

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU
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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.

* GFHS Events and Sports Travel forms

[Click Here](#)

[GFHS TRANSPORTATION FORM](#)

* 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)		
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:



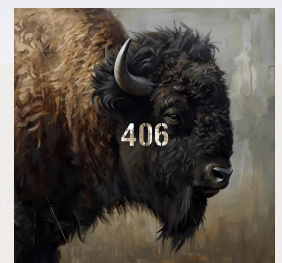
Dear Bison Family,

Happy third week in March already! This week we have a couple important reminders. One is that on Tuesday (3/24/26) we have a remote day for all students who are not taking the ACT or the Pre-ACT. (All freshmen, most sophomores, and most seniors will be remote learning for the day.) Students should have checked with each of their teachers for what they will need to do online.

Also, this Friday (3/27/26) is the end of the 3rd quarter. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS. There is professional development for all teachers and some staff.

Go Bison!

Geoffrey Habel



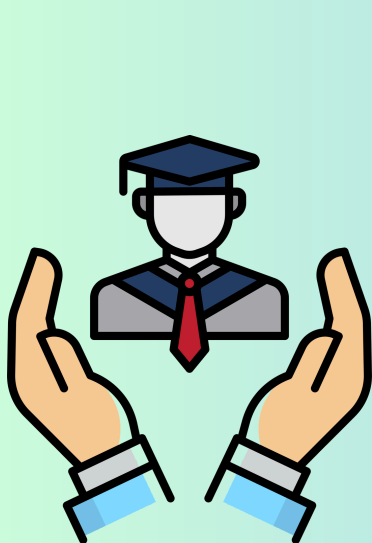
* ACT For All Juniors Tuesday: March 24th Pre-ACT for registered sophomores

- Remote day for all other students

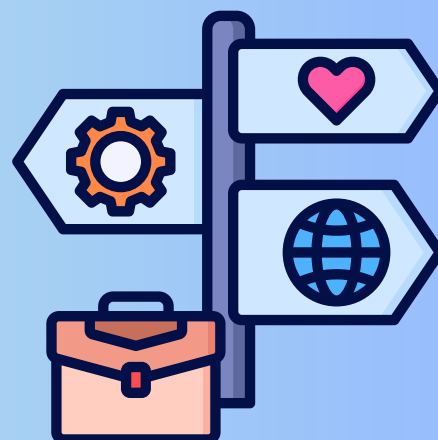
* No School this Friday: March 27th

- Teacher professional development

Great Falls High School Counselor Corner



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



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

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ACT: March 24th 2026.
JUNIORS ONLY
CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCES



Juniors and Pre-ACT Registered Sophomores

- **Arrive at the school no later than 7:45**
 - Juniors to the Old Gym
 - Registered sophomores to Mr. Kilian's room (SC106)
- **BRING:**
 - A picture ID
 - Your fully charged Chromebook
 - An ACT approved calculator
 - If forgotten, it will be provided
 - Sharpened #2 pencils
- **NO CELL PHONES, SMART WATCHES, EAR BUDS ALLOWED**

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	Davidson Auditorium	
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	



March is Youth Art Month!

GF Library K-12 Art Exhibit
Open until April 28th, 2026



Shifting Layers Jules Lucero



Norman T. Dahl Gallery, GFHS
OPEN to the PUBLIC
Exhibit On View Through May 2nd, 2026



Congrats to senior **Julianna Graef** for receiving a **\$1500 scholarship** from the Out West Show & Sale! Julianna will be studying graphic design at Northern University in Havre next fall.

Way to go, Julianna!

ONGOING 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
March, State Capital, Helena, MAEA Youth Art Month (YAM) Exhibit, no reception, open to the public





GFHS STUDENT COUNCIL

WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?
WANT TO HAVE A VOICE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP?

STUDENT COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR MOTIVATED BISON TO STEP UP AND STEP IN!

