

# 5-STAR BOOSTERS GRIZZLY GROWL

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **Class of 2026 Activity**  
January 16th
- \* **MLK Jr Day (No School)**  
January 19th
- \* **PTO January Meeting**  
January 21st
- \* **President's Day (No School)**  
February 16th
- \* **Class of 2026 Activity**  
February 17th
- \* **PTO February Meeting**  
February 18th
- \* **ACT + Writing (11<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
February 24th
- \* **Spring Break**  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> - April 3rd

**ACT TEST+WRITING**  
@ GALENA HIGH SCHOOL

**FEBRUARY 24,  
2026 @8AM**

Testing season is about to get underway. There are several assessments that will take place during the second semester. Because tests are given to different students at different times, families should regularly check the [School Calendar](#) for any updates.

On **February 24th**, the statewide **ACT + Writing test** will be given to all 11th graders during the school day. All juniors, and seniors who did not take the ACT last year, will take the test. **Only these students will attend school that day.**

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### Letter from the Editor

The Galena 5-Star Boosters Grizzly Growl is distributed monthly via email to our members and on our website to keep our Grizzly families informed and involved. We hope you enjoy reading it.



## A Message From the President

Hello Galena families and staff!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We're halfway through this school year and we have exciting things planned over the next couple of months. Last month we hosted our annual holiday event for our staff, and it was fantastic! We love getting to spoil our staff and show how much we appreciate them. We have a couple things planned these next few months to continue showing our appreciation. We also spoiled our seniors last month with senior survival kits to help them get through finals. This month (the 16<sup>th</sup>) they will get donuts and next month (the 17<sup>th</sup>) pizza!

Our next PTO meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup> and February's meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Come stop by and say hi. We'd love to meet you and we'd love for you to see what we do on the Boosters team.

Don't forget to join our [Galena High School Parents Facebook Page](#) and [Galena PTO Instagram Page](#) for school announcements and happenings. Thank you again for your continued support.

Stay warm out there! ❄️

Heather Cole  
5-Star Booster President  
[Admin@ghs5starboosters.org](mailto:Admin@ghs5starboosters.org)

### Galena High School



#### 5-Star Boosters/PTO 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the GHS Library.

January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30pm  
February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm  
March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

All Boosters members are welcome to attend.

### Join our Board for 2026-2027

5-Star Boosters is looking for individuals who would like to fill board positions for the 2026-2027 school year. We are actively looking for people who would like to get involved, learn about what we do and how we do it in order to ensure a smooth transition in the future. Please email [Admin@ghs5starboosters.org](mailto:Admin@ghs5starboosters.org) for information.



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## Testing (Cont. from page 1)

**CTE End-of-Program Exams** will be given in March and April. Students enrolled in CTE classes will receive their exact testing dates from their CTE teachers.

**ACCESS testing for English Language Students only** will begin on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will take 4 assessments in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Students taking the ACCESS Test should have been contacted by the school.

Most students have already taken the **Civics Exam**, which is required for graduation. Seniors who are not in a Gov/Econ class and have not taken the Civics Exam should contact their counselor.

**AP Exams** will be held in May. Please continue to check the [School Calendar](#) for exact dates. If you have questions about testing, please reach out to the school.

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## From Mrs. Nelson – Assistant. Principal

The State of Nevada requires all students to take the ACT Exam prior to graduation. This year's statewide test will be given to all 11th graders during the school day on February 24, 2026. For students wanting to prepare for this test, we will once again be partnering with Tutors Across America to provide a discounted ACT Prep Bootcamp on January 23 – 25, 2026. Students of all ages are welcome to attend.

Regular Cost of Camp: \$399  
Discounted Cost: \$199 for Galena students.  
Use coupon code GOGRIZZLIES at checkout.



How To Enroll in the ACT Camp

1. Go to: <http://TutorsAcrossAmerica.com/ACTcourse>
2. Click on ACT COURSES and scroll down to find the one you want.
3. Enroll as directed. You are free to enroll in any camp that works for you.
4. Use **coupon code GOGRIZZLIES at checkout** to get the 50% discount.

