

5-STAR BOOSTERS GRIZZLY GROWL

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Galena High School
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Reno, Nevada 89511

Principal: Jay Salter
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Growl Editor: Michelle Simmons

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Day of School
August 10th

Senior Sunrise
August 13th

**ACT Registration Deadline
for Sept. 19th Test**
August 14th

Student ID Pictures
August 17th & 18th during English

Booster/PTO Meeting
August 19th

Galena Open House
August 19th

Homecoming Week
September 21st-25th

Homecoming Dance
September 26th



GALENA HIGH SCHOOL "C" SCHEDULE 2026-2027

BLOCK 1	8:00 – 8:47 (47)
BLOCK 2	8:52 – 9:39 (47)
BLOCK 3	9:44 – 10:31 (47)
BLOCK 4	10:36 – 11:23 (47)
LUNCH	11:23 – 11:53 (30)
BLOCK 5	11:58 – 12:45 (47)
BLOCK 6	12:50 – 1:37 (47)
BLOCK 7	1:42 – 2:30 (47)



➤ IT'S GOOD TO BE A GRIZZLY! ➤

- Schedules will be on Infinite Campus by 12:01am on 8/7/26. Take a picture of the schedule. Wifi and cell at Galena is very limited.
- Student Drop-Off Location: Grizz Way near the Soccer fields. Please do not enter the main parking lot for drop-off.
- Pay required fees via IC. Fees will be added to your account a few weeks after school begins.
- Wait to purchase supplies until after your child gets their class syllabus.
- Students planning to park on campus must purchase a parking pass from the bookkeeper. Seniors who have purchased a parking spot do not need an additional pass.

Letter from the Editor

The Grizzly Growl is distributed monthly to our Booster members. It can also be found on our website and our social media pages. If you would like to see something in future Growl's, please email us at: Admin@ghs5starboosters.org



A Message From Your Booster President

Hello Grizzly families,

Welcome to Galena High school! My name is Michelle Simmons, and I am honored to serve as your Galena 5-Star Boosters President for the 2026–2027 school year. Boosters plays an important role in supporting our students, teachers, staff, and school community. Through memberships, fundraising, events, and volunteer support, we help provide resources and experiences that enhance student life at Galena.

Last year, your support helped fund senior scholarships, athletics and fine arts programs, teacher appreciation, classroom resources, senior activities and more. We encourage every Galena family to join the 5-Star Boosters or renew your membership and get involved. **Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000.** Click the link below to access the membership form. We accept cash, checks, Venmo and credit cards. [2026–2027 Membership Form](#)

We also invite you to Join our [Galena High School Parents Facebook Page](#) for school announcements and happenings. **We still have several open positions on our Board.** Send us an email if you would like more information.



Michelle Simmons
5-Star Booster President
Admin@ghs5starboosters.org

Galena High School



5-Star Boosters/PTO 2026–2027 Meeting Schedule

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

August 19th @ 5:30pm
September 16th @ 5:30pm
October 21st @ 5:30pm

All Boosters members are
welcome to attend.



Greetings from the Den



Hello, Grizzlies! My name is Mr. Tanner and I am the Dean of Students at Galena High School. I have proudly been part of the Galena community for the past three years, and I am excited to welcome all of our new students and families to the Grizzly family!

We are excited to continually support students in The Den. The Den is located adjacent to the Main Office at GHS. The Den is a dedicated space designed to support student success by providing a welcoming environment where students can connect, problem-solve, reflect, and receive academic support throughout the school day.

I look forward to getting to know you and helping make your time at Galena a positive and successful experience. Welcome to Galena High School!

Welcome Freshman



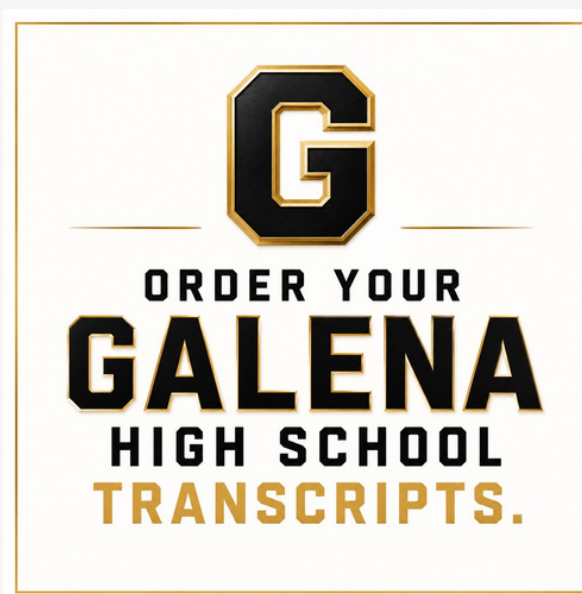
Galena First Look on Friday, August 7th from 8:30am to 11:30am is designed to help incoming freshmen feel prepared, confident, and welcomed before their first day at Galena High School. Students will be able to:

