



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

October was a good month for the students of GHS. As always, the Students are busy and events are occurring from sports to play practices to orchestra and band concerts, and many clubs are putting together their agendas for the year. GHS Juniors took the PSAT on October 16th. The GHS Choir concert was on October 17th, Orchestra held a concert October 22nd, and the Band concert took place on October 23rd. We make note that parent volunteers work with the sports, music, and theatre departments to support student activities.

The Fall Musical will be “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” held November 7, 8, and 9, and this is always a wonderful experience! We encourage all families to attend these performances as the students have put in countless hours for this amazing production.

There is always room for more volunteers, so please do not hesitate to become involved in parent-supported groups of our GHS students! Viking Vendor is going strong thanks to the amazing coordinators of Carol Rennolds, Christine Stellick, Amy Ahern and Cindy Alworth! Daily volunteers support the shop and make many school items, such as, pencils and notebooks, and small snacks available to GHS students. Thank you volunteers for taking the time to make this a welcoming spot next to the GHS commons area.

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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The student organizations are continuing to welcome new members, so we encourage your student to become involved in clubs and activities at GHS. We thank the National Honors Societies committee led by Cindy Anderson. Parent volunteers continue to support the students and families with an enjoyable reception following the ceremonies. Many parents have stepped up to help and we encourage several more families to join in the fun.

November is time for the Turkey Trot (November 21st) which is organized by Amy Ahern, Marcia Smith and Lisa Conrad. Many more volunteers are needed for this fun PTO sponsored activity for all the students of GHS. Your involvement is key to your student's success here at GHS. Thank you for your help and your smiles.

If you didn't have a chance to attend the Parent Teacher Conference in October. One more will be held Monday, November 25th. We would like to thank the Teacher Appreciation Committee for providing dinner to the teachers and administration of GHS. Thank you for your energy and help at GHS!

A note of thank you to Candy Bengson for organizing the terrific GHS PTO volunteer committee. We at GHS PTO thank the volunteers who endlessly support and help out during many events throughout the year! Parents, please join now if you would like to help in a committee by sending an email to Candy Bengson (pcbengson@gmail.com).

This newsletter is brought to you by the hard work of Carolyn Potosnak. This is a great resource for sharing up-to-date news and information to everyone connected to GHS. Please send GHS student photos to vikingvessel@gmail.com. The Viking Vessel is only available online via 304Connects, which you can access via this link: geneva304.org/VikingVessel. So please ask your friends if they are receiving the monthly edition and share this link with them.

The 2019-2020 GHS PTO Family Directory has been emailed to PTO members and know it's never too late to join and receive your copy of the family directory too. Thank you for supporting the GHS PTO.

We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable year at GHS. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break and remember Friday, November 15th is a half-day.

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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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**How can it be November already? It's been a great start to the school year and now it's going to get even busier here at GHS.** Please read on to learn more about the exciting events coming up, and please congratulate the many students listed below who earned recognition last month.



### Fall Musical

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. Check your GHSCONnects email to get important information about tickets.

### Legal Marijuana: Now What? A Guide to the Law, Vaping & Teen Health

Geneva High School is hosting a presentation featuring certified drug & alcohol counselor Matthew Quinn, LCPC, CADC, in the Geneva High School auditorium from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21st. The event is free but please watch for more information about how to register.

### 1st Semester Final Assessment and Parent/Teacher Conferences Reminders

Here's another reminder about two important first semester events:

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. There is one more opportunity for parent/teacher conferences during first semester:

· Monday, November 25th – 8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. & 1:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

### Music Concerts and Winter Art Show

In December our music department will present their

annual holiday concerts beginning with the GHS Choir on Wednesday, December 4th. The GHS Orchestra will perform on Tuesday, December 10th. Please stop by the Viking Commons on that same evening to see artwork created by our GHS art students. Finally, the GHS Bands will perform on Thursday, December 12th. Please come and enjoy the sounds of the season, along with some amazing artwork. All concerts are free and begin at 7:30 pm.

### Pancake Breakfast with Santa

The Geneva High School Leo Club and our music department are again partnering with the Geneva Lions Club for their 8th annual *Pancake Breakfast with Santa* on Saturday, December 7th, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. Please see the GHS website for more details.

