



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back to school from the Geneva High School PTO --

The new school year started early with a fantastic Viking Fest on August 13th, 2019! The freshman class was given a terrific GHS overview by upperclassmen, counselors, deans, and our principal. Our favorite note regarding Viking Fest is that many organizations worked together to create the welcome for the entire freshmen class. New and seasoned parents served the food from Jersey Mike's, water, chips and awesome baking delivered by the PTO Baking Committee! We all worked diligently and enjoyed every minute of seeing new students enter GHS. During the same night GHS parents attended New Parent Orientation. Thank you to our Viking Fest committee members for all their help. Thank you for your help PTO families and our committed administration.

**The PTO has been gathering volunteers and preparing for the 2019-20 school year.** Candy Bengson worked diligently to create all of the lists of volunteers for the committees. Jody Sexton raised her hand and is the chair of the ever-busy baking committee. Thank you bakers for making every event filled with goodies. Remember, it's never too late to join any of our fun committees and volunteer.

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## GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL VIKING VESSEL

SEPTEMBER 2019



Geneva High School PTO Online



Geneva High School Online



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If you are interested in joining a committee please contact Candy Bengson at [pcbengson@gmail.com](mailto:pcbengson@gmail.com) or if you would like to be included on the Baking Committee contact Jody Sexton at [jsexton@daprileproperties.com](mailto:jsexton@daprileproperties.com).

**The continued use of Sign Up Genius has facilitated in helping to organize committees so that everyone knows who is doing what job.** Please take a moment to become a member of Sign Up Genius if you are not already a member. The link to Sign Up Genius can be found on the PTO web pages located in the GHS website or click on this link...

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10C0545ABAE2FA3FA7-geneva5>

If you have any questions regarding the Sign Up Genius, any board member will be happy to answer questions and help you navigate through the Sign Up Genius.

**We would like to take a moment to thank the many parents and student volunteers that helped out over the summer.** Candy Bengson and volunteers sorted, collated, and stuffed the registration packets that were mailed out in June, and organized different stations during student registration week. Thank you to Susan McDonell for organizing textbook distribution and her many parent and student volunteers.

**Parent involvement is key to your student's success here at GHS.** Thank you VOLUNTEERS for lending a hand at the Corn Boil, Back to School Night, and upcoming Homecoming BBQ. The key is for our students to become involved in the process of academics, student clubs, student athletics, music students and theater activities. Thank you for making this positive environment sizzle every year. Parents, continue to encourage your student to be involved in various activities, as this helps create the next generation of leaders.

**Viking Vendor will be open to support students with small school supplies from pencils, notebooks, folders and poster boards to fun snack treats.** Carol Rennolds, Christine Stellick, Amy Ahern and Cindy Alworth; thank you for organizing the Viking Vendor. This committee organizes over 130 volunteers and stocks the store throughout the year! GHS PTO remains an active part of the daily life of students and adding that personal touch to the GHS student's school day.

**This Viking Vessel newsletter is brought to you by the creative work of Carolyn Potosnak and her committee.** This great resource for sharing up to date news and information to everyone connected to GHS. The Viking Vessel is only available online via 304 connects, so please stay connected. Photographs will be an expanding theme so that we can see our students, teachers, administrators, and volunteers in action!

**The Student Directory will soon be sent out to all families who donated to the PTO this year.**

Remember, this is our only fundraiser for the year, which supports 23 committees for Geneva Community High School. We send the directory via electronic copy, which you can access from your computer or smartphone or you may choose to print out a copy.

**We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable year at GHS.** Thank you for supporting the GHS PTO. Please place on your calendar the Homecoming BBQ, Thursday, September 26th, 2019. Homecoming is a week-long community event for every family member and we look forward to seeing you at Burgess Field!

Sincerely,  
The PTO Board

**Martha Harrison, President**  
**Carolyn Potosnak, Secretary**  
**Chrissy Swanson, Treasurer**

**Advisors: Candy Bengson, Deb Dickinson and Julie Gearhart**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!** We are excited to have the Freshman Class of 2023 join us. They appear to be a great addition to our student body and I would encourage the Senior Class of 2020 to enjoy every moment of this exciting year.

