

# 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 are 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. Teams/Clubs will only run if there is enough student interest.

### **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.)**

This team is 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.

### **Baseball (Varsity)**

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.

### **Basketball (Varsity Boys)**

This team is 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 in September. Come on out and represent!

### **Best Buddies**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. Students join together once a week at lunchtime 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.

### **Chess Club**

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

### **Colour Houses**

Every year, all students and staff are assigned to a Colour House by our Student's Council. Throughout the year Colour Houses earn points and win prizes for spirit challenges and Intermurals, as well as other events run by GDHS. It's a fun and healthy competition that gets everyone involved, no matter what their interests or skill set are.

### **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 and no conflict with Boys Varsity Basketball and Girls Volleyball. 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 and who want to help with the GDHS pollinator garden.

### **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee understands that equity, diversity and inclusion, while distinct are interconnected concepts that work toward promoting a welcoming environment and cultivating a diversity of voices, perspectives, ideas, and experiences in our school. Members of the committee lead, collaboratively, by example to influence and inspire others and bring a sense of belonging, respect, encouragement and support to the school community.

### **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 you must sign up early. More information will be released as it becomes available.

### **GAEL FORCE**

Every year Glencoe District High School runs GAEL FORCE which is two days of leadership activities 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 (GSA)**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve who are interested in making GDHS an inclusive, warm and welcoming place. Sign up in Guidance or with Ms. DeSousa-Mouro if you are interested in participating.

### **Golf (Varsity)**

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

### **Photography/Yearbook Club**

This club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. Meetings will start taking place at the end of September. Please listen to announcements for more information.

### **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. More information will be released as it becomes available.

**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 students is involved in raising spirit and funding for GDHS's athletic teams. Students are responsible for organizing food booths, 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**

Students' Council campaigns and votes in the fall and all leadership and grade positions are elected. This group of enthusiastic students is involved in raising spirit and fundraising for the entire student body. Spirit Days like "Hawaiian Day" and "Jersey Day", etc. as well as organizing and running the Talent Show, Halloween Assembly, Christmas Assembly, Semi-Formal, Farmer Appreciation Day, etc.

**Tennis (Varsity)**

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.

**Video Game Club**

This club is for anyone interested in playing video games during the lunch hour.

**Volleyball (Jr. and Sr. Boys)**

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

**Volleyball (Jr. and Sr. Girls)**

The team is open to girls in grades 9 and 10. The tryouts begin in November after girls basketball is finished. The season runs until the middle of March. Hope to see all of you in November for tryouts!

**Year End Tailgate Party**

On the last day of school GDHS organizes a year end BBQ, or brings in Food Trucks, and we host a Tailgate Party! Enjoy music and socializing with friends and staff to wrap up the school year. Following the Tailgate Party is the year end Grad vs Staff Softball game.