

**CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT #15**  
**OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER**  
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**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28. Elementary parents will receive a scheduled time to meet with their child's teacher. Junior high and high school parents may come in at any time from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Parents that cannot meet with our teachers on this day can call the school office for a scheduled appointment with your child's teacher or teachers.

**TEACHERS' CONVENTION**

There will be no school on Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18 so that our teachers can attend professional development workshops in various communities throughout our state. The last day of the first quarter will be Wednesday, October 16.

**FALL CONCERT**

Our annual Fall Concert will be held Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 PM in our old gym. This concert will feature all music students in grades K-12. We will be selling caramel apples during the concert.

**PRESCHOOL SCREENING**



On Monday, October 7 there will be preschool screening starting at 12:00-2:00 for children ages 3-5 and will be held in the new lobby area. This screening is held to identify children with any disabilities, who may qualify for preschool services. Trained educators will evaluate children from ages 3 to age 5.

The screening is not intended for those children already enrolled in kindergarten. If you need to set up an appointment for your child or have any questions, please call Shari at the school. 856-4117

**Red Ribbon Week will be Thursday, October 24 thru Thursday, October 31**



This year's theme is Life Is a Movie! Film Drug Free. Live Drug Free. Dress up days will be in a poster attached to this newsletter. When dressing up for these days, all school dress code guidelines must be followed.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

This year's Halloween party will be Wednesday, October 30, because we will have kindergarten that day. 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!



**PICTURE RETAKES**

Retakes are scheduled for **Monday, November 11th** at 10:00 am.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Earn Cash for our School! No more clipping! All you need is your smartphone. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state of the art technology to scan your store receipt, find participation products add instantly and Box Tops to our school's earnings online. This money is put into the Elementary Fund and is used for field trips and our annual Field Day. Please download your Box Tops app today and help us earn money for our school!



## **ADDRESS CHANGES or NAME CHANGES**

If any family has an address or name change, please contact Shari in the office to get it changed. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please call Shari or Marynell at the school to give us your e-mail address.

## **ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

Parents that have not paid your activity accounts in full please note that we will be requiring payment prior to allowing your students to participate in activities or prior to you receiving any orders through the school. This includes payments for band instrument rentals, goods ordered through our school groups, and any other fees associated with school activities. Please get these paid up as soon as possible so your child may participate in all activities. Instrument rental is due by **October 7, 2024**.

## **LUNCH BILLS**

In an effort to keep our daily lunch program viable, we have determined that we need to take steps to collect lunch bills that are overdue. Essentially, if we don't get paid for food that we serve in a timely manner, we won't have funds available to pay for food in the future. Our lunch bill policy is as follows: When a family's lunch bill exceeds more than \$50.00 per student, we will notify you that your bill is overdue and that the bill must be paid within 30 days, or you must have established a plan to pay with the superintendent. Failure to pay, may result in your bill being turned into the collections service. Lunch bills will need to be paid **separately** from all of the other accounts. All checks can be made to the Custer School

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR BUS PROCEDURES**

In order for a parent to get his/her child off the extracurricular bus, the parent must, in writing, tell the coach/advisor that he/she is taking the child off the bus and assuming responsibility for the child. School personnel do not have the authority to allow a child to go home with another adult, even with a written note from the child's parent. If you are not going to be attending the extracurricular activity and plan to have your child ride home with another adult, please notify our superintendent **prior** to the bus departure time from our school.



In order for a parent to get his/her child off the extra-curricular bus, the parent must, in writing, tell the coach/advisor that he/she is taking them.

## **STUDENT BEHAVIOR AT EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

It is the parent's responsibility to monitor your children at extra-curricular activities. Children should not be running along the sidelines in the gym or at the football field while athletic contests are in session. We would appreciate children not being unsupervised in the lunch room, hallways and classrooms during activities. **PARENTS, PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN SITTING WITH YOU AT THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS.** If we continue to have children running around unsupervised during activities, we will ask them to leave.

## **THANK YOU**

The elementary staff and students would like to give a huge thank you to Levi & Anna Hein for the new trees in our playground! About a month ago, we were all about to melt in the heat, having only one tree for shade. We put out a request, and the Heins answered us. Not only did they purchase 3 new trees, but they also took time out of their busy schedules to plant them. Thank you, Anna & Levi & family! We appreciate your generosity!!!

