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.

✳ 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
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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 March! March is Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM). There is a wealth of musical events that will take place this month and we are extremely excited for our students and teachers!
Our winter sports have ended and we will begin our spring sports in a few weeks. In the meantime, we will continue our excellent academic ventures in all our classes.
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Go Bison!
Geoffry Habel

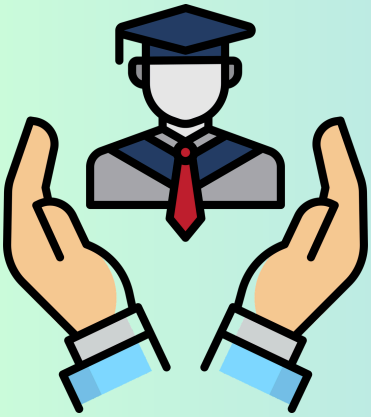
✳ Great Falls High School SPRING PROM

- **GET YOUR TICKETS!**

THIS SATURDAY

7:00-10:00pm
Doors open at 6:45pm

Great Falls High School Counselor Corner



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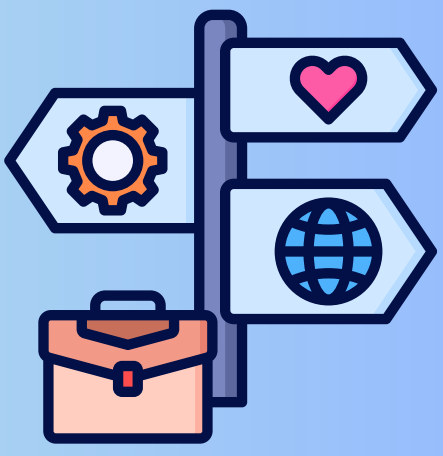

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GFHS Fine Arts At A Glance

3/2-3	AA Band	Davidson Auditorium	Symphonic band misses 3/2-3
3/4-7	All-Northwest (Delphian)	Tacoma, WA	Delphian misses 3/4-6
3/17	Band MIOSM	Civic Center	
3/18-21	Chamber Orchestra Tour		Chamber misses 3/19-20
3/19	Choir MIOSM	Old Gym	Delphian misses per 5-7
3/23	Spring Choir	Davidson Auditorium	
3/24	Orchestra MIOSM	CMR	
3/26-28	Symphonic Band Tour		Symphonic band misses 3/26
3/30	Orchestra Concert	Davidson Auditorium	
3/31	Band Concert	Davidson Auditorium	
4/9-10	District Music	GFHS/CMR	Some students miss per 5-7 4/10
4/14	Delphian Concert	First United Methodist	
4/21	Rhapsody Recital	First United Methodist	
4/30-5/2	Spring Drama	Davidson Auditorium	

Frottage Revisited
VICKIE MEGUIRE

Norman T. Dahl Gallery, GFHS
Now through March 6th, 2026
OPEN to the PUBLIC
LAST WEEK

YOUTH ART MONTH
COUNCIL FOR ART EDUCATION

March is Youth Art Month!

GF Library K-12 Art Exhibit Reception
Friday, March 6th, 2026, 4-5:30 PM
All Are Welcome!

Youth Art Month (YAM) Est.1961

Congratulations to Great Falls High student artists Lisa Villanueva-Escovedo, Paegan Jackson, Tenley Schneider, Jolene Cates, and Axel Starling for having work featured in the State Capital Youth Art Month Exhibit sponsored by the Montana Art Education Association!

Current Student Exhibits:

02/23/2026, **NEW** 2nd floor display cases
02/10/2026, **NEW** Art @ Buffalo Blanc
03/05-04/28/2026, GF Public Library, GFPS K-12 Youth Art Month Exhibit, see info at left
March, State Capital, Helena, MAEA Youth Art Month (YAM) Exhibit, no reception, open to the public

WESTERN ART WEEK

Juried WAW Student Exhibits:

March, Russell Country Credit Union & Four Seasons, Young Russell Juried Exhibit, Western Art Week - GFHS Freshman **Tenley Schneider** Juried In
March, Horizon Credit Union & Heritage, Young Masters Juried Exhibit, Western Art Week - Stay tuned for jury selection, three GFH works submitted

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:**
  - 3/7/26
  - 8:30am - 11:30am
- **After School Support - 3/2/26**
  - **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 03/01-03/07/26				
GFH - AA Band Festival	03/02-03/03/26	Monday-Tuesday	AUD/Music Rooms	All Day
GFH - Night School/Academic Assistance	03/02/26	Monday	SC108, 211, & 304	3:15-5:15
GFH - JROTC Recruitment For Blood Drive	03/02-03/06/26	Monday-Friday	HUB	7:00-7:55am
GFH - AA Band Festival Concert	03/03/26	Tuesday	AUD	7:00-9:00pm
GFH - NW ACDA Conference (HS Choir)	03/04-03/07/26	Wednesday-Saturday	WA	All Day
GFH - Pre College Advisory	03/04/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00pm
GFH - STUCO Full Council Meeting	03/04/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:49-11:36am
GFH - MT Air National Guard	03/04/26	Wednesday	HUB	11:36-12:06pm
GFH - Youth Orchestra	03/04/26	Wednesday	Band Room	12:00-6:00pm
GFH - US Army Table	03/05/26	Thursday	HUB	11:30-1:00pm
GFH - Spring Prom	03/07/26	Saturday	HUB	7:00-10:00pm
GFH - Saturday School	03/07/26	Saturday	HUB	8:30-11:30am