### Congratulations to the following students, teams or clubs on their accomplishments this fall:

#### Boys Golf

For the fifth year in a row, the **Boys Golf Team** qualified as a team for the IHSA State Finals. The boys qualified by finishing second in their Regional tournament where **Nathan Dalton** was the Regional Medalist, then finished third at the sectional tournament where **Zach Padgett** tied for 2nd. At the State Finals **Cal McKittrick** placed 55th. Congratulations to team members:

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### Boys Golf

Joe Adams

Nathan Dalton

Jacob Fleming

Dylan Lahey

Cal McKittrick

Quin McNeive

John Mooney

Zach Padgett

Sam Pospisil

Tom Sewczwicz

Carter Williams

### Girls Golf

Congratulations to the **Girls Golf Team** who qualified for the IHSA State Finals for the first time in school history! They qualified by winning a Regional Tournament for the first time ever where **Reese Clark** was crowned the Regional Medalist and **Kaylin Johnson** finished 3rd. They then earned 3rd place at the Sectional Tournament. At the State Tournament **Avery Frick** placed 35th and **Reese Clark** placed 44th.

Congratulations to team members:

Claire Anderson

Reese Clark

Avery Frick

Maya Hawkins

Kaylin Johnson

Lexi Leden

Anne McQueeny

Anna Monroe

Colleen Rutledge

### Music

The Geneva High School music department is sending a large contingent to the IMEA District 9 Music Festivals in November. The band, chorus and orchestra students auditioned in October and will attend a one day festival on November 2nd where they will work with guest conductors from across the country and present an afternoon concert to the public. The Jazz Students will be attending their one day event on November 23rd. The following students were chosen by the IMEA judges:

### Band

Sam Sennett

Matt Styrna

Lexi Weddle

### Orchestra

Ben Fioresi

Hannah Thill

### Chorus

Caroline Atkinson

Cam Clausen

Maggie Deagle

Hannah Hendrian

Elizabeth Kliros

Katie O'Brien

Emma Olson

Andrew Perez

Jay Jay Santiago

Luke Vrba

### Jazz Band

Michael Capobianco

### Vocal Jazz

Cam Clausen – Jazz I

Andrew Perez – Jazz I

Jay Jay Santiago – Jazz I

Matt Ellis – Jazz II

Katie O'Brien – Jazz II

Luke Vrba – Jazz II

Maddie Gartrell – Jazz III

Gabby Ost – Jazz III

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](mailto:trogers@geneva304.org).

Sincerely,

Tom Rogers, Principal

Geneva Community High School

## 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	EE184	Study Hall	Library
Writing Center	A101	Study Hall & Breakfast	Cafeteria
World Language Tutoring	A107	Silent Study Hall	A105
Science Tutoring	H216	Open Gym Basketball (open to all)	Contest Gym
PLC Test Makeup Center	CC154	PB Makeups	Weight Room
Technology Help Desk	Library Office	Detention	EE193

#### Required and Optional PLC opportunities August – December 2019

WHEN?	WHO?	WHERE?	WHAT?
November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 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 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	All Freshmen	Auditorium	Required: Preparing to Take End-Of-Semester Assessments and Final Exams
November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	All Sophomores	Auditorium	Required: Course selection presentation for Junior Year (Please bring your charged computer)
December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	All Freshmen	Auditorium	Required: Course selection overview for Sophomore Year (Please bring your charged computer)
December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Enrich & Empower students	Auditorium	Required: Regular Meeting
	Freshmen & Sophomores	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 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	<b>NO PLC TODAY DUE TO END-OF-SEMESTER ASSESSMENTS.</b> 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 10/31/2019

## Geneva High School November Parent/Teacher Conferences Date and Details

Geneva High School will be hosting one more Parent/Teacher Conference day for the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. If you had the opportunity to conference with teachers in October and do not have any immediate concerns regarding your child's academic progress, we ask that you allow parents who were not able to schedule October conferences the opportunity to meet with teachers in November. As always, feel free to contact your child's teachers via email or phone anytime you have a question or concern.

