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It's great to be back!



WE'RE HAVING A TON OF FUN LEARNING AND GROWING AT GMU!





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Our Mission

We support everyone's journey to become the best version of themselves by:

- Fostering an equitable, inclusive and student-focused environment
- Providing opportunities for academic and community engagement
- Empowering individuals to embrace their potential

Our Vision

To have a nurturing school community that provides opportunities for lifelong personal growth.

We Value

- A Growth Mindset
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Essential Skills for Career Readiness
- Social/Emotional/Behavioral Wellness
- Meaningful and Healthy Relationships
- A Safe School Environment

Our Motto

**"It's the Quality of the journey
that counts!"**

Superintendent's Message

We're off to another great start!

We started the school year September 3 with an Open House that included a ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new playground. There are two different sets on the playground to provide safe, age-appropriate play areas for all of our elementary students. It is incredibly heartwarming to see and hear our students enjoying this new space every day!

Every school year, I like to take some time to thank all of our supervisors and their teams.

Thank you, Mr. Russell Card and the custodial staff, for the incredible amount of work accomplished this summer in preparing for the opening of school. And thank you, too, student summer crew!

Thank you, Mr. Harold Ives and our Transportation Staff, for preparing for the arrival of your children, our most precious cargo. The drivers in our district are the first point of contact for students each morning, and they do a great job of being there to make each student's day start great!

Thank you, Mrs. Susan Sebeck and our terrific kitchen crew, who provide delicious and nutritious breakfasts and lunches to students daily. These school meals cost nothing for students and their families thanks to the Community Eligibility Program.

Lastly, thank you to all our office staff, teachers, and aides for being student-centered and truly dedicated to our students and our entire school community!

Don't forget that school apparel make great holiday gifts! You can shop for GMU items in person at Shupperd's Tack Shop in Bainbridge or visit its online store. We also have an online presence through Spirit Shop. URLs and QR Codes for both of our online stores are included in this newsletter. Our Board of Education uses funds raised through our school stores to award scholarships to seniors at graduation.

Parents, student drivers, and community members ... please remember that we want to keep all of our students as safe as possible, so on these foggy fall mornings – and the fast-approaching slippery winter ones – take it slow and never pass a school bus with its blinking lights on. Also, during morning drop-offs and afternoon bus loading, the front circle is closed to all traffic except our school buses. During these times, please use the parent drop-off and pick-up area in front of the playground, to the left as you come up the driveway.

In November, CFES Brilliant Pathways once again awarded our district with a School of Distinction title – this time for the 2023-2024 school year – because of the many opportunities we offer students. These include our annual Veterans Day Breakfast, college and career field trips, mentoring opportunities, spring community clean-up, and several other student-based activities. I couldn't be more proud of our staff and students for creating a "Quality journey" for all at GMU through their hard work and commitment!

I am looking forward to another amazing year of growth and opportunity in our district. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions, concerns, or feedback.

—Annette Hammond, Superintendent
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Board of Education Meetings

Remaining Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Board of Education meetings for the 2024-2025 school year. All meetings start at 6:00 p.m., unless noted.

2024

December 10.... Regular Meeting

2025

January 15 Regular Meeting

February 12 Regular Meeting

March 12 Regular Meeting

April 16 Regular Meeting/BOCES Vote

May 13 Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting

May 20 Budget Vote, 12:00-8:00 p.m.

June 11 Regular Meeting

No-Cost School Meals in 2024-2025

We are pleased to inform you that Gilbertsville-Mount Upton CSD will continue to participate in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and After School Snack Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2024-2025 school year.

This means that all students enrolled at GMU are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast AND lunch at no charge to your household for the 2024-2025 school year.

We strongly encourage you to fill out the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Household Income Eligibility Form, which is posted on our website at <https://www.gmucsdc.org/Downloads/GMU-073024-Free-and-Reduced-Lunch-Form-2024-2025-ADA.pdf>. This helps the school as well as our students who might be eligible to have test fees waived or reduced fees for college courses.

