



# GOLDENDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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*"Students and Staff Improving Every day"*

## GHS PRINCIPAL COMMENTS/REPORT

MARCH, 2025

- March is Music Education Month. Thanks to the small ensemble who played prior to our board meeting tonight.
- The **Goldendale High School Band**, under the direction of **Terry Johnson** received a **II** (second highest) rating at the Yakima Valley Music Educators Association Large Group Festival on Thursday, March 6. The **Jazz Band** travels to the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho in April with college tours at U of I and WSU to follow. A huge thanks to Terry and all of our band students for their support throughout Fall and Winter athletics as they supported our teams and performing at post season competition.
- GHS will hold afternoon **Parent Conferences** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M., March 26 from 12:00 to 3:15 P.M., and March 27 from 12:00 to 3:15 P.M. in the GHS Gym. We will use a combined format of Student Led Conferences and Arena Conferences during all three sessions. Arena Conferencing allows parents to meet directly with all of their students' teachers if they'd like. Students with grades below a B- and their parents will be **required** to meet with the teachers of those classes. Parent-student-teacher meetings are optional for parents and students whose grades are above that mark.
- **Spring Sports** are underway. We have around 145 athletes this spring. Please be sure to check out all of the great posts on each of the Facebook pages. Please take a look at the [www.goldendaleathletics.com](http://www.goldendaleathletics.com) website for dates, times, and standings for all of our spring sports. We are looking for some great Spring action for our **Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track, and Golf Teams**.
- Our **Counseling Office** and teachers, are preparing for state assessments. The English Language Arts Smarter Balanced Assessment will be given to 10<sup>th</sup> graders and upper classmen who choose to take it again on April 15 and 17. The Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science will be given to 11<sup>th</sup> Graders on April 24. The Math Smarter Balanced Assessment will be given to the 10<sup>th</sup> graders and upper classmen who choose to take it again on May 13 and 15. Our school will follow altered bell schedules to accommodate the testing and afford our students to demonstrate their knowledge.
- **Focus on Writing.** At the high school level, writing typically focuses on various genres and forms of writing, including essays, creative writing, research papers, and analytical pieces, especially in response to literature. Students review work using (and are taught) skills such as grammar, syntax, and vocabulary, alongside higher-order skills such as critical thinking, analysis, and argumentation. Writing assignments often incorporate the writing process, which includes brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. A small group of high school teachers have come together to discuss our district policies and practices around the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our classrooms. This group is open to any of our district educators.

- Our GHS Math Team competed on March 12 at the math competition in Granger. Casen Doubravsky and Lorenzo Lummio placed 2nd in Topical Problems Part 1, and Carson Berdahl and Colby Large placed 3rd in Topical Problems Part 2. This means they will be moving on to the state competition in April, so you'll get a chance to cheer them on then, as well. Addie Throop, Averie Mell, Ronin Demott, and Elizabeth Colasanto, while they did not place, they still put their best effort in and did very well. The team is coached by our math teacher, Mr. Goree.



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## 2025 GHS Math Team



➤ Congratulations to the GHS Vet Science Team, consisting of Eva Clark, Ellie Jensen, Sierra Blunt, and Margaret Matulovich who placed 4th in the District competition in Selah on Thursday, 3/13/2025.



- Congratulations to the Goldendale FFA members who competed in the District IV Agricultural Sales competitions in Goldendale on February 24, 2025. In the Agricultural Sales competition, members took a 25-question sales knowledge exam and underwent a Planta greenhouses and supplies face-to-face sales call. Agricultural Sales Team Placings out of 5 teams:

1st Place- Team 1: Emma Gorrod, BryLee Mulrony, Cheyenne Baunach, & Harmony Casteel

5th Place- Team 2: Eduardo Augilar, Lilah Magnuson, Hilary Vanegas, & Bella Wright

Agricultural Sales Individual Placings out of 20 participants:

2nd place Emma Gorrod

3rd place BryLee Mulrony

7th place Cheyenne Baunach

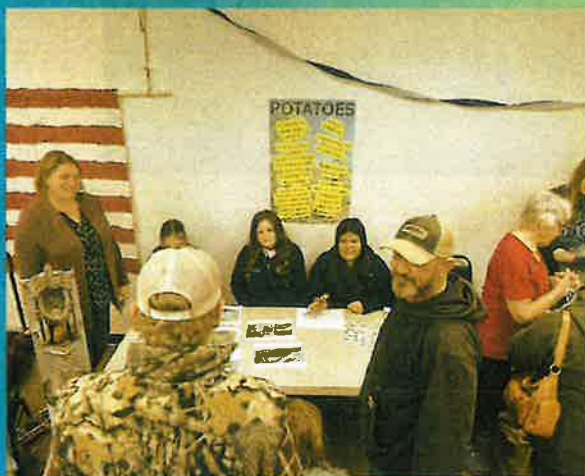
10th place Harmony Casteel



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Goldendale  
Team 1: Emma  
Gorrod,  
BryLee  
Mulrony,  
Cheyenne  
Baunach, and  
Harmony  
Casteel







*FFA and Grange  
Celebrate*

**AG DAY**

**2025**