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## Counseling Corner: Class Registration for 2026–2027

Course Registration for rising Sophomores and Juniors begins Tuesday, January 13th and will go through January 23rd. Students will be coming home with a course registration sheet (**Green: Rising Sophomores, Blue: Rising Juniors**) Parents should review their course selection options with their students.

Course Selection for Rising Seniors will begin on January 26th and go through February 4th. They will come home with a **pink course selection sheet** to review with families.

The [2026–2027 Course Catalog](#) is available online.

- If your student has questions, they are welcome to visit their counselor during lunch.
- You must register your student for the 2026–27 school year. Registration does not renew automatically.

The end of the 3rd quarter grading period is March 13th. The 9-week report card is just a progress report and is not part of your student's permanent high school transcript. If a student is short on credits, he/she needs to explore a plan for recovery immediately. Please contact your counselor so they can review those options with you and your student.

We are also excited to welcome Robyn Brown to the Galena High School counseling team! She will serve students with last names A–D. We look forward to the support she'll provide our students.

We want to remind Grizzly families that WCSD has removed all staff email address from all school websites. In its place, is a [contact form](#) that will direct messages to the appropriate department (e.g. counseling, attendance, athletics, etc.)

### Galena High School Counseling Staff

- Last Name A–D – Robyn Brown
- Last Name E–K – Genell Burroughs
- Last Name L–Ra – Peyton Taylor
- Last Name Re–Z – Clara Mitchell

**ACT BOOTCAMP WEEKEND**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 COME BE REALLY MISERABLE  
 FOR **ONE** WEEKEND...



...SO YOU CAN SPEND FOUR YEARS AT A COLLEGE YOU **LOVE**.

**AVERAGE IMPROVEMENT = 3-7 POINTS**

Retail Cost (including all materials): \$399

CAMP SCHEDULE:	
FRIDAY	4:00 PM – 8:30 PM
SATURDAY	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM (Lunch break 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)
SUNDAY	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM (Lunch break 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

**Discounted cost for Galena High School Students:**

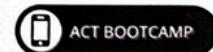
**\$199**

**To enroll in the bootcamp weekend:**

Scan QR Code or visit [TutorsAcrossAmerica.com/ACTcourse](https://TutorsAcrossAmerica.com/ACTcourse)

When completing payment, input coupon code: **GOGRIZZLIES**

Please feel free to call our office at (702) 818-5444 with any questions.



Tutors Across America was founded by Ryan Fitzgibbons. He is a member of Mensa High IQ Society, achieved a perfect score on the SAT, and scored in the 99th percentile on the ACT. Ryan completed his bachelor's degree at BYU in only two years.

Tutors Across America Students earned over **\$30 million** in scholarships last year.



## School Transcripts

### DIGITAL Transcripts & Records

Updated school transcripts will be available to order after January 14, 2026. Current students are eligible to receive up to four free transcripts per school year. Transcript requests must be submitted online using the ScribOrder system.

If your student is 18 years of age or older, the student must submit the transcript request themselves. Requests submitted by parents or guardians for students 18 and older will be denied.

To place an order, visit:  
<https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com/applicationCurrent>

If you need assistance, please call 775-861-4428 for support.

## Galena Student Leadership



Is your student interested in Leadership for the 2026-2027 school year? There will be a mandatory informational meeting on **February 5, 2026** at lunch.

## From the Bookkeeper

### Yearbook Price Increase



The yearbook price has increased to \$85. Price will increase again 4/5/26 to \$95. You can purchase one from the bookkeeper or online store. [Purchase Yearbook.](#)

### DMV Attendance Form



Students planning to get their Driver's Permit will need a signed [DMV Attendance Form](#). Download it here and bring it to the front office to get an admin signature.

