

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU
WANT TO BE TREATED



DO WHAT'S RIGHT



DO THE BEST YOU CAN

OFFICE INFORMATION

* Important phone numbers:

Attendance: 406-268-6251

Counseling: 406-268-6330

Finance: 406-268-6317

Main Office: 406-268-6250

Records: 406-268-6315

Nurse: 406-268-6332

* Important To-Do's:

• Update PowerSchool Information:

- Please remember to update phone numbers and addresses that may have changed over the summer.
- Call or email Debbie at:
 - 406-268-6337 or
 - Debbie_Munson@gfps.k12.mt.us

[Click here to read handbook.](#)



• Activity Participation Forms:

- If you do not want your student to participate in certain GFHS clubs and/or organizations, you need to complete the ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION form.

* GFHS FEDERAL CARDS

- Federal Cards sent home need to be returned to your student's 2nd period Teacher promptly.
- if your student doesn't have a 2nd period class, please have them return it to the main office.
- A Federal card must be returned to the school by every enrolled GFHS student.

* Attendance Notifications:

GFHS Parents/Guardians

In order to receive attendance notifications regarding your student, you must be signed up with PowerSchool!
Call attendance for support!



REGULAR			PLCT			EARLY OUT			ASSEMBLY (40 MIN)		
PERIOD	START	END	PERIOD	START	END	PERIOD	START	END	PERIOD	START	END
0	7:00	7:54	0	7:07	7:54	0	7:24	7:55	0	7:05	7:55
1	8:00	8:53	1	8:00	8:47	1	8:00	8:31	1	8:00	8:48
2	8:59	9:52	2	8:53	9:40	2	8:36	9:07	2	8:53	9:41
3	9:58	10:51	3	9:46	10:43	3	9:12	9:43	ASSEMBLY	9:46	10:26
4	10:56	11:49	4	10:49	11:36	4	9:48	10:19	3	10:31	11:18
LUNCH	11:49	12:19	LUNCH	11:36	12:06	5	10:24	10:56	4	11:23	12:10
5	12:25	1:18	5	12:12	12:59	6	11:01	11:33	LUNCH	12:10	12:40
6	1:24	2:17	6	1:05	1:52	7	11:38	12:10	5	12:45	1:32
7	2:23	3:15	7	1:58	2:45				6	1:37	2:24
									7	2:29	3:15

Principal's Message:



Dear Bison Family,

My hope for the upcoming holiday season is that each of you are able to relax a little bit and find some quiet time for you and your family. Too often we get so absorbed into everything that is happening around us that we forget to take care of what is happening within us. Within ourselves first, then within our immediate family, and then our extended family and friends.

Please slow down this holiday season and take time to enjoy the little things that really matter. Happy Holidays, Bison!

Go Bison!

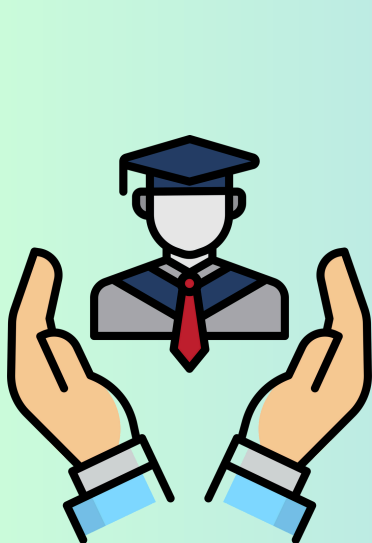
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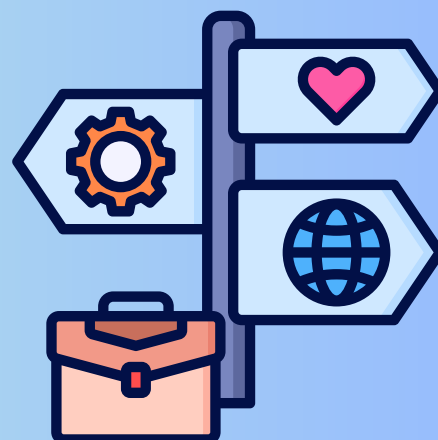
* Parent/Athlete Travel Forms

Reminder for all events outside of town, travel forms need signed if students are riding with parents. Thank you!

