

Geneseo Middle School



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Principal's Message

GMS Parents, and Guardians,

It's been an amazing start to the school year for all 650+ students and staff. Your children are testing engineering designs of Space Needles, doing gallery walks to learn geographic map types, joining peers in book tastings to select class novels, practicing math skills in vertical learning sessions, and so much more. Our Softball team went undefeated in the regular season, Golf sent five athletes to IESA Sectionals and one made it to State, Band and Choir had incredible performances at our annual Geneseo Maple Leaf Classic and Harvest Fest, Ag club tested a local farmer's drone technology, and our Volleyball, Football, and Cross Country teams are entering the final weeks of some very successful regular seasons. Check out some pictures of these events on pgs 2 and 3 below.

Our goals as a school this year are to create and maintain a positive culture and sense of belonging for all students and staff, and to ensure every child receives the most powerful education through a guaranteed and viable curriculum ([click here for our GMS Online Curriculum](#)). Whether it's LEAF Skills recognitions and awards, Math Khan Academy reward tickets, monthly Parent Text Tips, or clear communication of your child's progress through Google Classroom, Skyward, Parent Square, and Parent Teacher Conferences (coming up 10/16 & 10/17), we are proud to be partners with you in your child's growth and achievement. Don't hesitate to reach out to our teachers, counselors, or myself if you have questions, need some help, or just want to celebrate.

Nathan O'Dell
Principal, Geneseo Middle School

The rest of the story...

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Important Dates

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



October 10th

- ☐ 2:10 pm dismissal, Homecoming Parade

October 13th

- ☐ Columbus Day, Regular School Day

October 16th

- ☐ 2:10 pm Dismissal
- ☐ Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7 pm

October 17th

- ☐ No School
- ☐ Parent Teacher Conferences 8 am-1 pm

October 18th

- ☐ Cross Country IESA State

October 20th

- ☐ No School, Teacher Institute

October 24th

- ☐ IESA Speech Contest, 6 pm
@ Taylor Ridge MS
- ☐ Middle School Dance at 7-9 pm

November 2nd

- ☐ Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)

November 6th

- ☐ Picture Retakes and Team Photo Day

November 11th

- ☐ Veterans Day, Regular School Day

November 19th

- ☐ 8th Grade & GHS Course Electives Fair
- ☐ 11:40 am Dismissal - School Improvement Day