MySchoolBucks

While student school meals are covered by the CEP, GMU parents/caregivers can use MySchoolBucks online to manage student accounts for extra milk, snacks and even additional meals. This easy and secure online service allows families to view student balances and deposit money into their school meal accounts any time at www.myschoolbucks.com. Any unused money in MySchoolBucks will automatically carry over to the next school year.

To set up an account:

- Visit www.myschoolbucks.com online
- Create your account using child's name, lunch ID number, and school zip code (13776)
- Add money to your child's account with a credit card, debit card or electronic check

Please note that a convenience fee applies to deposits.

If you need further assistance, please contact School Lunch Manager Susan Sebeck at 607-783-2207, ext. 122, or email her at ssebeck@gmucsdc.org.

RSVP for our Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon!

GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



SENIOR CITIZEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 20, 2024

GMU CAFETERIA

12 NOON

Must RSVP by December 6: Call 607-783-2207, ext. 140

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton's Board of Education, administrators and cafeteria staff cordially invite all local senior citizens to our annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 20, in the GMU Cafeteria.

This free holiday luncheon for senior citizens in our GMU Community will begin at noon December 20, which is a half-day of school for our students.

Please note that all guests must register by December 6 by calling 607-783-2207, ext. 140, during regular school hours.

Clapp Out!



Issy Clapp tried to sneak off without so much as a peep September 3, but we caught her in the parking circle just before she headed home after her last day with the district. Our Special Education and Counseling Secretary started her 37-year career as a substitute at Mount Upton and served in a variety of capacities since. Please join us in thanking Issy for her time and dedication to our GMU family, and for helping us to make the Quality of the journey count for everyone.

Bus Vote set for February 4



Please join us February 4 to vote on one proposition related to the purchase of new school buses, which will not increase the school tax levy. Bus purchases are aided by NYSED at a rate of 90%. The district anticipates purchasing two 66-passenger buses and one 35-passenger bus.

Voting will take place from noon-8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District. Please note that residents must present identification to vote on the following proposition:

Proposition 1: Bus Purchase

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase one (1) 20-48 passenger school bus, and two (2) 48-70 passenger school buses for the purpose of providing student transportation and ancillary educational purposes, including original equipment and incidental expenses for the foregoing purpose, at a total estimated cost after taking into account state aid not to exceed \$491,000.00; and that such sum or so much thereof as the Board may deem appropriate, in its discretion, shall be paid from the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Fund to the extent that it is funded?

ORDER YOUR GMU GEAR TODAY!

Looking for the perfect holiday gifts? Check out our online stores for Gilbertsville-Mount Upton apparel!

You can order official GMU apparel and accessories from Shupperd's Tack Shop by visiting our online store at <https://gmucsd2021.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>. Shupperd's adds new items throughout the school year, so check it out to see what's available today. If shopping in person is your thing, just stop by Shupperd's actual store in Bainbridge to see what's in stock.

GMU apparel is also available through our online Spirit Shop store at <https://www.spiritshop.com/school/new-york/gilbertsville/gilbertsville-mt-upton>. Spirit Shop offers thousands of possibilities for customizable, in-stock apparel and accessories! You can order T-shirts, hats, jackets, polo shirts, shorts, pants and more from GMU's Spirit Shop 24/7, and you can pick the item colors, styles and brands you want, too! For a limited time, EVERYTHING in the GMU Spirit Shop is 20-percent off!

Thank you, Board of Education!

Please join us in recognizing the dedicated community members who serve on our Board of Education! We celebrated School Board Recognition Week with the New York State School Boards Association and public schools across the state in October.



Pictured from left to right are Vice President Jed Barnes, Whitney Talbot, Brenda Friedel, Christopher Ostrander, Lori Peck, and President Jeremy Pain. We thank our Board of Education, which also includes Sean Barrows, for tirelessly working together to improve the Quality of the journey for all GMU students, faculty, staff and community members!

Quarter Auction set for December 7

GMU's Marching Band and Color Guard will sponsor a Quarter Auction on campus December 7.

The event will begin with a preview of items up for bid at 5:15 p.m. The auction will start at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person and includes four bidding paddles. Quarters are not included with admission, so please bring your own to bid on items. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

All proceeds will benefit GMU's Marching Band and Color Guard.



Thank You, Veterans!

