marching Band Kick-Off Mini- Camp
Mon, Aug. 4 – Wed., Aug. 20	<i>Refer to “GHS Marching Band Camp 2025” schedule for exact dates and times</i>	Summer Marching Band Camp (on campus)	Geneva High School	Marching Band (<i>includes all GHS band students, flags, and twirlers</i>)
Tues., Aug. 5	4:45 – 8:00 p.m.	Band Uniform Fittings (after rehearsal)	GHS Cafeteria	All Marching Band Students: <i>Check the “Uniform Fittings Schedule” for fitting group & time!</i>

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Tue., Aug. 12	8:15 – 9:45 p.m. (approx.)	Marching Band Photos (after rehearsal)	GHS Auditorium	ALL Marching Band Students: <i>Photos for the yearbook will be taken wearing the complete Marching Band Uniform!</i>
Fri., Aug. 15	4:00-5:30 p.m. (before rehearsal)	Marching Band & 5 th Grade Joint Concert & Pizza Party! <i>Parents are invited to attend a performance by the Marching Band on Burgess Field 7 p.m.</i>	GHS Auditorium & Cafeteria	Marching Band
Thurs., Aug. 21	5:30 p.m. (report)	Corn Boil Performance	GHS – Burgess Field	Marching Band
Tues., Sept. 2	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Orlando Trip Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field	Marching Band (all band members, including students not attending the trip)
Sat., Sept. 6	TBD (NU would be all day)	Band Day at Northwestern University (<i>tentative due to ongoing construction at NU</i>) ...OR ... Marching Band Social (TBD)	Northwestern University in Evanston: Ryan Field ...OR... Location TBD for social event	Marching Band (all band members, flags, & twirlers)
Mon., Sept. 8 (Saxes) Tues., Sept. 9 (Brass) Wed., Sept. 10 (Piano & Gtr.) Thu., Sept. 11 (Bass & Perc.)	After School, starting at 3:00 p.m.	GHS Jazz Band Auditions	GHS Music Dept. (exact rooms TBA)	Interested Students
Mon., Sept. 15	By 11:59 p.m.!	ILMEA Audition Applications Due	---	Open to all GHS Band Students (<i>optional</i>)
Wed., Sept. 17	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field	Marching Band
Fri., Sept. 19	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (vs. Wheaton-Warrenville South HS): 8th Grade Marching Band Night!	GHS – Burgess Field	Marching Band
Sun., Sept. 21	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Homecoming Window Painting	Downtown Geneva	All interested students (<i>optional</i>)

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Wed., Sept. 24	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field	Marching Band
Thurs., Sept. 25	TBA (evening)	Blue and White Night Performance	GHS – Burgess Field	Marching Band
Fri., Sept. 26	2:00 p.m.	Homecoming Parade	State St., Geneva	Marching Band
	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (vs. Lake Park HS): Homecoming – Alumni Night	GHS – Burgess Field	Marching Band
Mon., Sept. 29	By 11:59 p.m.!	ILMEA Dist. IX Band Audition Video Submission Deadline	---	Open to all GHS Band Students (<i>optional</i>)
Wed., Oct. 1	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field	All GHS Band Students
Fri., Oct. 3	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (vs. Batavia HS)	GHS – Burgess Field	Marching Band
Sat., Oct. 4	TBA	Maine West Marching Band Festival	Maine West High School: Des Plaines, IL	Marching Band
Tues., Oct. 7	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Orlando Trip Band Rehearsal	GHS Band Room	Select Students
Tues., Oct. 14	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	First Jazz Band Rehearsal/Reading Session	GHS Band Room	Jazz Band Students
	By 11:59 p.m.!	ILMEA Future Music Educators Seminar (FMES) and Composition Contest Application Deadline	---	Open to all GHS Band Students (<i>optional</i>)
Wed., Oct. 22	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field	Marching Band
Fri., Oct. 24	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (vs. St. Charles East HS): Senior Recognition Night!	GHS – Burgess Field	Marching Band
Wed., Oct. 29	7:00 p.m.	GHS Marching Band Indoor Concert	GHS Contest Gym	Marching Band (<i>all band students, flags, & twirlers</i>)

