

Genesee Joint School District #282



September 2009 Newsletter

Genesee HS enrollment drop and IHSAA Classification

The Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) has a six classification system for high schools in Idaho which is based on student enrollment. This past year was the time that the IHSAA reports out average enrollment numbers based on average daily attendance. Genesee High School's 9-12 enrollment has dropped below 100 students which puts us into the 1A Division 2 classification; the smallest IHSAA classification.

This change does not take effect until the fall of 2010. This coming school year we will still be classified as a 1A Division 1 school. Every two years the IHSAA reclassifies schools to create a level playing field. This has no effect on Whitepine League play because the league has determined that all schools will play each other once regardless of classification. The main change would be in the district tournament or state tournaments. Genesee would be playing against schools it's own size.

It is possible for a school to petition up or down a classification however this must be done for all sports, not sport by sport. The administration feels we should play where our enrollment places us. The petitioning process must be completed by mid-September. If you have an opinion one way or the other, feel free to call or email Mr. Caldwell, our athletic director.

H1N1 Flu – aka Swine Flu

As we begin a new school year, it is important that we all work together to reduce the chances that any of our students or staff will get the H1N1 flu virus or, if he or she does, that precautions are taken to reduce the chances of infecting other students and/or staff.

The normal precautions are in order; sneezing into the elbow or Kleenex, washing hands, not sharing water bottles and staying home when sick. No child should ever return to school before he or she has had a normal temperature for 24 hours.

So far this fall, schools that have already started are reporting a larger of number of students with flu symptoms. Fortunately, the H1N1 virus appears less violent than originally thought, however it negatively affects children more than other age groups. Should a large number of students and/or staff be ill at the same time, it is possible that we will have to close school. Any decision regarding a closure will be made after consulting with Public Health officials.

A flu vaccine is predicted to be available by mid-October however; there will not be a sufficient quantity to protect all Americans until winter. Taking proper precautions as outlined above will minimize the chances of this becoming a pandemic in our community.

Lunch Menu and Activity Calendars

Please refer to the school district's website for the following:

- Lunch Menu is available at www.sd282.org/foodservices
- Activity Calendar is available at www.sd282.org/calendars
- Detailed Sports calendar is available at www.highschoolsports.net

**GENESEE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL, 2008-09 – for period ending June 5th, 2009**

Highest Honors 4.0	High Honors 3.6 (or above)	Honorable Mention 3.3 (or above)
7th Grade		
Brittany Burt	Ben Druffel	Evan Drake
Reggie Tilleman	Stephanie Becker	Samantha Moser
Holly Carter	Sydney Cornell	Tia Valles
	Kamri Sams	
	Taylor Kelnhofer	
	Sophia Draznin-Nagy	
	Raechel Osterberg	
8th Grade		
Karli Bennett	Jacklyn Himmelberger	
	Hailey Johnson	
	Brian Cartwright	
	Kylie Harris	
	Payton Parkins	
9th Grade		
Garrett Jones	Joshua Bryant	Tyler Renton
	Jason Borth	
	Jack Hermann	
	Mitchell Renfrow	
	Katelyn Phillips	
	Gavin Esser	
10th Grade		
	Tauna Tyler	Courtney Sams
		Nicole Andersen
		Tallah Revord
		Rachel Krick
		Kendell Kelnhofer
11th Grade		
Erin Ghigleri	Ryan Borth	Kenneth Wommack
Philip Pitts	Michelle Brown	Cassidy Phillips
	Chelsey Phares	Teresa Carlson
		Brandan Nelson-Christiansen
		Tori Johnson
12th Grade		
Daniel Carlson	Cody Kinzer	Steven Cox
Jordan Kelnhofer	Destiny Barker	Nikki Long
Alyssa Lichti	Travis Schwenne	John Esser
Kaytlin Sams	Beau Dahmen	Alec Michalak
	Jaymon Udy	

