

CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT # 15
MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER
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GRADUATION

Eight seniors will graduate along with nine eighth grade students on Saturday, May 17, 2025 in our new school gym at 1:00 pm.

Our graduating seniors are Salem Allee, Addison Allen, Layne Duncan, Tavee Duncan, Taylor Gasvoda, Trey Watson, Natalee Yochum and Olivia Yochum.

Our graduating eighth grade students are Bryar Abel, Hunter Buller, Jaelynn Clark, Hugh Gasvoda, Blair Keller, Samuel Morgan, Bradley Mothershead, McKenna Sullins and Tera Watson.

Baccalaureate will be Sunday, May 4, at the Custer Congregational Church for the eighth-grade class, senior class, and their families. Baccalaureate will begin at 10:00 am.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

Congratulations to Kyla Stieg, Hudson Bogunovich
and Zach Bogunovich. Congratulations to all of you!

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale now at the school for the 2024-2025 school year. You may purchase them for \$25.00 now or after May 31, 2025 for \$30.00.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our last day of school will be Thursday, May 22. All students will turn in their books and check out with their teachers and the school office. School will be dismissed at 1:00 pm and our buses will transport our students home at that time.

A reminder to the parents and students of grades K-12: Please bring money for any book fines, library books, etc. that you will need to pay for before checking out of school.

Also, in the lost and found bin there are shoes, jackets, pants, shirts, etc. These items will go to Billings soon, if not taken home.

Parents, we ask that you pay **all bills** before your child checks out of school. There are still many bills that have not been paid. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

MUSIC NEWS

State Music Festival will be held in Billings – Friday, May 2.

Our Spring Concert will be held in Custer - Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 pm.

ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY

Our annual elementary field day will be held on Tuesday, May 20, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Please watch the weather so your child will be dressed appropriately for the day. Sunscreen, water bottles, and dressing in layers are a few suggestions to help your child have an enjoyable Field Day!

Ribbons and Prizes will be awarded Thursday, May 22, beginning at 9:00 am in the old gym.

ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC AWARDS

Custer School is putting on an elementary academic awards assembly for grades K-6 in the old gym on Wednesday, May 14 at 2:30 pm. This assembly will be to recognize students who have excelled in academic areas throughout the school year. Parents, family members and the community are invited to attend this event.

SCHOOL ELECTION

The Custer School election has been cancelled. Kasey Keith and Sara Stieg are elected by acclamation.

TRACK INFORMATION

Our high school District track meet will be Friday, May 9 in Laurel.

The Southern Divisional track meet for our varsity will be Thursday, May 15 in Laurel.

State track will be Friday, May 23 through Saturday, May 24 in Missoula

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

Please look in the lost and found bin located by the office. At the end of May, we will take the remaining items to Good Will if items are not claimed.

OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS

According to Custer School Board Policy 3141, all out-of-district transfer students need to reapply for admission every year. To bring us into compliance with the local and state policies, we will send out a form FP14.1 for you to fill out and send back to Marynell Perrin at the school. We would like to have them back by the 9th of June to be put on the agenda for the June 11th Board Meeting. Thank you for helping us comply with these requirements. Any questions call Lance Olson or Marynell Perrin 406-856-4117.

NEW KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026

New Kindergarten students will be attending school on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday of this coming school year for the first semester from 8:00 to 3:40. Second semester kindergarten will be in session four days. All new students are encouraged to register as soon as possible prior to the start of school. Please bring a copy of their social security and birth certificate when registering. The current immunization record turned into the office must be complete and have the required series of immunization shots prior to enrollment. **It would be helpful if we have this information by June 2, 2025. This also helps the teacher plan for the coming year.**

IMMUNIAZATION REMINDER FOR 6TH GRADERS

The State of Montana requires that all students entering the 7th grade receive a Tdap vaccine. When you go for your sport physicals this spring, ask for this vaccine. Whenever you receive the vaccine, please bring in the documentation to the office. This vaccination is required before the start of our 2025-2026 school year.

SPRING ATHLETIC BANQUET

TBD at a later date. This event will be held in Hysham.

Gear Up for Driver Education: Preparing Tomorrow's Safe Drivers

Must be born before January 6, 2011 to participate

Custer High School is proud to announce the 2025 Traffic Safety Education Program, starting this June. This CDTP Certified course complies with all Montana Office of Public Instruction requirements and focuses on creating not just competent drivers, but responsible citizens.

Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting

All students and at least one parent/guardian must attend our kickoff meeting on June 1, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Custer School Gymnasium lobby. During this essential session, we'll review program requirements, complete necessary paperwork, and discuss parent participation expectations.

Program Highlights

- \$200 fee for Custer/Hysham students (\$250 for out-of-district)
- 42 classroom hours and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction
- Minimum 82% achievement required on classroom work
- DMV written and driving tests included
- Parent-supervised practice driving required

Our comprehensive curriculum goes beyond memorizing rules and regulations. Students develop a mindset of responsibility, awareness, and respect through interactive learning methods, including simulations and real-world driving experiences.

"Traffic education is not merely about memorizing rules, It's about cultivating a mindset of responsibility, awareness, and respect for oneself and others on the road."

Don't miss this opportunity to set your teen on the path to safe driving. For questions, contact Adam Tunnell at atunnell@custerschools.org or 406.871.1285.

Remember: Driving is a privilege, not a right!

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The end of the school year is fast approaching and this will be our last newsletter for a few months. The next newsletter will be arriving sometime in July or August to inform parents about registration for students, sport physicals, schedules, and other information. The newsletter will be on our website or sent by e-mail to the parents of students attending Custer School. Community members may call the school to get their newsletter by e-mail. The students at Custer School encourage you to check out our website for any information and updates as they enjoy seeing you at all of the school events.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The Stookey Volleyball Camp will be held in Custer's gym June 2-4. The cost of the camp will be \$75.00 for kids entering 7-12 grades and students entering 2-6 grades the cost will be \$40.00.

If you are interested, you may call Lauren Sian or come to the school for a form. Please return all forms to Lauren Sian by May 23. **Make checks payable to Iona Stookey.**

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

The first day of the 2025-2026 school year for our students will be
Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