Here are the November conference date and scheduling timelines for 1<sup>st</sup> semester:

### Conference Date:

- Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

### Scheduling Timeline:

- Scheduler OPENS Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm
- Scheduler CLOSES Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm
- You will be able to access the PTC Wizard scheduler via Home Access Center using your parent logon (**not the student logon**).
- Access the scheduler under the "School Links" tab on the HAC home page



Forgot your HAC username or password? [Click Here](#)

If you have any questions regarding Parent/Teacher Conferences, please call the GHS Main Office at 463-3800.

**GHS End-of-Semester Assessments and Final Exams  
FALL SEMESTER IN DECEMBER 2019  
ALL GRADE LEVELS**

*The purpose of end-of-semester assessments and final exams at Geneva High School is to enhance student learning by:*

- *Prompting students to revisit, think critically about, discuss, and apply key concepts and skills;*
- *Fostering a "big picture" understanding of course concepts and content;*
- *Evaluating cumulative student learning; and*
- *Preparing students for similar assessments at the collegiate level*

All classes will meet during their final assessment period and students are required to be present in class according to the following schedule:

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

Period 1..... 7:40 am – 9:10 am  
Period 2..... 9:20 am – 10:50 am  
Period 3..... 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Buses will depart GHS at 12:50 pm \*\***

**Thursday, December 19, 2019**

Period 4-5, 4-6, 5-6..... 7:40 am – 9:10 am  
Period 6-7, 6-8, 7-8..... 9:20 am – 10:50 am

**Buses will depart GHS at 11:10 am\*\***

**Friday, December 20, 2019**

Period 9..... 7:40 am – 9:10 am  
Period 10..... 9:20 am – 10:50 am

**Buses will depart GHS at 11:20 am\*\***

- Students are expected to take their assessments during the time scheduled for each class. If a student is ill, it is their responsibility to contact the teacher regarding a make-up time (in addition to calling the attendance line).
- All students are expected to be on time for their assessments – please check the schedule carefully.
- Any students arriving after 7:40 a.m. each day must use the main entrance and will be expected to report to the cafeteria until the end of the assessment in progress.
- Bus transportation will follow the normal schedule for the morning pick-ups. Buses will depart GHS approximately 20 minutes after the last period to allow time for students to return their textbooks.

- Student attendance in non-credit Study Hall, Supported Study Hall, Study Seminar, and Study Skills is **optional** during this schedule. All study halls will be available each day; however, attendance will not be taken. Students are not required to sign in or out for study halls. Please be aware that if a student chooses not to attend a study hall at the beginning or end of each day, they must provide their own transportation. Likewise, if a student leaves campus during their 2<sup>nd</sup> hour study hall on Wednesday, they must also provide their own transportation.
- **Breakfast** will be available for purchase in the cafeteria each day of final assessments from 7:00 am to 7:40 am. In addition to breakfast, a **limited menu selection** will be available for 30 minutes after the last exam on each day.
- Fox Valley Career Center classes do not meet on these days. Students are required to be in attendance for GHS classes only.
- Please talk with your son or daughter about the most efficient and effective use of their time as they prepare for these assessments. Tips for preparing for end-of-semester assessments can be found on the GHS website at: <http://www.geneva304.org/Presentations.aspx>
- Although the Geneva High School report card link in Home Access Center will remain active, the grades displayed may not be accurate until all assessments have been entered and grades finalized.

**\*\*Please note that bus departures are delayed each day to allow time for students to return their textbooks from one-semester classes using the schedule below:**

Date	Time	Location
December 16	Lunch periods	Textbook Room (EE195)
December 17	Lunch periods	Textbook Room (EE195)
December 18	7:20 am – 1:00 pm	Textbook Room (EE195)
December 19	7:20 am – 1:00 pm	Textbook Room (EE195)
December 20	7:20 am – 11:30 am	Textbook Room (EE195)

Second semester begins the first day back from Winter Break on Monday, January 6, 2020. Please use **HOMEACCESS** to verify and print your 2nd semester schedule.



## Notes From the Deans' Office

**Second semester parking applications are now available in the Deans' Office.** Students wishing to park in a school lot second semester must complete a new application. Applications will be due by December 9th. The parking assignments will be posted by December 13th and payment is due by December 20th. The new parking assignments will begin at the beginning of second semester on Monday, January 6th.

**The lost and found in the Deans' office is overflowing.** Please have your child stop by if they have lost any items. We will also have the items available during the November Parent/Teacher conferences. Everything will be donated at the end of the semester.

