

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.

* Opt Out Forms Sent Home

- Survey Opt Out forms were sent home for all 10th and 12th graders. Please fill that out and get it back to the GFH Main Office by 2/20/26 if you DO NOT want your student to take the survey.
- The health survey is 100% anonymous.

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* 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 to another fun week at Great Falls High. If you are able and willing, swing into our Orchestra Concert this Monday the 9th at 7pm in the Davidson Auditorium. The students always do a wonderful job. We also have our Healthy Native Hearts (an initiative focusing on overall wellness of our Native community) in the Old Gym and Davidson Auditorium from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

GFHS is also hosting the MHSAA State Swim Meet this week, while our Thespians are headed to their competition in Missoula! We wish the best to all our students and staff this week!

Go Bison!

Geoffry Habel



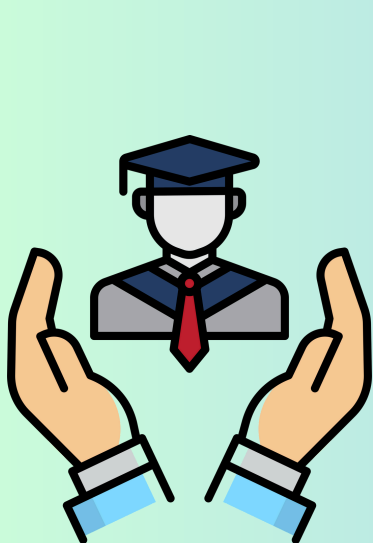
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Jostens Senior Graduation Orders

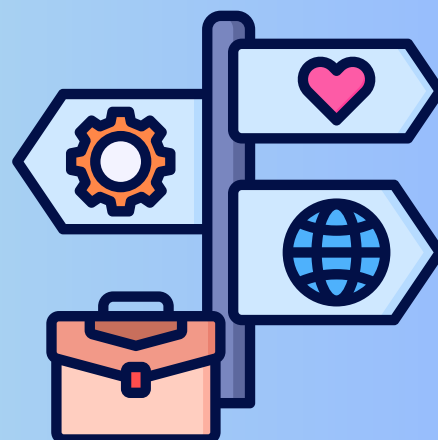
- Jostens will be handing out your senior graduation orders

THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
IN THE HUB
RIGHT BEFORE AND DURING LUNCH

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



One week left of the
Luna Coffee Bar exhibit!

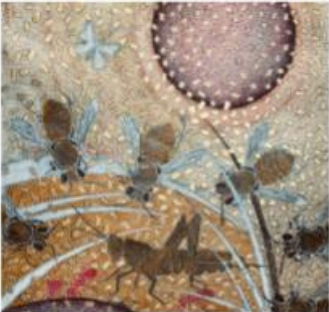


**AP Studio Art & Design
Crosstown Exhibit**
Jan 9th - Feb 17th, 2026,
Luna Coffee Bar, 9 5th Street North





Frottage Revisited
VICKIE MEGUIRE



Norman T. Dahl Gallery, GFHS
Now through March 4th, 2026
OPEN to the PUBLIC



A WESTERN ART EXPERIENCE

We would like to thank
the CM Russell Museum
for hosting our art classes
on Friday, February 6th!

Current Student Exhibit Schedule:

12/11/2025, Ongoing, 2nd floor display cases, New work 1/15
01/09-02/17/2026, Crosstown AP Studio Art Exhibit, Luna Coffee

Upcoming Student Exhibit Schedule:

02/19-21/2026, Dark Horse in Celtic Cowboy, HS Student Exhibit,
Reception February 19th, 2026, 4:00-5:30 PM
03/05-04/28/2026, GF Public Library, GFPS K-12 Youth Art Month
Exhibit, Reception March 6th, 2026, 4:00-5:30 PM
March, State Capital, Helena, MAEA K-12 Youth Art Month (YAM)
Exhibit, no reception, open to the public
March, Russell Country Credit Union & Four Seasons, Young
Russell Juried Exhibit, Western Art Week
March, Horizon Credit Union & Heritage, Young Masters Juried
Exhibit, Western Art Week

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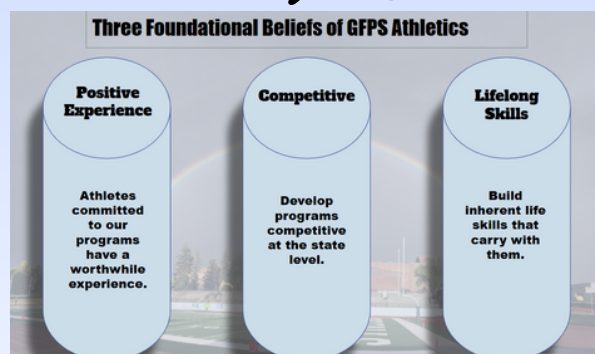
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GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

