

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.

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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)		
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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
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Principal's Message:



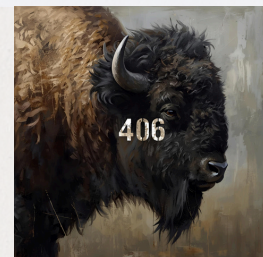
Dear Bison Family,

Quite a few days this past week with an outstanding GFHS Drama Musical Production of GREASE! Congratulations to all our thespians and their director, Ms. Ali Dewey! Great job, all!

Also, we had a successful showing at the state wrestling tournament where our Bison girls tied for 21st out of 71 spots! On the boys side, we finished 5th overall with two state Champions: Jace Komac and Cael Floerchinger. Congratulations to all!

Go Bison!

Geoffry Habel



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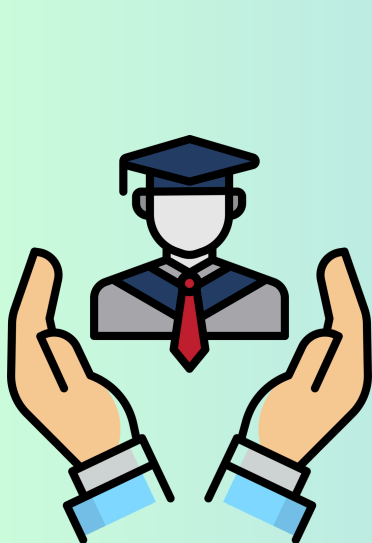
GFHS Drama Production of GREASE:

- Come out and join us!

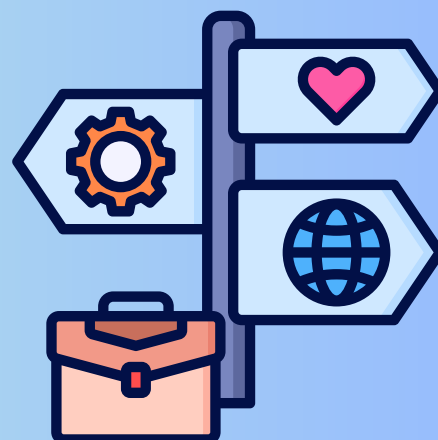
THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
7:30 pm in the Davidson Auditorium

THIS SATURDAY
2pm in the Davidson Auditorium

Great Falls High School Counselor Corner



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



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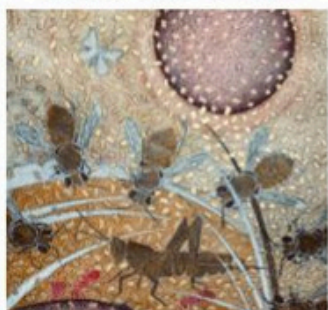
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GFHS Fine Arts At A Glance

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



Frottage Revisited VICKIE MEGUIRE



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

Current Student Exhibit Schedule:

02/23/2026, **NEW** 2nd floor display cases
02/10/2026, **NEW** Art @ Buffalo Blanc

Upcoming Student Exhibit Schedule:

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 Russe Juried Exhibit, Western Art Week
March, Horizon Credit Union & Heritage, Young Masters Juried Exhibit, Western Art Week

Art Club meets every
Wednesday at lunch
in room 113.
Check it out!



Did you know that the Arts have four content standard categories? Learn more by visiting:
<https://www.nationalartsstandards.org/content/national-core-arts-standards-anchor-standards>



March is Youth Art Month!

Check out all the student exhibits locally and across our state in the coming month listed above.

Youth Art Month (YAM) Est. 1961

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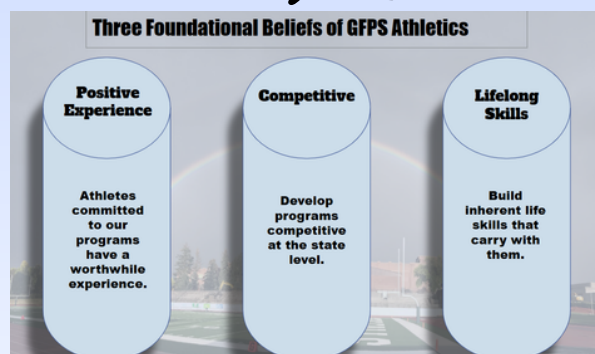
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GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

