

## **Superintendent Report 4/5/24**

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, April 11th marks our 138th day of student attendance. Students have either started, or will shortly, or finished the required state assessments. GHS is planning on having graduation outside on Bob Reade Field on Sunday, May 19 at 3:00, with the parade starting at 1:00. The parade route and additional information is included in the packet.
2. As an update to our Board/Community outreach opportunity discussion at March's meeting, GPAC is working the Ice Cream Social at the Geneseo City Park on Tuesday, June 25. Serving starts at 6:00 with music starting at 7:00.
3. School Resource Officer Amber Berthoud will be transitioning to GHS next year while George Marquez will move into the GMS position. We thank Officer Tim Steines for his years of service at GHS.
4. Summer school plans are finalized and information has been shared with staff, students, and families. Attached to my report are the dates and times of the opportunities, provided by Mrs. Boone.
5. I recently learned that our existing Preschool for All Grant, which was set to expire at the end of FY25, will now be extended through FY26! This is great news for the program and the district.
6. The Consolidated District Plan, the complex plan that must be completed, submitted and approved by ISBE before any federal funding can be awarded, has been submitted for FY25.
7. Congratulations to GMS for winning the Illinois Elementary School Association's [division sportsmanship award!](#) This award recognizes outstanding behavior of a member school in each of the 15 IESA divisions. Mr. O'Dell, his staff, and the GMS student body should be very proud of this prestigious award. Well done!
8. Personnel update for 2024-25
  - a. Pending Board approval on April 11, these are the remaining teaching postings currently unfilled:
    - i. GMS Science
9. We recently posted on GeneseoSchools.org information on [registration for the 2024-25 school year](#). Early registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten students will open on April 15, while registration for 1st to 12th graders will begin on July 8.
10. Tickets for the spring musical, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, are on sale now. A total of four performances at the Geneseo High School Performing Arts Center will take place April 25-28. [More information and a link to buy tickets can be found on GeneseoSchools.org.](#)
11. The Smith Studio and Gallery is hosting its 10th annual Geneseo High School art exhibition from April 9-27 at their downtown location (124 S. State St. in Geneseo, Ill.). This year's show includes works of art by junior and senior art students exhibiting their artistic skills and art explorations from this past school year. There will be an open reception to meet the artists on April 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. This will be a great opportunity

for the public to greet these talented students. The annual Geneseo Artwalk will be held on April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [You can learn more by visiting our website.](#)

**12. Regarding certain agenda items, here is additional, more specific information:**

- a. Special Presentations
  - i. Kyle Bess will be showcasing some of the new resources in the new CTE Center. We will also take a short tour of the old CTE spaces that are getting a facelift.
  - ii. Staff will be sharing updates on our standards based learning and reporting work.
- b. Student Handbooks: Each Leadership Team has made recommendations for changes to the student handbooks, marked in ~~strike through~~ and red language to easily see the changes. This will be a first reading.
- c. Late starts at GHS: Based on your feedback in March, Tom and the GHS Leadership Team developed a schedule that would ensure early bird classes would not miss any instructional time with a delayed start schedule (see attached bell schedule). They also adjusted the passing period length to recoup the lost instructional minutes throughout the week.
  - i. **With those important changes made, I recommend that the BOE accept their proposal for the 2024-25 school year.**
- d. Geneseo Education Foundation spring grant cycle gift to the district: The GEF has generously awarded another round of grants to staff. I am excited about the creativity and passion of our staff to provide unique learning experiences for our students.
- e. Our first GYO scholarship for non-certified staff will be awarded to Jacquelyn Miller, who is currently an aide at GMS. She is an excellent candidate and will do a great job in the program and as a future teacher.
- f. 2024-25 School Year Calendar Amendment: The only proposed amendment is building in two Emergency Days into the calendar versus having all five tacked onto the final day of student attendance. This model could utilize President's Day and the day after Easter Sunday as Emergency Days. Additional information and artifacts are included in the packet.
- g. Health Insurance Rates (Jan. 1, 2025-Dec. 31, 2026): The Insurance Committee met and outlined a proposal for the next two calendar years. Additional information is included in the packet.

# **GHS Graduation – Class of 2024**

*Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m.*

## **Upcoming Dates**

- May 1 – Local scholarship awards program (7 p.m. | GHS Concert Hall)
- May 10 – Last regular day of senior attendance
- May 11 – Prom for juniors and seniors (8-11 p.m. | Quad City Botanical Gardens)
- May 17 – Graduation practice (10 a.m. | GHS main gym)

## **Graduation**

Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m. at Bob Reade Field

If there is rain or inclement weather, the date/time will still be Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m. but the location would instead be the GHS main gym. Each graduate will receive eight (8) tickets to use for guest admission—tickets are only needed for entry if the ceremony is held indoors. Overflow live streaming is available in the Joe DePauw Theater.