BBB	TUES	2/10/2026	GFH	BILLINGS WEST	GFH FH-OG	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
GBB	TUES	2/10/2026	GFH	BILLINGS WEST	BILLINGS	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	2:30 PM
BBB	THURS	2/12/2026	GFH	BELGRADE	BELGRADE	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
SW	THURS	2/12/2026	GFH	STATE SWIM- 500 PRELIMS	GFH POOL	V	4:00 PM			
GBB	THURS	2/12/2026	GFH	BELGRADE	GFH FH	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	CANCELLED	4:00 PM
SW	FRI	2/13/2026	GFH	STATE SWIM PRELIMS	GFH POOL	V	11:00 AM			
WR	SAT	2/14/2026	GFH	EASTERN DIVISIONAL	BELGRADE	V	10:00 AM			
SW	SAT	2/14/2026	GFH	STATE SWIM FINALS	GFH POOL	V	11:00 AM			



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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:**
 - 3 day weekend due to Presidents Day
 - No school on Monday
 - **After School Support - 2/9/26**
 - Math 3:20-5:10pm in South Campus 108
 - English 3:45-5:10 in Main Campus 211
- *Watch here for weekly updated information**



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 02/08-02/14/26

GFH - Orchestra Concert	02/09/26	Monday	AUD	7:00-8:00pm
GFH - Pre College Advisory	02/11/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00 pm
GFH - United States Air Force Recruiter	02/11/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:30pm
GFH - Jostens Senior Graduation Delivery	02/11/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:00-12pm
GFH - MTARNG Recruiting Table	02/12/26	Thursday	Learning Stairs	11:45-12:30pm
GFH - Health Native Hearts	02/13/26	Friday	OG & AUD	9:00-12:00pm
GFH - JROTC 3rd Commanders Call	02/13/26	Friday	OG	2:00-3:15pm



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.



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
- 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 Fri. Feb. 6th, 1976

State swim meet today, Saturday

BILLINGS — The Great Falls High girls' team ranks as one of the teams to beat as the state swimming meet begins this evening at the Rocky Mountain College pool in Billings. At the same time, the C. M. Russell boys' team will in all likelihood have to give up the championship it won the last two years.

The meet begins at 6 tonight with the diving competition, and continues Saturday morning with preliminary swimming events at 8 a.m. and the swimming finals around 1 p.m.

The GFH girls have one of seven returning individual champions, junior Ruth Mansfield, who won the 500-yard freestyle in state record time. This year, though, she'll concentrate on the 100 and 200 freestyle and leave the longer race to her sophomore sister, Jean' who earlier in the season bettered her sister's mark in the 500 freestyle.

record. Other CMR competitors will be Rita Johnson (50 freestyle, 100 butterfly), Shirley Brooks and Lisa Maronick (diving), Val Gundy and Beth Anderson (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle), Sherri Adams (100 freestyle, 100 backstroke), Wendy Walden (100 backstroke, 200 freestyle) and Rhonda Kline (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle).

Other girls' returning champions are Patti Freeman of Billings West in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke, Jule Hanson of Helena Capital in the 200 freestyle, Becky Etien of Havre in the 100 butterfly and Kim Hurley of Anaconda in the 200 individual medley. Billings Senior is the defending girls' champion.

Jorgensen said, among the boys, Havre is probably the favorite, followed by Helena Capital, Billings Senior and CMR.

CMR's boys' team will have Dave Miner (200 freestyle, 500

freestyle).

Other competitors for the Bison girls will be Cathy Bowman (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle), Denise Walker (100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke), Lori Messelt (50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke), Christy Moberly (500 freestyle, 100 breaststroke), Meg Robinson (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle) and Tammy Ward (100 freestyle).

Jorgensen sees the chief competition in the girls' division coming from Havre (second last year) and the two Helena schools.

For CMR, Lynn Miner will swim in the 200 individual medley and her specialty, the 100 breaststroke, in which she has a time better than the state

Dave Miner (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle), Craig Jourdonnais (200 individual medley, 100 backstroke), Mike Rammer (100 breaststroke, 50 freestyle), Mark Schickendantz (100 butterfly, 100 individual medley), Greg Malcolm (100 freestyle, 200 freestyle) and Dan Dolezak (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle).

For the GFH boys will be Tom Buley, Kevin Flattery and Tim Bowman (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle), Tim Buley (500 freestyle, 200 freestyle), Pete Gaskill (200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke), John Ballew (50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke), Dan O'Connor (50 freestyle, 100 backstroke) and Chris Thornburg (100 backstroke, 100 freestyle).

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