Great Falls High School Counselor Corner



USE THE QR CODE OR [CLICK HERE](#) FOR SENIOR CLASS NEWS



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GFHS Fine Arts At A Glance

January 8th and 9th	Jazz Workshop	CMR
January 27th	EMS Showcase	EMS
January 29th - 31st	GFHS Drama Showcase	Davidson Auditorium
February 2nd and 3rd	AA Orchestra	CMR
February 9th	Orchestra Concert	Davidson Auditorium
February 12th and 13th	Thespian Festival	Missoula
February 19th - 21st	Musical: Grease	Davidson Auditorium
February 23rd	Montana Youth Sing	Davidson Auditorium
February 26th - 28th	Musical: Grease	Davidson Auditorium



Current Student Exhibit Schedule:

12/01/2025-1/20/2026, Dahl Gallery GFH Student Exhibit, Reception December 18th, 2025, 3:15-5:00
12/10/2025-01/13/2026, GFHS @ the District Office Building (DOB), No Reception, Open to the Public
12/11/2025, Art also installed in our 2nd floor display cases

Dahl Gallery
Student Art Show
Reception on
Dec. 18th, 3:15-5:00 pm



DAHL GALLERY ANNUAL STUDENT EXHIBIT

Reception Dec. 18th, 3:15-5:00 PM
On Display through January 20th, 2026

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This Week in Extra-Curriculars

SPORT	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	VARSITY	JV	SOPH	FROSH	
GBB	TUES	12/16/2025	GFH	MISSOULA HELLGATE	GFH FH-OLD GYM	V-JV-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
BBB	TUES	12/16/2025	GFH	MISSOULA HELLGATE	MISSOULA	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
WR	THURS	12/18/2025	GFH	BILLINGS SENIOR	GFH OLD GYM	V	6:00 PM			
SW	FRI	12/19/2025	GFH	GF PRE RELAY	GFH POOL	V-JV	4:00 PM			
WR	FRI	12/19/2025	GFH	CMR HOLIDAY TOUR.	CMR-FH	V	11:00 AM			
WR	FRI	12/19/2025	GFH	CMR GIRLS HOLIDAY	GFH- FH	V	11:00 AM			
SW	SAT	12/20/2025	GFH	GF RELAY MEET	GFH POOL	V-JV	12:00 PM			
WR	SAT	12/20/2025	GFH	CMR HOLIDAY TOUR.	CMR-FH	V	9:00 AM			
WR	SAT	12/20/2025	GFH	CMR GIRLS HOLIDAY	CMR-FH	V	9:00 AM			
WR	SAT	12/20/2025	GFH	WALT CURRIE 2ND CHANCE	GFH-FH	JV		9:00 AM		



GFHS PROFILE OF A LEARNER

LEARNER TRAITS, SKILLS AND CHARACTERISTICS (9TH – 12TH GRADE) THAT WE BELIEVE WILL MAKE EVERY STUDENT BETTER:

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO TAKING STEPS EVERY DAY TO INSTILL THESE QUALITIES INTO OUR STUDENTS:



CRITICAL THINKER

- Investigate a question with an open mind
- Evaluate sources of information for reliability
- Integrate different viewpoints
- Synthesize information to take action

STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Articulate ideas to a targeted audience effectively
- Use conflict resolution strategies effectively
- Actively listen for understanding
- Collaborate with others
- Reflect on their communication with others

WORK ETHIC

- Persevere to complete difficult tasks
- Understand how to balance time and priorities
- Use interpersonal skills and seek resources to help complete tasks
- Complete activities to the set standard and show pride in work
- Integrate academic skills with workplace skills to demonstrate readiness for life beyond high school

PROBLEM SOLVER

- Integrate other points of view into the problem-solving process to generate an optimal solution
- Evaluate information and compromise to reach a solution
- Identify healthy risks and take them when needed

INTEGRITY

- Behave empathetically to others
- Self regulate
- Follow through
- Consider the good of the whole and act accordingly
- Self-regulate
- Do the right thing while demonstrating grace, pride, and kindness, even when it is difficult
- Apply talents to better their community

GFHS TITLE I STATUS

Great Falls High is a Title I high school, which means we receive federal support to help ensure every student has access to a high-quality education.

