GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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.

✳ 1st Semester Finals

- **Tests: January 20th - January 22nd.**
- **No school for students on Monday the 19th and Friday the 23rd .**

✳ LOST AND FOUND

- **GFH sends all unclaimed lost items to charity at the end of the semester.**
- **Any unclaimed item left after January 23, 2026 will be donated.**

✳ 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:

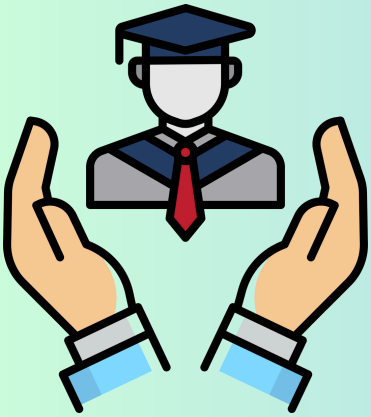
Dear Bison Family,
Welcome back, everyone! I hope your break was peaceful, relaxing, and refreshing. I also hope that we'll all be able to follow through with the promises we made to ourselves this year!
We begin this week knowing that we are only three weeks away from the end of the first semester. All students need to work to get their grades where they would like them going into Semester Finals. That includes continuing to turn in all homework and assignments leading up to finals. We will have Saturday School and Night School at their regular times for the next two weeks.
Happy New Year, Bison!

Go Bison!
Geoffry Habel

✳ 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



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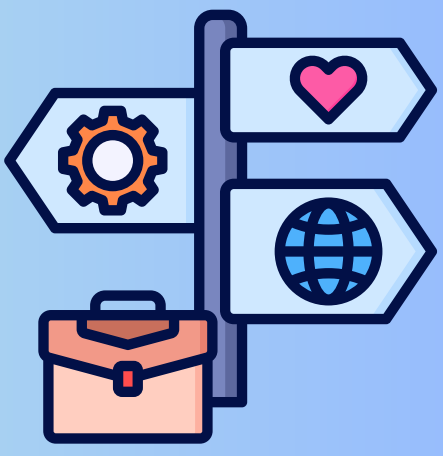

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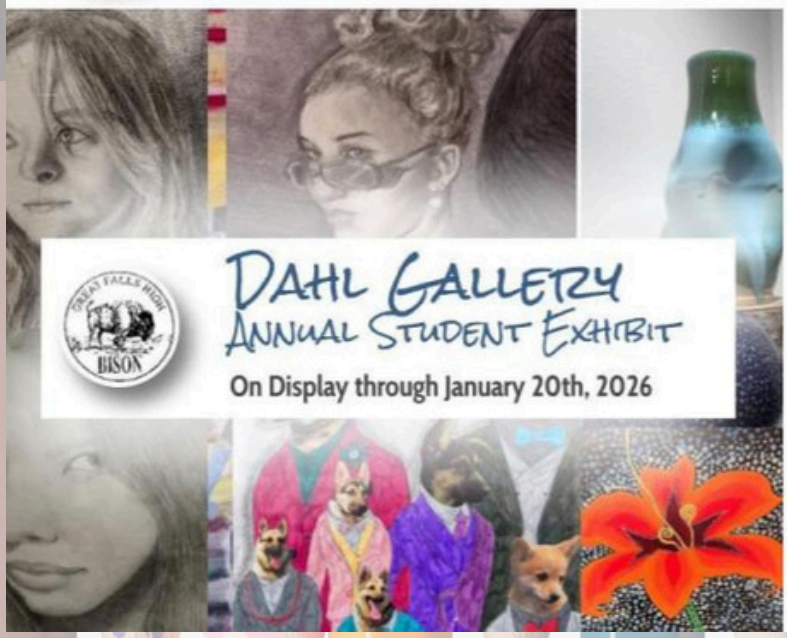
GFHS Fine Arts At A Glance

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, Ongoing, Art also installed in our 2nd floor display cases
01/09-02/17/2026, Crosstown AP Studio Art Exhibit, Luna Coffee Bar, Reception January 9th, 6:30-8:30



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This Week in Extra-Curriculars

SPORT	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	VARSITY	JV	SOPH	FROSH
GBB	FRI	1/9/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SENIOR	BILLINGS	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
GBB	SAT	1/10/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SKYVIEW	BILLINGS	V-JV-S-F	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
BBB	FRI	1/9/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SENIOR	GFH FH-OG	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
BBB	SAT	1/10/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SKYVIEW	GFH FH-OG	V-JV-S-F	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM
SW	SAT	1/10/2026	GFH	HAVRE INVITE	HAVRE	V-JV	11:00 AM			
WR	TUES	1/6/2026	GFH	HAVRE	HAVRE	V-JV	6:00 PM			
WR	THURS	1/8/2026	GFH	BILLINGS WEST	BILLINGS	V	4:00 PM			
WR	THURS	1/8/2026	GFH	BELGRADE	BILLINGS	V	6:00 PM			
WR	FRI	1/9/2026	GFH	CUT BANK JV	CUT BANK	JV		12:00		
WR	SAT	1/10/2026	GFH	CUT BANK JV	CUT BANK	JV		9:00 AM		

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Semester 1 Test Information
2025-2026

Please share the following information with all of your students to familiarize them with and make them accountable for the adjusted schedule for Semester Tests.

SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE – SEMESTER 1

Tuesday, January 20		Wednesday, January 21		Thursday, January 22	
Adjusted Bell Schedule		Period 2	8:00 – 9:25	Period 1	8:00 – 9:25
Period 7	2:00 – 3:15	Period 4	9:35 – 11:00	Period 3	9:35 – 11:00
Bells will ring on PLCT		Lunch	11:00 – 12:00	Lunch	11:00 – 12:00
Times *except* Period 7		Period 6	12:05 – 1:30	Period 5	12:05 – 1:30
School will dismiss at 3:15					

NOTE: Semester Tests for 7 AM classes will be scheduled individually by each teacher.

1. All teachers will administer a semester test, as opposed to a unit or quarter tests. The test is to carry a designated weight which has been coordinated with the department head and preannounced to students. The test will be administered according to the above schedule in the class's regularly assigned location. Students are therefore required to attend all classes.

2. Study hall attendance is required on test dates unless PRIOR arrangements are made by the parents through the attendance office.

3. Classes which normally meet for 2 hours will test during the first hour of the two-period class. Classes that regularly meet periods 2 and 3 would then be tested during period 2 (for example, Construction Tech).

4. Students must remain in the class for the entire testing period. **Teachers are not to release students prior to the bell for any reason.** There are to be no students in the halls during tests.

5. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria on both test days.

6. Only students with a verified medical excuse for an absence will be given the opportunity to make up missed semester exams. Students receiving an "I" Incomplete will have until February 2nd (2 weeks) to make up incomplete work. Students not receiving an Incomplete must have all work/exams made up prior to the last day of the semester, January 19th. Permission to give an "I" Incomplete or an "IR" Incomplete Credit Recovery must be obtained from one of the GFHS administrators.

7. On January 21st and 22nd, all buses will pick up students at approximately 1:45 PM.

8. All students are required to be present on the day of their semester test. All absences must be pre-approved through their Associate Principal.

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOB FAIR

GFPS Human Resource representatives will be at Paris Gibson Education Center to answer any questions and assist in applying for positions.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

2:00 - 4:00pm

Paris Gibson Education Center
2400 Central Ave

Hiring crossing guards, substitute teachers, teacher aides, food service and more.

GFPS will be hiring on the spot, pending background checks and references.

PLEASE FILL OUT AN APPLICATION PRIOR TO ATTENDING

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION: 406-268-6010 WWW.GFPS.K12.MT.US

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:

- **Saturday School:**
  - **1/10/26**
  - **8:30am - 11:30am**
  - **GFHS HUB**
- **After School Support - 1/5/25**
  - **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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GFHS TITLE I STATUS

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 01/04-01/10/26				
GFH - Pre College Advisory	01/07/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00pm
GFH - STUCO Full Council Meeting	01/07/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00pm
GFH - MT Air National Guard	01/07/26	Wednesday	HUB	11:36-12:06 pm
GFH - Jazz Wrokshop at GFH	01/08/26	Thursday	AUD/Music Rooms/210	3:00-9:30 pm
GFH - School Law Enforcement Day	01/09/26	Friday		All Day
GFH - Elks Hoop Shoot Contest	01/10/26	Saturday	OG	2:00-6:00pm

ParentSquare

CLICK HERE!

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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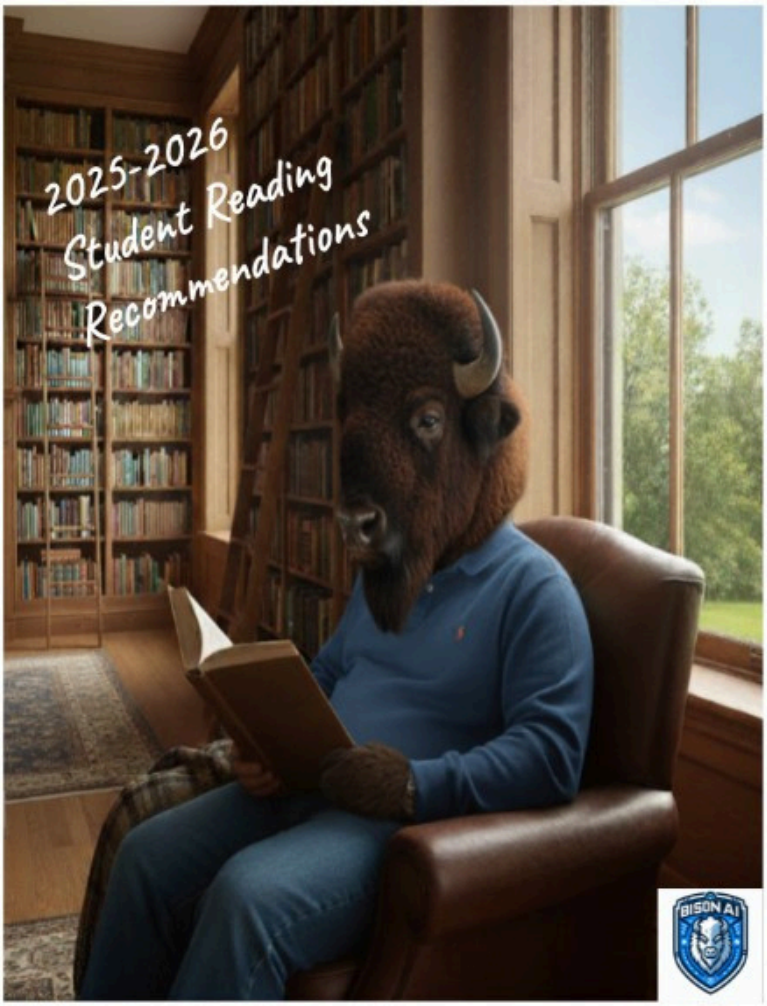