## **ITALIAN SODAS AND PUNCH CARDS**

Our senior class is selling Italian cream sodas to students every other Wednesday this year during the high school lunch time. Elementary prices, no cream or whip cream will be for a single drink for \$3.50 – Cream and/or whip cream single drink for \$4.00.

Grades 7-12, no cream or whip cream for a single drink for \$4.50 – Cream and/or whip cream for \$5.00. Mix 3 flavors for free, each additional flavor is \$0.25.

Punch cards are available \$50.00 & \$40.00 for grades 7-12 and grades K-6 will be \$35.00 and \$40.00.

A senior will distribute the order form on Monday, all orders need to be paid by Tuesday, and orders will be delivered on Wednesday. You can also give the money to any one of the seniors. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Heil at the school.

## **THEATER CLUB**

Theater club will meet after school in the old gym Wednesday October 9th and 23rd.

Students fifth grade and up can join at any point in the year. Theater club signed up for concessions October 25th.

## **COUNSELOR CORNER**

Montana Aligned to Standards Testing (MAST) will begin the week of October 14th for our 3rd-8th grade students. These 15-30 minute testlets will be spread out over a few weeks and will be topic specific. This test is replacing the NWEA MAPS testing.

-Juniors will be taking the ASVAB test on October 30th at 10:00.

-Montana College Application week is October 30th-September 4th. Seniors can apply to any Montana college for free using the following link [ApplyMontana.mus.edu](http://ApplyMontana.mus.edu).

-Keep an eye out in report cards for information about Rural Behavioral Health Institute screening. 6th-12th grade students will take this screener to test for anxiety, depression, or suicidal thoughts. If your student scores high in any of these areas, you will be contacted and given additional resources to help your student.

-9th through 12th grade students are eligible for a free Level All profile. Level All and Reach Higher Montana have partnered to give Montana students access to in-state college and career readiness programs. The Level All platform can help guide students through preparing for life after high school. This is only free for a short amount of time.

Visit <https://www.levelall.com/montana> to sign up!

## **REBELS LIVE!**

The Rebel games in the new gym are now available on the NFSH Network with a subscription. Part of the subscription comes back to our school. Relatives can watch from anywhere they have Internet. The games are broadcast live. You will even be able to watch it in our lobby while you eat something from the concession stand!

We only broadcast the games that are in the new Custer gym. We may expand to football in the future. The games will be available for viewing following the games. It will be a great feature for grandparents and relatives who cannot make the games.

Go to [nfhsnetwork.com](http://nfhsnetwork.com) and sign up. You will be able to search for Custer High School. Or, here is the Custer High School link if you get this electronically:

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/support/custer-high-school-custer-mt?redir=https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/custer-high-school-custer-mt>



# Homecoming *Spirit Week*

SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 4

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## Monday

America Monday: Wear red, white, and blue

JVFB @ Pryor 4pm

JHFB @ Grass Range

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| <h2>Tuesday</h2> <p>Teacher Tuesday: Dress like your teacher</p>                            | <h2>Wednesday</h2> <p>Cat/Griz Day<br/>JHVB @ Custer</p> |
| <h2>Thursday</h2> <p>Rebel Day<br/>VB @ Custer<br/>Chili Cookoff<br/>Homecoming Bonfire</p> | <h2>Friday</h2> <p>FB @ Hysham</p>                       |

## Saturday

VB Tourney @ Bridger



# MUSIC NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

## WHAT'S GOING ON

Happy School Year!  
The music department has hit the year running and already has so many fun adventures planned.

### Oct 3- Chili Cook-Off!

After the Homecoming volleyball game, come to the park for our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off! Want to enter for a chance to win a prize? Drop your chill off at the park by 6:30pm. Our anonymous judges will pick a winner!

After dinner, we will head up to the football field for a bon fire and smore's. Come celebrate Homecoming!

--Let Mrs. Tunnell know if you are entering the chili competition!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT

3

Pep Band  
Chili Cook Off

OCT

4

Pep Band

OCT

8

Fall Concert

## FALL CONCERT

October 8th at 6:30pm!

All musicians K-12 are participating in our fall concert which celebrates Montana and the United States! You will hear music celebrating our love of state and country, hear fun facts about Montana and don't forget about caramel apples!!