- Explore Galena High School Campus
- Find Classrooms and walk their schedule
- Get a locker
- Meet current students and ask questions
- Student Q&A session held on the hour and half hour
- Meet Mrs. Royce (Administrator)
- Meet Mrs. Mitchell (9th Grade Counselor)

Parents look for the 5-Star Boosters Table in the parking lot to Join our PTO and purchase Spirit Wear. We are also available to answer any of your question about Galena.



Show your Grizzly pride with our new hoodie for 2026-27. Proceeds support the 5-Star Boosters. [Order Here](#)



Official High School transcripts are available to order through WCSD's ScribOrder Website. <https://washoeschoolsnv.scribborder.com>



www.GHS5StarBoosters.org

Visit the 5-Star Boosters website for upcoming events, meeting schedules, volunteer sign-ups, fundraising opportunities, community announcements, and ways to support our Booster programs. The website is updated regularly, so be sure to check often.

[Click here](#) to explore our website.

GALENA HIGH SCHOOL

PICTURE DAY

AUGUST 17 & 18, 2026

Student ID photos will be taken during English classes.

STUDENT ID PHOTOS
 Taken during English classes
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
THEATER LOBBY

ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS
 Visit mylifetouch.com
PICTURE DAY ID: EVT6XFMWP
 Orders will be shipped directly to your home.

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Bell Schedule

Regular Day

PERIOD	TIME	MINUTES
Block 1/4	8:00 am - 9:40 am	100
Passing	9:40 am - 9:50 am	10
Block 2/5	9:50 am - 11:25 am	95
Lunch	11:25 am - 11:55 am	30
Passing	11:55 am - 12:00 pm	5
Block 3/6	12:00 pm - 1:35 pm	95
Passing	1:35 pm - 1:44 pm	10
7th Period	1:44 pm - 2:30 pm	46

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Bell Schedule

Wednesday Early Release

PERIOD	TIME	MINUTES
Block 1/4	8:00 am - 9:25 am	85
Passing	9:25 am - 9:35 am	10
Block 2/5	9:35 am - 10:55 am	80
Lunch	10:55 am - 11:25 am	30
Passing	11:25 am - 11:30 am	5
Block 3/6	11:30 am - 12:50 pm	80
Passing	12:50 pm - 12:59 pm	10
7th Period	12:59 pm - 1:45 pm	46

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Bell Schedule

Assembly Schedule

PERIOD	TIME	MINUTES
Block 1/4	8:00 am - 9:20 am	80
Assembly	9:20 am - 10:10 am	50
Passing	10:10 am - 10:15 am	5
Block 2/5	10:15 am - 11:35 am	80
Lunch	11:35 am - 12:05 pm	30
Passing	12:05 pm - 12:10 pm	5
Block 3/6	12:10 pm - 1:30 pm	80
Passing	1:30 pm - 1:40 pm	10
7th Period	1:40 pm - 2:30 pm	50

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Bell Schedule

2 Hour Snow Delay

PERIOD	TIME	MINUTES
Block 1/4	10:00 am - 11:00 am	60
Passing	11:00 am - 11:05 am	5
Block 2/5	11:05 am - 12:05 pm	60
Lunch	12:05 pm - 12:35 pm	30
Passing	12:35 pm - 12:40 pm	5
Block 3/6	12:40 pm - 1:40 pm	60
Passing	1:40 pm - 1:50 pm	10
7th Period	1:50 pm - 2:30 pm	40

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GHS 2026-2027 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



STUDENT BODY OFFICERS	SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS	
President: Ella Walker VP Spirit & Activities: Parmees Sar-Sangi Secretary: Bella Peterson Treasurer: Parastoo Sar-Sangi Historian: Rachel Babian VP Assemblies: Sloan Topham VP Community Service: Ella Shapiro	President: Daniela "Panda" Ruvalcaba Vice President: Alia McCaskill Secretary: Aisling Fitzpatrick Historian: Maren Paidokovich	
JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS	SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS	FRESHMEN CLASS
President: Riley Griggs Vice President: Lucia Bryson Secretary: MacKenzie Solferino Treasurer: Naomi Estes Historian: Paige Canty	President: Kailyn Putzer Vice President: Emme Ream Secretary: Lily McCaskill Treasurer: Aaron Babian Historian: Teagan Peterson	Representatives: Dylan Dubach, Alexis Dukes, Olivia Harns, Madeline Ho, Kelsey Hofman, Jordyn Lopez, Lily Melarkey, Ellie Martinez, Taya Noble, Taya Noble, Weston Spiers, Weston Topham, Lucy Walker

