

Geneseo Middle School

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Is Your Student Studying for a Test? It's Not as Easy as It May Sound

Often middle grades students are asked to study for a test, but many of them don't really know how. Does "study" mean read the material again? Go over one's notes (if they exist)? Think about the topic? Look up stuff online? Pay more attention the day before the test? Many students are at a loss, because they have not been taught study skills. If the teacher hasn't given students clear study guidelines for a specific test, here are a few things you can do to help your child prepare. What kind of test will it be? Multiple choice? Essay? True or false? Short answer? The type of test makes a difference when it comes to studying. Multiple choice means the student must recognize the right answer among others, whereas short answer means they have to know the answer outright. An essay question generally requires the student to make connections among the topics

learned or other ideas presented previously in class. The type of test defines the way a student should study.

How many questions? A test with a lot of questions means the teacher expects the student to know the material thoroughly; fewer questions often means the teacher is looking for big, main ideas. See if the teacher will reveal how many questions will be on the test.

Is there a study guide? Many middle grades teachers provide study guides to students before a test, enabling the students to focus on the topics the teacher thinks are essential to the unit. Make sure this study guide gets home to be used before the test day! Study in "chunks". We are all better at remembering things in chunks, especially when those chunks are

connected to something we already know. Help your child break down the information he or she is studying into manageable chunks. Try

If you have not already done so, please consider joining our PTA. We are fortunate to have a wonderful PTA committed to doing great things for our students.

connecting each chunk to previous learning or a TV show or song lyric that will help your child remember. Take breaks. Encourage your child to study for 25 to 30 minutes, take a 10-minute break, then study for another 25 to 30 minutes.



Seventy-eight percent of 12- and 13 year-olds who own cell phones have gone to sleep with their phone on their pillow. Parents would be wise to implement a rule that the phone, computer, and all other "screen" devices be turned off and left off at 9 p.m.



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www.twitter.com/geneseoMS

Announcements

- The GMS Scholastic Book Fair will be held Oct. 24-27 in the large group room. Proceeds from the Book Fair help the library purchase books and support reading promotional activities. If you are unable to come into the Book Fair, parents can also order books from the Online Book Fair link. To find out more information, volunteer to work, or place online orders, click here: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/geneseoms>
- The GMS Library collects Box Tops for Education. Please have students bring them to the collection box in the library or consider setting GMS as your preferred school for online shopping through the Box Tops for Education Marketplace.
- Student Council will host a dance for 7th and 8th grade GMS students on Friday, October 21, from 7-9 p.m. The admission is \$3 and concessions and glow necklaces will be sold. Middle school dances are not formal. Students must wear clothing appropriate for a normal school day—no hats, spaghetti straps, halter tops, or short skirts. Students must arrive by 7:30 and will not be allowed to leave until 8:50 without prior written arrangements from the student's parent. Contact Mrs. Brucher or Mrs. Wilshusen if you have any questions.



Congratulations to our Geneseo Middle School for winning the Heartland Conference. Great job with this season. Keep up the good work.

Upcoming Dates



Visit www.geneseoschools.org to reach the middle school website. A link to the calendar is located through this website.

- October 1 - IMEA auditions
- October 10 - Columbus Day (no school)
- October 13 - 7th zoo trip, 6th grade band concert, school board meeting
- October 14 - End of 1st quarter
- October 18 - Fright Write Night (library, 6:30-8)
- October 20 - 7/8 Band and choir concert
- October 21 - 7/8 dance 7-9 p.m.
- October 24 - Hour early release, Book fair begins
- October 29 - 8th grade band and choir trip

Boys basketball tryouts



7th Grade Boys

Monday	October 17 th	3:30-5:30 pm
Tuesday	October 18 th	6:15-7:45 am
Wednesday	October 19 th	3:30-5:30 pm

8th Grade Boys

Monday	October 17 th	6:15-7:45 am
Tuesday	October 18 th	3:30-5:30 pm
Wednesday	October 19 th	6:15-7:45 am

****A Physical needs to be turned into the nurse before you tryout****

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NOTIFICATION

TO: TEACHERS, SUPPORT STAFF, AND PARENTS OF STUDENTS

FROM: GENESEO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #228

RE: CURRENT STATUS OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS

DATE: OCTOBER 2011

This is to notify you that the Geneseo Community Unit School District #228 has on file and is following its Management Plan prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA, 40 CFR 763) for the School Facilities.

You should be aware that Asbestos Containing Building Materials are contained in the buildings and that airborne asbestos is a potential health hazard. Many of these materials have been removed in past years under the direction of licensed project managers and abatement contractors. Clearance air samples were taken before occupants were readmitted to the removal areas. Geneseo Middle School, constructed in 1998, was built without any asbestos containing materials, and has been certified as such by the architect.

As part of an ongoing Operations and Maintenance program, the remaining asbestos in the other schools is monitored and maintained in a safe condition. The asbestos which remains in place is in good condition and poses no health problems unless damaged or disturbed. Building maintenance and custodial personnel have been trained to safely maintain asbestos containing materials and be watchful for deteriorating conditions. The buildings are inspected every six (6) months by our "in-house" designated person and every three (3) years by a licensed asbestos inspector.

Copies of the Management Plan and the Operations and Maintenance Plan are available in the Office of each school building and the Maintenance Office. These plans are available for your inspection during normal business hours of the Office (Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and during other times by special arrangement. We request that appointments be made with us to review such plans. To make arrangements, please contact:

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