## **Parade**

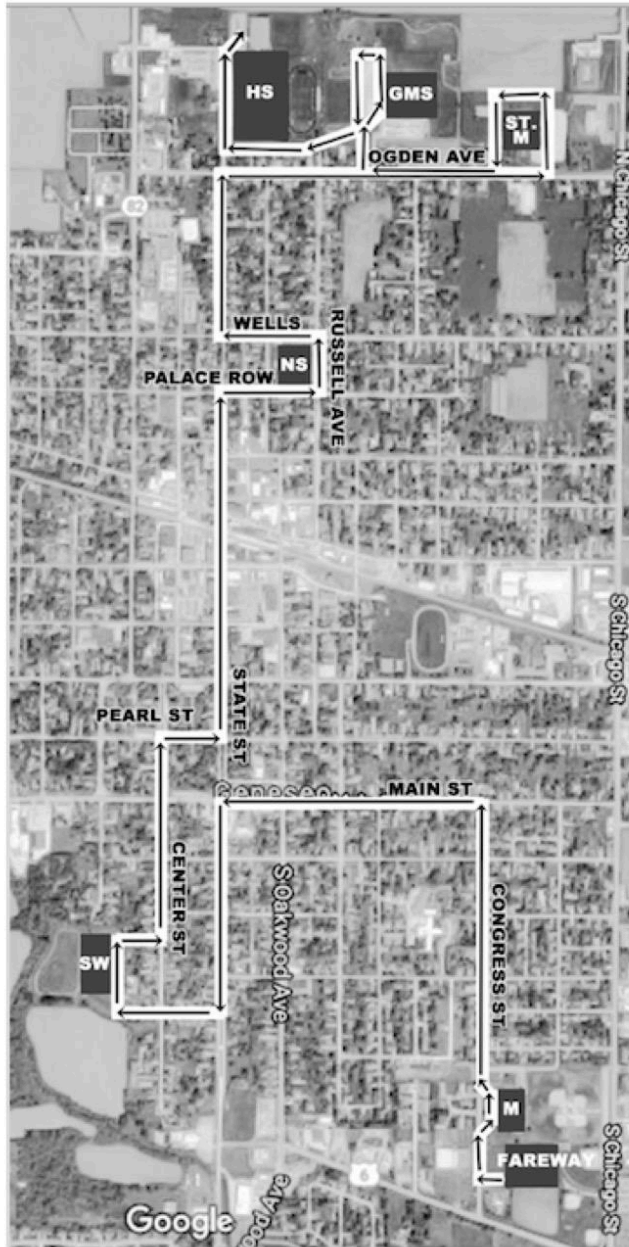
Sunday, May 19 at 1 p.m.

(Begins in Fareway parking lot; not mandatory, will happen rain or shine)

The students will travel past each of the elementary buildings, St. Malachys and the Middle School before ending at the High School. This will be a symbolic representation of their educational career. We ask that each graduate only have one vehicle in the parade. Parents or family members may travel in the vehicle or the graduate may drive if they wish. The parade route is attached.

Students should arrive at the GHS main gym by 2:15 p.m. on graduation day and be prepared for the call to line up. Parents will go directly into the stadium.

Parade Route





**Purpose 2024 Summer Learning Jumpstart Program:** The purpose of the 2024 Summer Learning program is to provide extended learning opportunities to our most at risk students. Elementary will hold a program developed to be a learning jumpstart for students for the 24-25 school year and will focus on critical readiness skills in ELA and Mathematics.

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- Elementary Summer Learning Program will be a jumpstart from July 15th - August 2nd from 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- Staffing will consist of teachers and paras who will focus on key readiness standards in reading, writing and mathematics. This focus will allow students to build confidence and competence as they prepare for the upcoming school year.
  - A structured Math Curriculum, using readiness standards, will be created for teachers in order to create a sequenced and targeted approach to math instruction and assessment. Teachers will also implement, high-yield, research based instructional practices in order to review these readiness topics.
  - Reading and Writing Curriculum, using a strength based approach, will be used to continue building students' phonological awareness, comprehension and written expression.
- A previous partnership with Elementary Social Workers has provided morning meeting routines for teachers to use that focus on building connections, SEL skills, confidence and key character development for success.

**2024 Summer Enrichment Opportunities:**

- Summer Brain Camp: Ignite, Inspire, Learn- Brain Camp aims to recruit teachers who have unique talents, passions and experiences they wish to curate into enriching and unique experiences for students, that may not happen during the school year! Current 2nd-7th grade students are eligible to participate in this tuition-funded summer learning experience. Brain Camp is expected to be held at Northside June 10th-14th from 8:30-11:00 a.m. **Note:** *As a self-funded program, this experience will only be offered if enough interest exists from educators and students.*
- Our Summer Learning Jumpstart Program will also plan to include STEM linked activities as a way to build connections between mathematics and literacy to science, technology and engineering practices on Thursdays & Fridays.
- Geneseo CUSD will continue to support eligible students in their participation of College for Kids, provided through Black Hawk College. We consistently have the highest enrollment of schools in our area. This year, Geneseo will extend the opportunity to pay tuition, through ESSER, for eligible 5th grade students. This allows us to remove financial barriers for students in order to fully leverage high quality enrichment programs for students that are new to attending this program.