**Please remind your child to lock their lockers.** Students need to lock their hall lockers as well as their PE lockers.

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LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO  
BE AN IHSA CERTIFIED  
OFFICIAL

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019

**OPEN HOUSE**

GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL  
416 MCKINLEY AVENUE  
GENEVA, ILLINOIS 60134

Questions can be directed  
to Dave Carli, (630) 463-3812





## GHS Students of the Month: October

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.

October students of the month are pictured left to right:

Maggie Noble, Skyler Santiago, Rachel Argiris, Andrew Voigt, Maclaine Bartelt, Alec Mucha, Sam Caballero, Maddy Cooper

Not Pictured:

Alana Policastro & Raina Rich

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## Spirit Wear Sale

Spirit Wear Sale THIS Saturday Nov. 2nd at 9-11AM during the mattress sale! In addition to this year's stock, come see huge **MARKDOWNS** on last year's items. Under Armour T-shirts for as low as \$15 (\$10 for youth)! We'll be outside the Contest Gym - all forms of payment accepted!



**3rd Annual**  
**Fundraiser**  
**Mattress**  
**Sale**

**Saturday**  
**9 to 5**

**Sunday**  
**9-3**

**Geneva HS Athletics**

**Get a GREAT new bed and contribute to our Vikings Athletic Teams at the same time!**

**Ask anyone who has purchased at the last two fundraisers...you'll get the BEST quality at the BEST price! All sizes, all types, adjustables and pillows.**

**November 2nd and 3rd in the Cafeteria.**

**For additional information call 815-378-5189.**

**This year's selection will be the BEST EVER!**

*Dave Carli*





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### NEED SPIRIT WEAR?

Visit Geneva Ace  
Hardware on State St.  
100% of proceeds  
benefit GHS Athletes!



### Would You Like to Join the Girls' Bowling Team?



The Girls' Bowling Team is looking for new members! If you are interested in joining the team, come to the meeting on Wednesday, November 6th at 2:55pm in room EE191 for information. We will teach you how to bowl. Beginners are always welcome! The bowling season starts on November 18th and goes until the middle of February. Our home bowling alley is St. Charles Bowl on Rt. 64. Transportation between the school and the bowling alley is provided. See Coach Meister in EE191 if you have questions.



## Viking Varsity Football Celebrates 2019 State Farm Players of the Week

The State Farm Viking Football Player of the Week program recognizes players who have made an outstanding contribution to that week's varsity football game and demonstrated the ideals of the Viking football program. The program, which just finished its ninth year, is made possible by the donation from local State Farm Agent Bill Nelson of commemorative footballs custom-printed with the date and opponent for each regular season game. Recipients are chosen by the coaching staff of Geneva's varsity football team and were presented with the commemorative game ball following each game. Below is a recap.

### WEEK 1 (Aug. 30):

#### GENEVA OFFENSIVE-DEFENSIVE DUO MICKELSEN AND GOODSPEED EARN SEASON'S FIRST STATE FARM PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS

In a tough game against powerhouse opponent Niles Notre Dame High School, two Geneva players stood out for their efforts. On offense, Junior wideout Konnor Mickelsen (#4) led the team in receiving by catching 3 passes for 22 yards. On defense, Junior lineman Brody Goodspeed (#35) led the team in tackles with five. As a result, both players were chosen as State Farm Players of the Week for week one of 2019.

"Konnor shut down their corner defense allowing zero catches on three attempts," remarked Head Coach Rob Wicinski. "Brody was extremely active on our defensive front; one of his tackles resulted in lost yardage for the opponent."

### WEEK 2 (Sept. 6):

#### IGNOFFO INTERCEPTS KANELAND PASSING GAME AND SCORES STATE FARM PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS



Forcing the opponent's offense to change strategy, Geneva Junior cornerback and wide receiver Michael Ignoffo intercepted two second quarter passes thrown by Kaneland High School's quarterback. Ignoffo then went on to score on a 25-yard pass with just seconds left in the first half. For his outstanding efforts, Ignoffo, who wears the #1 jersey, was named the State Farm Player of the Week for week two of 2019.

"Michael played well on both sides of the ball," commented Coach Wicinski. "He made three tackles in addition to his two interceptions and touchdown catch... in just the first half of the game."

