

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.

* SPRING SPORTS PHYSICALS

GFHS Parents/Guardians

Spring sports start on March 16th.
Sport physicals must be completed
prior to participating.

* SPRING SPORTS PARTICIPATION FEES

Sports participation fees must be
paid prior to competing in any
sport. Fees can be paid at the
finance window next to the GFHS
Main Office.

* 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:



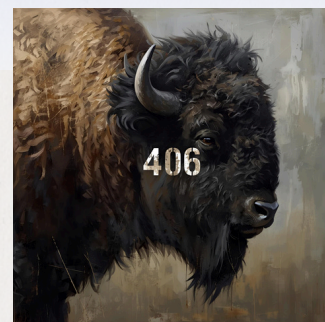
Dear Bison Family,

We have another full slate of events this week, even though it is a shortened week! On Monday we will be celebrating our students who have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better. This is the 37th year of the GFHS Academic Dinner and we are so proud of all our students!

We have our SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES this Tuesday (3/10/26). We look forward to seeing you all there! A reminder that there is no school for students this Friday (3/13/26).

Go Bison!

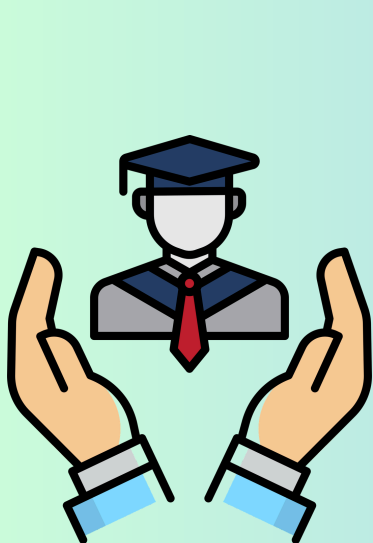
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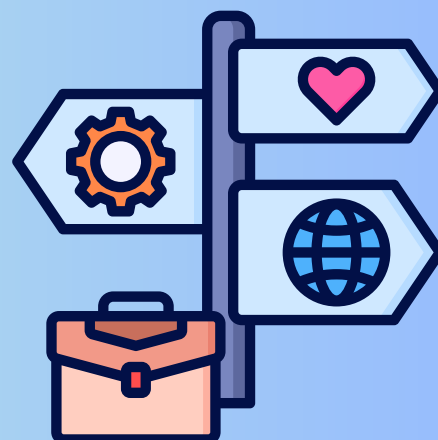
NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY FOR STUDENTS

- School Offices are closed (3/13/26)

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

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 <u>misses</u> 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	



Shifting Layers

Jules Lucero



Norman T. Dahl Gallery, GFHS
Reception March 19th, 2026
 3:15-4:30 PM
 OPEN to the PUBLIC



March is Youth Art Month!

GF Library K-12 Art Exhibit
Open until April 28th, 2026
 Over 25 works from GFH included.

Youth Art Month (YAM) Est. 1961



**WESTERN
ART WEEK**

Congratulations to Great Falls High student artists **Tenley Schneider** and **Kinsey Yule** for inclusion in the 2026 Western Art Week Show exhibits at **Horizon Credit Union** and **Russell Country Credit Union**. Both students are freshman in the Art Workshop Honors cohorts and exemplify exceptional technical work. Both exhibits will move to Western Art Week (WAW) exhibition locations during WAW. Tenley's will be at Four Seasons and Kinsey's will be at the Heritage. Additional GFH works from Tenley and Victoria Zender will be included in the Heritage show as well.

NEW Student Exhibits:

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

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Bison Beat

March 6, 2026

Monday Mar 9- regular bell schedule

Tuesday Mar 10 - regular bell schedule

Wednesday Mar 11 - PLCT schedule

Thursday Mar 12 - regular bell schedule

Friday Mar 13 - NO SCHOOL

Upcoming:

ACT Day March 24th

No School March 27

Vocational

5 students are starting new training jobs next week.

Two will have jobs in the building. One will be working at the public library. One is working at the Veteran's Affairs office and. One is working at the Great Falls Transit office.

Community

Outings:

Students have been working on bus training and learning to use the city transit. Several students have combined with students from secondary life skills to plan and attend outings.

Community News

Prom is this Saturday. We hope anyone who goes has a great time! Bosses night is March 10. Students who are attending received their invite and instructions from the vocational teacher.