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Sat., Nov. 1	All Day	ILMEA Dist. IX HS Jazz Festival	Neuqua Valley HS	Selected Students
Mon., Nov. 3	TBD - evening	GHS Jazz Band rehearsals begin (and continue weekly until May)	GHS Band Room	Jazz Band Students
Tues., Nov. 4	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Orlando Trip Band Rehearsal	GHS Band Room	Select Students
Sat., Nov. 8	All Day	ILMEA Dist. IX HS Band/Choir/Orch. Festival	Dundee-Crown HS, Carpentersville, IL	Selected Students
<i>Thanksgiving Break (11/22/25 – 11/30/25)</i>				
Wed., Dec. 3	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Orlando Trip Band Rehearsal	GHS Band Room	Select Students
Fri., Dec. 5	Evening (TBA)	Geneva Christmas Walk	3 rd Street, Geneva	Drumline, Color Guard, Twirlers and other interested students
Sat., Dec. 6	Morning (TBA)	Lions Club Breakfast	GHS Cafeteria	Jazz Band Students and/or other interested student groups
Wed., Dec. 10	3:00 - 7:00 pm.	DRESS REHEARSAL for GHS Yuletide Festival Concert	GHS Auditorium	All GHS Music Students (<i>Band, Choir, & Orchestra</i>)
Thurs., Dec. 11	TBA (likely 6:30 p.m.)	GHS Yuletide Festival Concert	GHS Auditorium	All GHS Music Student (<i>Band, Choir, & Orchestra</i>)
Fri., Dec. 12	TBA (likely 6:30 p.m.)	GHS Yuletide Festival Concert	GHS Auditorium	All GHS Music Student (<i>Band, Choir, & Orchestra</i>)
<i>END OF 1ST SEMESTER – WINTER BREAK (12/20/25 – 1/4/26)</i>				
Tue., Jan. 13	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Orlando Trip Band Rehearsal	GHS Band Room	Band trip participants only
Thurs., Jan. 22	6:00 p.m.	PARENT & STUDENT MEETING for Orlando Trip	GHS Cafeteria	Students attending the Orlando Trip only and their parents

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Wed., Jan. 28 – Sat., Jan. 31	All day, each day	Illinois Music Education Conference (ILMEA All-State Music Festival)	Peoria, IL	Selected Students
Tues., Feb. 3	Afternoon- Evening	8 th Grade Band Auditions for 2026-27 – Day #1	GHS Band Room	Interested 8 th Grade Band Students
Thurs., Feb. 5	7:00 p.m.	GHS & Middle Schools Combined Jazz Concert	Geneva Middle School SOUTH	Jazz Band Students
Sat., Feb. 7	Morning- Afternoon	8 th Grade Band Auditions for 2026-27 – Day #2	GHS Band Room	Interested 8 th Grade Band Students
Sun., Feb. 8	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	CHAPERONE MEETING for Orlando Trip	GHS Band Room	Parent Chaperones Only
Mon., Feb. 9	7 – 9 p.m.	Orlando Band Trip Rehearsal	GHS (exact location TBD)	Band Trip Participants Only (<i>INCLUDES Flags & Twirlers</i>)
Sun., Feb. 15 – Fri., Feb. 20	All day, each day (exact times TBD)	Band & Orchestra Dept. Trip to Orlando	Orlando, FL – Disney World & Universal Studios	Band & Orchestra Trip Participants (details in trip handouts)
Wed., Feb. 25	7:15 p.m.	District 304 Band Concert	GHS Contest Gym	Wind Ensemble Students only
NOTE: We will set up the gym after school (3 p.m.) The concert begins at 7:15 p.m. and should conclude by 9:00 p.m.				
Sat., Feb. 28	All Day (exact times TBD)	Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival	Rolling Meadows High School	Jazz Band Students
Tues., March 3	7:30 p.m.	GHS Concert Band & Fox Valley Concert Band Joint Concert	GHS Auditorium	Concert Band/Percussion Methods Students only
Sat., March 14	All Day (exact times TBD)	Mundelein Jazz Invitational	Mundelein High School	Jazz Band Students
Thu., Mar. 26	After school - evening	GHS Solo & Ensemble Festival	GHS Music Department	Interested band members (optional but encouraged!)