**Thank you to all of you who attended our annual "Back-to-School Night."** If you were unable to take advantage of the Junior Planning presentation or the Senior Financial Aid, Scholarships and College Application Process presentations offered by our Counseling & Advising department that night, they are posted on the Counseling & Advising page on the GHS website.

**Things are going to get busy here at GHS very quickly.** Please come out and see a new event, the Freshman Play – *James and The Giant Peach* on Friday or Saturday, September 20th or 21st. Elsewhere in this *Viking Vessel* you will find information about our upcoming Homecoming Week, which takes place September 22-28. Please pay careful attention to all the important dates and times.

**Our PLC Thursdays began on the second day of the school year and will continue every Thursday.** There are many important meetings that take place during that time. Please be aware that our mandatory meetings for an entire class are not optional. Unless your child is



ill or has an appointment that cannot be avoided, they are expected to be in attendance. We use these meetings to share a wide variety of important topics. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

**While it's early in the semester we ask that you please be reminded that our 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.

**As we embark on another school year we would again appreciate you working with us to help our children develop some increased responsibility.** If our kids do a better job of remembering their "stuff" you won't have to be inconvenienced and we'll reduce the volume of things that are dropped off in the main office every day. As I've said on many occasions, we are more than

happy to assist our students during a time of need. However, the number of lunches, projects, athletic bags, etc. being delivered to the main office can become excessive. Please try to deliver only those items that are absolutely necessary. If you do drop something off, please contact your son/daughter to let them know. We will not be contacting them with a pass or claim slip, unless you indicate you are unable to communicate with them by cell phone. Thank you very much for your help and cooperation.

**During my "Back-to-School Night" presentation I emphasized the word TOGETHER.** Working TOGETHER will be an ongoing theme that we will be promoting throughout the year. TOGETHER, we have worked hard to create a positive culture here at GHS – a culture we believe fosters success. I am proud to work TOGETHER with a group of educators who are compassionate, kind and supportive. I believe our teachers demonstrate these qualities in their daily interactions with your sons and daughters.

**TOGETHER, we want to continue to strengthen our relationship with you – the parents of our great students.** Thank you for valuing education and for having high expectations for all of us that educate your children. But most of all thank you for all the help you provide so



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we can meet those expectations – let's keep working TOGETHER.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic school year.

**If you have questions about this information, or anything else, please do not hesitate to call me at (630) 463-3805 or email me at [trogers@geneva304.org](mailto:trogers@geneva304.org).**

Sincerely,

Tom Rogers, Principal

Geneva Community High School



*Geneva High School  
Corn Boil*

## PTO MYTHS BUSTERS

**Myth:** *The PTO is just for stay-at-home moms.*

**FACT:** The **PTO is for everyone!** Our volunteers are mothers, fathers and those who fill those roles. We have a wide range of volunteers who: stay-at-home; work part-time to full-time; have little ones at home, preschoolers, high schoolers and/or college students; are continuing their own education; and more.

Please join  
General  
Volunteers

**Myth:** *Volunteering for the PTO takes too much time.*

**FACT:** Only YOU can decide how much time you can give. Even if you can **help at just one event or handle one task per year**, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Myth:** *The PTO has the same volunteers year after year and everyone knows each other.*

**FACT:** While we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who return, **we also welcome new volunteers every year.** We do strike up friendships and enjoy getting to know one another. This year we have several new Committee Chairs and volunteers, and we have not all met each other yet. Our volunteers range from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade parents, so it's a great chance to get to know parents from other grades you may not have met otherwise.

**Myth:** *The PTO is all set with their activities and events for the year.*

**FACT:** Each year the PTO brings back favorites and tries new activities and events. Those new ideas come from volunteers. While we try to plan ahead, it's only the beginning of the school year and there's still plenty of time to do even more for the students and school this year. **And we want you to be a part of it all!**

**Myth:** *The PTO has all the help they need.*

**FACT:** The PTO welcomes everyone and continues to need volunteers for various events and committees year-round. We need you!