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



A NOTE FROM Your Teacher

March 6, 2026

Hello Bison Families!

This weekend is prom, Tuesday night is Bosses night, special olympics practices for summer games have started, and we will have more and more events as the year starts to wind down.

Some important dates to be aware of:

ACT day is March 24th. Only juniors who are taking the ACT attend school that day. It is a remote day for all other students. If your student needs to be here, we will let you know ahead of time.

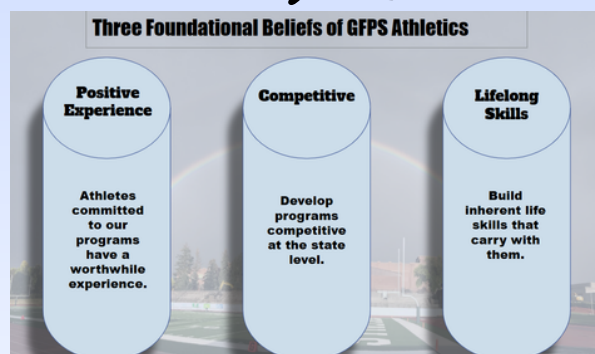
The end of the quarter is March 27 and students are off that day.

Spring break is coming up April 2-6.

Thanks for reading the Bison Beat.

GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

GFHS Spring Sports:
Practice begining Monday 3/16.
Sports Physicals and Participation Fees
must be completed prior to competing



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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:**
 - No School Friday
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- **After School Support - 3/16/26**
 - 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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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 03/08-03/14/26				
Concert Orchestra Trip	03/08-03/09/26	Sunday-Monday		All Day
American Red Cross Blood Drive	03/09/26	Monday	OG	8:00am-3:15pm
STUCO Full Council Meeting	03/09/26	Monday	HUB	10:49-11:36am
Night School/Academic Assistance	03/09/26	Monday	SC108, 211, & 304	3:15-5:15
Academic Dinner	03/09/26	Monday	HUB & AUD	5:00-8:00pm
Academic Honors Ceremony Rehearsal	03/10/26	Tuesday	AUD	1:00-2:30pm
Parent Teacher Conferences	03/10/26	Tuesday		3:30-7:00pm
Pre College Advisory	03/11/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00pm
Academic Honors Ceremony	03/11/26	Wednesday	AUD & HUB	3:15-4:15pm
Excellence in Education Photo Shoot	03/11/26	Wednesday	Library	3:30-5:00pm
MTARNG Recruiting Table	03/12/26	Thursday	Learning Stairs	11:45-12:30pm
NHS Dodgeball Tournament	03/12/26	Thursday	OG	4:00-7:00pm
No School	03/13/26	Friday		All Day
SAT Administration	03/14/26	Saturday	SC 105	8:00-11:00am



ParentSquare

PARENTSQUARE INFORMATION:

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

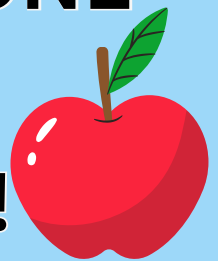
[GFPS District Letter](#)
[Getting Started Guide](#)



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 Missoulian article from May 30th, 1981

A-4—Missoulian, Saturday, May 30, 1981

Monte Dolack's audience is the world

By Deirdre McNamer
Staff writer

Right next to Bogart and Bacall, across the room from the disc jockey booth and the painting of the woman with trout-shaped sunglasses, is a poster that shows a wall of mountains wreathed with clouds.

The poster advertises Alternative Treks, an organization based in Kathmandu, Nepal, which arranges Himalayan hiking expeditions for small groups.

As it happens, Alternative Treks is the brainchild of a former Montanan by the name of George Miller. And when Miller decided last year to commission a poster, he turned to Missoula graphic artist Monte Dolack.

"That poster is now all over the world," Dolack says with pride. It hangs on the east wall of Dolack's studio amid a score of more well-known Dolack creations, including the best-selling Bogart-and-Bacall poster for Missoula's Crystal theater.

While most of his commissions come from places closer to home, the 31-year-old Dolack is definitely branching out.