GMU thanks all of the families and friends who attended our annual Veterans Day Breakfast on November 8!

We recognized local military veterans for their service to our country with a special ceremony in the auditorium before retiring to the MS/HS Cafeteria for a delicious breakfast prepared by Susan Sebeck and her cafeteria staff.

Boy Scout Troop 44, Girl Scouts Troop 61041, the GMU Chorus, and the GMU Band participated in the ceremony, which was sponsored by our National Honor Society. NHS

officers **Alyssa Soroichinsky** (president), **Andrea Favinger** (vice president), **Mackenzi Marron** (secretary), and **Emma Peck** (treasurer) presented at the podium following opening remarks from NHS Advisors Alivia Bell and Ashley Elbogen.

Ariana Cornell, **Cecilie Lytle** and **Adam Yasser** distributed tokens of appreciation to each of the veterans in attendance. See more pics on Facebook!



Thank You
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Recyclin' Raiders do it again!



Congratulations to our Recyclin' Raiders and the entire GMU Community for earning another title in the Otsego County Conservation Association's Plastic Film Recycling Challenge!

Our Middle/High School students turned in 490.1 pounds of plastic film to earn first prize—an ice-cream social from Stewart's Shops—in their six-school division. This year marked the third straight regional championship for our MS/HS and fourth since 2019.

GMU's Elementary School students more than doubled that weight—with 1,174.1 pounds of plastic film—and took third out of seven in their division. Second- and 10th-graders at GMU won their respective in-school competitions.

In all, our Recyclin' Raiders combined for 1,664.2 pounds of recyclable plastic film to help OCCA set a Challenge record of 6,898.7 pounds overall. Special thanks to Ashley Hughes, Eric Voorhees and volunteers who collected and dropped off plastic film for proper recycling throughout the contest, which ran from November 2023 to April 2024.

Helping Hands!



Samantha Carrabba's class worked hard October 15 at Chobani, helping to pack 1,000 boxes of food for local pantries and backpack programs. They also picked up 25 boxes of food for GMU's Backpack Program, as well as 30 cases of yogurt, before popping into New York Pizzeria in New Berlin for lunch. Great job, Raiders!

Warm Welcome!



Thanks to the Sidney Federal Credit Union for dropping off 22 winter coats November 8 for GMU families who participate in our Backpack Program. All of SFCU's branches took part in a Winter Coat Drive from September 16 through October 16. The drive helps area schools, shelters and community resource organizations provide winter clothing to those in need.

Thank you, Elks!



Thanks to the Sidney Elks Lodge #2175 for delivering clothing, shoes and personal hygiene items to GMU in October. The Elks also brought a cart filled with school supplies—donated by Walmart—for our Raiders.

Reading for the future!



Thanks to Beth Childs from the Morris Rotary Club for connecting with our first-graders in October! Beth brought a number of book donations (“The Dictionary Story” by Oliver Jeffers & Sam Winston) and then read it to students in our library.

Summer Reading Challenge complete!

Congratulations to GMU students who completed our 2024 Summer Reading Challenge! As a reward, the following students attended a Reading Celebration field trip with Mrs. Weidman on October 9.

- Kindergarten: *Wren Corcoran, Ava Hoag*
- First Grade: *Ridley Esposito, Emilee Crisell, Serenity Jones, Justin Dickey Jr., Remi Harris, Troy Hitt*
- Second Grade: *Emma Harmyk, Lilliana Crawford, Parker Chapman*
- Third Grade: *Finley Rhone, Aubrey Doyle, Guy Barnes, Paisley Harris, Madelyn Barnes, Lincoln Hoag*
- Fourth Grade: *Layton Esposito, Martin Lytle, Elliot Bankus*
- Fifth Grade: *Claire Beach, Wilbur Barnes, Alaina Beckwith*
- Sixth Grade: *Gigi Barnes*

Notice of Fire Safety Inspection

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2024-2025 of the school building, press box and bus garage of Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District for fire hazards, which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, and employees therein, has been completed. The report thereof is available at the district office of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School, at 693 State Highway 51, Gilbertsville, NY 13776, for inspection by all interested persons.