GALENA HIGH SCHOOL

Sponsorship Opportunities

New this year, the Galena 5-Star Boosters is launching a Business Sponsorship Program to help bring local businesses and the Galena community together. Through newsletter sponsorships and banner opportunities, businesses can show their support for Galena students, staff, and events while connecting with families throughout our community.

Email us to learn more: admin@ghs5starboosters.org



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SUPPORT THE

**GALENA FIVE STAR
BOOSTERS**

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Put your business in front of
Galena High School Families +
Community Members.

LEARN MORE

A Message from the Galena Counseling Team

We are excited to welcome our returning students and families back to Galena High School! The beginning of the school year is one of the busiest times in the counseling office. Our counselors are working through schedule concerns, new student enrollment, and appointments as quickly as possible. Responses may take a little longer than usual during the first few weeks. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

As students review their schedules, here are a few important reminders:

- **Course requests were honored whenever possible.** When a requested class was full, unavailable, or did not fit into the student's schedule, an alternate course was used.
- **Schedule changes may be limited.** Many classes are full, so students may not be able to add a course they did not originally request or change a course simply because they have changed their mind.
- **Teacher and period requests cannot be accommodated.** Schedule changes will not be made based on a preference for a particular teacher, lunch, or class period or to be with friends.
- **Advanced Placement courses are a commitment.** Students enrolled in an AP course are expected to complete the course and take the AP exam in May. Course changes require approval and depend on class availability. Students who withdraw after the 11th week of the semester will receive a permanent "F" on their transcript.

Please use the [contact form](#) to contact your assigned counselor. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and helping our Grizzlies begin a strong and successful school year!

Galena High School Counseling Staff

- Class of 2027 - Genell Burroughs
- Class of 2028 - Peyton Taylor
- Class of 2029 - Robyn Brown
- Class of 2030 - Clara Mitchell

Counseling Cont.

Welcome, Class of 2030!

Starting high school is an exciting milestone, and we are thrilled to welcome Galena's newest Grizzlies! Freshman year brings new classes, new friendships, greater independence, and plenty of opportunities to grow. It can also take time for students to adjust to new routines and expectations. Galena's 9th Grade Team is here to help every student feel welcome, supported, and prepared for a successful start to high school.

Every student's path after graduation will look a little different. Whether your student is considering college, career training, military service, or entering the workforce, freshman year is an important time to build strong habits.

Helping Students Start Strong

Families and students are encouraged to check **Infinite Campus** and **Canvas** regularly for grades, attendance, assignments, and teacher communication. Students will also receive a planner to help them keep track of assignments, manage deadlines, and develop organizational skills. During the first week of school, teachers will review classroom expectations, grading practices, and the best ways for students and families to communicate with them. Regular attendance and arriving to class on time are also important parts of student success.

Partnering With Families

We know that families often recognize concerns before they become visible at school. Please reach out early if your student is struggling with academics, attendance, organization, behavior, social-emotional well-being, or simply adjusting to high school. Early communication gives us the best opportunity to work together and connect students with the right support before a small concern becomes a larger one.

Families may use the [Student and Family Support Request](#) or by scan the QR code below to connect with the 9th Grade Team if your student may need additional support.

Meet the 9th Grade Team

Clara Mitchell, 9th Grade School Counselor

CEMitchell@WashoeSchools.net

Maria Royce, Grade-Level Administrator and Dean for 9th and 11th Grades

Maria.Royce@WashoeSchools.net



Thank you for trusting us to be part of your student's high school journey. We look forward to working alongside your family throughout the year.



Class of 2027 Important Dates

August

- August 8th: Parking Painting 9am-noon
- August 10th: First Day of School
- August 13th: Senior Sunrise
- August 14: Parking Painting 3pm-5pm
- August 17th & 18th: ID Pictures (for ID Cards) 8am-3pm Theater Lobby with English Class

September

- September 21st-25th: Homecoming Week
- September 25th: ID Picture Makeup 8am-3pm Theater Lobby
- September 25th: Homecoming Assembly
- September 26th: Homecoming Dance
- September: Senior Activity TBD

Senior Events Committee

Hello Parents,

We have created a Facebook page for the parents of Galena High School Class of 2027. We will use this page to communicate senior activities and events. Please follow the Facebook page if you can.

