

Geneseo Middle School



GMS Live Feed

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Principal's Message

The Great Bambino himself, Babe Ruth, said, "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." As educators and parents, we have the unique responsibility to guide early adolescent development, and that includes vital life lessons on humility, failure, and determination. We're entering the 3rd inning of this 9-inning school year, and students are stepping up to the plate every day, sometimes with that fear of failure, but also with a determination to learn that is truly inspiring. Your children have been analyzing informational text, solving complex equations, discussing music theory, competing in athletics, designing and interpreting 3D Artwork, and so much more. Students are hungry to be challenged, and GMS Teachers are providing that much needed opportunity to "play the game" by taking academic risks. Thank you for volunteering, attending games and activities, listening as your child practices their music, reading a book alongside them, encouraging them to practice MAP Accelerator at home, and for working every day to listen to, and develop good habits with, your middle school child. Keep playing the game, and make it a great Fall GMS!

Severe and Winter Weather Tips

- Prepare your child by dressing warm and bringing a coat (morning and lunch recesses are outside if it feels like 10 degrees or warmer)
- If school is dismissed early due to inclement weather, all GMS after school activities and programs are also cancelled.

More Info Below

- Pgs 2 & 3 - A portfolio of talent and life at GMS
- Pgs 4 & 5 - "Guide to GMS Dance Attire" & Dance rules and information
- Pg 6 - Level Up with GMS School Lunches

Nathan O'Dell
Principal, Geneseo Middle School

Important Dates

View our online school calendar [here](#).



October 7th

- XC IESA Sectionals @ Richmond Hill

October 9th

- No School, Columbus Day

October 12th-17th

- GMS Fall Book Fair
- Open during Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 12th

- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- 2:10pm dismissal

October 13th

- 7th & 8th Grade Fall Dance 7-9pm

October 17th

- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- 2:10pm dismissal

October 20th

- No School, Teacher Institute

October 23rd

- 7th & 8th Grade Halloween Concert, 7pm

November 2nd

- GMS Picture Retakes

November 3rd

- FACS classes visit Northside Preschool

November 10th

- Speech Competition, Monmouth, IL 4pm

November 15th

- Half-Day School Improvement, 11:40am dismissal

November 20th-24th

- Thanksgiving Break

Geneseo Middle School News



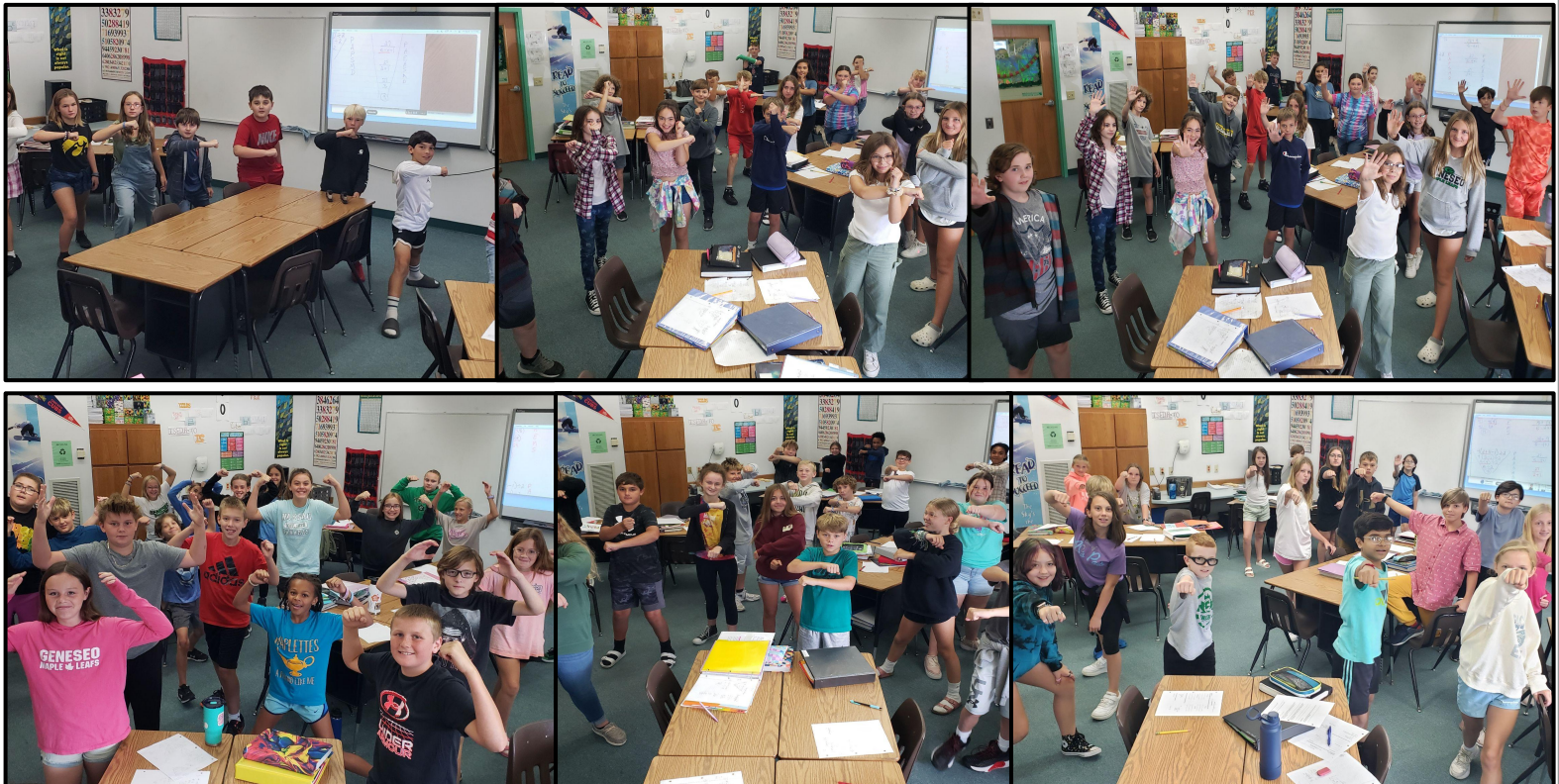
GMS Student Spotlight

Congratulations to our GMS Girls Softball Team on winning our very first IESA Softball Regional Championship. The girls had an incredible undefeated regular season, then marched through the Regional to defeat East Peoria for the title. Just as impressive, our girls received sportsmanship honors and IESA Good Sports Reports, even after a heartfelt 3-2 loss in the Sectional Championship. Demonstrating Humility and Respect all the way!

From the GMS Staff

- Order your **GMS Yearbook** now. Students can pick up an order form from the front office, or parents can order online through your Skyward account. Orders will be accepted for \$25.00 through December 22nd.
- The **Fall Book Fair** will run October 12th-17th. Parents can find hours, set up an e-Wallet, and [volunteer](#) to work through the [GMS Fall Book Fair homepage](#). Contact Jeanne Brucher (jbrucher@geneseoschools.org) with questions.
- **Parent Teacher and Student-led Conferences** are coming up on October 12th and 17th, 4:00 - 8:00 pm. You have received information directly from your child's teachers on how to sign up for a time. We look forward to seeing you for this great opportunity to collaborate on your middle school child's learning journey.
- If you haven't downloaded the **Geneseo Schools free mobile app**, [click here](#) and do so today, it's super easy!
- [Click here](#) for our **School Nurse website** and info on your child's health.

6th grade Math classes demonstrate PEMDAS, ask your child what it means







GUIDE TO GENESEO MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE ATTIRE

Students should wear outfits that are safe, comfortable, and comply with the school dress code. *If you wouldn't wear it to school, you shouldn't wear it to the dance.*

NO



Save formal dresses for high school prom.



Save semi-formal dresses for high school homecoming.



Hats are not allowed. Jackets and ties are discouraged because it will be **HOT** in the gym.

YES



Casual dresses or sundresses.



Collared shirts or t-shirts with khakis, jeans, or shorts.



MAYBE

Only wear heels if you have lots of experience with them. Students have had injuries while dancing in heels.

