

# GAELS Get Involved!

## GDHS Sports, Clubs, and Activities

The following is a list of the various sports, clubs, and other activities in which students may participate. There is a wide range of activities available. If you don't see a club listed that you may be interested in, please speak to our Principal about your idea. If there is enough student interest we will discuss launching a new one. High school is what you make it! Have fun and meet new friends! Get involved! Please note\*\*\*VARSITY teams consist of students in grades nine through twelve.

### **Archery (Varsity)**

This team is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. This sport starts in the spring and runs into June.

### **Badminton (Jr. and Sr.)**

These teams are open to all students in grades nine through twelve. This sport starts at the beginning of March and runs to the end of April.

### **Band/Small Ensemble**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve who are interested in playing a musical instrument. Our music program sometimes includes a shared concert band with West Elgin Secondary School as well as a small ensemble.

### **Baseball (Varsity Boys)**

This team is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. This would be a new sport to GDHS but we would love to field a team. If you are interested please speak to our Athletic Director, Mr. Taylor.

### **Basketball (Jr. and Sr.)**

These teams are open to boys in grades nine through twelve. The season runs from November to February. Come on out and represent!

### **Basketball (Varsity Girls)**

This team is open to girls in grades nine through twelve. Basketball begins the first week in September. The girls traditionally practice a couple times a week with a couple tournaments on the weekends.

### **Best Buddies**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. Students join together from time to time for some fun games and activities with our DE students. Best Buddies also help supervise at the Special Olympics and the year end DE field trip.

### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club offers all students healthy breakfast food to begin their day. There is no cost to students and everyone is welcome.

### **Cheerleading (Varsity)**

This team is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. The GDHS cheerleading team represents GDHS at the Glencoe Fall Fair Parade and at other area events throughout the year. Competitive events vary from year to year. We practice once a week from September until June.

### **Chess Club**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve who are interested in playing chess.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Two days before Christmas Break Mr. Periard and a group of students prepare and serve a traditional Christmas dinner to all our GAELS! Staff and students enjoy Christmas music and socializing in the cafeteria while devouring this mouthwatering feast. It's completely FREE to our staff and students.

### **Cross Country (Varsity)**

This team is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. Cross country running is great to participate in. We strive for personal best times, an increased fitness level, and achieving personal goals. Whether you are a serious competitor or a recreational runner, this team has a place for you. Practices will begin in September.

### **Curling (Varsity)**

This team is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. Curling is another sport possibly returning to GDHS if there is enough interest. There are two teams which consist of 5-6 boys and 5-6 girls. Tryouts usually begin in October or November and the season finishes in March. Curling is a great sport which gives you the chance to meet new friends. More information will be released as it becomes available.

### **Environmental Club**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve who are interested in saving the environment.

### **Fishing**

At the end of May GDHS participates in the Edu-Cast Pro/AM Pleasant Valley Trout Farm Fishing Tournament. Only 40 students can participate so students must sign up early.

### **Forest of Reading**

If you enjoy reading please see Ms. Kading regarding the Forest of Reading novel challenge.

### **GAEL FORCE**

Every year in September Glencoe District High Schools runs GAEL FORCE, these leadership days are designed to integrate students into school life while developing leadership skills in senior students. Grade 9 and Grade 10 students participate on teams, Grade 11 as team leaders and Grade 12 students are the Committee who organizes the event.

### **Gender/Sexuality Alliance**

Everyone is welcome to attend - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, pansexual, two spirited, asexual, and allies! This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve who are interested in making GDHS an inclusive, warm and welcoming place.

**Golf (Varsity)**

This team is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. We play in the spring. You must have your own clubs and players are responsible for their own green fees.

**Hockey (Varsity)**

This team is open to all players grades nine through twelve. Depending on numbers/interest the team may play in league or at the intramural level with a couple tournaments throughout the season. Status to be determined each year.

**Homework Club**

This club meets every day after school in the Library. If you need help with homework, this is the place to be! There is no commitment, you just show up when you need assistance with your academics.

**Photography/Yearbook Club**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. Meetings will start taking place at the beginning of October. Members can sign up as photographers or to dedicate themselves to a number of pages in the GDHS yearbook.

**Prom**

This committee is made up of Grade 12 students and is not affiliated with GDHS as the Prom now takes place off-site. Grade 12 students/parents coordinate and organize Prom externally.

**Robotics**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve who are interested in robotics.

**Soccer (Varsity Girls)**

This team is open to all girls in grades nine through twelve. Girls soccer tryouts begin in the spring. Whether you play premiere, travel, or house league, the soccer team is looking for you.

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This team is open to all boys in grades nine through twelve. Boys soccer tryouts begin in the spring. Whether you play premiere, travel, or house league, the soccer team is looking for you.

**Soup & Chili Day**

Once a year in February our entire staff provides a crock pot full of hot soup and/or chili, a bun and a drink for our GAELS during lunchtime! Come and enjoy a FREE lunch on us!

**Student Athletic Association**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. This group of enthusiastic guys and girls is involved in raising spirit and funding for GDHS's athletic teams. Students are responsible for organizing food booths, intermural tournaments, pep rallies, sport buy-outs, staff vs. student games, etc. If you like sports as a player or supporter, the SAA is a club for you! The first meeting will be in September.

### **Students' Council**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. This group of enthusiastic guys and girls is involved in raising spirit and funding for the entire student body. Spirit Days like "Niner Week", "Jersey Day", "Christmas Week" and organizing and presenting the Halloween Assembly, Christmas Assembly/Reindeer Games, etc.

### **Swimming (Varsity)**

This team is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. As a GDHS swimmer, your season begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> and practice continues until OFSAA (early March). You will participate in at least three swim meets during the season, with the goal of reaching a Personal Best in TVRAA, WOSSAA or even OFSAA!

### **Tennis (Varsity)**

This team is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. We offer competitive girls and boys singles, doubles and mixed doubles teams. Our competitive season is in May and June.

### **Track & Field (Varsity)**

This team is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. Track and field athletes begin training for the season right after March break. The season runs until early June with several qualifying meets along the way. OFSAA track and field is typically held the first weekend in June. There are midget, junior and senior age divisions in all events.

### **Ultimate Frisbee (Varsity)**

This team is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. Ultimate Frisbee starts in the spring.

### **Video Game Club**

This club is for anyone interested in gaming. The club meets at lunchtime and competes in many different video games on the big TV in the cafe.

### **Volleyball (Boys)**

The team is open to boys in grades 9 and 10. The season runs from September to November. Typically, we practice 4-5 times a week and have one game each week. We also enter 3 weekend tournaments throughout the season.

### **Volleyball (Girls)**

The team is open to girls in grades 9 and 10. The tryouts begin in November after girls basketball is finished. Typically, we practice 3 times a week and have 1-2 games per week. The season runs until the middle of March.

### **Year End Tailgate Party**

On the last day of school GDHS provides a year end BBQ and Tailgate Party to all our GAELS during lunchtime! Enjoy music and socializing with friends and staff in the staff parking lot. Come and enjoy a FREE lunch on us! Following is the Grad vs Staff Softball game at the Simpson ball park. It's a great way to end the year and to have some fun, leading into exams.

The logo for Glencoe DHS features the word "Glencoe" in a large, yellow, cursive font with a distressed texture, and "DHS" in a bold, green, blocky font with a distressed texture. The text is set against a black background with green brushstroke-like borders on the top and bottom.