

5-STAR BOOSTERS GRIZZLY GROWL

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Galena High School
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UPCOMING EVENTS

ACT Registration Deadline
for Oct. 17th Test
September 11th

5-Star Boosters Meeting
September 16th

SAT Registration Deadline
for Oct. 3rd Test
September 18th

Homecoming Week
September 21st-25th

Homecoming Dance
September 26th

Fall Break
October 5th-9th

Senior Portraits
October 13th

Nevada Day (No School)
October 30th



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5-STAR BOOSTERS

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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. My name is Michelle Simmons and I'm the Galena 5-Star Boosters President for the 2026-2027 school year. The Grizzly Growl is our monthly publication produced by Boosters. It's distributed digitally every month to keep our Grizzly families informed and involved.

Our Five Star Boosters organization is off to a great start. Thank you to everyone who has joined or has renewed their membership. **This is an annual membership, so we hope that you will consider joining.** We'd also like to thank our business sponsors who have purchased those great banners hanging on the fence outside the sports complex. 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](#) and [Instagram page](#) for school announcements and happenings.

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



GALENA HIGH SCHOOL
5-STAR BOOSTERS

2026-2027 Executive Board & Committee Chairs

EXECUTIVE BOARD	COMMITTEE CHAIRS
President Michelle Simmons	Membership Committee Anthony Brooks
Vice President Open Position	Senior Events Committee Lanie Chickanosky & Karel Malloy
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	Hospitality Committee Jackie Sheppard
	Scholarship Kristine Kinne

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

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.

September 16th @ 5:30pm
October 21st @ 5:30pm
November 18th @ 5:30pm

All Boosters members are
welcome to attend.



[CLICK HERE](#)



GHS 2026-2027 STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS



Galena leadership is hard at work this September. Our Student Body President, Ella Walker, has been working hard on getting riot squad back up and running. They've officially announced game themes, and student section rules. They have also gotten a group together to be the riot squad and even found yellow men and a mascot for football games! We have also officially picked a homecoming theme and are now working on our hallway decorations, dress up days, hand outs, ticket sales and more! Every leadership member is hard at work to make sure homecoming this year is awesome!

Rachel Babian - GHS Student Body Historian

Homecoming Dance September 26, 2026

- Galena High School courtyard 7pm-10pm
- Tickets on Sale 9/16/26 @ Lunch
- Prices: 9/16-9/18: \$15
- 9/21-9/25: \$20
- Door: :\$25



Campus Access Update from Mr. Tanner - Dean

Galena High School will have fully implemented its **single-point entry procedures** as of Monday, August 31. Students who arrive late need to show a **valid student ID** and enter through the school's main doors.

The pedestrian gate near the **Rolling Hills neighborhood** and the gate by the **staff parking lot** will remain locked from **8am to 2pm**. On **Early Release Wednesdays**, the gates will remain locked until **1:20pm**.

Staff will continue to coordinate access for field trips, athletic events, and school buses, and the back gate may be opened as needed.

Thank you for your support.

Greetings from the library!

We hope your students' first weeks of school have been positive. It's been a joy to see so many returning faces in the library this year. I wanted to share a bit of information about our services and how we work.

First, know that we are here to serve, help, and support your students through their four years of high school. If they are ever unsure of something, they are welcome to stop by, and we will help them find the answer. We, of course, have books for checkout. Students can have them for three weeks and then should renew them to avoid late fees. Late fees are 10 cents a day but stop at \$2. It's meant to be an easy way to fund our games, raffles, and prizes, but if it's EVER a hardship, just let me know. It's not meant to be.

New Books! We have new books that will hopefully interest even our reluctant readers. **We also have audiobooks and e-books available.** We have a large assortment of graphic fiction, short books, sports books, horror, romance, nonfiction, science fiction, mysteries, etc. We aim to have something for everyone. And, of course, if there is ever something your student would like to read, I'm beyond happy to purchase it for our library so they can.

