

July 20, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 2026-2027 school year officially begins on Wednesday, August 12th for our GHS students. I hope everyone has had some time to relax and recharge over the summer. I want to share some back-to-school information with our Geneseo High School families as you begin the planning process for the new school year.

High School classes will begin on Wednesday, August 12th. Early Bird classes also begin on August 12th. Students will be dismissed one hour early August 12th - 14th.

Student Schedules

On Wednesday, August 5th at approximately 4:00 p.m. student schedules will be viewable in Skyward Family Access. If you have any questions about your schedule, please email your counselor. For email and phone number information please check out the counseling website

<https://www.geneseoschools.org/page/counseling-services> The counselors will have limited access to emails until August 7th.

Important: Please make sure that your student prints a copy of his or her class schedule to bring to school on the first day. Due to possible class changes between when schedules were initially made and the first day of school, I suggest you run a final copy of the schedule the Tuesday evening before school begins.

PE Dress

Students are expected to dress for PE. Dress for PE should include: **1- A plain white or gray t-shirt. 2- Any color athletic shorts. 3- Athletic shoes. Students may wear their old middle school PE uniform as long as it still fits.**

Lockers & Padlocks

On Wednesday, August 5th at approximately 4:00 p.m. locker assignments will be viewable in Family Access. All incoming freshmen have been assigned a hallway locker padlock that they will keep for the entire time they are with us. This lock has been placed on their lockers. Returning sophomores, juniors, and seniors should remember to bring in the padlock they took home at the end of last school year. You will see student locker number assignments and locker combinations in Family Access on August 5th. Please be sure your student has his or her locker information for the first day of school. If you have an issue with a lock or locker, please see Mrs. Gryp in the Athletic Office before school.

Cell Phones

This year, Geneseo High School will continue to follow our cell phone expectations, which are aligned with the new Illinois requirements designed to minimize distractions and maximize student learning. During each class period, students are required to place their cell phone in the classroom's designated phone parking lot unless a teacher has authorized its use for an instructional purpose or it has been approved for medical reasons. This expectation helps students stay engaged and creates a more focused learning environment for everyone. The vast majority of our students do an excellent job following this procedure. However, if a student repeatedly fails to comply with our cell phone expectations, additional consequences may be implemented, including having their phone confiscated or requiring it to be checked into the main office at the beginning of each school day. We appreciate the support of our parents and guardians in reinforcing these expectations.

Bus Rider Information

Students who are bus riders will be dropped off in the morning midway between GHS and GMS (similar to what happened last year) and will walk to GHS from that drop off point. For the ride home, students will load in the back of the building by the electric gate at the stadium. They must catch a bus to GMS, where they will load onto their afternoon buses.

Student Parking

Facility Parking Lot Guidelines:

First come, first serve for students. The 5 spots that face the GHS main school building are staff parking only.

West Parking Lot Guidelines:

Row 1: Staff Parking Only

The rest of the parking lot is first come, first serve for students.

South Parking Lot – Staff Parking Only

Athletic Pass Sales

Athletic Passes can be purchased beginning on August 10th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. during GHS Open House. They are also available to purchase in the GHS Front Office during business hours beginning on August 11th. Athletic Passes are good for all GHS home, regular season events. Athletic Passes are not good for tournaments or playoffs/IHSA postseason events.

Grades K-12: \$10.00 Adults: \$75.00 Adults 65+: \$40.00

Senior Rewards & Incentives Program

Open Campus Lunch – It will be once a quarter for Seniors that qualify. Open campus lunch qualifications will be based on students passing all classes with a C- or higher and having no outstanding discipline, social probation, or library fines.

Study Hall Release Privileges - Qualifications will be checked on a monthly basis and it will be based on students passing all classes with a C- or higher and having no outstanding discipline, social probation, or library fines.

Junior Rewards & Incentives Program

Open Campus Lunch – It will be once during the 4th quarter for Juniors that qualify. Open campus lunch qualifications will be based on students passing all classes with a C- or higher and having no outstanding discipline, social probation, or library fines.

Study Hall Release Privileges - Qualifications will be checked on a monthly basis and it will be based on students passing all classes with a C- or higher and having no outstanding discipline, social probation, or library fines.

Graduation Ceremony

Graduation will take place on **Sunday May 23rd at 3:00 PM.**

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 must 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 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 from the professional office 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.

Upcoming Important Dates

Here are some important dates to keep in mind as you prepare for the upcoming 2026 – 2027 school year:

Wednesday, August 5	Student Schedules & Locker Assignments will be viewable in Skyward Family Access after 4:00 p.m. <i>(for those students that have completed registration)</i>
Friday, August 7	Freshman Orientation for all incoming Freshmen, 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Student drop off is at the GHS Main Entrance by 7:50 a.m.
Monday, August 10	GHS Open House from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sales during Open House

Athletic Passes

Football T-Shirts

2025-2026 Yearbook Distribution & Sales

If you are purchasing athletic passes, t-shirts, etc. please make checks payable to CUSD #228. Due to the fact that these sale items have their own accounts, separate checks or cash payments (exact change, if possible) are needed for each item, please. Credit/debit cards cannot be used. Thank you for understanding.