- Our goal is to improve academic outcomes for all students by providing the resources and support they need to succeed.
- If you ever have questions or concerns about your student's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to their counselor or associate principal.
- We are here to partner with you and problem-solve together.



Paul Culbertson, Associate Principal	406-268-6322	Students A-G
Tami Faulkner, Associate Principal	406-268-6313	Students H-N
Shianne Currey, Associate Principal	406-268-6314	Students O-Z
Chad Getten, Guidance Counselor	406-268-6334	Students A-C
Amy Schoenen, Guidance Counselor	406-268-6338	Students D-G
Clint Houston, Guidance Counselor	406-268-6336	Students H-L
Rosie Rossberg, Guidance Counselor	406-268-6333	Students M-R
Dana Freshly, Guidance Counselor	406-268-6335	Students S-Z

MORE STUDENT SUPPORTS:

- **NO Saturday School This Week**
 - **After School Support - 12/15/25**
 - **Math 3:20-5:10pm in South Campus 108**
 - **English 3:45-5:10 in Main Campus 211**
- *Watch here for weekly updated information**



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WE WANT ALL FAMILIES TO KNOW

- **We Care Deeply About Your Child's Success:**
 - Our teachers and staff are committed to your child's academic achievement, personal growth, and well-being, striving to help them become confident, capable, and responsible individuals.
- **We Foster Growth Beyond Grades:**
 - We focus on developing lifelong skills like problem-solving, self-advocacy, responsibility, and work ethic, preparing students for future success in and out of the classroom.
- **We Challenge and Support:**
 - We hold high expectations, pushing students to grow while providing compassion, encouragement, and individualized support to meet their unique needs.
- **We Build Relationships:**
 - Our staff strives to be trusted mentors, creating a safe and welcoming space where students feel valued, heard, and motivated to succeed.
- **We Invest Time and Heart:**
 - We work with many students daily and pour our energy, compassion, and resources into helping each child progress, even when faced with challenges.
- **We Work as a Team:**
 - Your child's success is a collaborative effort. We need your support to reinforce expectations for your child to be in class every day so we create an environment where learning thrives.

We are a Second Home: Our school is more than a place for learning—it's a community. We are here for our students and families from 7:00 a.m. until late in the evening, offering support, connection, and care.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Week of 12/14-12/20/25

GFH - Bison Giving Tree and Wrapping Party	12/14-12/15/25	Sunday-Monday	Library	7:00am-4:00pm	Bohannon
GFH - Financial Reality Fair	12/16/25	Tuesday	OG	7:00am-2:00pm	Dolderer
GFH - Athletics Administration Day	12/16/25	Tuesday		All Day	
GFH - Pre College Advisory	12/17/25	Wednesday	HUB	10:30am-12:00pm	Rollie
GFH - Hot Chocolate Bar	12/17/25	Wednesday	Dahl Gallery	2:30-3:30pm	Leslie Seltzer
GFH - MTARNG Recruiting Table	12/18/25	Thursday	Learning stairs	11:45am-12:30pm	Roso
GFH - Holiday Student Art Show Reception	12/18/25	Thursday	Dahl Gallery	3:30pm-5:00pm	



ParentSquare

PARENTSQUARE INFORMATION:

ParentSquare is the new district communication tool.
Click on the links below for more information:

[GFPS District Letter](#)
[Getting Started Guide](#)



Free and Reduced paperwork makes
a HUGE difference FOR EVERYONE
connected with GFH.



Please [CLICK HERE](#) to apply!



CONNECT WITH US!

Social Media

- GFH Website: <https://gfhs.gfps.k12.mt.us/>
- Instagram: @greatfallshighbison
- Facebook: @GFHBISON

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LIBRARY



HAVE YOU FINISHED A BOOK FROM THE GREAT FALLS HIGH
LIBRARY THIS MONTH THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH THE
SCHOOL?

Complete a "Student Recommendation"
card to be placed by the book you read.