**Myth:** *PTO volunteers need to be at the school during the day.*

**FACT:** Much of the PTO work can be done from home on your own schedule, or at events at night or weekends. Yes, **there is volunteering during the school day if you are able to do so. Just choose what works best for you.**



## GHS Personal Learning Choices (PLC) on Thursdays

### First Semester: August 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	EE134	Study Hall	Library
Writing Center	A101	Study Hall & Breakfast	Cafeteria
World Language Tutoring	A107	Silent Study Hall	A105
Science Tutoring	1E16	Open Gym Basketball (open to all)	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?
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019	All Freshmen and any student new to GHS	Auditorium	<b>Required: Welcome to GHS! New Student Orientation</b>
	All Sophomore Athletes (Fall, Winter, & Spring)	Black Box Gym	<b>Required: Expectations of a GHS Athlete</b>
	Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors	Textbook room	Optional: Textbook Room (EE Hall) open for book pickup
August 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	All Seniors	Auditorium	<b>Required: What do I do next? College/post high school planning meeting (Please bring your charged computer)</b>
	All Freshmen Athletes (Fall, Winter, & Spring)	Black Box Gym	<b>Required: Expectations of a GHS Athlete</b>
September 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	All Freshmen	Viking Commons	<b>Required: Club &amp; Activity Fair – Get Involved!</b>
	Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors	Viking Commons	Optional: Club & Activity Fair
September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Enrich & Empower students	Auditorium	<b>Required: Kickoff Meeting</b>
September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Junior Last Names: A-Biskotti Black-Chalmers Dressel-Gebel Hephurn-Knight Loberg-Morgan Pattison-Riley Snider-Valentine	Band Room K3269 Choir Room Orchestra Room J245 B126 Community Room	<b>Required: Naviance and Senior Year Course Planning (Please bring your charged computer)</b>
	All Sophomores	Auditorium	<b>Required: Sophomore Class Meeting</b>
September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors	Auditorium	Optional: Overview of NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) academic requirements and their impact on high school course selection.



October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019	Junior Last Names: Carver-Dixon Ceballos-Henry Koch-Lloyd Mesiano-Palmer Rodgers-Smith Van Breda-Z	KK269 Choir Room Orchestra Room J245 B126 Community Room	<b>Required: Naviance and Senior Year Course Planning (Please bring your charged computer)</b>
October 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Enrich & Empower students	Auditorium	<b>Required: Regular Meeting</b>
October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Freshman last names: Black-Colin Dorow-Gary Hernandez-Kellen Lockner-Mikala Pantano-Ross Snider-Vyas  All Seniors	KK269 Choir Room Orchestra Room J245 B126 Community Room  Cantor Gym	<b>Required: Freshmen Wellness for half of the freshman class (second half is next week)</b>  <b>Required: Senior Class Meeting regarding graduation. The Senior Class Photo will also be taken.</b>
October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Freshman last names: A-Benzen Coller-Douglas Gibson-Henderson Kellick-Lewis Mikowski-Pudgett Rudowicz-Smith Waggoner-Z  All Junior & Senior Athletes (all varsity & league)	Band Room KK269 Choir Room Orchestra Room J245 B126 Community Room  Auditorium	<b>Required: Freshmen Wellness</b>  <b>Required: Proper Nutrition for Athletes presentation by Northwestern Health</b>
October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	All Freshmen	Counseling & Advising Office	Optional: Freshmen Wellness follow up from the 10/17 and 10/24 PLC's. Stop by the Counseling & Advising Office if you have questions or need more information.
November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Enrich & Empower students	Auditorium	<b>Required: Regular Meeting</b>
	All seniors who are graduating in December	KK269	<b>Required: Meeting to finalize requirements for early graduation</b>
November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	All Freshmen	Auditorium	<b>Required: Preparing to Take End-Of-Semester Assessments and Final Exams</b>
November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	All Sophomores	Auditorium	<b>Required: Course selection presentation for Junior Year (Please bring your charged computer)</b>
December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	All Freshmen	Auditorium	<b>Required: Course selection overview for Sophomore Year (Please bring your charged computer)</b>
December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Enrich & Empower students  Freshmen & Sophomores	Auditorium  Counseling & Advising Office	<b>Required: Regular Meeting</b>  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. School begins at 7:40.</b>		

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.