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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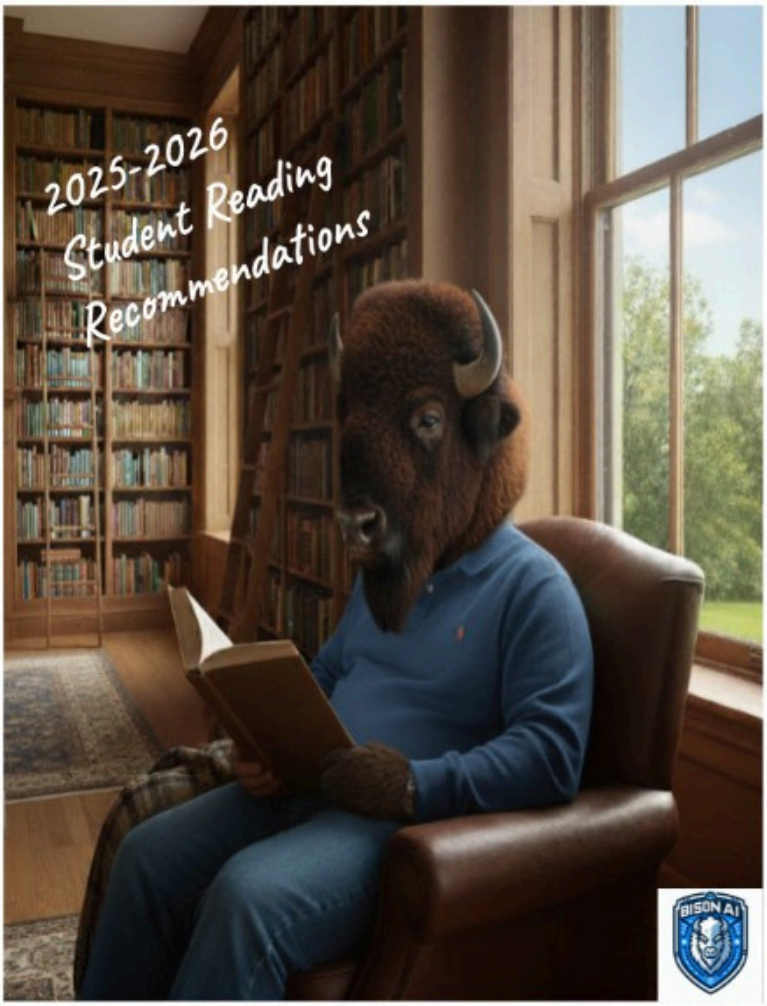

Have you finished a book from the Great Falls High Library this month that you want to share with the school?

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
- 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 Thu. Aug. 22nd , 1935

Will Direct Musicians Tonight

CHARLES A. RICHARDS LLOYD C. OAKLAND

Mr. Richards will direct the bands and Mr. Oakland, the orchestra and choruses in the annual spring concert of the Great Falls high school music department this evening at the school. Mr. Oakland is head of the music department.

Lloyd Oakland to Head Music Division Here

Will Replace Ruth Bishop; New Supervisor Coming From Indiana

Lloyd C. Oakland, supervisor of music in Angola, Ind., schools for the last four years, has been appointed head of the Great Falls high school music department, to succeed Ruth Bishop Lucke. Announcement of the appointment was made Wednesday by Irving W. Smith, city superintendent of schools, following a meeting of the school board. Oakland will assume his duties here with the opening of school in September. His work in Indiana has been the direction of the high school orchestra and band and supervision of the music system.

Mr. Oakland, who plays virtually every orchestra instrument, has been studying at Northwestern university and in Chicago this summer and has completed his master's thesis. He will receive the master of music degree next summer. His bachelor of school music degree he received from Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Ia.

The new music department head's private work has included voice study with Prof. John L. Conrad, Oberlin Conservatory of Music at Oberlin, O.; orchestration and conducting with George Dasch, conductor of the Chicago Cosmopolitan Symphony orchestra, and violin study with Prof. Arcule Sheasby, Northwestern university school of music. During the last four summers Oakland studied at Northwestern university and played the violin in the Evanston symphony orchestra and the French horn in the university band.

Oakland's teaching experience began in Cornell college when he was assistant to Professor Teel in the band department. Later he taught for a year at Arlington, S. D., when he moved to his present position at Angola. In South Dakota his music groups won eight silver cups in the state music contest, all of them being first places. Since he has been in Angola his band won the state concert and marching contests for two years, the orchestra has won the first place in the state four years and the national contest honors for two years. Mr. Oakland's wife is an accomplished musician.

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