

# CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

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## WELCOME NEW STAFF

Mr. Morgan Manolis

Hello, my name is Morgan Manolis. I am the new Vo-Ag teacher and FFA advisor. I was born and raised in Hardin. Before attending Northwest Community College for welding, I worked at various farms and ranches. Since college I have been employed as a welder at Midland West Manufacturing, Absaloka Mine and most recently Manolis Welding Services. My wife, Shawnee and I have 3 daughters, Adelina (10), Josie (7) and Avery (4). I am looking forward to what this year brings.

Ms. Jillian Whalin

My name is Jillian Whalin and I am originally from Big Timber, Montana. I am new to this community, and now am working at the school as a paraprofessional. While doing this I am taking classes at Rocky Mountain College, getting my degree in Elementary Education. So far I love Custer and love working at the school getting to know all of your kids! My plan is to work here throughout my last two years of school and someday be a teacher.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures for the 2024-2025 school year have been scheduled for Monday, September 9 beginning at 8:00 am.

SAY CHEESE!



## STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT CUSTER SCHOOL

Currently in grades K-12 we have a total of 90 students attending school. We welcome all of you to Custer School!

Grades K-6 has 50 students / Grades 7-8 has 13 students / Grades 9-12 has 27 students.

## ACTIVITY TICKETS

Activity Tickets are available at the school. The purchase prices for tickets are:

Grades K-8 are \$35.00 – Grades 9-12 are \$45.00

Students must have these if they are playing football, volleyball or basketball. Activity tickets must be purchased in Custer or in Hysham before the first home game of the school year. Adult tickets are \$75.00 and senior citizens (60 years of age) is \$25.00.

## INSTRUMENT RENTALS

If your child in grades 7-12, rents an instrument, including drums, there is a rental fee of \$40.00 for the year. Please pay this amount before **Monday, October 7** as we are not letting our accounts go over a month due date on all activity accounts at Custer School. Thank you.

## **HOMECOMING CHILI COOK-OFF & BON FIRE**

Dust off your chili pots and find your best recipes!

The CHS band program is holding a chili cook-off on Thursday, October 3rd at the Park before the bonfire. It is free to enter your famous pot of chili and our anonymous judging panel will pick the winner but we will have a crowd favorite prize too!

Dinner starts at 7:00 pm so please plan to have your pot down to the park by 6:45 pm.

Meal Prices include roll and drink \$7 for a bowl of chili / \$25 for a family of 4.

Smores may be available to purchase that evening, TBD.

Come support your student musicians and enjoy the fun homecoming festivities!

## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Student Council is going to run a hat day fundraiser each day we have Friday school and a few random days if the month doesn't have a Friday school. Our first hat day is Friday, Sept. 6.

It's a dollar donation for students and staff to wear a hat for the day during school if they want. Teachers should collect money from your class at the start of the day. Hats should be school appropriate. NO drugs, alcohol, derogatory/defamatory statements.

## **FALL CONCERT**

Put Tuesday, October 8th on the calendar for our Fall Music Concert at 6:30.

Join us as the elementary students showcase what they have been learning in music class!

Enjoy our beginning band students as they show off their newly learned skills and finish the evening with our HS Band & Choir as they perform some fall favorites. There may even be a special guest performance!

Carmel Apples for sale and a 50/50 raffle to support the music program!

## **NEWSLETTERS**

The school newsletter will be sent free by e-mail to the parents of students attending Custer School or to anyone in our community. Please contact the office if you would like an e-mail sent to you or anyone wishing to receive the newsletter in print may purchase a subscription for \$12.00 a year.

The newsletter is also available on our website at [www.custerschools.org](http://www.custerschools.org)

## **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.

In the past our school has earned approximately \$100-\$200 each year. 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!

## **2023-2024 Yearbooks on Sale**

The 2023-2024 yearbooks are on sale for \$30.00 each. We have a limited supply. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, contact the school.

## **HOMECOMING**

Custer/Hysham Rebels Homecoming for the 2024 school year will be Thursday, October 3 (VB) in Custer - Friday, October 4 (FB) in Hysham and an away VB tourney in Bridger. Have a great season REBELS!

## **REBEL GAME SCHEDULES**

Please check our website to check on events and game changes daily. This will be our way to communicate to you what is happening at our school.

## **MEAL PROGRAM (LUNCH)**

Hot lunch is served each and every school day. Cost of lunch is \$2.70 for students in grades K – 6, \$3.10 for students in grades 7 – 12 and \$4.00 for adults/general public. Individual milk (extra) prices will be .40 per container. If you qualify under the reduced meals the cost for lunch is .40. Forms to apply for free or reduced are at the office.

### **(BREAKFAST)**

We have a breakfast program in the mornings before classes begin. Cost of breakfast for K-12 grades is \$1.45. Extra juice prices will be .25 per container. If you qualify for reduced the cost will be .30. Students can grab and go with their breakfast to their first period class. We ask that students get breakfast 10 minutes before the 8:00 bell rings. Meal bills are mailed home at the end of each month if you owe money. Parents may send money in advance and your account will be credited. **PLEASE KEEP LUNCH MONEY PAYMENTS SEPARATE FROM OTHER SCHOOL PAYMENTS!**

Our auditors have informed us we need to keep the lunch account separate from other accounts and there has to be a very clear accounting of all funds received into this account. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **SCHOOL BILLS**

We are asking all parents/guardians to make sure your child's bills are kept up to date. The district does not have the option of carrying past due bills. Our hot lunch program is not intended to make a profit and we have made every effort to keep the lunch and milk prices as affordable as possible. As a government agency we do not have the capacity to operate in the red. When unpaid bills become delinquent, we need to make efforts to collect on them. If parents/guardians refuse to pay the bills we have to balance funds by taking money from the General fund. This is essentially taking money from every student in the district to pay for someone else's obligation.

Parents that have not paid your activity accounts in full, please note that this year 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 by the start of school so that your students are able to participate in all activities.

## **CUSTER THEATER CLUB**

Custer theater club is ready to start the new school year and continue practicing our skills. Theater club is open to any Custer student fifth grade and up. No prior theater experience needed. Actors/actresses, stage hands, costume designers, set designers, etc are all welcome to come learn the ways of the stage. First meeting will be **September 11th after school in the old gym**. If you are interested in theater club, but cannot make it to this meeting, please see Mrs. Torralba to sign up. See you there!

## **BUS STUDENTS**

Parents, just a reminder to be sure your students riding the bus are ready and at their stop on time. We suggest a few minutes before the scheduled pickup time

## **MIDTERM GRADES**

The school will no longer be sending midterm reports home to parents. Teachers will still post midterm grades and our teachers are keeping up on entering grades weekly. Eligibility reports effective every Wed. at 8:00 am and we will still mail quarter and semester report cards.

I encourage to log into Infinite Campus to check on your child's grades often. Students also have access to Infinite Camus to view grades. If you are unsure how to log in or do not have a username and password, please see Shari Prokop for assistance.

**SPORTS SCEDULES ARE ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

**PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE TIMES AND PLACES  
HAVE NOT CHANGED.**

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