### WEEK 3 (Sept. 13):

#### STATE FARM PLAYER OF THE WEEK NASELLI PERSEVERES IN GAME THREE FOR GENEVA

Embodying Geneva's never-give-up philosophy, Junior Caden Naselli led his team on both offense and defense during last Friday's game against Wheaton-Warrenville South. Naselli, who wears the #74 jersey and also competes in shot put and discus throw for Geneva's track and field team, was named the third State Farm Player of the Week for 2019.

"Caden graded as the highest, most efficient offensive lineman in tonight's game," said Coach Wicinski. "He also led the defensive linemen with five tackles, playing a solid game on both sides of the ball."

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### WEEK 4 (Sept. 20):

#### **PETTIT HELPS POWER GENEVA DEFENSE AND EARNS STATE FARM PLAYER OF THE WEEK IN GAME FOUR**

Demonstrating his passion for the game, junior middle linebacker John Pettit led Geneva's defense on Friday night with five tackles in the game at St. Charles North. For his all-around solid performance, Pettit, who wears the #15 jersey and also plays rugby, was named the fourth State Farm Player of the Week for 2019.

"John was extremely active and disruptive from his linebacker position," reflected Coach Wicinski.

### WEEK 5 (Sept. 27):

#### **DIFFICULT WEATHER AND DELAYED GAME UNDAUNTING FOR COSTELLO WHO WAS NAMED STATE FARM PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

When the weather turns wet, Geneva senior linebacker Jacob Costello digs in. Despite a challenging homecoming game against St Charles East that was split between Friday night and Saturday afternoon, Costello made seven tackles, including one that cost St Charles East yardage. For his dedication, Costello was the fifth Geneva Viking varsity player named State Farm Player of the Week for 2019. Costello won Player of the Week during week one in 2018.

"Jacob created opportunities for himself and for his teammates to make plays," stated Coach Wicinski.

### WEEK 6 (Oct. 4):

#### **SMITH STAYS ACTIVE ON BOTH SIDES OF BALL DESPITE ADVERSITY AND EARNS STATE FARM PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

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Tough seasons call for strong resolve and that's what senior Hank Smith displayed during last Friday's game against Geneva's top rival Batavia High School. The lineman, who plays both defense and offense and wears the #53 jersey, remained active and demonstrated leadership throughout the game. Smith was chosen as the sixth Geneva Viking to be named State Farm Player of the Week for 2019.

"Hank led the defense with five tackles," recounted Coach Wicinski. "In addition, he was extremely solid on the offensive side of the ball and served as a leader on the offensive line."

### WEEK 7 (Oct. 11):

#### **KLBECKA PLAYS HARD AND DEMONSTRATES CONTROL AS STATE FARM PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Senior Jack Klbecka manages to intimidate opponents while inspiring his Geneva teammates. The defensive end and outside linebacker, who wears the #54 jersey, led a tough defensive performance with four tackles and a sack last Friday night against Wheaton North. He also created opportunities for other linebackers to make plays through his own activity on the field. For his efforts, Klbecka was named the seventh State Farm Player of the Week for 2019.

"Jack is a football player whose character and work ethic are top notch," Coach Wicinski noted on the PrepStar website. "Jack is a leader for our team not only on the field, but also in the hallways at school."

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### WEEK 8 (Oct. 18):

#### SOLID DEFENSE FROM GENEVA TEAM CAPTAIN NINNI EARNS STATE FARM PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD

Geneva safety Michael Ninni hasn't let a challenging season stop him from giving 100 percent at every game. During last Friday's home game against Lake Park High School from Roselle, Ninni demonstrated the perseverance and drive that over a decade of playing the game has ingrained in him. The senior, who wears the #14 jersey, was named as one of the team captains this year due to his dedication on the field, in the weight room and in the classroom. Ninni was awarded the eighth State Farm Player of the Week for 2019. This year's other team captains include past 2019 Players of the Week Jacob Costello and Hank Smith.

"Michael played a solid defensive game with five tackles and a critical sack," noted Coach Wicinski.

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### WEEK 9 (Oct. 25):

#### COSTELLO NAMED FINAL STATE FARM PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR GENEVA VIKING FOOTBALL FOR 2019

Geneva linebacker and team captain Jacob Costello remained driven throughout the Geneva Viking football season, including the final game against Glenbard North High School. The senior, who wears the #13 jersey, made numerous tackles throughout the game and was named the ninth and final State Farm Player of the Week for 2019. Costello was also named Player of the Week for week five this season.

