

December Newsletter

Geneseo High School - December 2025



Happy December!

As the holiday season approaches, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to you all on behalf of the faculty and staff at Geneseo High School. Thank you for your partnership with us!

Finishing Up Second Semester Strong

As the semester wraps up, remind your children to stay on top of their work and take advantage of the resources we have, like daily WIN time, Learning Labs, and teacher office hours. These tools are here to help them succeed!

Veterans Day Assembly

We held a special all-school Veterans Day Assembly on November 11th. Our students and staff recognized our local veterans who have served and are currently serving our great Nation!



New Courses at GHS!

Pending board approval - we are excited to offer students 5 new course options next year! Here is a link to the story and courses!

Dual Credit Government
Ag Leadership
Basic Art (Sped)
Positive Psychology
Drone Operation and Maintenance

<https://www.geneseoschools.org/article/2548139>

Safety and Well-Being

As winter weather approaches, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder temperatures. Allow extra time to get to school safely. Stay updated on any school closures or schedule changes due to inclement weather through our school's website and automated communication channels.



Happy Holidays!

As we embrace the holiday season, I want to thank you for being such amazing supporters of GHS. I hope your homes are filled with joy, laughter, and special moments with family and friends. Your involvement in our school community means so much, and I'm truly grateful for your partnership. Wishing you happy holidays filled with love and happiness!



Toy Drive



Graduation 2026 - Sunday, May 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the GHS Stadium. We will provide additional information to students and families as we get closer to the date!

Seniors - Herff Jones Cap/Gown/Tassel Order

This is a reminder that cap, gown, and tassel orders need to be submitted online to Herff Jones by **January 8, 2026**. A link to order is listed below.

<https://highschool.herffjones.com/secom/school/IL/Geneseo%20High%20School/12001005000/5009/buildpackage/1>

Online Absences

This is a reminder that parent/guardians can enter absences online through Skyward Family Access ahead of time. Directions are attached. **Online absences can only be entered for full day absences or if a student is arriving late due to an illness or appointment. Online absences cannot be entered for a student leaving during the school day. A note given to the Front Office in the morning is still the preferred way for a student that is leaving during the school day for an appointment, out of town, etc.**



[Online Absence Tutorial.pdf](#)

[Download](#)

1.4 MB

Student Attendance

Attendance Reminders

Leaving School During the Day

1. In the case of illness:

If a student is not feeling well, they need to go see the school nurse. The school nurse will contact a parent/guardian and will get approval from the parent/guardian before the student leaves school. Failure to check out with the school nurse could result in disciplinary action.

2. In the case of professional appointments:

Students having a medical/dental or other professional appointment must present a signed note from a parent/guardian to the GHS Front Office before school on the day of the appointment. The note needs to state the date, reason for leaving, and the time they need to be dismissed from class. When the note is given to the GHS Front Office, the student will receive a permit to show their teacher so they can be excused from class at the stated time.

In the case of last-minute appointments, the parent may notify the school by phone about the appointment. The student then must pick up a permit from the GHS Front Office to be excused from class.

Appointment Confirmation Slips

When a student receives their permit to leave for an appointment they will also be given a blue appointment confirmation slip that needs to be signed by the doctor, dentist, or professional involved. The signed blue confirmation slip must be given to the GHS Front Office when the student returns from the appointment in order for the absence to be recorded as excused.

When a student has a medical appointment before school starts for the day, a confirmation slip from the professional office must be presented to the GHS Front Office upon check-in for the absence to be recorded as excused.

If a signed confirmation slip is not returned the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

A confirmation slip is needed if a student has an extra-curricular activity, practice, game, etc. in order for the student to participate.

Attendance and Extra-Curricular Participation

On days when school is in session, students involved in extra-curricular activities must be checked in at the Front Office by 10:30 a.m. (with Early Bird - Period 6 schedule) and 11:30 a.m. (with a Period 1-7 schedule), unless prior arrangements have been made for medical appointments, funerals, etc.

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, December 5

Seniors - Open Campus Lunch (for those Seniors that qualify)

Friday, December 12

11:30 a.m. Dismissal - 1/2 Day School Improvement

GHS Job Fair/Career Expo - Facility 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, December 19

End of Semester 1

Monday, December 22 - Friday, January 2

No School - Winter Break



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