The evidence is in his studio, a converted radio station above the Top Hat on West Main Street. (He plans to move soon to the Brunswick Building on Woody Street). The walls, a collage of posters, are a visual history of his career. Many of those posters are for businesses or events in western Montana, but a growing number are out-of-state commissions.

Just this week, Dolack got a commission from Portal Publications, a major poster and card distributor, to create 12 new posters during the upcoming year. They will be distributed throughout the United States, and in England, Australia and New Zealand.

His workroom is already filled with sketches for new projects. (One poster in the works is for Spokane's "Celebration '81," a citywide art festival).

Print magazine, one of the major publications for American graphic artists, will feature two Dolack posters in its July-August issue — his "Westerns Unlimited" poster and his "Blue Rock" poster.

Dolack has been invited to talk about design and graphic arts at a conference of regional independent filmmakers next month in Utah. The monthlong seminar, the first of its kind, was organized by actor Robert Redford's Sundance Institute.

Ellen Calmus, who works as a Swan Valley fire lookout during the summer and makes documentary films in Mexico City during the winter, is exploring the possibility of an exhibit of 25 Dolack posters in Mexico City.

The Los Llanos gallery of contemporary art in Santa Fe, N.M., plans a major exhibit of Dolack's work in December.

And there are, occasionally, commissions from exotic places like Kathmandu. (Dolack worked out a trade arrangement for that one that entitles him to a trek in the Himalayas).



Staff photos by Tom Dodge

A Dolack painting offers a bathing beauty in "trout" sunglasses.

Five years ago, Dolack was gaining a reputation locally as an imaginative, skillful graphic artist. He painted colorful, one-of-a-kind signs — the Crystal's Marlene Dietrich box office window and the Trail Head hiker, for example. And he was in demand as a poster and pamphlet artist for local events. But his reputation was confined, in the main, to Missoula and western Montana.

Two years ago, however, Dolack and Joe Staats, owner of the Crystal theater, formed a distributing company called Released Imagination. That collaboration has been "the whole key" to his widening reputation, Dolack says.

Staats, sometimes accompanied by Dolack, began making regular trips to the West Coast and other parts of the country, taking Dolack's posters to an ever-growing number of bookstores and galleries.

"Joe has gotten my posters all over the country," says Dolack. Staats also knows a variety of independent filmmakers, and those connections have translated into more business for Dolack.

He has done promotional posters for the films "Heartland," "Sitting Ducks," a Norwegian film called "Wives," and "The Seacucumber 7," among others.

Dolack now figures that 90 percent of his commissions come from outside Missoula. And that presents another question.

Can an artist live outside the country's major art centers and keep growing artistically?

With some qualifications, Dolack says "yes."

Although Dolack calls Missoula home, he travels as often as time and money permit. "Unless you travel and get away, it's easy to stagnate," he says. "There's a tendency here to climb onto a bar stool and never get off."

Posters are a good way to take a slice of western Montana life to other parts of the world, Dolack adds, because "posters are literal." They are, at their best, an ex-

remely concise and visual statement about a particular area.

Like many artists and writers who spend most of their time in Missoula, Dolack sees obvious advantages to the place.

There is, for one thing, a tangible sense of life and community. "I need a city at least this big to survive in," he says, adding that he isn't the type "to be in a little cabin somewhere painting bears."

"I'm here because I have friends here and I love being this close to a natural environment," says Dolack, who is an ardent fly fisherman.

Missoula also is the kind of place where someone in the print business can retain control over the quality of his work, Dolack says. His posters are printed locally — usually at Artcraft Printers or Gateway Printing — and Dolack oversees each stage of that printing process.

Dolack considers himself an artist, not an advertising or promotional agent. He also knows the printing business and is able to talk to printers about technical aspects of his work without coming on as "some dandy-assed artist."

Posters, he says, are "the most artistic thing I could do and still be in the graphic design business — the pay-for-itself side of the world."

In Missoula, he says, the arts develop within "a little pocket. They are co-developing with the rest of the country, but are still isolated."

As a result, he said, artists in Missoula take on some of the characteristics of a subculture or tribe. They are out of the mainstream, and are therefore unique.

Perhaps, says Dolack, that separateness might ultimately work to their benefit. They will be noticed because they are different.

"Who knows?" he says. "The scene is very young, it's developing. It's new and it's interesting."



The lobby of Dolack's studio contains exhibits of his posters.

GFHS GRADUATE
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