—Donna Dean, GMU District Clerk

Raiders keep rockin’

We celebrated GMU elementary school students who earned Soaring Eagle Character Trait and Essential Career Skill Awards in September and October during our Rockin’ Raiders programs. Be sure to visit our Facebook page to see pics.

September 2024

• Soaring Eagle Award—Caring

Aliveah Barnes, Brayleigh Barse, Alaina Beckwith, Willard Covington, Chase Crisell, Roczen Hamilton, Ava Hoag, Lincoln Hoag, Rylee Hoffman, Selah Kibbe, Emberlee Law, Athena Palmatier, Brantley Tompkins

Note: Award-winners displayed kindness and concern for others, themselves and the school community. They also gave of themselves without expecting anything in return.

Essential Skills Awards

- Communication: *Robert Ross*
- Positive Attitude: *Calvin Clement, Troy Hitt, Nicholas Schultes*
- Professionalism: *Adelyn Breslau, Remi Harris*
- Reliability/ Dependability: *Tanner Delaney, Brantley Griffin Frank, Kylo Hamata, Elizabeth Tiffany, Madilynn Tiffany*
- Respect: *Hadleigh Burchill*
- Teamwork: *Claire Beach, Ambrose Carlyle, Makenna Nober*

October 2024

• Soaring Eagle Award—Determination

Maxwell Banta, Benjamin Breslau, Oliver Clement, Wren Corcoran, Evelyn Covington, Dayton French, Raegan Fuller, Shaw Green, Haylee Larrabee, Mila Rhone, Arianna Schultes, Carter Tiffany

Note: Award-winners didn’t give up, even when it got tough; had courage, especially when it came to standing up for others; and set goals and worked toward them.

Essential Skills Awards

- Collaboration: *Justin Dickey, Zachary McWeeney, Lyric Webb*
- Communication: *Garrett Larsen*
- Dependability: *Dawson Moorby*
- Positive Attitude: *Charles Eastman-Cook, Jayden Paine, Axton Tompkins Stone*
- Reliability: *Guy Barnes, Wilbur Barnes, Suttyn Burchill, Addison Hall*
- Respect: *Spencer Guernsey, Wesley Hall*
- Teamwork: *Trenton Auchmoody, Kenna Larsen, Riley Osborn, Lawton Ferris*

See more pics on Facebook!

First Day of School



Junior Carnival and Halloween Fun



Fire Prevention Day



Visit our Facebook page and website for Capital Project updates, too!

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GMU Theatre Club's Into the Woods



From GMU to NYC



Visit our Facebook page and website for Capital Project updates, too!

Welcome to GMU!

WELCOME TO GMU!

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

ALIVIA BELL

ES TEACHER - FIRST GRADE

Alivia is a former student-teacher at GMU and was a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success at SUNY Oneonta. She also teaches dance outside of school hours.



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PAMELA COOKE

MS/HS MATH TEACHER

Pamela graduated from SUNY Oneonta cum laude (Adolescent Education / Mathematics). She is a Tau Sigma Honor Society member and has earned black belts in martial arts.



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CONNOR OGBORN

MS/HS MATH TEACHER

Connor earned his Business Administration / Economics degree from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and has worked with the Liberty Partnerships Program for 5 years, serving as program coordinator last year.



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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

JILLIAN PARASCANDOLA

MS/HS COUNSELOR

Jillian earned a degree in Human Development and Family Studies from SUNY Oneonta, where she received the Pillar Award for making a positive impact on students.



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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

JACOB PFEIFER

PHYS. ED. TEACHER

Jacob has a bachelor's in Exercise Science from Grove City College and a master's in Teaching from SUNY Cortland. He likes to play Magic the Gathering, computer games and golf.



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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

NICHOLAS RUFF

MS/HS ENGLISH TEACHER

Nicholas has experience as an adjunct instructor and as a high school teacher. He likes to read, write poetry, play guitar, garden, hike, and spend time with his family.



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Thank you, senior athletes!



We celebrated our veteran student-athletes in October with Senior Recognition ceremonies for our girls and boys soccer teams. GMU's girls soccer seniors are **Ariana Cornell, Avriel Correll, Kyra Demmon, Paige Nichols, Emma Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky, and Trista Vaccaro**. **Noah Pain** also was recognized during Senior Night for the Unadilla Valley/GMU boys soccer team.