Include:

- Author
- Title
- A brief description of the book (we have examples)
- Why you recommend this book

On the Back:

- Your Name
- ID Number

When you complete the card, your name is put in a drawing to win a \$10 gift card from Big Dipper Ice Cream, a \$10 gift card to [MacKenzie River Pizza](#), and a \$20 gift card from [Cassiopea Books](#). The drawing will be at the end of each month.



Great Falls High School Historical Article Of The Week

Tribune article 90 YEARS AGO!
December 25th , 1935

Wednesday Morning, December 25, 1935

MANY CHILDREN WILL ENJOY CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS, GIFTS

**Several Organizations Will Stage Dinners and
Distribute Toys; Trees Decorated
for Youngsters Today**

Hundreds of needy Great Falls children will be guests today at Christmas dinners and programs. Several Great Falls organizations are sponsoring programs.

Spirit of Christmas will pervade Great Falls all day, not only in homes of the fortunate ones but also amongst those more needy, in trouble or sick.

About 1,000 needy children will be taken care of in the way of Christmas gifts, either in the form of candy and fruit treats or dinners.

The Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters are playing the role of Santa Claus to 125 children, selected

from the most needy families of the city, and will serve them dinner today at the K. of P. hall. Turkey with all the requisite side dishes for the traditional meal are on the menu. Plans for the dinner have been under direction of W. M. Johnson. Mrs. Florence Trimmer, representing the Pythian Sisters, and T. W. Midkiff, from the Knights of Pythias, will be present during the dinner to give a short talk. No program is planned, however, the elders believing the children will be more interested in their Christmas dinner.

Six hundred children will be given candy, nuts and apples and oranges this morning in front of the large Christmas tree at the central fire station. The firemen have donated the "treats" and through co-operation of the Salvation Army the gifts will be presented to needy children at 10 a. m.

The Salvation Army will serve a Christmas turkey dinner this noon at its hall on the second floor of the Army building. The dinner is for transient men and other men who are without funds to buy their own holiday dinner. All traditional Christmas dinner items will be included in the dinner.

Between 75 and 100 baskets were given out by the Salvation Army Christmas eve to needy families. Funds obtained to purchase food for the Christmas baskets were raised in the kettles stationed in the downtown business section during the last few weeks.

A Christmas tree program, with candy and toys for each child present, will be given at the Salvation Army hall Thursday evening at 8 and will be both for children of Army workers and for needy children.

A turkey dinner is in store for about 150 children at St. Thomas Orphans' home. Large Christmas trees have been put up in each of the departments at the school and programs and Christmas treats have been provided through the American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Young Men's and Young Women's Catholic organizations. A morning Christmas service is planned in the school chapel from 7:30 to 8.

Children in the Columbus, Deaconess and detention hospitals will be visited this morning by Kris Kringle through the Junior Service league. Trees have been erected in the hospital nurseries and in the halls. Older patients who are able will be given as much of the traditional turkey dinner as their diets will allow.

There is but one child at the detention hospital, a little Indian girl. Four older patients are also being taken care of. The hospital fireplace has been appropriately decorated and a tree trimmed and a good dinner is promised.

Student nurses at the two leading hospitals will sing Christmas carols in the hospital halls early Christmas morning. County patients at the hospitals have been very adequately taken care of through various Christmas-spirited citizens.

Turkey dinner with the trimmings is promised inmates of the county jail and "something special" for those at the city jail.

Monday afternoon George Cowie, assisted by the American Legion and a number of townspeople, entertained those living at the county poor farm with a program and treats.

The program included vocal and dancing numbers: Vocal duet, Misses Evelyn and Shirley Silloway; duet, Misses Mary Dardis and Doris Caldwell; tap duet, Misses Irene McMeel and Margaret Fogarty; vocal, Mrs. Arthur Lewis and Miss Artha Lee Lewis; song and dance, Miss Irene McMeel; highland fling, Miss Artha Lee Lewis; ensemble singing of carols; vocal, Artha Lee Lewis; duet, Misses Silloway; military tap, Miss Margaret Fogarty; tap, Miss Hazel Rice; folk songs, Miss Harriet Lewis and ensemble singing of carols.

The treat, furnished by the American Legion, included fruit, nuts and candy. There are 43 now living at the farm. Gifts were sent to the farm by the Black Eagle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and sweets by the Eddy Baking Co.

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