ACT/SAT TEST DATES & INFORMATION

ACT National Test Dates

2009-2010

www.actstudent.org

Test Date

October 24th

December 12th

February 6th

April 10th

June 12th

Regular Registration

Deadline

September 18th

November 6th

January 5th

March 5th

May 7th

Late Registration

Deadline

October 2nd

November 20th

January 15th

March 19th

May 21st

ACT Fees

Regular Registration = \$32.00*

Additional Late Registration Fee = \$21.00

*plus \$15.00 for the optional Writing Test

SAT National Test Dates

2009-2010

www.collegeboard.com

Test Date

October 10th

November 7st

December 5th

January 23rd

March 13th

May 1st

June 5th

Regular Registration

Deadline

September 9th

October 1st

October 30th

December 15th

February 4th

March 25th

April 29th

Late Registration

Deadline

September 23rd

October 15th

November 12th

December 30th

February 18th

April 8th

May 13th

SAT Fees

Regular Registration = \$45.00

Additional Late Registration Fee = \$23.00

The Genesee School Code for either the ACT or SAT is: 130225

Overview

The ACT and SAT Reasoning Test are the two most common entrance exams used to admit and place students into four year college programs. So colleges and universities accept only one or the other of these two tests. Many accept either test; check the admissions requirements for the specific college/university you are applying to. If you are applying to a college that requires you take SAT Subject tests (usually private, and/or more selective colleges), go to: www.collegeboard.com for more information about these tests. Both the ACT and SAT may be taken at many locations nationwide including nearby testing centers at L.C.S.C., U.I., and W.S.U.

In general, I recommend the best time for taking these tests would be November or December of the senior year. This timing allows students the maximum amount of schooling completed while still getting test results in time for college admissions and scholarship decisions. If you are applying for Early/Priority Admission programs, be sure to take the test at least four-six weeks prior to the college's deadline.

If you plan to utilize an ACT/SAT preparation program, I would recommend taking one or both of these tests mid-to-late in your junior year. You can then use the results to guide where you should devote most of your prep time before taking the test(s) again in the winter of your senior year.

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ACT/SAT Registration

You may register for either the ACT or the SAT on-line using a credit card. I recommend this method when possible. For the ACT, go to: www.actstudent.org To register for the SAT, go to: www.collegeboard.com I have copies of paper registration materials in my office, though I recommend online registration. Those registering by paper form must have their materials postmarked by the deadline dates listed above. When you register for the ACT/SAT, be sure to list all the possible colleges (up to four without additional fees) you want the results sent to. They will charge you additional fees to add schools later.

Other Considerations Between the ACT & SAT: The Writing Test

Part of both tests is a Writing Test where you are asked to write an essay. This portion is relatively new; many colleges and universities do not require it. Again, you need to check the admissions policies for the particular college(s) you are applying to. The ACT website has a place to check whether it is required for a particular college at: <http://actrs19.act.org/app3/writPrefRM/>

No Idaho colleges currently *require* the writing test. However, many schools (including some in Idaho) *recommend* the Writing Test. My advice would be that if you feel you have solid or good writing skills, it would probably be wise to take the Writing Test. For the ACT, the Writing Test is optional; you must indicate you want the Writing portion and pay an additional fee for it. For the SAT test the Writing portion is required, so the fee for it is built into the regular registration fee.

Potential NCAA Athletes

ACT/SAT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse by the testing agency. If you wish to have your ACT and/or SAT scores reported to the NCAA Clearinghouse, enter the code of **9999** on your paper or on-line test registration form, in the same area where you choose which colleges you want your scores released to. If you have already taken the test and did not initially have the results sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse, you can go onto the ACT or SAT website and pay a fee to have them do so.

Junior Girls

If you are considering being in the Junior Miss competition, you should plan to take at least the PSAT in October of your junior year. For this year the PSAT will be on Wednesday, October 15th. Taking this test adds points to the Scholarship portion of your judging scores. Taking the ACT and/or the SAT by early February of your junior year will also add additional points to your scholarship score. You must take the ACT/SAT by January so the results will be back in time for the judges to review them prior to the actual Junior Miss competition.