## UPCOMING AUDITIONS/DATES

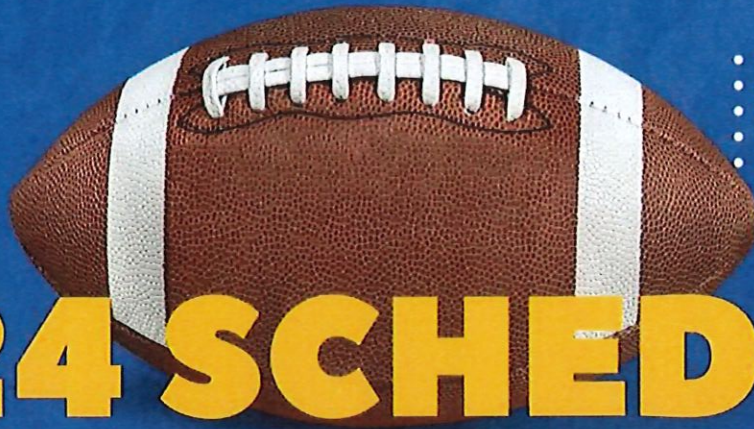
- All-Northwest Band-Due Oct 1
- Honor Band Auditions- Nov 4
- UofM Concert Band Days Nov 8-10
- Winter Concert - Dec 17

## CONTACT INFO

Email:  
[rtunnell@custerschools.org](mailto:rtunnell@custerschools.org)  
Phone:  
406-871-1696

# VOLLEYBALL REBEL 2024

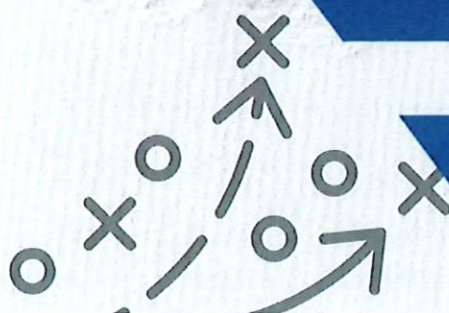
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| 30-Aug-24        | Roberts                     | Hysham             | 3/4/5:15/6:30            |
| 31-Aug-24        | Broadview Tournament        | Broadview          | TBA                      |
| 5-Sep-24         | Bridger                     | Bridger            | 3/4/5:15/6:30            |
| 7-Sep-24         | Absarokee                   | Absarokee          | 3/4/5:15/6:30            |
| 10-Sep-24        | Hardin v Varsity            | Hysham             | 5:00                     |
| 12-Sep-24        | Hardin (JH ONLY)            | Custer             | 4:00/5:00                |
| 14-Sep-24        | Melstone                    | Melstone           | 3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30      |
| 17-Sep-24        | Roberts (JH ONLY)           | Roberts            | 4:30/5:30                |
| 17-Sep-24        | Broadus                     | Miles City College | 230/400                  |
| 19-Sep-24        | Hardin (JH ONLY)            | Hardin             | 4:00/5:00                |
| 20-Sep-24        | Fromberg (JH ONLY JHA, JHB) | Fromberg           | 3:00/4:00                |
| 21-Sep-24        | Plenty Coup                 | Pryor              | 5:15/6:30                |
| 24-Sep-24        | Huntley JHB, JHA, Varsity   | Hysham             | 4:00/5:00/6:15           |
| 26-Sep-24        | Bridger                     | Hysham             | 3/4/5:15/6:30            |
| 28-Sep-24        | RPR                         | Custer             | 4/5/6:15                 |
| 2-Oct-24         | St Charles (JH ONLY)        | Custer             | 4:00/5:00                |
| 3-Oct-24         | Plenty Coup                 | Custer             | 4/5:15                   |
| 5-Oct-24         | Bridger Tournament          | Bridger            | TBA                      |
| 10-Oct-24        | Absarokee                   | Hysham             | 5:15/6:30 *senior night* |
| 11-Oct-24        | RPR                         | RPR                | 5:30                     |
| 12-Oct-24        | Roy/Winifred                | Winifred           | 5:00/6:15                |
| 15-Oct-24        | Roberts                     | Roberts            | 5:15/6:30                |
| 26-Oct-24        | Melstone                    | Custer             | 5:15/6:30 *senior night* |
| October 31-Nov-2 | Districts                   | Bridger            | TBA                      |
| 11/7-9/2024      | Divisional                  | Winifred           | TBA                      |
| 11/14-16/2024    | State                       | Bozeman            | TBA                      |