Gym gets digital displays!



GMU Technology Director Eric Voorhees and his assistants, Bryan Voorhees and Jenna Carpenter, spent a part of their summer replacing our basketball roster boards with new digital displays in the MS/HS gymnasium.

The 85-inch monitors are surrounded by protective enclosures that were designed and built by Eric and Bryan, then installed with the assistance of Jenna and the GMU maintenance staff. In addition to listing the names of our student-athletes, like the roster boards did from 2002-2024, the monitors also can showcase photos, schedules of upcoming events, and other school announcements.

Special thanks to recently retired GMU Facilities Director Alan Digsby, current Facilities Director Russell Card, and Dave Newell for sharing their advice and wisdom during this project!

Favinger runs into states!



Congratulations to GMU junior **Andrea Favinger**, who qualified for the cross country state meet during the sectional championships November 7 at Chenango Valley State Park!

Representing our merged Unadilla Valley/Gilbertsville-Mount Upton program, Andrea completed the 5-kilometer course in 22 minutes, 12.70 seconds to

place fourth in the Section 4 Class D girls race.

Freshman **Aurelia Comer** won in 20:18.90 for team champion Delhi-South Kortright, which sent all of its girls to states by virtue of its team title. The top five Class D girls who were not part of the Delhi-SK team also qualified for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships, which ran November 16 at Queensbury High.

Andrea's brother **Jake**, a freshman at UV, placed 10th in 19:00.30 during the Class D boys sectional race. UV/GMU also received a 20th from freshman **Kathleen Pizzuto** (24:27.20) in the girls race and a 66th from junior **Dominic Berthel** (23:32.40) in the boys event.

Both Favingers earned First Team All-Star honors this season from the Midstate Athletic Conference, which recognized Pizzuto as a Second Team All-Star.

Ready to go!



Thanks to everyone who visited campus September 3 for our Open House! We hope you enjoyed reuniting with your fellow Raiders, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new playground, and lots (and lots) of ice cream.

Morris Rotary welcomes new teachers



Thanks to the Morris Rotary Club for hosting its annual dinner for new teachers October 21! GMU Superintendent Annette Hammond and Principal Heather Wilcox joined first-year GMU teachers Jacob Pfeifer and Nicholas Ruff at the dinner, along with Morris Superintendent Jamie Maistros and her newcomers.

GMU earns sixth straight CFES award!

The CFES Brilliant Pathways School of Distinction Awards keep coming for Gilbertsville-Mount Upton, which earned its sixth straight following the 2023-2024 school year!

“This prestigious recognition underscores Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School’s commitment to developing and implementing an exemplary plan for its CFES Scholars, while engaging the entire school community through our 10-Point College & Career Readiness Plan,” CFES co-CEO Tara Smith said in an email to Superintendent Annette Hammond. “I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and the entire Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School community for this well-deserved honor. Your dedication and efforts in providing opportunities for your students and their families are truly commendable.”

The CFES recognized 34 school districts across the U.S. and Ireland for their efforts to help students become college and career ready during the 2023-2024 school year. GMU, which has earned the award every school year since 2018-2019, is one of five Central New York districts honored for 2023-2024. The other CNY 2023-2024 award-winners are Otsego Area Occupational Center, Owen D. Young, Richfield Springs, and Worcester.

School districts partner with CFES to help high school students graduate and find college opportunities, regardless of income. For more information, visit the website <https://brilliantpathways.org/> or call GMU’s main office at 607-783-2207.

CFES BRILLIANT PATHWAYS SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton
Central School District



GMUCSD has earned its **SIXTH STRAIGHT** CFES School of Distinction Award for developing and executing exemplary plans for their CFES Scholars and involving the entire school in the CFES core practices of mentoring, essential skills, and pathways to colleges and careers.



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Online Threats & School Safety

Recently, there has been an increase in social media threats impacting schools in the area. It's important to be aware that threats—whether made as jokes, pranks, or more serious actions—carry significant risks and real consequences. Sharing and reposting the threat via social media platforms only spreads misinformation and creates public alarm.