## Geneva High School PTO Membership Information and Committee Sign-Up

**Welcome all GHS families!** The GHS PTO is an organization that provides helpful necessary volunteer work and fun experiences for every student and family of GHS. You can support the PTO in several ways; monetarily by joining the PTO for \$35, sharing your time by volunteering for a committee or two, or consider doing both. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**PTO income is derived solely from the annual membership dues of \$35.00 per family.** With your membership dues you will receive the GHS Family Directory via email in September 2018. The directory is full of valuable information, important phone numbers and dates, and GHS family's contact information. We do not hold any fundraisers. Your donation helps support all PTO-sponsored activities and events which include **GHS Family Directory, Textbook Distribution, Student Registration, New Parent Orientation, Back-to-School Night, Homecoming BBQ, Post Prom, Award Presentations, Senior Breakfast, Viking Vendor, Newcomers Welcome, Viking Vessel Newsletter, GIVE Program, Copy Volunteers, Teacher Appreciation Activities, Turkey Trot, and Winter Carnival.** In addition, we grant teacher "wish lists" for items that are not covered under the school budget.

**We'd like to encourage parents to become involved in a PTO committee.** Listed on our PTO SignUp Genius page we have descriptions and time commitments for all of the PTO committees. To access the SignUp go to

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0545ABAE2FA3FA7-geneva5>.

(This link is also available on the GHS Website.)

Select GHS, Parents then PTO.) Check the back of this document for the list of PTO volunteer opportunities. **Please feel free to choose one or multiple committees. Remember, a lot of these positions take only one hour!**

**One of the many ways to stay in touch with the PTO is through The Viking Vessel (the PTO newsletter) which is sent electronically each month via 304 Connects.** It includes helpful information from the principal, deans, advising, and many other departments in the school. You don't need to sign up for the emails, the district will automatically send emails to you directly. This is a vital form of communication from GHS to your student and family.

**Follow us on our social media accounts and encourage your students to follow us too.**

GHS PTO Facebook – genevahighschoolpto

twitter - @GHSPTOInfo

GHS Post Prom – ghspostprom

Instagram – ghspostprom15

twitter - @GHSPostProm

Viking Vendor- twitter - @GHSVikingVendor

**We look forward to another terrific year of activities for all of the students, which we believe enriches your student's high school experience.** We thank you in advance for joining the PTO membership with your donation and time for volunteering in activities. Every year is an opportunity for success for every student. Becoming involved in school can be a positive experience for everyone connected to GHS. We hope you become a member and remain involved with the GHS PTO. Thank you for your dedication to GHS.

Most sincerely,

Martha Harrison

GHS PTO President 2019-20



## GHS PTO Membership and Committee Sign-Up

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student(s) Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Information is only used for sending PTO information/volunteer requests.

2019-20 PTO Membership dues \$35.00 Paid by Check# \_\_\_\_\_ or Online \_\_\_\_\_

I have entered my committee choices for volunteering online through the SignUp Genius link \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have entered my committee choices for volunteering on this form \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019-20 GHS PTO Committees

Access detailed information regarding volunteer duties and time commitment on the 2019-20 GHS PTO Committee SignUp Genius page at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545abae2fa3fa7-geneva5>. This link is also available on the GHS Website. Go to Geneva High School, Parents, then PTO.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Back-to-School Night
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baking Committee Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Finals Treats Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ **General Volunteer (You will be contacted for help as needed, great committee to start with in order to become familiar with GHS.)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Geneva Academic Foundation (GAF) Representative
- \_\_\_\_\_ GIVE (Geneva Is Volunteering Everywhere) Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Homecoming Barbecue Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ National Honor Societies Reception Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ New Parent/Freshman Orientation Volunteer (Good committee to meet new parents.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newcomers Committee Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Awards Night Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Breakfast Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media Coordinator
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Directory Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Registration Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Appreciation Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Textbook Distribution Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Trot Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Viking Frosh Fest Volunteers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Carnival/ Formal Dance Volunteer

Post Prom volunteers and Viking Vendor volunteers please fill out separate forms from the Registration packet and return.

## Notes from the Deans' Office

- ▶ Guest passes for the Homecoming Dance are now available in the Deans' Office. They are due back by September 17th. A photocopy of the guest's student ID or driver license must be attached to the guest pass. Guests must be no older than 19 years old.
- ▶ Please remember students are expected to carry their current school ID at all times. IDs are required for mandatory PLC meetings, checking out books in the library, and attendance at school events. Replacement IDs can be purchased in the Deans' Office for \$5.
- ▶ If a student has any issues related to their locker or lock, they should come to the Dean's office for assistance.



