

CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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THANKSGIVING VACATION

We will dismiss school on Tuesday, November 26 at 3:40 p.m. for our Thanksgiving break. Our buses will transport our students home at that time. There will be no school Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. School will resume on Monday, December 2. Have a great Thanksgiving weekend!

BPA NEWS

Our BPA organization will be selling wreaths and pastries. These orders will be delivered the first week of December. We are getting ready for our first competition Monday, December 16th in Baker (Regionals).

I am looking forward to great things from our students. If you have any changes to the calendar, please let us know as soon as possible.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th.

NOVEMBER MUSIC NEWS

Tri-County Honor Band Try-Outs are November 4th in Joliet. After the live auditions, a select group of students will be chosen to practice and go on tour with the 2025 Tri-County Honor Band. This year the group will be traveling to Minneapolis. Many fun adventures are planned for the trip including college visits and tourist destinations. Anyone interested in auditioning needs to let Mrs. Tunnell know ASAP so she can get you on the list. Being involved in Tri-County has been a privilege that Custer musicians have been involved with since the 1970s. What an amazing opportunity!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us on Thursday December 19th at 6:30pm for our Winter Music Concert. (This is a date change so mark your calendars!)

This event will include a Christmas Play by the 1st-4th graders, many fun holiday selections from the bands and choir, piano and guitar pieces and of course the Kinders! A special guest will be there as well, as long as nobody is on the naughty list! Ho Ho Ho!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Our Students of the Month for September
Elementary ~ Soren Olson & Kasen Keith
7-12 ~ Aubrey Allen



HALLOWEEN PARTY (Changed date)

This year's Halloween party will be **Thursday, October 31**. The party will begin at 2:00 to 2:15 for preschool and kindergarten students. The other grades will join us in intervals of 10-15 minutes. So mark your calendars and join us for the Halloween fun!

THANK YOU

We would like to thank those people for taking care of the chains and down box for our home football games and for our line judges at all of our home volleyball games. Also, we thank everyone who took gate tickets during the season.

You are so much appreciated for everything you do for our school.

We appreciate all of the different organizations that helped with the concessions at all of our home games.

A **big thank you** goes out to our parents and fans for supporting and encouraging our young people this season in volleyball and football. Your support of our students and school is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL VISITORS

ALL PARENTS and VISITORS to the Custer School **must** sign in at the front office desk each time they enter the school building. We are making every attempt to protect our students from any unknown visitor and to prevent interruption of the classes.

PHONE CALLS

School telephones are business phones and should be used as such. Children will be permitted to use the phone **only when necessary**. Plans for after school activities should be made at home, before the child comes to school for the day. Parents may call the school anytime and messages will be delivered to the child or the teacher. Please do not ask teachers or children to come to the phone during the time that school is in session as this disrupts the learning process.

COLD WEATHER DRESS

As we get later into the fall and the temperatures begin to drop, parents need to make sure their children are adequately dressed to travel on our buses. Students should have a coat, gloves/mittens and boots when riding our route and activity buses. It is also a good idea for our student athletes to carry a blanket with them when they travel on activity trips. We want to make sure our students are adequately prepared as they travel on our buses. Although we hope it never happens, should a bus become inoperable, they cool very quickly.

ATHLETIC GAME CHANGES

Rebel athletic schedules are always changing. A great way to check our announcements everyday is by going into our website and looking under announcements or under athletics in our weekly bus schedule. There you will find out information better about what is happening everyday in our school. Our website is: www.custerschools.org

There you can also find other news and sports schedules.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

On November 3, remember to change your clocks back one hour.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will be Monday, November 11 at 10:00 am.

CLASS OF 2026

The Junior Class would like to thank Jason and Brandyn Gasvoda for donating the beef for the raffle. Congratulations to CJ Mitchell for purchasing the winning ticket and a thank you to everyone that supported the Junior Class.

CLASS OF 2028

The Class of 2028 would like to thank everyone who supported the Cowpie Bingo fundraiser. The winner was Carolyn Benjamin! Big thanks go to Brady and Brenna Ruff for transporting panels and a heifer for the event.

The Class of 2028 would also like to thank Valley Farmer for donating supplies and cooking the burgers and hot dogs at the Oct. 18 football game. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!

Counselor Corner

November is National Scholarship month. All 7-12th grades students have a Google Classroom Advisory from the counselor that information will be posted to.

