



GOLDENDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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Everyone Contributing Every Day

GHS PRINCIPAL COMMENTS/REPORT

APRIL 27, 2026

- Prom will be Saturday, May 2, at the Legion Hall. This is the league date for Proms to help avoid conflicts with contests so that athletes can enjoy Prom activities. *The junior class officers are in charge of organizing this spring dance.*
- Overall, we had a great turnout for spring conferences (80% + in person and more through correspondence). We combine the best parts of a student-led conference format and the arena conference format. As a result of the conferences, we've noted good conversations with families.
- Teachers continue to look at data around their lead learners. Next year, we will take a close examination of our collective Tier 1 interventions and work to "Super Charge" those interventions by adding tools to our toolboxes. One example is Red, Yellow, Green.
- Spring Smarter Balanced Assessments in English start on Tuesday, April 28. Additional dates are Thursday, April 30 for English, and May 12 and 14th for math and science. Mary Lee and our Counseling Office Secretary, Andie Armstrong, do a great job organizing so everything will go smoothly. Ninth grade students will be assigned TASK, if they have any grades below C-. If their grades are at C- or above they will have a delay or attend a quiet study room.
 - ✓ English (10th +) April 28 & 30 ~ 2 hour delay for non-testers
 - ✓ Math (10th +) May 12 ~ 2 hour delay for non-testers.
 - ✓ Science (11th) May 14 ~ 2 hour dDelay for non-testersNote: We don't change the bus schedule, so students who aren't testing but arrive on a bus will go to the gym in an open gym setting or study time in a quiet room. Breakfast does not change and will still be served before 8am.
- The Future Business Leaders Association State Leadership Conference was held in Spokane April 20-24. Goldendale FBLA was represented by: Maggie Gutierrez, Kenzie King, Beau Brence, Zoe Taylor, Daniel Pittman, & Margaret Matulovich along with their advisor, Jesse Miles.
- Our Jazz band has just returned from the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival held at the University of Idaho where they performed. Students representing the GHS Jazz Band are: Lorenzo Lummio, Izzy Doll-Torres, Oscar Pearce, Colby Large, Isaac Tuning, Amity Bushnell, Brynna Baumbarden, Emma Gorrod, Landon Cleary, & Eduardo Aguilar-Bernal. Our band director, Mr. Johnson, has scheduled June 2, 2026 for a combined middle and high school concert.

- Senior Presentations will be held Monday and Wednesday, May 4 and 6, at GHS. Please contact Mary Lee, our School Counselor, if you'd like to be involved. There is always room for more!
- Spring Sports are well underway (this week maybe it will finally feel like spring!). Please see the various schedules of competitions. We love to have you come out to the games & matches!
- The Goldendale FFA is hosting the spring plant sale on May 8th. Ag. Day is also coming up on May 29, 2026. It will be laid out differently this year, given the new stadium.
- The week of April 2024, we honored our office support staff with a week with the theme of, “‘These are a few of my favorite things’ and a couple of yours, too!” For the myriad things they all do and the countless extra hours they work, we thank Alexis, Kymm Baze, Rachele Williams, Andie Armstrong and we added Jose Arguelles, because he also works in the office.
- The first week of May we will be honoring our classroom-based educators - our paras and teachers. Along with a week of gifts and treats, we have staff dress up days for the week:
 - May 4th - Star Wars day & staff T-shirts (pre-ordered)
 - May 5th - Cinco de Mayo - taco lunch w/salsa & guacamole competition
 - May 6th - Starfish day - Beachwear
 - May 7th - May Day - flowers
 - May 8th - Purple & Gold, of course
- Looking ahead, Save-the-Date: Commencement is June 5, 2026 at 7pm.

