



**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:20  
STUDENTS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF NO  
LATER THAN 8:15 TO BE IN CLASS ON TIME.**

## Principal's Corner

This past month, we crossed the midpoint of Trimester 1 and are moving toward the end of the term on November 22. Watch for information in coming weeks for Student-Led Conferences which will be held in December.

A major focus of effective middle schools is dealing with the challenges of young adolescence. One method of recognizing and attending to the needs of these kids is through our Advisory program. Conducted for the first half hour each day in September and then Mondays and Friays for the rest of the year, Advisory provides time for students to develop organizational skills, team identity, and core values.

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, our students participate in Access classes to start the day. These classes are intentionally created to provide support for students who need additional time or instruction, enrichment for students seeking additional challenges, and alternative classes for those looking for variety to their learning. We provide support in reading, writing, organization and fitness; enrichment in entrepreneurship, math, independent projects, speech and debate, music, STEM and leadership; and many other diverse classes beyond the traditional courses.

Through advisory and Access classes, we work hard to provide the proper amount of support and challenge for all of our students to more fully round out their learning.

Gordon Grissom

## Renovation Update

The expansion and renovation continues in full force at Sacajawea. In recent weeks, interior walls and rough-ins (electrical, plumbing, HVAC) have been added in the new classrooms in the 7th grade wing. The bricks are going up on the exterior of the 6th grade wing and the joists and decking are being added to the new 8th grade classrooms. The walls are beginning to take shape on the elective wings, and the footings are being backfilled for the gym/music extension. A lot is happening!

## Veterans Day Assembly

All current and previous members of the armed forces are invited to our annual Veterans Day Assembly at 8:30 on November 11. A tradition of our school, we welcome all family members who have served on behalf of our country as we honor your commitment.

## PAC News

**Claire Vlases**, an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at SAC spoke at the October PAC meeting about her "**Solar Makes Sense**" Project. She is working to raise funds to incorporate solar panels into the new construction. Claire has partnered with **Bozeman School Foundation** to raise funds to further her solar project. You can read more about **Claire's** efforts at:

<http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/education/sacajawea-student-makes-pitch-for-solar-panels/article>

### Annual Contribution Drive & Cornerstone Campaign

Thank you for your contributions and support for the annual fall fund drives. **SMS** teachers and staff have submitted several requests for the current school year. **PAC** along with **Gordon Grissom** are reviewing each request and plan to allocate funds once all contributions have been collected. It is not too late to make a contribution! Contributions are tax-deductible and matching corporate donations are gladly accepted. To make a contribution with a credit card please click on the following link or send a check payable to **SMS PAC** to school.  
<https://squareup.com/market/sacajawea-middle-school-parent-advisory-council>

### Volunteers Needed!

- Snack Bar - afternoon shift: 3:10 – 3:45pm
- Volunteer Coordinator – Manage volunteer requests with sign-up Genius.
- Spirit Night Coordinators – Annual February event that provides SMS students and clubs to raise fundraisers for their specific programs and activities.
- Treasurer Shadow – Shadow outgoing treasure Gary Hellenga to assume role next fall

For more information, please contact **Julianne Williams** at 406-599-2355 or <http://volunteers4sms@gmail.com>

### Need Your Input!

The next **PAC Meeting** is Nov 21<sup>st</sup> from 12 – 1pm. **PAC** is looking for suggestions for guest speakers and topics for future meetings. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please email any officer with your suggestions.

Co-Chair **Becky Ellig** – [k12m09@msn.com](mailto:k12m09@msn.com)

Co-Chair **Julianne Williams** – [williams.julianne@gmail.com](mailto:williams.julianne@gmail.com)

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### Surveillance Cameras

Additional surveillance cameras have recently been added in the public areas of *Sacajawea*. The intention of the cameras, placed in the hallways and commons areas, is to provide greater safety and security to our building and for our students. Please contact **Gordon Grissom** if you have any questions at [Gordon.grissom@bsd7.org](mailto:Gordon.grissom@bsd7.org) or 522-6470.