The PSAT Test Wednesday, October 14th, 2009

This test serves two primary purposes. For most students, it is taken as an introduction to this format of testing and as a warm-up for the SAT. Both tests are developed by The College Board. The other purpose for taking this test is to enter into the National Merit Scholarship Competition. While this test is commonly taken by both sophomores and juniors, the scholarship competition is based on the score earned during the junior year. Please be aware that very few students score well enough to earn a scholarship. You must score at least in the top two percent in the state just to make it through the first of several selection processes. The numbers I saw published for this year showed that over 1,500,000 took the PSAT as juniors in 2006, while only 9,200 (or 0.61% of all junior PSAT testers) ended up with a National Merit Scholarship when they entered college this fall.

The PSAT is administered here at the school in mid-October each year. The fee is \$13 again for 2009. I will distribute information about how to sign up for this test in late September or early October.

Please let me know if you have questions about any of these tests. Mr. Scripser

ISAT Test Information for the 2009-2010 School Year

Following is information about the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) for this school year, including some changes to how the tests in Reading, Mathematics, Science and Language Usage were conducted last year.

Fall ISAT test window: 9/14/2009 – 10/16/2009

The ISAT will be offered in Fall 2009 for 10th graders ONLY and for 11th and 12th graders who still need to pass one or more of the tests. This is the last time the ISAT tests will be offered in the fall to 10th graders since the state is reintroducing a 9th grade test. The fall sophomore test cannot be banked to meet state graduation requirements. The fall test results will help inform instruction for classroom teachers by giving them a gauge of the relative strengths and weaknesses of students ahead of the spring test. Sophomores testing in the spring have the first opportunity to bank proficient or advanced scores to meet the ISAT state graduation requirement.

We will once again be offering the ISAT for 9th graders in the spring of 2010. The State has not offered the 9th grade ISAT since spring 2006. However, the State has decided to offer this test again to help Idaho teachers better understand the academic strengths and weaknesses of students before they take the 10th grade ISAT, which students are required to pass in order to graduate.

The spring ISAT test window will be from mid-April through mid-May. The spring ISAT tests are the ones that sophomores must earn Proficient or Advanced scores on to meet state graduation requirements. **All students in grades 3-10 will take the spring ISAT subject tests of Reading, Mathematics and Language Usage. Students in grades 5, 7 and 10 will also take the spring Science ISAT test.**

PSAT Test at Genesee School on Wednesday, October 14th

For interested Sophomores & Juniors: The PSAT test will be administered here at school on the morning of Wednesday, October 14th. The cost will be \$13. Shannon will have a sign up sheet at her window in the office soon after October 1st. If you wish to take the test you must be signed up AND paid by 4:00pm on Monday the 12th. NO EXCEPTIONS. The test will take most of the morning. For sophomores it is a practice for the SAT test and will provide you specific feedback about how you might expect to perform on the SAT test. For juniors it provides the same opportunities, plus you can gain entry into the National Merit Scholarship competition if you score exceptionally high on the PSAT, but only when taken as a junior. Contact Mr. Scriptor if you have questions about the PSAT test.

Genesee Clothing Exchange

The Genesee clothing exchange offers FREE clothing, books, housewares and toys. All items have been donated and are FREE TO ALL. Item exchanges are welcome, but not necessary. The racks are stocked with beautiful fall and winter clothing. The exchange will open Saturday the 12th of September. Our hours of operation are

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

6p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

We are located in the basement of the west end scale house at 625 Chestnut. Please park up on grassy area out of the way of farm trucks.

12th Annual for Homecoming
Big Kettle Cook-Off
GEA Scholarship Fund-Raiser
Friday, October 23
Football Field

Get a team together—
prepare a
community compete **soup, stew or chili,** against
and the teachers' teams.

If interested, call Meg Booth at 285-1162.

Food served 6:15-7:30

Prices: Adults \$4

Children (12 and under) \$2

Pop \$.75

Enjoy all you can eat and dessert
while Genesee plays Potlatch.

All proceeds go to the
Genesee Education Association Scholarship Fund.