## Geneva High School Corn Boil







## Geneva Music Boosters' Annual Fall Mum Sale



**FOUR** colors and **TWO** sizes to choose from:



**\*Orange/  
Bronze**



**\*Purple/  
Lavender**



**\*Yellow/  
Gold**



**\*Red/  
Burgundy**

**9-Inch Garden Mum - \$13.00**

**12-Inch Patio Garden Mum - \$25.00**

(\*Color variations may occur within your order.)

Back by popular  
demand!!!

**FALL MUM ORDERS WILL BE  
TAKEN ONLINE ONLY AT:**

Back by popular  
demand!!!

**<http://www.genevamusicboosters.org/>**

**All orders MUST be picked up in front lawn of Geneva High School on:**  
**Friday, September 13th between 3:15pm and 4:15pm**  
**or**  
**Saturday, September 14th between 10:00am and 1:00pm**  
**(Unfortunately, deliveries can not be made.)**

**SALE ENDS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

The Geneva Music Boosters purchased all mums through Schaefer Greenhouse's special wholesale department. Because this is a fundraising event for the Geneva Music Boosters, Schaefer Greenhouse can not accept any refunds or exchanges. All questions about your order must be directed to the Geneva Music Boosters at [fallmums@genevamusicboosters.org](mailto:fallmums@genevamusicboosters.org)

## THE SKALDIC WINS AWARD

Congratulations to the staff of the 2019 Literary Magazine, *The Skaldic: Until Proven Guilty* on achieving a First Place rating in the 2019 National Scholastic Press Association competition for Literary Magazines. This is the fifth time since 2010 the magazine has received a First Place rating. Copies of the 2019 magazine are still available for purchase at [ghsskaldic.org](http://ghsskaldic.org) or by contacting Heather Peters ([hpeters@geneva304.org](mailto:hpeters@geneva304.org)).

**2018 - 2019 Staff members include:**

### Editors-in-Chief

- Haley Williams
- Veronica Ayars
- Hannah Pell

### Graphic Designers

- Sophia Caruso (Head Layout Designer)
- Haley Williams
- Natalie Rutledge
- Emily Hanson
- Josh Spencer
- Caroline Lindwall
- Sophie Lietz

### Copy Editors

- Maddie Densmore
- Destiny Cole

### Staff Writer

- Noelle Martin

### Resident Artist

- Sophia Lobdell

### Music Editor

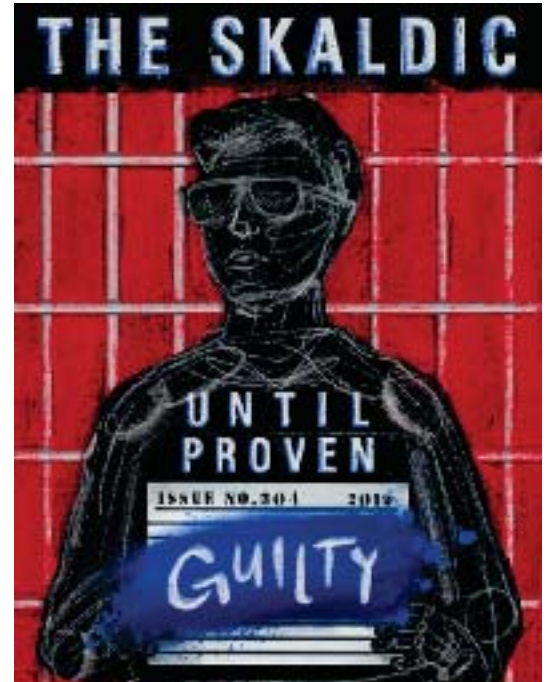
- Sam Ayars

### Treasurer and Entertainment Officer

- Michael Fisher

### General Staff Members

- Kelby Randall (Grub Master)
- Aaron Dewey
- Elle Plucinsky
- Zainab Mairaj
- Taylor Hayes







## ALL SPORTS BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP

SUPPORTING THE GEVENA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES



### DONATE

There are four different membership levels to choose from. Visit our website for details.