MAST testing is continuing through November 22nd for grades 3-8. We are excited to provide your child's score reports through a secure website called Kite® Parent Portal! Kite Parent Portal allows you to access your child's score reports from all assessments administered through the Kite Student Portal. To get started, please watch this introductory video to learn about Parent Portal: <https://vimeo.com/905694120>. When ready, access the Parent Portal at <https://parentportal-testlet.kiteaai.org>. Enter your email address registered with your child's school district in the Email Address field. You will then be emailed an access code that is valid for 24 hours. If you have issues logging in, please contact Mrs. Torralba at couns@custerschools.org.

Students who are interested in college credit courses for the spring semester, enrollment opens November 6th. Please work with Mrs. Torralba to get registered for courses.

CUSTER COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL SUPPORT FOUNDATION

The Custer Community and School Support Foundation is holding their Annual Holiday Dinner Dance on November 30, 2019. It will be at the Lake Hills, Pronghorn Restaurant, 1930 Clubhouse Way in Billings MT. Social hour starts at 6PM, Dinner at 7PM and Dance to the Hellroaring Band at 8PM. Price is \$65 a plate for the prime rib dinner. There will be a silent auction with many wonderful baskets available to bid on. This is the Foundation's way to raise money for the community and school needs. Hope to see you there.

Call Kathy Ruff – 856-4129/749-6063 with any questions.

SMORGASBORD DINNER AND BAZAAR

The Custer Congregational Church Smorgasbord Dinner and Bazaar will be on November 10th from 12-4pm. There will be a quilt raffle and prices are \$13 for Adults and \$7 for 6-12 and 5 and under is free. Please come join us for a wonderful meal.

BUS TRANSPORTATION RULES & REGULATIONS

Drivers are not to text or talk on the phone while driving the school bus. Please don't attempt while drivers are on duty. Thank you.

Prior to Boarding the School Bus

1. Be on time and waiting for the bus at the approved school bus stop.
2. Stay out of the road while waiting for the bus.
3. Do not participate in horseplay or destroy surrounding property.
4. Wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before attempting to board the bus.
5. Do not run toward the bus in an effort to be the first to board the bus.

While Riding the School Bus

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and students. Students will comply promptly and cheerfully, with any request made by the driver.
2. At the discretion of the driver, students will observe classroom conduct while on the bus.
3. Students must be on time. The bus cannot wait for those who are tardy.
4. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited.
5. Outside of ordinary conversation, students will observe classroom conduct while on the bus.
6. Students will not throw waste paper or other debris on the floor of the bus.
7. Arms or heads will not be extended out of bus windows at any time.
8. Students will not get on or off, or move about within the bus while it is in motion.
9. Any damage to the bus will be reported to the driver at once.
10. Students may not reserve seats.
11. Students will adjust windows only when instructed to do so by the bus driver.
12. Students must be absolutely quiet while the bus is stopped at a railroad crossing.
13. Students may not board or depart the bus at a stop other than their own without parental permission.
14. Students will not eat any food or snacks or drink beverages on the bus unless permitted to do so by the driver. There will be no sunflower seeds at any time.
15. Students will not exit from the emergency exits.

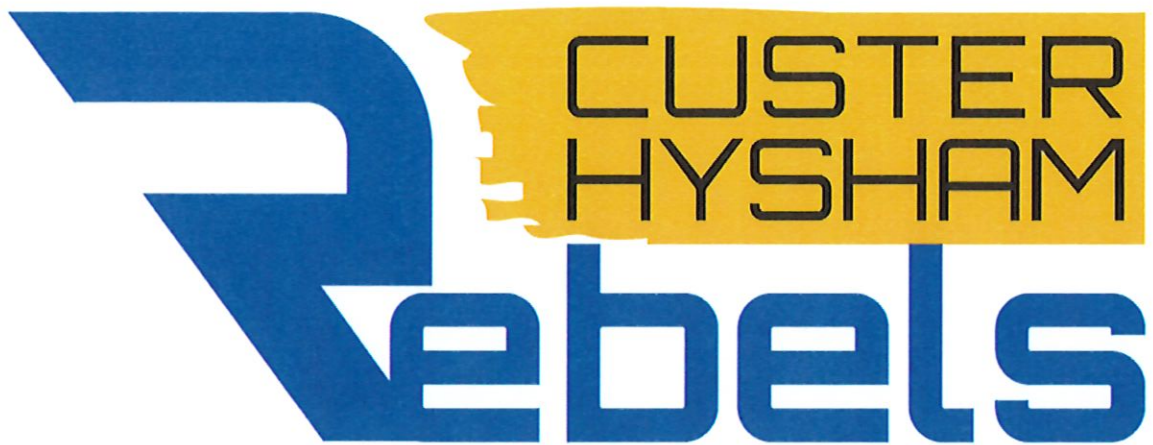
After Leaving the School Bus

1. Do not rush or push while unloading from the bus.
2. When crossing in front of the bus, always watch for the driver to give the "all clear" signal before crossing.
3. Students should go directly from their bus stop to their home.