Our Book Club meets 7th period in the library. Students in this club read a book a month together. Then we record our conversations about the novels for our podcast, ***What a Circus***, available wherever podcasts are found. **In September, we will be reading *The Midnight Library*.** If you are interested, pick up a copy and read it along with your student. It will generate a good deal of conversation!



Should you have any questions, never hesitate to reach out to me at skblack@washoeschools.net.

Best wishes for a happy fall,

Ms. Black

DMV Attendance Form



Is your student planning to get their Driver's Permit anytime soon? Don't forget they will need a signed [DMV Attendance Form](#). You may download it and then 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 pay and fill out the form. **Once you have completed Steps 1 & 2, please see Mr. Tanner in the Den to collect your permit.**

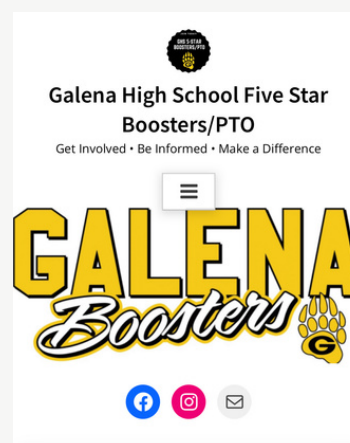
2026–2027 Yearbook

Yearbook purchases for the 2026–2027 school year have been added to student class fees in Infinite Campus (IC). Families may choose to purchase the yearbook or opt out. **Yearbooks are \$85.**

Yearbooks may be purchased through your IC Portal, or students may bring payment directly to the bookkeeper's office during the school day.

If you have questions about the yearbook charge or any other fee listed in Infinite Campus, please contact Wendy Sullivan at wsullivan@washoeschools.net.

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.](#)

9th Grade Family Update

We're off to a great start with the Class of 2030! As we settle into the school year, here are a few important reminders and upcoming events for our freshman families. Now is a great time to begin checking Canvas and Infinite Campus regularly with your student.

- Canvas – Assignments, class materials, and other information from their teachers.
- Infinite Campus (IC) – Monitor grades, attendance, and missing assignments.
- If you do not have access to your IC account, contact Esmeralda Dukes in the Galena Den.
E.ArteagaDukes@WashoeSchools.net
- Students who need help with Canvas, their computer login, passwords, or other technology issues should stop by the library for support.

Freshman Seminar

We are thrilled to be offering four sections of Freshman Seminar this year, giving 9th graders an opportunity to connect with their peers during 7th period while building skills and confidence for a successful transition to high school. Senior Lucie Withers recently spoke with students and shared her tips for being successful at Galena, along with some of the things she wishes she had known as a freshman. We're looking forward to welcoming more guest speakers throughout the year..

 **SAVE THE DATE:** Freshman Night Friday, September 4th

Join us for Freshman Night at the Varsity Football Game as the Grizzlies take on Reed High!

 **Wear neon** to be a part of the RIOT Squad

 Student Admission: Freshmen who have paid the \$25 activity fee and have the special hole punch, attend the game FREE. If your student has not paid the activity fee, admission to the game is \$5. We encourage Freshman to sit together and be part of the RIOT Squad. Mrs. Royce and Ms. Mitchell will be there to welcome our freshmen and cheer them on.

Academic Support & Tutoring

If your student is struggling in a class, the first step is to encourage them to meet with their teacher during 7th Period Academic Success. Students may obtain a pass from their teacher for additional help and support. If your student needs more individualized assistance beyond what can be provided during 7th Period, please contact Ms. Mitchell. We can connect your student with a peer tutor for one-on-one support during 7th Period or after school.

9th Grade Team

Clara Mitchell, 9th Grade School Counselor CEMitchell@WashoeSchools.net

Maria Royce, Administrator and Dean for 9th and 11th Grades Maria.Royce@WashoeSchools.net

Jump Start College

Dual credit classes are a great way for high school students to get a jump start on college. These courses let you earn both high school and college credit at the same time, which means you can explore college level work while still in high school. Dual credit may even allow you to save some money on future tuition. The TMCC Jumpstart program along with UNR's Dual Credit program are popular among Galena students. The [Counseling Page](#) on the Galena Website has more information on both programs.



