

October Newsletter

Geneseo High School - October 2023



Happy October.

Parents and Guardians, I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. I cannot believe fall is here. Time flies when you're having fun!

Homecoming

Speaking of fun- we had a successful homecoming week! Our GHS students had a great time with all our school spirit activities from dress-up themes, to float building, to the pep rally, parade, and dance!

am proud of how our students represented themselves and our school throughout this whole past week!



Float Building



Hawaiian Day!



Barbie Vs Ken Day



Pep Rally Night!



King and Queen!



Dance!

CTE Center

Our new CTE Center is fully moved into and up and going for our students! There are around 200 students at GHS who have at least one class or more in our new facility. Our district recently hosted some local superintendents to tour the facility. On Wednesday, October 4th we will be holding an Open House to the community from 6-7:30 PM. Please come on out if you would like a tour!



CNC Class



Introduction to
Woods and Metals.



Building Trades
students pouring a
floor at the
homesite.

From The Counseling Office

On Tuesday, October 17th, Maddie Schaefer from ISAC will be at GHS presenting about the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). There have been many new changes and updates to the application and she will share that information with Senior Parents. We will meet in the Concert Hall from 6:30-7:30. Senior Parents should plan to attend, but all parents are welcome.

Embracing The Challenge- The Value of Taking Challenging Courses and Embracing Struggles In High School

Before we know it, your child will be picking out courses for next year school year. I would like to spend a little time discussing an important aspect of your child's high school education that often raises concerns but hold immense value: taking challenging classes and embracing the struggles that come with them.

High school is a critical period of growth and preparation for the future. As parents, we want the best for our children and naturally aim to minimize their challenges and stress. However, it's equally important to encourage our children to step out of their comfort zones and embrace the academic challenges that come with rigorous coursework. This of course, looks different for each child.

Here are several reasons why it is beneficial for students to take challenging classes and experience struggle.

1-Fostering Resilience and Grit: Taking a class that can be hard presents challenges that require perseverance and determination to overcome. When students struggle and ultimately succeed, they develop resilience and grit, which are invaluable life skills. These qualities will serve them well in college, their careers, and beyond.

2-Enhancing Problem-Solving Skills: Difficult classes often require complex problem-solving skills. Encountering challenging material allows students to refine their critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and creativity. These skills are essential for success in both academia and the professional world.

3- Building Confidence and Self-Efficacy: Overcoming academic challenges builds a student's confidence and belief in their ability to tackle difficult tasks. It helps them recognize their potential and understand that with hard work and dedication, they can conquer even the most demanding subjects.

4- Preparing for College and Beyond: High school serves as a crucial foundation for the academic rigor students will face in college or in the post-secondary workplace. Taking challenging classes prepares them for the expectations and demands of higher education or the post-secondary workplace. Moreover, it demonstrates their dedication and willingness to tackle difficult coursework and challenges.

5- Expanding Academic Horizons: By engaging with challenging material, students can discover new interests and passions they may not have been aware of otherwise. Exposure to a wide range of subjects helps students make informed decisions about their future academic and career paths.

6- Seeking Support and Learning Growth Mindset: Struggling in a challenging class teaches students to seek assistance, whether from teachers, peers, or educational resources. It encourages a growth mindset, where they understand that intelligence and abilities can be developed through effort and perseverance.

As you begin to have conversations with your children about what classes they may want to take, it's important to emphasize that the focus should not solely be on maintaining a high GPA. While GPA is a valuable metric, it should not deter students from challenging themselves academically. Encourage your child to prioritize learning, growth, and development over the pressure of achieving a specific grade or GPA. The journey of learning and overcoming challenges is equally, if not more, important in shaping their future success.

Please reach out to our counselors if you have any questions regarding our courses, as well as recommended pathways for your children to take based upon their post-high school interests and goals.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 12 and October 17. If you would like a conference with one of your student's teachers, please be sure to sign up for one via Skyward Family Access.

Directions to sign up:



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Semester Grades

This is just a reminder that GHS gives semester grades - not quarterly grades. We are about halfway through the semester so it is a good time to review your child's progress with them and set goals for

the rest of the semester. As always, if you have any questions regarding your child's progress you may reach out to their teacher for information and support!

October 12 - No 9:00 a.m. Late Start Schedule

No 9:00 a.m. Late Start Schedule/Normal Start with Early Bird Classes in Session

We will be running our usual 2:00 p.m. dismissal schedule on Thursday, October 12 and Early Bird will take place on October 12.

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 an 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 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.

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

Tuesday, October 3

Senior Class Graduation Cap/Gown Meeting with Herff Jones during WIN in the Concert Hall

Wednesday, October 4

Career and Technical Education Center Open House, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 6

Seniors Open Campus Lunch (for those Seniors that qualify)

Picture retakes for grades 9th-11th during their lunch time in the Library Lobby Loft.

If Seniors want retakes they will need to schedule an appointment with Photographic Arts 309-762-6662.

Monday, October 9

No School - Columbus Day

Thursday, October 12

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Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 13

Progress Period for Semester 1

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Friday, October 20

Teacher Institute - No Student Attendance