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<i>SPRING BREAK (3/28/26 – 4/5/26)</i>				
Fri., Apr. 10 or Sat., Apr. 11 (<i>tentative</i> , exact date TBD)	TBD	IHSA Organizational Contest (<i>tentative</i>)	TBD	ALL GHS Band Students
Thurs., Apr. 23 Fri., Apr. 24 Sat., April 25	7:00 p.m. each night, & also 2:00 p.m. on Sat.	GHS Musical	GHS Auditorium	Pit Orchestra Members Only
Tues., Apr. 28	7:30 p.m.	Spring Band Concert & Awards (Concert Uniform Return Post- Concert)	GHS Auditorium	All GHS Band Students
Thurs., Apr. 30	7:30 p.m.	Spring Orchestra Concert	GHS Auditorium	<u>MAY</u> Involve Selected Wind Ensemble Students
Tues., May 12	After school (time TBA)	Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony	GHS Auditorium	Tri-M Returning Members and Inductees (Pledges)
Tues., May 19	6:30 p.m.	GHS Jazz Dinner and Concert	GHS Cafeteria	All GHS Jazz Band and Jazz Choir Members
Thurs., May 21	TBA (after school or early evening)	GHS Viking Revue Dress Rehearsal	GHS Auditorium	Jazz Band Students
Fri., May 22	7:00 p.m.	GHS Viking Revue	GHS Auditorium	Jazz Band Students
Mon., May 25	9:00 a.m. (approx..)	Memorial Day Parade & Marching Uniform Turn-In	3 rd St., Geneva/ GHS Band Room	Marching Band (<i>including</i> <i>seniors</i>)
Mon., June 1	TBA	GHS Graduation Ceremony (w/ Orchestra)	Northern Illinois University	MAY Include Selected Wind Ensemble Students (<u>no</u> <i>seniors</i>)

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PLEASE NOTE:

- **All dates and times listed above are tentative and may be subject to change.** Additional events may also be added. Any revisions will be communicated to students and parents as soon as possible. ***Please keep these dates open until further notice!***
- **It is the student's responsibility** to notify family members, employers, church group leaders, etc. of the dates listed above **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
- Any conflicts should be brought to the director (by written parental note) for approval **no later than TWO WEEKS in advance.** In the case of an absence due to illness or emergency, the student should present a WRITTEN EXPLANATION FROM A PARENT/GUARDIAN on the next day of school attendance.
- All scheduled rehearsals and performances during the school year are considered **mandatory and part of the student's grade.** *Failure to attend these events (without an approved, written excuse) will result in the lowering of the student's letter grade.* Any student who misses a required performance may be given an alternate "make-up" assignment/activity to account for that absence. The opportunity for a "make-up" assignment will be made at the director's discretion, depending upon the nature of and circumstances surrounding the student's absence.
- Please note that **PEP BAND** performances, which are a required part of being in band for ALL band students, are not shown on this calendar. These dates will be made available to the students in October of November.
- The due dates of the separate required components of the GHS band audition are not shown on this calendar. Information regarding the required audition materials and due dates will be made available to students in the fall.
- Weekly rehearsal schedules for extra-curricular ensembles such as **Jazz Band and Pit Orchestra** also do not appear on this calendar. Information will be given out to participating students during the school year. Pit Orchestra rehearsals will most likely begin in early February, and will take place on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- **MARCHING BAND MEMBERS** - check the ***"GHS Marching Band Camp & Activities 2025"*** schedule for more complete information regarding our upcoming Marching Band Season!
- **ALL NON-SENIOR members of Wind Ensemble** are expected to perform with the orchestra at the GHS graduation ceremony, which will take place this year on Monday, June 1 at Northern Illinois University. Additional information regarding this event (e.g., times, locations, musical literature, attire, etc.) will be communicated to students in advance. *Please see your director if you have any questions or conflicts with this date!*

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BAND/JAZZ BAND FESTIVALS & CONTESTS

During the 2025-26 school year, we intend to take our curricular bands and extra-curricular jazz band program to select music festivals and/or contests. These are tremendous opportunities for our students to grow as ensembles and as a department. Festivals and contests provide students with the opportunity to receive valuable feedback on their performance skills from outstanding music educators and the chance to hear other area high school bands perform. These are very important experiences for the continued growth of our students and our band program.

*Our enrollment in these festivals is subject to acceptance through an application/audition process which must be completed early in the school year. The dates & times of these events are also subject to change, and in some cases have not yet been scheduled. However, we do anticipate that these events would occur in **February, March, and/or April 2026**. We will provide you with additional details regarding these events as they are made available.*



GHS Viking Bands and students in action during the '24-'25 School Year