Will Your Dual Credit Classes Transfer?

Transferology is a free nationwide tool that helps students see how their dual credit classes may transfer to colleges. Students can compare their courses with about 400 schools nationwide and see what credit they may receive. Because transfer policies vary by college, you may also go to each individual college to review their transfer requirements. [Click here to learn more.](#)

PSAT/NMSQT

What is the PSAT?

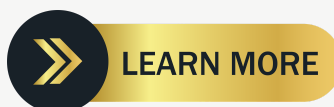
The PSAT is a practice test that gives students an early benchmark for the SAT. It also helps identify academic strengths and areas for improvement, and supports thoughtful college planning. **Sophomores** may take the PSAT for **free at Galena High School** and use their results to guide future SAT preparation.

Juniors may take the PSAT/NMSQT, which also serves as the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program and can open the door to scholarship opportunities and national academic recognition.

The PSAT will be administered at Galena High School in October.

- The Registration link will be released soon.
- Sophomores: Free
- Juniors: \$18 testing fee

Click the link to learn more about the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, including test prep and practice, test day information, and scores and scholarships.



ACT/SAT Testing and Bootcamps



ACT/SAT Bootcamp Opportunities

TWO UPCOMING LOCAL PREP OPTIONS

Reno High School

ACT/SAT Bootcamp

395 Booth Street
Reno, NV 89509

\$499 Live Weekend Course

\$119 Optional Online Supplement: 6 Months Access

SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2026

3-DAY, 20-HOUR WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, September 11th — 4 PM–8:30 PM

Saturday, September 12th — 9 AM–6 PM (lunch break 1–2)

Sunday, September 13th — 9 AM–6 PM (lunch break 1–2)

REGISTER NOW

Bishop Manogue Catholic High School

ACT/SAT Bootcamp

110 Bishop Manogue Dr.
Reno, NV 89511

\$499 Live Weekend Course

\$119 Optional Online Supplement: 6 Months Access

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026

3-DAY, 20-HOUR WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, September 18th — 4 PM–8:30 PM

Saturday, September 19th — 9 AM–6 PM (lunch break 1–2)

Sunday, September 20th — 9 AM–6 PM (lunch break 1–2)

REGISTER NOW

50% OFF THE BOOTCAMP

Coupon Code: **GO GRIZZLIES**

Resource provided by the Galena High School 5-Star Boosters



SAT Dates and Deadlines Fall 2026

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 12	August 28	September 1
October 3	September 18	September 22
November 7	October 23	October 27
December 5	November 20	November 24



ACT National 2026-27 Test Dates & Deadlines

ACT National Test Date

September 19, 2026

October 17, 2026

December 12, 2026

February 27, 2027

April 10, 2027

June 12, 2027

July 10, 2027

Regular Registration Deadline

August 14, 2026

September 11, 2026

November 6, 2026

January 22, 2027

March 5, 2027

May 7, 2027

June 4, 2027



CAREER CENTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

News, events, and opportunities to support students and families.

COMING UP

September 1	During Lunch University of Nevada
September 8	During Lunch TMCC College Recruiter
September 15	During Lunch Northwestern University
September 22	During Lunch TMCC College Recruiter
October 1	6:00 PM FAFSA Night
October 16	During Lunch University of San Diego
October 18	College Fair Reno-Sparks Convention Center
October 19	9:30–10:00 AM Boise State University
October 19	7th Period University of Wisconsin
October	Date TBD Southern Utah University

SENIOR CHECKLIST

- ☐ Review college and application deadlines
- ☐ Begin college applications
- ☐ Make a list of scholarships and deadlines
- ☐ Make a list of tests you'll take, fees, dates, and registration deadline
- ☐ Ask a counselor or teacher for recommendations if you need them

OPPORTUNITIES

NEVADA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP Application Now Open

Seniors considering attending a Nevada community college should apply for the Nevada Promise Scholarship.

