

CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT # 15

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

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NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, MARCH 9

There will be no school Monday, March 9 due to our State BPA Convention in Billings. However, school will be in session Friday, March 13. School will also be in session Friday, March 27 with no kindergarten. This will be a five day in for all of our students.

SOUTHERN C DIVISIONALS BASKETBALL

The Southern C Divisional tournament will be held in Lewistown, February 25-28. Our girls placed 2nd at Districts. Our boys did not get to move on this year but they had a great season. Great job to all of you!

Our Lady Rebels play Wednesday, February 25 against Winnett/Grass Range at 4:30 pm. GOOD LUCK REBELS!

SPRING BREAK

Custer School spring break will be April 3-6. School will begin Tuesday, April 7 and there will be school Friday, April 10.

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Students of the month for January are Kyra Buller, Radley Hilder and Sloan Knudsen. Congratulations to all of you!

MUSIC NEWS

Tri-County Band Day- March 18
District Festival Large Group- April 7
District Festival Solo/Ensemble- April 13
Tri-County Honor Band Mini-Tour- April 15
Honor Band Tour in Salt Lake City - April 22-26
State Music Festival-May 1
Spring Concert- May 12 @ 6:30 pm

Prom 2026 – Vegas Casino Night

Prom is set for **Saturday, April 11, 2026**, at the **Moose Lodge in Billings, MT**. This year's theme is Vegas Casino, promising a fun and glamorous night for students!

Time: 9:00 PM – Midnight

Grand March: 9:30 PM

Ticket Prices: \$10 single | \$15 couple

Get ready to dress up, enjoy the excitement, and celebrate an unforgettable evening with friends. Tickets can be purchased from the office closer to the date. We look forward to a great night!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS MARCH 8

Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour!



ELEMENTARY SWIM DAYS

Swimming starts back up again March 12 in Forsyth. The bus will leave at approximately 12:00 p.m. and return no later than 3:20 p.m.

Students are required to bring swimming suits and their own towels. If they have goggles, they may bring them.

Students may bring books, hand held video games, or other small items to use during the bus trip. This year's swim day will be: **MARCH 12 – MARCH 26 – APRIL 9 – APRIL 23** Should these dates change, we will notify you immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

BPA NEWS

Our BPA members will attend State BPA in Billings March 8-10. Good luck to all of you! We have the Custer community calendar finished. You may purchase one for \$12.00 at Custer School.

SPELLING BEE

The school winners for Custer taking First Place, Ian Story -Second Place, Rilyn Burnside and our alternate is Julia Meredith. Congrats to both of these contestants! Great job to everyone who participated.

THANK YOU

Custer School would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped out during our high school basketball season. We would like to thank those people for taking care of the clocks, keeping books and taking tickets for our home basketball games.

We appreciate all of the different organizations that helped with the concessions at all of our home games.

A big thank you goes out to our parents and fans for supporting and encouraging our young people this season. Your support of our students and school is greatly appreciated.

FFA NEWS

The Custer FFA Coffee Fundraiser is still going strong! We appreciate the continued support from our school and community.

Upcoming Coffee Dates:

February 26

March 12

March 26

April 9

April 23

May 14

May 19

May 20

All order forms and payments must be turned in the Tuesday before each sale date.

Community members may turn in order forms and payment to Kyra at the gas station by 8:45 a.m.

Staff and students may turn in order forms and payment to Hannah, Bess, or Aubrey.

Thank you for supporting the Custer FFA Chapter!

March FFA Events

March is a busy and exciting month for our members!

We will be attending the Montana FFA State Convention in Great Falls. We plan to leave early on March 31st and return on April 4th.

Current teams that have qualified for State include:

Food Science

Vet Science

Ag Mechanics

Horse Judging

Our final team yet to compete is Ag Sales, who will compete at Districts in Huntley on March 6th. Results from that contest will determine if they advance to State as well.

We are proud of our members and their hard work this season. Thank you for your continued support of the Custer FFA!

Golf Comes to the Custer-Hysham Co-op!

We are thrilled to announce that the Custer-Hysham Sports Cooperative has officially voted to add golf as a sanctioned sport, and it all started with our students. Several of our young athletes approached Athletic Director Adam Tunnell expressing a genuine interest in competing in golf, and they are excited to take that enthusiasm and turn it into a reality. That kind of student-driven initiative is exactly what makes our cooperative communities so special, and we couldn't be prouder to deliver this opportunity to them.

Golf is a unique addition to our athletic program because it is truly a lifetime sport. One that builds character, integrity, and sportsmanship in ways that carry far beyond the course. Our farming and ranching communities have a rich history with the game, and this program is an opportunity to rekindle that passion and pass it on to a new generation of players right here in rural Montana.

One of the most exciting aspects of this new program is its flexibility. Because golf and track share the spring season, we are working to structure participation so that student athletes can compete in both sports simultaneously. This means students won't have to choose between opportunities as they can pursue the track and field events they love while also teeing it up for the first time as a Custer-Hysham golfer.

As we build this program from the ground up, we appreciate your patience, support, and encouragement. If you have any gear that you would like to donate to the program, or have any questions please reach out. Adam Tunnell at atunnell@custerschools.org, or directly at 406-871-1285.

You're Invited: Theater Club Presents *Passing Periods*



A Theatrical Sampler

The Custer Theater Club invites students, families, and community members to attend their spring production, *Passing Periods: A Theatrical Sampler*, on **April 23 and 24**. This lively performance explores the ups and downs of a typical school day, highlighting the humor, challenges, and emotions that come with being a student.

A meal will be offered before the show, making it a perfect evening for family and community fun. Come support our seven dedicated student actors as they showcase the skills, confidence, and creativity they've developed throughout the year. We hope to see you there for an entertaining and memorable night at the theater!

Montana Science Assessment (MSA)

Students in grades 5 and 8 will take the Montana Science Assessment (MSA) this spring as part of the state's required testing program. The MSA measures student learning in Life Science, Earth & Space Science, and Physical Science and is aligned to Montana's science standards.

The test is computer-adaptive, meaning questions adjust based on student responses, and includes real-world science scenarios. Results help schools and the state understand student progress and improve instruction.

Testing Window: March 2 – May 22, 2026

Testing Time: About 1–2 hours total

Format: Online during the school day

Thank you for supporting your child's learning and success!

ACT with Writing & PreACT Testing – March 24

On March 24, 11th-grade students will take the ACT with Writing, a required statewide assessment for Montana juniors. This test helps measure student achievement and progress in English, math, reading, science, and writing, and provides valuable information to guide instruction and support student success.

On the same day, students in grades 9 and 10 will take the PreACT, which helps students prepare for the ACT and provides early insight into academic strengths and areas for growth.

ACT results can also be used for college admission and scholarship opportunities. Montana juniors may send their ACT scores to four colleges for free, and by using College Code 8302, students can send scores to all 16 Montana University System colleges at no cost, opening the door to direct admission opportunities.

Results will be shared with families at a later date. Thank you for your support in helping students do their best on this important assessment!