[genevasportsboosters.com](http://genevasportsboosters.com)

Our goal for GHS Viking  
Athlete's family  
membership participation.

**100%**

**\$20,000**

The goal of this year's Membership Drive.

Help Us Reach Our Goal - \$4000 TO GO!

### What We Provide

Logo Chairs for Contest Gym | Gymnastics Vault Runway/Landing Mat | Baseball L-Screens & Dugout Jackets | Volleyball Target Trainer | Lacrosse Equipment Bags | Lacrosse Target, Crease & Practice Goal | Soccer Goals (Replace Nets) | Interactive Athletic Archive | Dance Costumes | Football Coach Headsets | Center Street Scoreboard | Wrestling Scale & Warm-ups | All Trophies, Letters, & Numbers | Senior Night Flowers & Popcorn

Total of Financial Support for: 2018-2019 = \$43,000



### Students Against Destructive Decisions

We are looking for energetic and positive students to join the SADD Club this year! The SADD Club is a community service based organization that promotes healthy lifestyles through volunteer work, mentoring programs, peer education and asset building. We are eager to hear new ideas and meet new people! Bring a friend and check out the club together. We meet every three weeks on Tuesdays in room EE191. Meetings are held at

7:10am and 2:55pm to suit your schedule (pick which one works best for you). We hope to see you there! Feel free to contact Lisa Meister or Becky Furnish if you have questions.

[lmeister@geneva304.org](mailto:lmeister@geneva304.org)

[bfurnish@geneva304.org](mailto:bfurnish@geneva304.org)



## Open Call for Board Members & Volunteers!

The GHS All Sports Boosters Board is looking for new a Vice President (or Co-VPs) and Winter and Spring Concessions Managers. The VP attends board meetings once a month (the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm), and should expect to succeed the President, so we'd love someone who can make a two-year commitment.

The Concessions Managers attend board meetings once a month during their season and are responsible for setting up the stand at the start of the season (with help), ensure we stay stocked during the season, and order hot food for home games, when applicable. **If you are interested in becoming a Board Member, or would like more information, please contact us at [genevasportsboosters@gmail.com](mailto:genevasportsboosters@gmail.com).**

Other volunteer opportunities include the Corn Boil Committee, Spirit Wear Sales, and Trivia Night and Shamrock 3v3 Basketball Tournament Chairpersons. You can sign up by clicking the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aaea82cabfd0-allports>

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## GHS PTO

### GENERAL VOLUNTEERS



A big “thank you” to the many parents who have volunteered for a GHS PTO committee (or two or three!) We appreciate our volunteers!

To date we have over 100 members in our General Volunteer group who are ready to help out with one-day, fun events throughout the school year. They have already helped with Registration week, sold Blue Crue t-shirts and handing out GHS Yearbooks and will soon help with Homecoming festivities.

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 SignUp Genius site:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545abae2fa3fa7-geneva5>

Also, you can access all current signups at any point throughout the school year by clicking on this link...

[GHS PTO SignUpGenius Main Page Results](#)

Thank you again!

Candy Bengson

2019-2020 GHS PTO General Volunteer Coordinator



## **Crayola is helping keep used markers out of landfills and is transforming them directly into clean energy!!!**

### **How do I become part of this?**

- Collect *any* brand of markers: Crayola, Sharpie, Rose Art, or other
- Bring your dried-out markers to one of the collection boxes at GHS: Main Office, or in the teacher workroom.
- Request a box from Key Club for your department, your school or your group. Key Club can pick it up, or you can drop it off at GHS when it is full. Crayola pays for shipping and works with several conversion partners to make transportation fuels, generate electricity in the United States, and produce a wax compound for asphalt in Canada.
- Go to <https://cleantechnica.com/2013/08/06/crayola-clean-energy-colorcycle/> for more information
- Contact [kulbrich@geneva304.org](mailto:kulbrich@geneva304.org) for a collection box, more information, or a pick up

**Over the last 2 years, Key Club has recycled over 8000 markers.  
Let's keep it going!**





**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Paint the Town**—GHS clubs and organizations paint Geneva store windows. Starts at noon at H4 Training parking lot.