Key Points to Remember:

- **Safety First:** Our top priority is the safety of all students, staff, and our community.
- **Consequences Are Serious:** Making or sharing threats can lead to criminal charges, school suspensions, or even expulsion.
- Law enforcement and school districts immediately investigate every reported threat using all available resources.
- **It's a Crime:** Any threat, whether direct, implied, or shared, is taken seriously and can result in:
 - Arrest and prosecution.
 - Permanent records affecting future opportunities.
 - Disciplinary action according to the district's Code of Conduct.

Report: Don't Repost

If your child sees or hears something alarming—either online or in person—please encourage them to report it to a trusted adult, school staff, or law enforcement immediately. Early reporting can help keep our schools safe.

How You Can Help

Parents, we need your support:

- Talk to your child about the seriousness of making or sharing threats.
- Monitor social media use and encourage open communication.
- Remind them that reposting or sharing threats also carries consequences.
- Do not repost, share, or promote the threat on social media. Contact school officials or law enforcement.

Together, through awareness and communication, we can keep our schools safe.



SAVE THE DATES!

November 2024

- 27 Thanksgiving Recess (No School)
- 28 Thanksgiving Recess (No School/Offices Closed)
- 29 Thanksgiving Recess (No School/Offices Closed)

December 2024

- 5-7 NYSSMA Conference All-State Festival
- 7 Quarter Auction, 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Grades 5-12 Winter Choral Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Safety Patrol Movie Night, 5:00 p.m.
- 17 Grades 5-12 Winter Instrumental Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Rockin' Raiders, 8:30 a.m.
- Half Day for Students, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal**
- Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
- 23 Christmas Recess (No School)
- 24 Christmas Recess (No School/Offices Closed)
- 25 Christmas Recess (No School/Offices Closed)
- 26 Christmas Recess (No School/Offices Closed)
- 27 Christmas Recess (No School)
- 30 Christmas Recess (No School)
- 31 Christmas Recess (No School)

January 2025

- 1 New Year's Day (No School/Offices Closed)
- 15 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Junior Musical, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Junior Musical, 2:00 p.m.
- 20 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
(No School/Offices Closed)
- 21-24 Regents Exams
- 24 **Half Day for Students, 12:00 p.m. Dismissal**
- 29 **Lunar New Year (No School/Offices Closed)**
- 30 Grades 7-12 All-County Music Festival
at Worcester CSD
- 31 Rockin' Raiders, 8:30 a.m.

February 2025

- 4 School Bus Vote, Noon-8:00 p.m.
- 7 GMU's Got Talent Showcase, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Grades 7-12 Award Ceremony, 12:15 p.m.
- 17 **Presidents' Day/Winter Recess**
(No School/Offices Closed)
- 18-21 **Winter Recess (No School)**
- 27 OCEMA All-County Festival II
- 28 Rockin' Raiders, 8:30 a.m.

District Communication Guidelines

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The communication guideline chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, questions will be answered.

For Questions About:	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	Contact
Academics	Teacher	School Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	Building Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	District Treasurer	Superintendent		
Building Use	District Secretary	Building Principal	Building and Grounds Supervisor	Superintendent
Cafeteria	School Food Manager	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Curriculum	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Building and Grounds	Supervisor	District Treasurer	Superintendent
Health Office	Nurses Office	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Student Services	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Special Education	Special Ed. Teacher	Director of Special Education	Superintendent	
Transportation	Bus Driver	Transportation Supervisor	Building Principal	Superintendent

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Mission, Vision, Values

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School

2024-2025 School Year

MISSION

We support everyone's journey to become the best version of themselves by:

- Fostering an equitable, inclusive and student-focused environment
- Providing opportunities for academic and community engagement
- Empowering individuals to embrace their potential

VISION

To have a nurturing school community that provides opportunities for lifelong personal growth.

WE VALUE

- A Growth Mindset
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Essential Skills for Career Readiness
- Social/Emotional/Behavioral Wellness
- Meaningful and Healthy Relationships
- A Safe School Environment

"It's the Quality of the journey that counts!"