# 2024 SCHEDULE

Date Opponent Location Time

|            |                       |                        |           |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 31-Aug-24  | Strawn Texas          | Rocky Mountain College | 2:00      |
| 7-Sep-24   | Savage                | Savage                 | 4:30/7:00 |
| 13-Sep-24  | West Yellowstone      | Hysham                 | 4:00/7:00 |
| 19-Sept-24 | Plenty Coup (JH Only) | Plenty Coup (JH Only)  | 4:00      |
| 20-Sep-24  | Fromberg              | Fromberg               | 7:00      |
| 27-Sep-24  | Bridger               | Bridger                | 4:30/7:00 |
| 30-Sep-24  | Plenty Coup JV        | Plenty Coup            | 4:00      |
| 30-Sept-24 | Grass Range JH        | Grass Range            | 4:30      |
| 4-Oct-24   | Absarokee             | Hysham                 | 4:00/7:00 |
| 11-Oct-24  | RPR                   | RPR                    | 4:30/7:00 |
| 14-Oct-24  | Absarokee JV          | Custer                 | 5:00      |
| 18-Oct-24  | Broadview Lavina      | Custer                 | 7:00      |
| 25-Oct-24  | Shields Valley        | Custer                 | 7:00      |



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9/20/2024



Greetings Rebels Fans!

I am writing you with an exciting opportunity that is coming up for our Custer School Gymnasium and the Rebel sporting events.

More than 20 years ago, the Custer Cougars purchased padded gymnasium chairs for event use at the Custer School. While these chairs have served wonderfully for the Custer Community over the years, they are worn and rapidly breaking down.

The Custer Athletic Department is hosting a Sponsor-A-Chair Fundraiser to replace the event chairs. With a 100% tax deductible sponsorship of \$200.00 your family or business can sponsor a replacement chair for our community events and Rebel sporting events. But wait... There's more! If you choose to sponsor two new Rebel chairs, you can own a piece of history and take home one of the current Custer Cougar padded chairs.

This year we are excited to announce that we have an all new logo for our Co-Op. Hoping to unveil our branding at homecoming this year, we are excited to have the rebranding continue into basketball season with this new sideline hardware!

I have enclosed a sponsorship form with this letter. If you are interested in sponsoring a chair, you can fill it out and return to the Custer School c/o Adam Tunnell. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. I can be reached at [atunnell@custerschools.org](mailto:atunnell@custerschools.org), or directly at 406.871.1285.

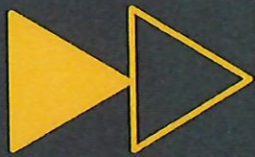
I am so excited to bring you this opportunity, and I look forward to bringing these chairs to the Custer School Gymnasium and Rebel Sports Teams.

Go Rebels!

Sincerely,

Adam Tunnell  
Custer School Athletic Director  
[Atunnell@custerschools.org](mailto:Atunnell@custerschools.org)  
Mobile – 406.871.1285





# LET'S TAKE OUR GYM



# TO THE NEXT LEVEL

**Sponsor**

**A**

**Chair**

**\$200/Chair**

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**36 Chairs  
Needed**



**Sponsor 2**

**Chairs = Free  
Gift of a  
Cougar  
Chair to  
Take Home!**

**Contact**

**Adam Tunnell**

**406-871-1696**

**atunnell@custerschools.org**

**NEW LOGO & REBEL  
DESIGNS**

**PERSONAL, FAMILY  
& BUSINESS  
SPONSORSHIPS  
AVAILABLE**

**TAX  
DEDUCTABLE**

**CUSTER REBELS  
CHAIR SPONSOR**



I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ (NUMBER) CHAIR(S) FOR THE CUSTER SCHOOL

DISTRICT WITH A DONATION OF \$200.00 FOR EACH CHAIR FOR A TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I HAVE ENCLOSED A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER WITH THIS LETTER FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT.

I WILL COME TO THE SCHOOL AND PAY WITH A CC. A 3% FEE WILL BE ADDED TO MY DONATION AT THE TIME OF PAYMENT.

## Sponsorship Information

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>Name/Business</b> |  |
| <b>Address</b>       |  |
| <b>Phone</b>         |  |
| <b>Email</b>         |  |

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