BBB	TUES	2/24/2026	GFH	GALLATIN	BOZEMAN	V-JV-S-F	6:00 PM	4:30 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM
GBB	TUES	2/24/2026	GFH	GALLATIN	GFH FH-OG	V-JV-S-F	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
BBB	FRI	2/27/2026	GFH	BOZEMAN	GFH FH-OG	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
GBB	FRI	2/27/2026	GFH	BOZEMAN	BOZEMAN	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	CANCELLED	4:00 PM



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Bison Beat

February 20, 2026

Monday Feb 23- regular bell schedule
Tuesday Feb 24 - regular bell schedule
Wednesday Feb 25 - PLCT schedule
Thursday Feb 26 - regular bell schedule
Friday Feb 27 - regular bell schedule

Upcoming:

No School March 13th
ACT Day March 24th
No School March 27

Vocational

For students who have had a vocational training or paid job during the school year, Bosses night is coming up quickly. This is a yearly tradition where we celebrate the success of students and show our appreciation of our community partners.

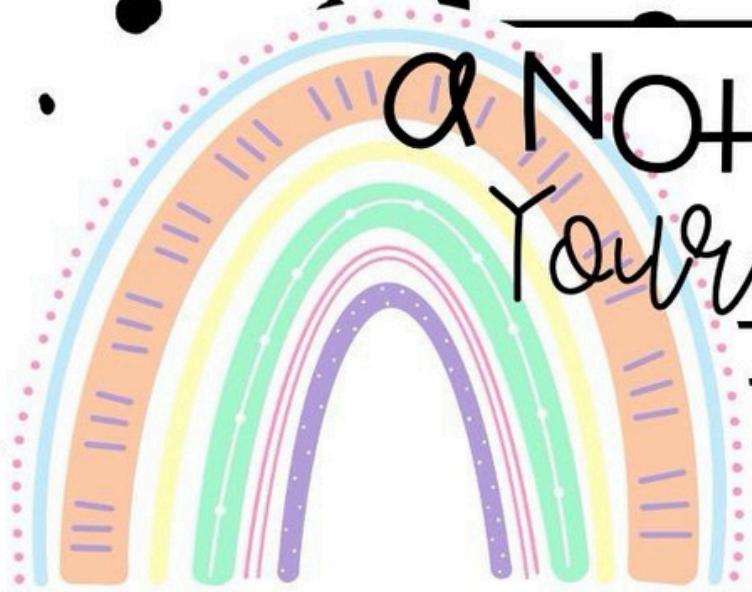
Life Skills

Students have continued working on community skills. This week, they identified different stores and what is offered at them. They discussed safety when traveling in the community.

Community News

Due to the frigid weather this past week, we stayed at the school. We discussed safety for cold weather. Next week a few students will be bowling and some will be going on an outing with Mrs. Murray and the secondary life skills students.

Bison Beat is created by the life skills students of Great Falls High



A NOTE FROM Your Teacher

February 20, 2026

Hello Bison Families!

We hope you all stayed warm this week. We had to cancel some outings and students stayed back from work due to the below zero temperatures this week. We do not go on outings when the “feels like” temperature is below zero for the safety of students and staff.

You should soon receive information about bosses night soon. The date is set for March 10th. This is an annual celebration for the students in the vocational resource program. We invite their bosses from the community to thank them for supporting the students in gaining employment skills and the opportunities they provide. Students who had a training opportunity or paid job will be expected to attend.

Thanks for reading the Bison Beat.

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:**
 - 2/28/26
 - 8:30am - 11:30am
- **After School Support - 2/23/26**
 - Math 3:20-5:10pm in South Campus 108
 - English 3:45-5:10 in Main Campus 211

***Watch here for weekly updated information**



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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 02/22-02/28/26

GFH - JROTC Recruitment For Blood Drive	02/23-02/27/26	Monday-Friday	HUB	7:00-7:55am
GFH - Montana Youth Sing	02/23/26	Monday	AUD	9:00am-9:00pm
GFH - Marine Corps Recruiting	02/24/26	Tuesday	HUB	11:00-12:00pm
GFH - Pre College Advisory	02/25/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00pm
GFH - MTARNG Recruiting Table	02/26/26	Thursday	HUB	11:45-12:30pm
GFH - Marine Corps Recruiting	02/27/26	Friday	HUB	11:00-12:00pm
GFH - Drama Winter Show "Grease"	02/26-02/28/26	Thursday-Saturday	AUD	7:30pm (Sat. 2:00pm)



ParentSquare

PARENTSQUARE INFORMATION:

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

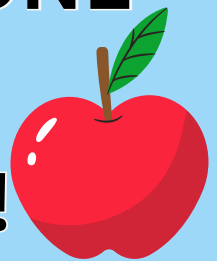
[GFPS District Letter](#)
[Getting Started Guide](#)



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.