[Class of 2027 Senior Parents FB Page](#)

On the next page is information about upcoming parking lot painting events. We still need some volunteers to help.

Click the link to help. [Signup Genius](#)

Thank You,

5-Star Boosters Senior Activities Committee
Lanie Chickanosky
Karel Malloy

Greetings from the library!

I'm Ms. Black, your librarian, and I wanted to welcome everyone back for another great year. We strive to make sure our library is a place to meet your student's needs and offer a welcoming and community-oriented space. Students can come to us with book requests, book help, and also all tech related questions. If we can't fix it ourselves, we will happily find out who can. **Printers are available** for students as well and we have loads of board games, floor games (like Corn Hole, etc) and puzzles available for their down time. We really want your student to feel that they have a home at Galena and a place to settle when needed. Feel free to stop by anytime and visit us as well!



I also run our **annual international trips**. Every spring break, we travel to a different destination to learn and grow and have the time of our lives. Last year, we took 84 people to Japan and it was wonderful. This coming year (March 2027), we will be going to Brussels, Amsterdam, Paris and London. **If you are interested in joining us, reach out to me sooner than later.** Parents are welcome to travel with us. We open new trips every September in order give our travelers many months to pay and prepare. **This September, we will open our trip for March of 2028.** We will be traveling to **Thailand!** We will spend our first days touring, then will volunteer in an elephant sanctuary. After that, we will spend our final two days at the beach before we fly home. We are very excited for this unique trip! As I said, I will open it for registration in September after I host an informational Zoom meeting, open to all. Always feel free to email me any questions. I'm a big believer in travel being an excellent education and am happy to help you figure out which tours will be best for your student.

For now, welcome back! I'm looking forward to this school year and hope you are too. Never hesitate to reach out and I wish you relaxation and joy these last days of summer.

Best wishes,
Sharon Black, M.A.
skblack@washoeschools.net

GALENA HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027

SCHOOL BREAK PLANNER

A HELPFUL RESOURCE FROM THE **GALENA HIGH SCHOOL 5-STAR BOOSTERS**



LABOR DAY

September 7



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

January 18



FALL BREAK

October 5–9



PRESIDENTS' DAY

February 15



NEVADA DAY

October 30



SPRING BREAK

March 22–April 2



THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 25–27



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 4



WINTER BREAK

December 18–Jan 1

Teacher Professional Development Days*

October 12* | November 3* | January 4*

★ SUPPORT GALENA. JOIN THE 5-STAR BOOSTERS. ★



Your membership helps fund student programs, staff appreciation, campus needs and school-wide events.

SUPPORT STUDENTS ★ APPRECIATE STAFF ★ STRENGTHEN GALENA

JOIN TODAY!

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SCAN TO JOIN!

★ ASK ABOUT THE **EXTRACURRICULAR PASS** ADD-ON!

MEMBERSHIP MAKES MORE POSSIBLE AT GALENA.



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR
WWW.WCSD.ORG



“It’s Good to be a Grizz”

Be a part of it for 2026-27 as a FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO member!

We hope that you consider joining the **FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO** and donating to the **No Fundraiser, Fundraiser** 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 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 and fund teacher requests that support our students.
- **Raise money**-to help fund and support everything listed above that has a direct positive impact on our children.
- **2026-2027 Financial Goal:** Raise \$50,000

Ways to support 5-STAR Boosters/PTO and Galena High School

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| ☐ \$65: 5-STAR Boosters/PTO Membership: |
| ☐ BRONZE GRIZZLY \$115: 5-STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$65) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$50):
You will receive a Galena car decal & Clear Tote (While Supplies Last) |
| ☐ GOLD GRIZZLY \$215: 5-STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$65) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$150):
You will receive a Galena car decal, Clear Tote and T-shirt (While Supplies Last) |
| ☐ PLATINUM \$365: 5-STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$65) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$300):
You will receive a Galena car decal, Clear Tote, T-shirt and Paw Hoodie (While Supplies Last) |
| ☐ \$100: Extracurricular Pass: Entry for two into all regular home athletic games, along with the Fall and Spring Plays. NOT included is the Spring Musical. The pass supports theater productions, the fine arts department and the athletics department. |
| ☐ No Fundraiser Fundraiser Donation Only \$_____. Thank you, ANY amount is greatly appreciated and benefits the students! |