"Jacob played an all-around good game with six tackles," said Coach Wicinski.

### GENEVA FOOTBALL CELEBRATES 2018 STATE FARM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK!

Following the conclusion of the Geneva Vikings' 2019 football season, Geneva Varsity Football Coach Rob Wicinski and local State Farm Agent Bill Nelson met to congratulate those players named 2019 State Farm Players of the Week.

This year's award-winning players include:

**BACK ROW** (left to right): GHS Head Football Coach Rob Wicinski; Jacob Costello (Weeks 5 & 9); Hank Smith (Week 6); Jack Klbecka (Week 7); Michael Ninni (Week 8); and State Farm Agent Bill Nelson.

**FRONT ROW** (left to right): Brody Goodspeed (Week 1); Konnor Mickelsen (Week 1); Michael Ignoffo (Week 2); Caden Naselli (Week 3); and John Pettit (Week 4).



Bill Nelson, a resident of Geneva, has been an agent in St. Charles for over 20 years.



## Geneva Lions Club Hosts Breakfast with Santa



The Geneva Lions Club eight annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 7, 2019, 7:30 - 11:30am at Geneva High School Cafeteria, 416 McKinley, Geneva, IL.

In addition to free photos with Santa, the event features live holiday music and a free crafts section. Customize your pancake with a variety of fun toppings at our Pancake Creation Station! The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and Arcedium Coffee.

Tickets \$7. Children three and under are free. Purchase your tickets from a Geneva Lions member or online at [genevalionsclub.org](http://genevalionsclub.org).

The Geneva Lions Club works within the communities of Geneva and St. Charles to raise money primarily for the benefit of persons with sight or hearing disabilities. A large percentage of funds is also donated to local community organizations. Visit [genevalionsclub.org](http://genevalionsclub.org) to learn more about the Geneva Lions Club, our service activities, and the organizations we support.

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## Junior Lifetime Fitness Classes

This month the Junior Lifetime Fitness classes started their bowling unit. They travel during their class period to St. Charles Bowl. They will continue this unit every Monday and Friday until Final Exams. This is a great opportunity for our PE program and such a fun experience for our students.





## GHS PTO

### GENERAL VOLUNTEERS



Did you know that when signing up for events on SignUp Genius you can set up text reminders so you never miss a great volunteer opportunity?!? Just go onto your settings, click the “Notifications” tab at the top and select the box for email and/or text reminders. Also, all open volunteer

requests can be found by clicking on the following link..

<https://www.signupgenius.com/?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=08CBC1D8FDC9FE62&cs=09CBBAAD8FCC8B6D7B7B640E5BB39BCC>



**Tickets on sale here:**

<https://ticketpeak.co/genevahighschool304/events>

## G.I.V.E.

(Geneva Is Volunteering Everywhere)

Fall volunteering has been impressive with GHS students stepping up to volunteer at local events like Good Templar Park's Cottages in the Woods; Mill Creek Elementary Spooktacular; and Williamsburg Elementary School Fun Fair.

Now the **holiday season** is fast approaching and there are volunteer opportunities abound!

### WHERE TO VOLUNTEER?

You can volunteer just about anywhere! Your school, church, library, the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, the Geneva History Center, Delnor Hospital, animal shelters, food banks, homeless shelters, etc.!

Pick up a form from the GHS Main Office or print one at home and start tracking your hours.

For more detailed information about the program and forms please follow us on Twitter @GIVE304 or visit [www.geneva304.org/ghs](http://www.geneva304.org/ghs) and click on "Parents" button. Links to some local events looking for volunteers can also be found @GIVE304.

*GIVE Record Forms can be turned into the main office at any time during the school year up until April, 2020 but please be sure to take a copy for your records.*

If you are wondering how many hours you have or want to make sure you're on track to reaching the Gold Level, send an email to me and I can let you know your totals.

If you have an event or know of an event that is looking for GHS student volunteers, please let me know and I will get the information out to students.

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GIVE Chairperson

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*GHS Boys Golf Honored with Tradition of Excellence Award*



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