### Attendance

Just a reminder, that if your child is missing school due to a medical appt. (dentist, orthodontist, PT, counseling, doctor, etc.), please bring in a note for that appointment and we will mark it as a medical excuse for the duration of the appointment, which will not count against the 10 day total absences for the year.

We are pleased to announce the addition of **Katie Whisenand** to the SMS staff as the attendance liaison. **Katie** will work mornings at *SMS* and afternoons at *CJMS* as a Communication Arts teacher. **Welcome Katie!**

### Box Tops for SMS Library

Please remember to send your Box Tops to the SMS library. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ and benefits the school library. For more information about Box Tops and participating products, please visit the BTFE.com website. Thanks for supporting the library!

### Scholastic Book Fair

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in the library from **Tuesday, Dec. 6** through **Tuesday, Dec. 13**. The fair will be open during **Student-Led Conferences** and the library staff will be on hand to help you with your holiday shopping. Credit cards will be accepted and free gift wrapping will be available.

### SMS Food Drive

SMS is conducting a food drive November 5-19 with all contributions going to the **Gallatin Valley Food Bank**. Send nonperishable foods with your student to demonstrate community spirit and compassion as the holidays approach.

### Private Boarding Schools

There are a number of boarding schools across the United States that recruit students from the Bozeman area. Admission counselors from Cate, Thacher, and St Andrew's will meet with interested parents and students the evening of November 7<sup>th</sup>, time and location to be announced. For more

information contact Mark Salo at 522-6420 or [mark.salo@bsd7.org](mailto:mark.salo@bsd7.org).

### Europe Trip 2017

There is still time to sign up for the Europe trip to Spain, France and Germany leaving June 16th. Please contact your Language Teacher for details. [sally.bell@bsd7.org](mailto:sally.bell@bsd7.org), (French) [dena.gross@bsd7.org](mailto:dena.gross@bsd7.org) (Spanish) or [krista.steudel@bsd7.org](mailto:krista.steudel@bsd7.org) (German)

### Love and Logic Class

Want to matter more than your child's friends? Want your child to be more responsible? If so, the upcoming **SMS Love and Logic class** for parents may be for you! The class is only two Saturday mornings, **November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 1pm**, in the **SMS Library**, \$10 total. Spots are filling fast- sign up at [allthrive.org](http://allthrive.org) For this any other parenting tips please contact your **SMS Parent Liaisons, Libby Hansen and Ashley Mares Jones** through the Main SMS Office, 522-4230 or directly at Thrive at 922-4230.

### SMS Clothes Closet

Throughout the year, some students at **SMS** need your support in having ample clothing and other items. The Counseling Office houses a Clothing Closet which holds donations of **new or slightly used** clothing items in the event that any student at SMS may need them. If you would be willing to support this effort to help address the specific needs of students as we are notified of them, please email **Karlina Popwell** at [fos2day@gmail.com](mailto:fos2day@gmail.com). Your consideration and generosity are greatly appreciated by the students and all those working to support them!

### Dates To Remember

November	3	SMS 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade B/C/O, Concert SMS Gym 7:30 pm
	7	SMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade B/C/O, Concert SMS Gym 7:30 pm
	11	Veterans Day Assembly, SMS Gym 8:30-9:30 am
	21	PAC Meeting 12:00-1:00 pm
	22	End of First Trimester
	23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
	28	PIR Day, <b>No School K-12</b>
December	1	SMS Jazz Band Concert, SMS Café 6:00pm
	6	Student-Led Conferences, All Day
	8	SMS 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr B/C/O Concert, SMS Gym 7:30 pm
	12	SMS Select Choir, Café 6:00 pm
	13	Student-Led Conferences, All Day
	19	6B – Bridger Bowl
	22 – Jan 2	Winter Break, <b>No School</b>