Eligible students may receive up to three years of tuition assistance, and mandatory registration fees will be covered.

Considering TMCC or another Nevada community college? Apply and keep this opportunity open.

PARENT NEED-TO-KNOW

3 THINGS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 1	FAFSA Night 6:00 PM
OCTOBER 18	College Fair Reno-Sparks Convention Center
NOW	Nevada Promise Scholarship application is open

Encourage your student to attend college visits that interest them.

RESOURCE PROVIDED BY THE 5-STAR BOOSTERS

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Class of 2027 Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 2 1st-25th: Homecoming Week
- Sept. 25th: ID Makeup 8-3pm Theater Lobby
- Sept. 25th: Homecoming Assembly
- Sept. 26th: Homecoming Dance
- Sept : Senior Activity TBD

OCTOBER

- Oct. 5th-9th: Fall Break
- Oct. 12th: Professional Day (No School)
- Oct. 13th: Sr Portraits 8-2:30pm in Gov. Class
- Oct. 20th: Senior Panoramic @ Football field
- Oct. : Senior Trunk or Treat TBD

Please follow the Galena High School Class of 2027 Parents Facebook page for information about senior activities and events. [Class of 2027 Senior Parents FB Page](#)

Senior Sunrise for the Class of 2027



Thank you Senior Parents!!

2026-2027 Senior Information:

All photography sales and informational correspondence are done digitally by Lifetouch/Prestige. They send this information to the address provided by parents to the district/school site. Please make sure you know which address you have provided so that you receive this information as Galena does not handle sales or customer service regarding photography purchases or account access.

Senior Portraits

Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 from 8AM to 2:30PM SCHEDULE TBD. If you are not scheduled for an in person class on this date - please show up at any time on this date to have your senior portrait taken.

All portrait sessions will be taken by Prestige on campus in the theater lobby.

If you choose to go with another photographer - you must submit a pose with either a tux/drape on a blue backdrop. All senior portraits are due January 11th 2027 - no exceptions! Please make all pose selections by this date!

Senior Panoramic

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 ----- on the Football Field bleachers.

Senior Ads

All senior ads must be purchased by December 18th 2026!
Submit photos/text after purchase with the bookkeeper to:
caitlin.beall@washoeschools.net
by January 11th 2027.

Full page - \$400 - 9 photos - 250 word max text dedication
1/2 page - \$200 - 7 photos - 250 word max text dedication
1/4 page - \$100 - 6 photos - 250 word max text dedication

Please note that ad purchases DO NOT include a yearbook. Yearbooks must be purchased separately.

Senior Quotes

Please email all senior quotes to: caitlin.beall@washoeschools.net by January 11th 2027 - no exceptions!



GHS 2026-2027

Student Club News

Speech and Debate

Galena will be hosting our first Speech and Debate tournament in many years and we need volunteers. The tournament runs over the course of two days:

- October 16: 2:30pm - 10pm
- October 17: 7:30am - 9pm

We are weakest in judging numbers for later rounds on Friday and Saturday, but need judges across all times. You can sign up for judging at [this link](#), and you can indicate multiple time slots throughout the times above.

You do not need to have experience to judge speech and debate tournaments. We will provide training onsite before rounds. Because this is our first tournament, I am hoping to gather a large quantity of judges to make sure the tournament runs smoothly.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you are unavailable to judge, or want to help in other ways too, we will be looking for food donations for our snack bar.

Lindsey Sanford
775-830-6327
Sanford.Lindsey@gmail.com

Galena Athletics



Does your student play a Winter sport such as basketball, cheer, skiing or wrestling? You can begin registration now. See the [Galena Athletics page](#) for details. Athletes 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. To get cleared for the sports season, your physical exam must fall within these dates:

2026-2027 Physical Exam Dates

- Winter Sports: Feb 27, 2026 - Nov 14, 2026
- Spring Sports: May 15, 2026 - Feb 13, 2027

Note: Physical exams between May 15, 2026 - Aug 1, 2026 will be valid for all three sports seasons.



"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! |

