

Geneseo Middle School

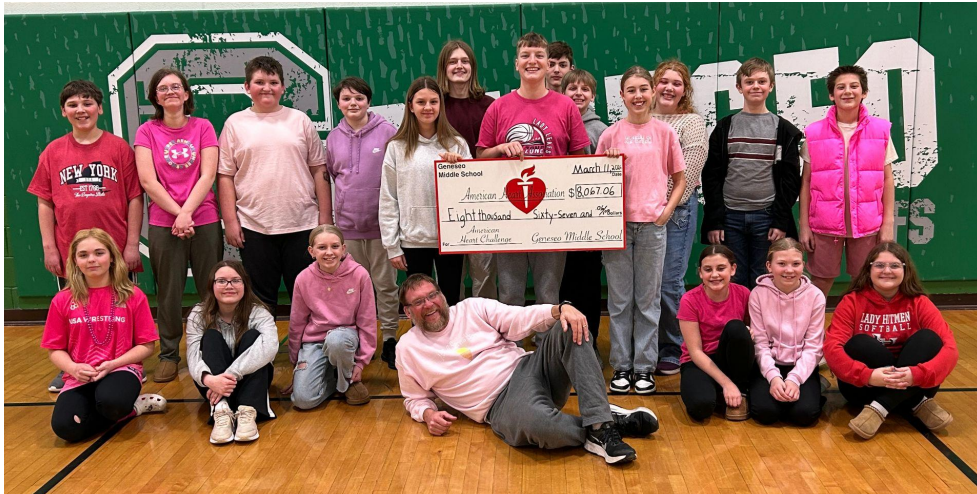
GMS Live Feed



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Principal's Message

GMS Teacher Appreciation Week is Monday, May 4th through Friday, May 8th, and we need your help! Would you like to do something nice for your child's teachers, but not sure what? Here's two options: 1.) Sit down with your child and write out thank you notes for each of their teachers. Tell them how much you appreciate them and give a specific example of the impact they've made, then have your child hand deliver the notes. 2.) Help our GMS/GHS PTA by signing up to donate food or items for our teacher appreciation week May 4th - 8th. You can reach out to our PTA leadership if you would like to help plan the week at iminnaert87@gmail.com, or see the sign-up info that will be shared soon.

Can you believe it? In less than 2 months the 2025-26 school year will come to a close. 8th graders will soon be touring GHS, taking part in a Career Exploration Fair, and beginning that final transition into high school. 7th graders are shifting into one of the most important years of their education, with opportunities to lead their school in academics, athletics, arts and music, and to truly begin to stretch their potential as young adults. And 6th graders are entering the middle of Middle, where peers are the most important people in their young world, and where opportunities to join a sport or activity will develop new friendships and build grit. Let's make it a great final two months of school. Finish strong GMS!

Nathan O'Dell
Principal, Geneseo Middle School

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Important Dates

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



April 3rd-6th

- ☐ Easter Break

April 7th-11th

- ☐ Scholastic Book Fair

April 10th & 11th

- ☐ Geneseo Concert Band Festival at GHS

April 11th

- ☐ On the Same Page Finale "5K Walk," 10:30 am - 1:00 pm at GMS

April 14th-16th

- ☐ IL Science Assessment, 8th grade only

April 21st

- ☐ Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation for 2026-27 School Year, 5:30-6:30 pm

April 24th

- ☐ GMS Spring Dance 7:00-9:00 pm

April 27th

- ☐ Recorder Concert 7:00 pm at GHS

April 28th & 29th

- ☐ 5th Grade Instrument Tryouts 3:45-7:00 pm at GMS

April 29th

- ☐ 11:40 am Dismissal (School Improvement Day)

May 4th

- ☐ All Unit Choral Festival 7:00 pm at GHS

May 11th

- ☐ All Unit Band Festival 6:30 pm at GHS

May 14th

- ☐ 5th Grade Orientation Day
- ☐ 6th Grade Field Trip to Medieval Times

May 22nd

- ☐ Final day of School (Pending Emergency Days)
- ☐ 11:40 am Dismissal
- ☐ IESA State Track & Field, East Peoria Complex

Geneseo Middle School News



GMS Student Spotlight

This amazing group of performers were selected to represent GMS at the ACDA Midwest Honor Choir Festival in Milwaukee, WI. They spent two days learning from top national directors and musicians, rehearsing in ensembles with the best students from around the region, and just having a great time. Thank you Ms. Croft and students, and great job representing Geneseo at this prestigious event!

From your GMS Team

- The **GMS Spring Book Fair** is just around the corner, April 7th - 11th. It will also be open for families during the OSP Finale "5K Walk for ALS" on Saturday, April 11th. Parents, please [sign-up to volunteer](#), or preview books and set up an e-Wallet by [clicking here](#).
- **Congratulations** to both our *8th grade Girls Basketball Team* and our *GMS Wrestling Team* on phenomenal seasons this winter. Our 8th Girls BBall went undefeated for the 2nd year straight, winning the Heartland Conference in the process. Our Wrestling Team finished with huge wins at regionals, sectionals, 5 athletes going to IESA State in DeKalb, IL, and 2 bringing home medals. See their pictures below, and [#BeLEAF](#).
- Join us up at GMS on Saturday, April 11th, 10:30 am, for the **OSP Finale "5K Walk."** The 2026 **On the Same Page (OSP)** community-wide book read is *Final Season*, by Tim Green. This is a powerful story about a teen quarterback named Ben, who's father, a former NFL athlete, is diagnosed with ALS in the middle of his team's drive towards a championship. Take a moment and watch this year's [OSP Video](#), pick up a free book at any OSP location in town, and get "[On the Same Page](#)."
- Take a look at our new [5-Year Strategic Plan](#), Geneseo School's commitment to ensuring every student has the best educational experience they can. Join your school team as we Teach, Learn, Care.
- 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: April 24th

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.
- Please 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: Geneseo CUSD #228 Parents/Guardians/Students
District Faculty/Staff
Other Building Occupants

From: Tim Gronski, Chief School Business Official and IPM Coordinator

Re: Weed and Pest Control Treatments

Pursuant to our Integrated Pest Management Policy and the Lawn Care Products Application and Notice Act, you are hereby notified of the application schedules for pesticides to the school buildings and grounds during the spring and summer months.

It is our intent to have *Emerick Pest Control, of Geneseo, IL*, treat particular locations in each building this summer. The **pesticide application schedule** is as follows:

<u>School/Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
Northside Elementary School	June 15-June 19, 2026
Southwest Elementary School	June 15-June 19, 2026
Millikin Elementary School	June 15-June 19, 2026
Unit Office	June 15-June 19, 2026
Geneseo High School	June 15-June 19, 2026
Geneseo Middle School	June 15-June 19, 2026

Weed Control

On the exterior of school buildings, our licensed maintenance staff during the spring and summer months will apply weed control on an as-needed basis. Any area that has been treated will be clearly flagged and marked by licensed maintenance staff as required by law.

If you have any questions, please call the Unit Office (309-945-0450). Thank you.