Have you finished a book from the Great Falls High Library this month that you want to share with the school?

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.

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 intrepersonal 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

Great Falls High School
Historical Article Of The Week
Tribune article from January 1st, 1911

THE NEW YEAR

A Happy New Year to all the readers of The Tribune! It is the compliment of the season. A hundred million pairs of lips will utter it all over the civilized world this morning. Mostly it will be a stereotyped phrase of courtesy said out of a polite desire to say the proper thing on New Year's morning. In other cases it will express the sincere wish of the speaker that the person spoken to may enjoy the best gift of God to man during the coming year—that is happiness. Our popular and common expressions of good wishes do not bear logical analysis very well, and it is fortunate that we do not take them too seriously, because the New Year's greeting might otherwise take on a sarcastic or sardonic coloring. Well we know that the coming year will not come freighted with happiness to anyone. There will be mixed in its cargo some disappointments, some suffering, some sorrow to most of us. Fortunate may we count ourselves if the joys of the coming year outweigh its pains, and its sorrows leave a balance on the side of happiness.

To those we love we wish the best gifts. Nay, we may well use the word in the singular and say the best gift, and when we wish them happiness we have desired for them a gift beyond any other, the choicest thing in all the world, and like that choicest and most valuable of all metals, radium, hardly to be found in a pure state in the world, but only secured by much digging and smelting and trouble and risk, and even then probably mixed with some baser alloys. Perhaps if we found it pure like the radium it would be more than mortals could withstand. Its radiance might be deadly.

But we are not going to spend the New Year morning in too many speculations or fine analyses of words and meanings. When we wish our readers a happy new year, we merely hope they will find 1911 a better year than 1910, and that it will bring them more joys and fewer sorrows than any of its predecessars, and there is good warrant for the expectation that this wish will come true in the main, whatever variations in individual cases the new year may disclose.

In the first place every year is a better one than its predecessor because the development of the race is ever upward and onward. Seeming retrogression is not always real. It may be that the great moral and intellectual forces that are pushing the world on to its final destiny—a destiny not yet revealed to mortal eye—are only gathering strength and force for another quick onward rush, as they did in the centuries that came after the dark ages and continue to this hour with ever increasing momentum of progress. The mind grows dizzy contemplating a march of progress in the next half century that shall increase in the ration of the last half century, and land us as far in advance of the present as we now are of New Year's day in 1860.

in 1860.

It is only by looking back that we can tell how fast and how far we are traveling every year on the road to achievement in the realms of morals, intellect and material achievement. If one reads the best knowledge of fifty or one hundred years ago in the arts, in the sciences, in the ideas of men as to right and wrong conduct toward their fellowmen, then we will realize the rapid progress we have made toward better ideals.

The year 1911 opens before us with more promise than any of its predecessors. The wealth of a Carnegie and a Rockefeller is being used to accelerate the wheels of progress, to fight dread diseases and overcome them, to increase knowledge by libraries and colleges, and laboratories, to cultivate peace and abolish war. In a thousand different ways men are striving more powerfully than ever before to make the world a better place to live in for those now in it, and those who shall come after us, and they are succeeding in a wonderful way.

Speaking in a narrower way, as a state and a municipality, the year 1911 comes to our readers with promises of rich gifts. Montana is coming into its own these days. The eyes of many people are turned in our direction, and their feet will soon follow. The waste places are being turned into farms and villages and cities, and the state is growing in power and responsibility for its share of the world's progress. Great Falls is waking up to its future destiny and preparing to do a strong man's part.

Starting off the new year of 1911, let us slough off all bickerings, jealousies and personal and class quarrels, and join hands in united effort to do our part in making the record of 1911 tell a splendid tale of achievement when the day comes next December when we sit up to ring out the old year and ring in the new, as we did last night.

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