What Can Parents Do?

The interest and assistance of each parent is a valued asset to the Transportation Program. Your interest on safety and your emphasis on proper behavior while riding a school bus are appreciated by your school bus driver. The following suggestions are ways in which you can assist the Transportation Program.

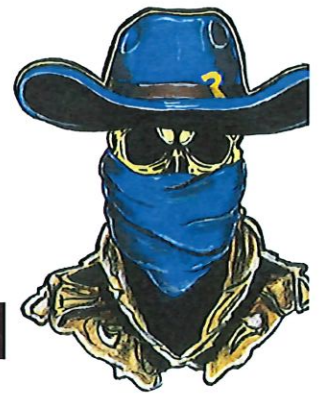
1. Assist your student in planning a route to and from the bus stop, what the student should do at the stop until the bus arrives, and what to do if the bus does not arrive.
2. Be sure that your student is at the bus stop five minutes before the bus arrives and appropriately dressed for weather conditions. Consider severe weather conditions if the bus is stalled or delayed.
3. Inform the school personnel if you plan to pick up your student at school or wish to have your student leave the bus at a point other than the regular stop.
4. Encourage your students to go directly to the bus stop and come home immediately after getting off the bus. An unusual delay should be immediately investigated with a phone call to the person in charge of school transportation.
5. Encourage your student to behave properly on the bus and respect the driver; begin by knowing the driver. The driver of the bus is knowledgeable and skilled in bus operation. Safe bus operation is dependent on the behavior of those being transported.
6. In case of illness of your student, the driver or school official will notify you.



2024-2025 REBEL JH BASKETBALL

Date:	Time:	Opponent:	Location:
9-Oct-24 JH(G) 14-Oct- JH(B)	TBA	practice begins	TBA
18-Oct-24	1:00/2:15/3:30/4:45	Terry	Hysham
19-Oct-24	1:00/2:15/3:30/4:45	Sacred Heart	Custer
26-Oct-24	11:00/12:15/1:30/2:45	Plevna	Custer
Tues October 29	2:30/3:45/5:00/6:15	Forsyth	Hysham
2-Nov-24	1:00/2:15/3:30/4:45	Ekalaka	Ekalaka
8-Nov-24	2:30/3:45/5:00/6:15	Wibaux	Custer
9-Nov-24	1:00/2:15/3:30/4:45	Broadus	Broadus
15-Nov-24	2:30/3:45/5:00/6:15	Jordan	Jordan
16-Nov-24	1:00/2:15/3:30/4:45	Terry	Terry
Fri-Sat Nov 22-23	TBA	JH Tournament	Sacred Heart-MC

REBELS 2024



2024-2025 HS Basketball

Date:	Time:	Opponent:	Location:
21-Nov-24	TBA	practice begins	TBA
12/6-7/2024	TBA	RP Opener Tourney	Reed Point
12/13-14/2024	TBA	Tip-off Tournament	Broadview/Lavina
20-Dec-24	2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30	Roberts	Custer
3-Jan-25	2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30	Harlowton	Harlowton
4-Jan-25	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00	RPR	Custer
11-Jan-25	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30	Roberts	Roberts
17-Jan-25	2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30	Forsyth	Hysham
18-Jan-25	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00	Melstone	Melstone
24-Jan-25	2:00/3:30/5:00/6:20	Broadview-Lavina	Custer
25-Jan-25	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00	Northern Cheyenne	Busby
31-Jan-25	2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30	Harlowton	Hysham
1-Feb-25	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00	RPR	Reed Point
7-Feb-25	2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30	Forsyth	Forsyth
8-Feb-25	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00	Melstone	Hysham
14-Feb-25	2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30	Broadview-Lavina	Lavina
15-Feb-25	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00	Northern Cheyenne	Hysham
2/20-22/2025		District Tourney	Lockwood
3/6-9/2025		Divisional Tourney	Lockwood
3/13-15/2025		State Tourney	TBD