November 24th-28th

- ☐ Thanksgiving Break

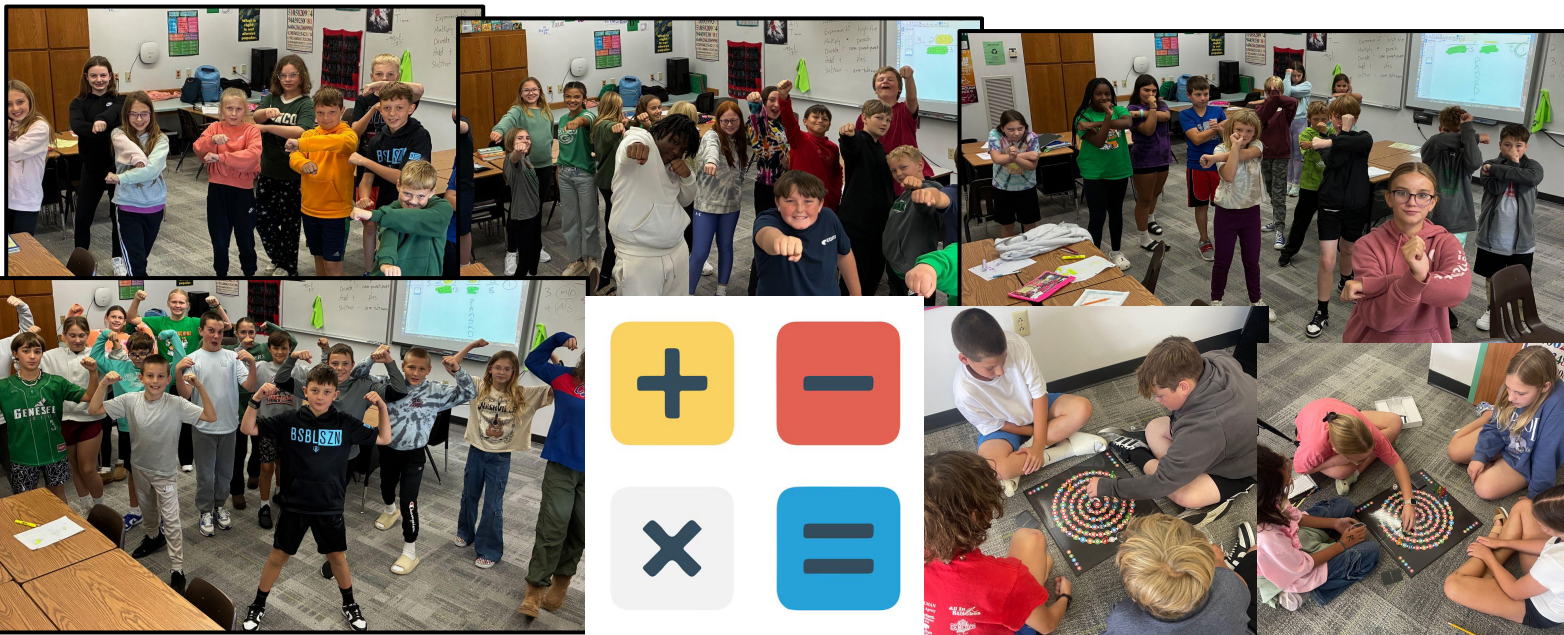
Geneseo Middle School News

GMS Student Spotlight

This past month our GMS Golf Boys and Girls teams sent 5 students to IESA Sectionals to compete at the highest levels in the state of IL. Those students were Avery Wilshusen, Hadley Abbot, Zak O'Dell, Trace Hager, and Brandon Spensley. One of those athletes, Hadley Abbot, qualified for the IESA State Golf Meet and ended up finishing in the Top 20! Congratulations Hadley, and all our golfers, on a phenomenal season.

From your GMS Team

- **#Trending@GMS** - Many students are bringing in highly caffeinated and loaded sugar drinks to school. Although Bubb'l'r, Starbucks Milk, Monster, and local teas and coffees are really fun and tasty, they are Not permitted at school. Most of these have caffeine content as high as 2-3 regular brewed cups of coffee. They cause sugar and caffeine highs, and significant crashes that result in headaches, moody behavior, and stomach aches. Help us out by making sure your child doesn't bring these onto school grounds. If they are brought, they will be thrown away.
- Our **Fall Scholastic Book Fair** will be held October 13th-17th. Please visit our [Book Fair home page](#) to check the schedule and set up an e-Wallet. You can also [click here to volunteer](#). The Book Fair will be open during Parent Teacher Conferences October 16th and 17th, we look forward to seeing the whole family.
- **High School/Middle School PTA** would love to have you and your family to become member, [join PTA](#) today.
- 2025-26 **GMS Yearbooks** are ready for purchase through Skyward Family Access. The cost is \$30.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** are coming up on October 16th (3-7pm) and 17th (8am-1pm). You should have received information directly from your child's teachers on how to sign up for a conference. We look forward to seeing you for this great opportunity to collaborate on your middle school child's learning journey.
- Check out our **Geneseo Schools website** for [Upcoming Athletic and Extracurricular special events](#).
- [Click here](#) for our **School Nurse website** and info regarding your child's health.







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. 24th

Spring Dance: TBD

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 registered 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.



To recognize the National School Lunch Program, which serves nearly 30 million children each day, Geneseo schools will celebrate National School Lunch Week from October 13-17, 2025. The fun and creative campaign theme, "Taste the World: Your School Lunch Passport," | highlights the importance of a healthy school lunch to a student's success both in and out of the classroom.

Research shows children are getting their healthiest meals at school. GMS will highlight National School Lunch Week by serving some dishes that may have had origins from other countries. The GMS cafeteria will be offering Italian Meatball subs, Cheesy Pull a part bread, Crispy Dill Chicken Sandwiches and Mac and Cheese bites along with our ever popular Nachos Supreme and Pizza Hut Cheese Pizza.

School lunches offer students fruits and vegetables, whole grains and milk, and meet federal nutrition standards limiting fat, calories and sodium. GMS cafe gives students the option to choose from a hot line, which offers a main entree, garden bar and fruit choices. The deli line offers Sub sandwiches, Uncrustables or Chef salads along with choosing fruits and cold vegetables.

Please visit the school website for the GMS lunch menu.