### Galena Parking Permit



All students parking on School property are required to have a valid parking permit. Please [click here](#) to apply. Please fill out the parking permit form as well.

Please check your IC Portal for any late fees.



## Galena Class of 2026 Important Dates

### January

January 16th: Senior Event in front of the library  
 January 19th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

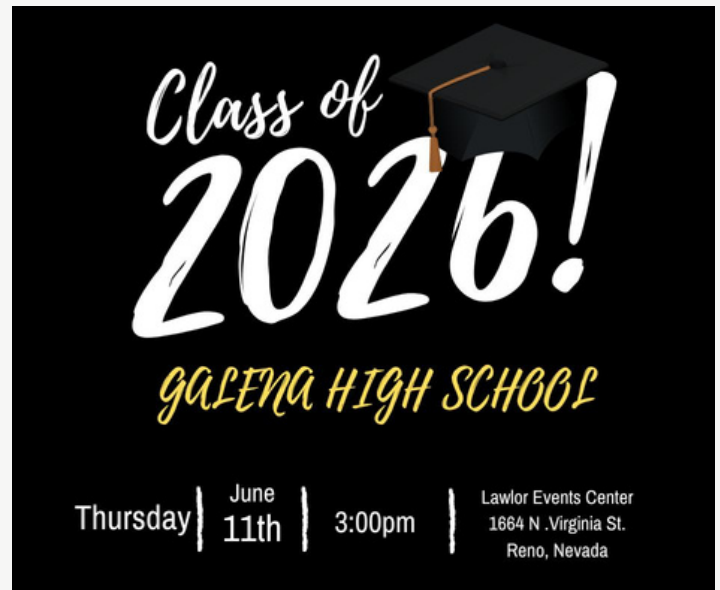
### February

February 9th-13th: Kindness Week  
 February 16: Senior ad purchases and submissions DUE! Purchase through IC or Bookkeeper only!  
 February 16th: Presidents' Day (No School)  
 February 17th: Senior Event in front of the library  
 February 24th: ACT + Writing for Seniors who did not take the exam in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

### March

March 9th-13th: Spring Spirit Week  
 March 17th: Senior Event in front of the library  
 March 23rd: Spring Break Begins

### Graduation: SAVE THE DATE



Class of 2026 Senior FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GalenaClassOf2026/>

## Galena Athletics

**Register now for Spring sports.** See the [Galena Athletics page](#) for details.

We'd also like to remind our athletes that you must have a valid sports physical on file. The [NIAA sports physical](#) document is valid for up to one year from the Date of Exam written on the Medical Eligibility Form. The date of exam for eligibility must be:

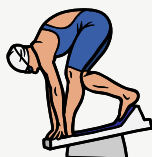
- 5/16/2025 or later for spring season eligibility

Make your appointment now as many Doctor's offices tend to fill up.



### Track and Field

Why Track and Field? Track and field is the ultimate foundation for athletic development. This dynamic sport offers a unique blend of strength, speed, endurance, and mental toughness. Athletes must have a physical on file and be registered in ATIVATE to participate.



### Swimming and Diving

The new season starts soon, and we'd love to see new faces on the boards. Want to learn more? **Stop by Room 116 and talk with Coach Wilkinson.**

## Announcing the Galena High School Hall of Fame Class of 2026.

The Inductees will be honored on January 30, 2026 at the GHS Basketball game and on January 31, 2026 at Peppermill Hotel & Casino

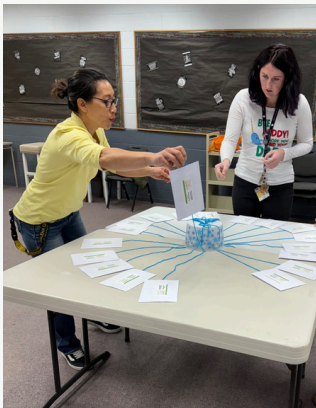
Contact Ms. Sullivan the Bookkeeper at Galena High school to purchase your seats.