Tuesday, August 11	Teachers' Institute Day – No School
Wednesday, August 12	First Student Attendance Day 2:00 p.m. Dismissal Early Bird Begins
Thursday, August 13	2:00 p.m. Dismissal Early Bird Classes are in session No Late Start Thursday Schedule (due to 2:00 p.m. Dismissal)
Friday, August 14	2:00 p.m. Dismissal Early Bird Classes are in session
Monday, August 17	Senior Class Meeting during WIN
Tuesday, August 18	Junior Class Meeting during WIN
Wednesday, August 19	Sophomore Class Meeting during WIN
Thursday, August 20	8:45 a.m. Late Start Schedule Begins
Friday, August 21	Freshman Class Meeting during WIN

Supply Lists

GHS does not have specific supply lists for each grade level. When school starts students will receive supply lists from individual teachers if specific items are needed for that class. Students can bring basic supplies to begin school - pens, pencils, notebooks, folders, etc.

Lunch Period

On regular 3:00 p.m. dismissal days and 8:45 a.m. late start days, students will eat lunch 4th period. On their schedule in the 4th period line it will list A, B, or C. This will tell students if they eat A, B, or C lunch. "A" lunch students report to the cafeteria for lunch before their 4th period class. "B" and "C" lunch students report to their 4th period class first and will then be dismissed for lunch at the appropriate time.

On 2:00 p.m. dismissal days, students will eat lunch 5th period. On their schedule in the 5th period line it will list A, B, or C. This will tell students if they eat A, B, or C lunch. "A" lunch students report to the cafeteria for lunch before their 5th period class. "B" and "C" lunch students report to their 5th period class first and will then be dismissed for lunch at the appropriate time.

Please have your student make note of this since they will be eating 5th period lunch their first 3 days of school.

New Staff to GHS

We have new staff members that we would like to welcome to our school:

Stacey Anderson – Henry Stark Special Ed Cross Cat

Sara Bertelsen – Assistant Principal (change from Instructional Coach)

Angela Chase – Part Time Vocal Music

Amy Croft – Choir (transfer from GMS)

Austin Ioerger – Counselor

Samuel Kedzior - Math

Robert Mason Jr. – PE

Rebecca McNamar – Science

Amanda Nolen – Special Ed Resource

Anna Poel – Band also at GMS (transfer from Northside)

Grace Robinson – English

We are looking forward to another great year with our GHS students, parents, and staff!

Best regards,

Tom Ryerson

Principal

Geneseo High School Bell Schedule

3:00 p.m. Dismissal

Regular Schedule of Class Periods

7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.	Early Bird
7:25 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.	A.M. Detention
8:00 a.m. – 8:51 a.m.	Period 1
8:56 a.m. – 9:42 a.m.	Period 2
9:47 a.m. – 10:33 a.m.	Period 3
10:38 a.m. – 11:02 a.m.	WIN
11:07 a.m. – 12:27 p.m.	Period 4

A lunch = 11:02 a.m. – 11:27 a.m.
Class: 11:32 a.m. – 12:27 p.m.

B lunch = 11:32 a.m. – 11:57 a.m.
Class: 11:07 a.m. – 11:32 a.m. & 12:02 p.m. – 12:27 p.m.

C lunch = 12:02 p.m. – 12:27 p.m.
Class: 11:07 a.m. – 12:02 p.m.

12:32 p.m. – 1:18 p.m.	Period 5
1:23 p.m. – 2:09 p.m.	Period 6
2:14 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Period 7
3:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.	P.M. Detention

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8:45 a.m. Late Start - Thursday Schedule

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Early Bird Classes
7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Prep Time
7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Teacher PLC Time
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Prep Time
8:45 a.m. – 9:31 a.m.	Period 1
9:35 a.m. – 10:19 a.m.	Period 2
10:23 a.m. – 11:07 a.m.	Period 3
11:11 a.m. – 12:33 p.m.	Period 4

A lunch = 11:07 a.m. – 11:33 a.m.
Class: 11:37 a.m. – 12:33 p.m.

B lunch = 11:37 a.m. – 12:03 p.m.
Class: 11:11 a.m. – 11:37 a.m. & 12:07 p.m. – 12:33 p.m.

C lunch = 12:07 p.m. – 12:33 p.m.
Class: 11:11 a.m. – 12:07 p.m.

12:37 p.m. – 1:22 p.m.	Period 5
1:26 p.m. – 2:11 p.m.	Period 6
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Period 7
3:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.	P.M. Detention

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11:30 a.m. Dismissal

7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.	Early Bird Class
7:25 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.	A.M. Detention
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Period 1
8:35 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Period 2
9:05 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Period 3
9:35 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Period 4
10:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Period 5
10:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Period 6
11:05 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Period 7

No P.M. Detention – 11:30 Dismissal

2:00 p.m. Dismissal

7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.	Early Bird Class
7:25 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.	A.M. Detention
8:00 a.m. – 8:46 a.m.	Period 1
8:51 a.m. – 9:32 a.m.	Period 2
9:37 a.m. – 10:18 a.m.	Period 3
10:23 a.m. – 11:04 a.m.	Period 4
11:09 a.m. – 12:29 p.m.	Period 5

A lunch = 11:04 a.m. – 11:29 a.m.
Class: 11:34 a.m. – 12:29 p.m.

B lunch = 11:34 a.m. – 11:59 a.m.
Class: 11:09 a.m. – 11:34 a.m. & 12:04 p.m. – 12:29

C lunch = 12:04 p.m. – 12:29 p.m.
Class: 11:09 a.m. – 12:04 p.m.

12:34 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Period 6
1:20 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Period 7
2:05 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	P.M. Detention