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY DURING ALL LUNCHES**

Dance tickets for sale—\$30 each.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Class Color Day**— Freshman—green, Sophomores—yellow, Juniors—red and Seniors—blue

**In-School Pep Rally**—get ready for some serious FUN!

**Powder Puff Game**—6:30pm at Burgess Field. Entry is \$3 per person for Prom Fund.

Homecoming t-shirt = free entry.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Crocs & Socks Day**—Slip on some festive footwear!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Space Day**—Today is a perfect day for those cosmic leggings or anything “out of this world” in your wardrobe.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

**College Day**—Grab that college t-shirt or hoodie and go!

Don't forget to attend all of tonight's events.

**PTO BBQ and Homecoming Soccer Game**—5:00 p.m. at Burgess Field v. Batavia

**Blue & White Night**—7:00 p.m. at Burgess Field.

Mock elections, Homecoming Court, and more! A bonfire follows.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Viking Spirit Day**—Wear your blue and white!

**Parade**—2 p.m. McKinley to Stevens to Anderson to State Street to Third Street to Stevens and back to GHS.

**Football Games**—5:00 & 7:30 p.m., Burgess Field.

HC Court and float competition announced, fireworks.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Homecoming Dance**—7:00-10:00 p.m., Contest Gym. Bring ID. No entry after 8 p.m.

**Happy Homecoming!**



*Thanks to you*

# IT'S TIME FOR A HOMECOMING BBQ!

SEPTEMBER 26th

At the Viking Pep Rally

GO VIKINGS!



Time: Dinners will be served from 5:30p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Burgess Field Home side concession stand  
Cost: Free of charge, sponsored by GHS PTO  
Who is invited? Everyone in the community!!!  
Menu: Sloppy joes, fruit, bag of chips, baked dessert, bottle of water.

## Viking Vendor



The Viking Vendor kicked off the 2019-20 school year by opening its doors on Monday, August 29th. The Vendor operates as a non profit center but we are happy to announce that with the support of the students we are able to donate back to Post Prom, Frosh Fest and other GHS activities. We are excited to be able to offer many great supplies and snacks to our students again this year. Please encourage your students to stop by and see what we have to offer, from pencils, poster board, snacks, new lanyards, bottled water and treats we have a huge selection of items to get your student through the school day.

Each full day of school the store is staffed with 3 volunteers and open from 10:25am to 1:00pm (4th thru 8th periods, Thursdays follow PLC schedule). We appreciate all of the time and effort each volunteer puts into making the Viking Vendor a huge success!

Be sure to follow us on twitter [@GHSVikingVendor](https://twitter.com/GHSVikingVendor) for the latest news, and updates.



**First customer  
of the school  
year - Morgan!**



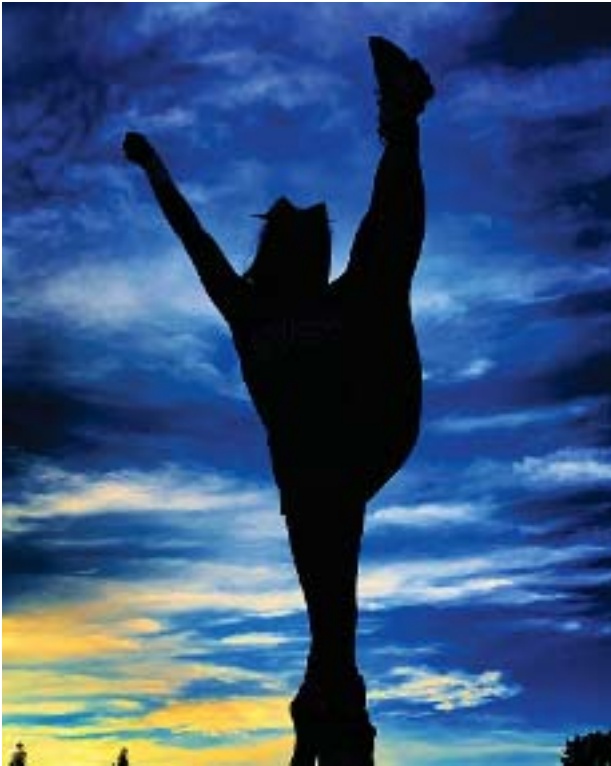
## Registration Week



## Back to School Night



## Geneva Cheerleaders



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## HAPPY FIRST FRIDAY!



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