- Jacob Anderson
- Mike Crooks
- Jill Dowty
- Luxchimi Gill
- Pete Lazzari
- Colleen Mullins
- Abigail Parker
- J.D. Peters,
- Joel Rivadeneyra
- Damien Rivadeneyra (Posthumous)
- Jim Sargent
- Bob Affonso
- Ed Parise
- 1996 State Champion Softball Team



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated cash and gift cards for our December Staff Appreciation event. It was a huge success! Teachers and staff participated in a mystery string challenge. Prizes ranged from \$20 to \$30 gift cards. A BIG thank you to our Staff Appreciation co-chairs Tracy Bruntz and Kristie Phillips for organizing this fun holiday event.



## 5-Star Boosters Website



Galena Five Star Boosters has a new website. You'll find everything you need to stay connected with our school community. [Click here for details.](#)



If you like what you've read so far, we invite you to be a part of it for 2025-26 as a FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO member! Click the Join Now button below to get started.



## ACT/SAT Testing Dates 2026

<b>ACT NATIONAL TESTNG DATES (<a href="http://WWW.ACT.ORG">WWW.ACT.ORG</a>)</b>		
<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Fee Deadline</b>
Apr 11, 2026	Mar 6, 2026	Mar 24, 2026
Jun 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026

<b>SAT NATIONAL TESTNG DATES (<a href="http://WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM">WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM</a>)</b>		
<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Fee Deadline</b>
Mar 14, 2026	Feb 27, 2026	Mar 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	Apr 17, 2026	Apr 21, 2026
Jun 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026

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## “It’s Good to be a Grizz”

### Be a part of it for 2025-26 as a FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO member!

We hope that you consider joining the FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO and making a donation this year so we can continue the deep and strong legacy of our organization at Galena High School.

#### **FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Mission:**

Build and grow our Galena community-to promote and encourage communication and interaction between parents, teachers, administration and the community as well as increase parent involvement. For example, through the digital Grizzly Growl that comes out monthly, our website at [GHS5starboosters.org](https://GHS5starboosters.org) and our [Galena High School Parent’s Facebook page](#).

Sponsor and organize school events, activities, and requests-to deepen our community spirit and enrich our children’s education, social and developmental experiences. For example, student activities, teacher appreciation activities, student scholarships, fund teacher requests that support our students, fund the SmugMug account to host and provide free-school-wide photos including athletic teams and MORE. Raise money-to help fund and support everything listed above that has a direct positive impact on our children. **2025-2026 Financial Goal: Raise \$50,000**

#### **Here are the ways you can support FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO and Galena High School:**

- ★ FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership: \$60
- ★ BRONZE GRIZZLY \$110: FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership + Donation (\$50).
- ★ GOLD GRIZZLY \$210: FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + Donation (\$150): Includes a clear stadium bag (while supplies last)
- ★ PLATINUM GRIZZLY \$360: FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + Donation (\$300): Includes a clear stadium bag and Galena Blanket (while supplies last)
- ★ Add an Extracurricular Pass to any FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership \$100:  
Entry for 2 into all Galena regular home games and fine arts productions that charge an entry fee, The pass supports the fine arts and athletics departments.
- ★ Additional donations greatly appreciated!