What you and your child need to know about attending a **GMS 7th & 8th** grade dance

Fall Dance: Oct. 13th

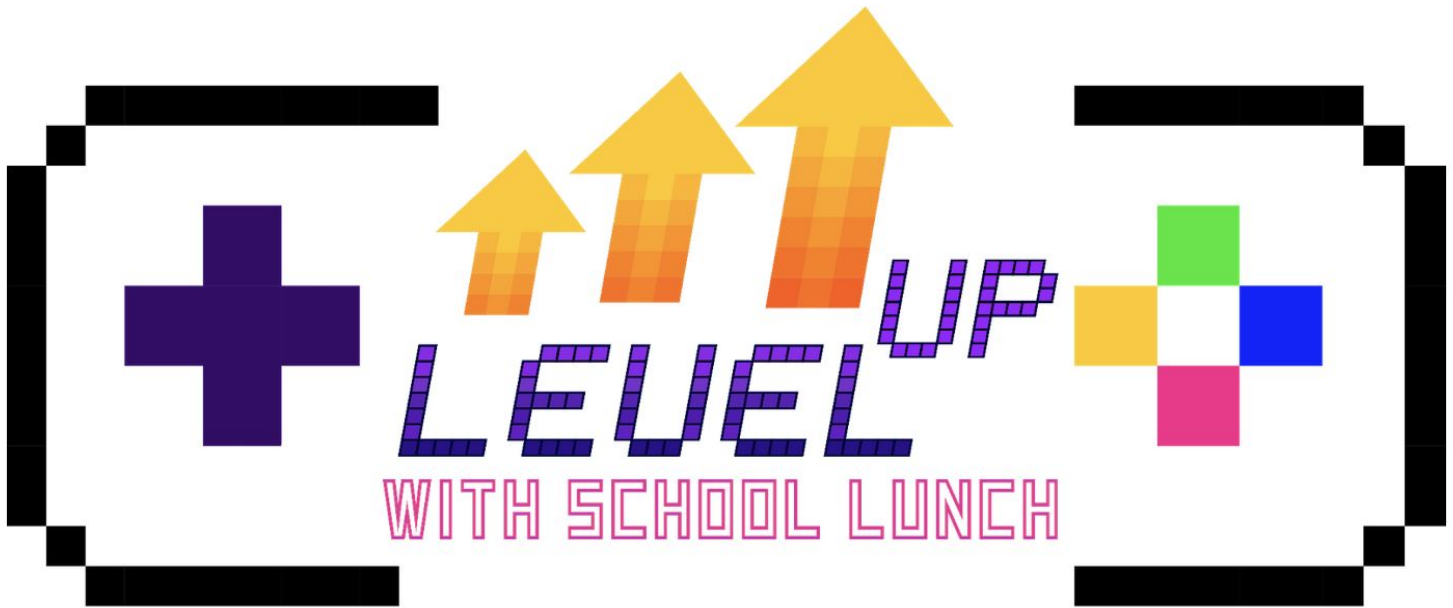
Spring Dance: April 26th (tentative)

Dance Entry:

- Entry begins at 7:00 p.m. at the west door. Students must arrive by 7:30 p.m. If a student will be arriving after 7:30 p.m. or leaving before 8:45 p.m., prior arrangements must be made with the office.
- We recommend you bring exact change (\$5) to speed up entry.
- **GMS dress code** applies (see the [GMS Handbook](#) for details). Students should dress comfortably, no semi-formal or formal attire.
- All disciplinary time must be served, and fines & fees paid, in order to attend. Check Skyward Family Access and take care of anything outstanding.
- Only current, full time, **GMS 7th and 8th** grade students may attend. Parents will not be admitted.

At the Dance:

- Backpacks are not allowed. If a student brings a backpack, they will be required to store it in the teacher's lounge and will not have access to it during the dance.
- Walk or dance – no running or jumping on others. Dirty dancing, grinding, and mosh pits are not permitted.
- Pop will be sold, and must stay in the foyer only. Pop is not allowed in the gym.
- Use the aisles of the bleachers – do not walk or run on the top of the seats. Dress shoes and wooden bleacher seats are a **BAD** combination.
- Personal items are to be placed on the bleachers at your own risk. Students are not permitted to go to their lockers.



Help your student stay on top of their game with a healthy school lunch. The GMS cafeteria offers a nutritious hot lunch or deli sandwiches and salads daily. On the hot lines we have a garden bar which offers a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables to complete a delicious meal. Don't fret about having to pack a lunch, let the cafeteria staff feed your child. To get the most out of the lunch the tray should contain a main dish, 2 servings of vegetables, a fruit and a milk. The cafe also offers treats and chips for an additional charge. Students should take all of the components for the lunch pricing as it is more reasonable than buying a la carte. Level up and try something new and score more.