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 Sun. Jun. 2nd , 1929

GREAT FALLS ATHLETES END GOOD SEASON

Collapse of Football Squad Is Only Black Mark on Year's Record

Scoring 12 points to place high among the schools gathered at Stagg field for the national interscholastic track and field championships Saturday, Great Falls high school formally closes a year of better than average athletic activities.

The Blue Bisons of Central high won the state track and field meet at Missoula, placed two men in the national men, took fifth in the state basketball tournament and made an excellent early-season showing in the football race.

In the two years that Coach Carr has been at the helm of athletic endeavor at Great Falls the local school has placed as high as it ever has in the history of the institution in track and basketball and played the state football champions of 1927 to a scoreless tie. The best previous record in football was a 27-27 tie with Billings in the state championship game of 1925.

Youngsters Coming Up

The outlook for the 1929 football season and 1930 track and basketball is none too encouraging but Coach Carr, who retires this year, is confident that several of the youngsters he has started out as freshmen in the last two seasons will develop into star athletes who will bring fame to Great Falls and the school.

Every member of the state championship track team, with the exception of Mack Hamilton, will be graduated this spring. Hamilton, who took third

Winners



ELTON GOOD



HAROLD MOE

of Mack Hamilton, will be graduated this spring. Hamilton, who took third in the discus throw at Missoula, is expected to be out for football, basketball and track next year and has a chance to star in each sport.

The basketball team, which won all except one of its state tournament games at Bozeman, also will be broken up by graduation. For the last two years Coach Carr has encouraged intramural basketball and has a number of likely candidates for the 1929-30 squad ready for the coach who will succeed him.

The outlook for football is encouraging although the squad will miss the driving power of Harold Moe, three-sport star. The 1928 season got off to a good start but a series of injuries wrecked Great Falls' chances at a state or conference title. Several of the second team players will have added enough weight and experience to make them excellent prospects for the first squad by the fall of this year although the new coach may require some time to become acquainted with all of his players so that he may assign them to the positions they are best fitted for.

Competition Is Keen

Local fans who had hoped for more scoring by Great Falls in the national track meet will understand that the Bisons would have gathered more points had they turned in the same marks against the class of contenders who participated in the 1928 national contests.

This year one world scholastic record was broken, four meet records fell and three world records were tied.

Proof that the Bisons did not give up when they found they were pitted against men who were superior to them is found in the fact that Elton Good ran the 440-yard race faster than he did in setting a new Montana record at Missoula and that Harold Moe threw the javelin at Chicago approximately five feet farther than he did to take second place in the state meet.

HAROLD MOE

Great Falls' two point winners in the 1929 national interscholastic track and field meet at Chicago Saturday are pictured above. They are the first athletes from Great Falls to ever gain national honors while still in high school.

Elton Good, winner of second place in the 440-yard dash, is a senior and established a new state record in the quarter-mile run at Missoula earlier this month. Before coming to Great Falls Good attended Chouteau county high school at Fort Benton.

Harold Moe brought his scholastic athletic career to a close by taking fourth place in the javelin throw.

Last fall Moe was acclaimed all-state backfield man by virtually every expert who picked a mythical squad. At the state basketball tournament at Bozeman he was named guard on the all-state team. At Missoula Moe scored 10½ points to place himself among the highest of the individual point winners.

Moe's scoring in the javelin throw in Chicago is remarkable because an injured shoulder prevented him from practicing. He had not touched the wand for a year until he took second place in the javelin in the state track meet and was not allowed to practice in this event prior to the national meet.

Beaver Shortstop Bought by Detroit

PORTLAND, Ore., June 1.—(U.P.)—George Westling, shortstop of the Portland baseball club, has been purchased by the Detroit Tigers of the American league, according to information received here Saturday from Thomas L. Turner, president of the club.

Portland will receive an unnamed

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