## Thank You For Becoming a 5-Star Booster Member

<b>Booster Members \$60+</b>	Dianna & Scott Hein	Stephanie & Jeremiah Lee	Jesse & Ryan Ruppert
Allyson & Bruce Denney	Rebecca & Jeff Cowles	Tiana & Warren Heister	Erin & Nathan Howell
Emille & Brad Carpenter	Kate & Eaton Dunkelberger	April & Max Gratix	Mandi & Byron Collins
Eric Brown	Rebecca Barker	Jen & Kurt Folgner	Sarah & Daniel Walton
Karen & Jeff McGaskill	Jennifer Raglen	Veronica & Andreas Simanowski	Rebecca & Jeremy Gonda
Joilene & Scott Burnett	Rachel Graffam	Christy & Ben Horgan	Lauren & Shane Dyer
Aimee & Rich Cummins	Gina & Phil Derryman	Sarah & Brian Heiter	Brittney & Spencer Fullmer
Cristy & Austin Leck	Heather Cole	Lanie & Joe Chickanosky	Jennifer & Greg Ott
Tracy & Lance Bruntz	Alicia & Orrin Johnson	Jenna & Chris McQuattie	Ani Pahler
Bryn & Greg Klitzke	Mary & Jordan Roberts	Cassandra Grieve	Sean Martin
Sarah Sommers & Leonard Graham	Julia & Brett Nelson	Danielle Pourchot	Stephanie Campbell
Becky Walters	Melissa & Jeremy Campau	Rebecca & John Duguid	Gina & Sean Canty
Heather & Hayde Dean	Bhavna & Pankaj Malhan	Erin Belosic	Lisa & Kirk Bronander
Shelly & Chadd Watson	Angela & David Imse	Shannon Dedora & Jeffrey Seeman	Courtney & Matthew Walker
Jen & Chad Mingo	Yvonne & Ryan Dixon	Alison & Nathan Brigham	Sharra & Douglas Clemens
Brandi & Aaron Griggs	Lynleigh & Jason Johns	Nichole & Tom Radley	Maria Ruvalcaba
Lisa & David Hofman	Cynamon & Aaron Heide	Natalie & Umid Tadjiev	Sophie Hartley
Maryne & Jon Bodenshot	Stephanie & Fredrick Neiforth	Melinda & Alan Goldman	Katie & Bryce Bohlander
Tina & Steve Neighbors	Ali & Jason Bender	Loma & Joe Denton	Nikki Wellman

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Nancy & William Oberg	Sylvia & Frank Phillips	Sasha & JC Erramouspe	Jaime & Patrick Winchell
Lauren & David Bradfield	Arathi Veeraswamy & Dwarak Vuppalapati	Colleen & Daniel Doenges	Jen & Chito Torres
Diane Bartholomew	Megan Janes	Angie & Shane Billau	Jenny & Gabe Frederito
Sarah & Regan Greene	Rachelle & Brad Sanders	Julia Partelow	Heather & David Brunckhorst
Ashley & Troy Wiedenbeck	Karel Malloy	Stephanie & Keith Brooks	Natalie Conlan
Brooke & Blake Wilde	Carolyn & Peter Sorenson	Molly Ivans	Kelli & Chad Satterwhite
Angie & Brock Nyborg	Darby Meyer		

<b>Bronze Members \$110+</b>	Christie & Phillip Perez	Michelle & Kevin Simmons	Julia & Jerry Peek
Fariba & JT Tanbakookar	Erica & Steve Dryden	Leah & Matthew Cowen	Dina Ciarlo-Fritzinger
Danielle & Michael Brown	Krista & Scott Douglass	Libs & Jeff Morrow	Kate & Tony Cardinali
Tricia & Geoff Nugent	Stephanie & Jay Peterson	Kimberly Brooks	Celeste & Alan Shapiro
Shana & Brett Kennon	Darby Bryant	Rebecca & Ken Venis	Laura & Dan Durrer
Tami & Mark Chretien	Kelly Schimke	Shannon & Tony Karam	Mindy & Josh Damon
Jackie Sheppard			

<b>Gold Members \$210+</b>	Cindy & Shannon Dye	Megan & Michael Oehlert	Tabitha Kix & Bill Radtke
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<b>Platinum Members \$360+</b>	Lindsey & Jeremy Low	Heather & Bill Winchester	Monica Lee & Thomas Melendrez
Naomi & Tim Albertson	Terri & Robert Green	Sandra & Tyler Edwards	Carolyn & Chris Dolan
Janna & Matt Rager	Kristin & Nate Hudson	Kristine Kinne	Debra & Ryan Cuddy