Campaign week: March 23

(on social media and around the school)

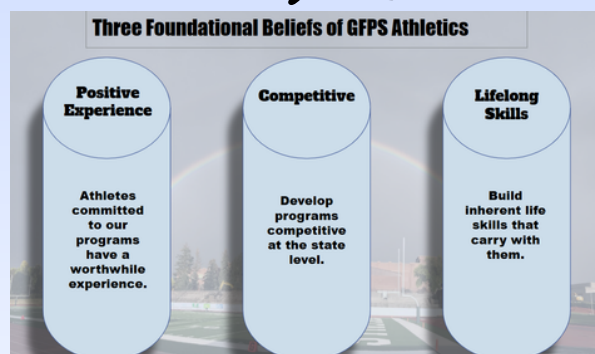
Elections: March 31 in history classes

2026–27 reps announced: April 1

GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

SPORT	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	VARSITY	JV
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SB	FRI	3/27/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SENIOR	BILLINGS	V-JV	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
SB	FRI	3/27/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SKYVIEW	BILLINGS	V-JV	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
BASE	SAT	3/28/2026	GFH	MISSOULA HELLGATE	MISSOULA	V-JV	12:00 PM	10:00 AM
BASE	SAT	3/28/2026	GFH	MISSOULA HELLGATE	MISSOULA	V-JV	3:00 PM	



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Bison Beat

March 20, 2026

Monday Mar 23- regular bell schedule

Tuesday Mar 24 - ACT day/No School (see note)

Wednesday Mar 25 - PLCT schedule

Thursday Mar 26 - regular bell schedule

Friday Mar 27 - No School End of quarter

Upcoming:

ACT Day March 24th

No School March 27

Vocational

Students continue to work jobs in school and the community. Recently one student started a job at Great Falls Transit, one at the Veteran's affairs office, and one at the Public Library. Our job coaches and vocational teacher work hard to get as many students jobs as possible.

Maker Monday On Monday we will work to finish our clay critters we started with Mrs. Harant a couple of weeks ago. We have two more Maker Mondays this year. One is in April and the other is in May.

This week a few students went to TJ Maxx to look around and price items. They went with Mrs. Murray and students from Paris Gibson. Next week a few students will be going bowling with students from other schools.

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



A NOTE FROM Your Teacher

March 20, 2026

Hello Bison Families!

Next week will be a busy one for us. We have the ACT test on Tuesday. Some students who are juniors took an alternative assessment earlier this year and won't need to be here on ACT day. **Only juniors who are taking the ACT test will attend school that day. If your child needs to be here, you will get a message from their case manager. If you do not receive a message, it means they have that day off.**

Friday, March 27 is the end of the quarter and all students have the day off.

Upcoming:
Spring break is April 2-6.

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:

- **NO Saturday School:**
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 - **After School Support - 3/23/26**
 - **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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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 03/22-03/28/26				
Night School/Academic Assistance	03/23/26	Monday	211, SC108, 304	3:15-5:15pm
GFHS Choir Concert	03/23/26	Monday	AUD	7:00-9:00pm
Pre ACT Testing	03/24/26	Tuesday	SC 106	7:30-12:00pm
ACT Testing	03/24/26	Tuesday	Whole Building	8:00am-3:00pm
Orchestra MIOSM Concert	03/24/26	Tuesday	AUD	7:00-9:00pm
Pre College Advisory	03/25/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00pm
MTARNG Recruiting Table	03/26/26	Thursday	Learning Stairs	11:45-12:30pm
MCTM Regional Math Contest	03/26/26	Thursday	SC & HUB	4:00-7:00pm
End of Quarter 3 - No School	03/27/26	Friday		All Day
SAT Administration	03/28/26	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:

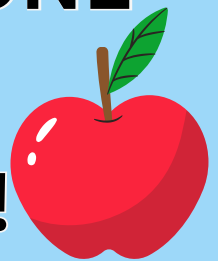
[GFPS District Letter](#)
[Getting Started Guide](#)



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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 June 15th, 1952

JOSEPHINE TRIGG

GFHS FIRST GRADUATING CLASS ONE OF FOUR STUDENTS IN 1893

Great Falls Acknowledges a Great Heritage

Ever since Charlie Russell laid down his glorious brush for the last time more than a quarter century ago, Great Falls has been talking—and doing nothing—about a fitting Russell memorial.

Now, praise be, the Josephine Trigg bequest of her invaluable collection to Great Falls, hinging only on the simple condition of providing adequate quarters, has inspired action to erect—now—a Trigg-Russell memorial. Seventy-five thousand dollars is needed and this amount will be raised at once by public subscription.

Great Falls—and Montana—had many men of stature in their evolution through the days of the pioneer, but the eternal fame of the Cowboy Artist dwarfs them all. With a virility of color that is breathtaking and a graphic accuracy of historic perception, the prolific brush of Russell reproduced faithfully the dramatically unfolding panorama of the old west.

The great wilderness known to Lewis and Clark. The epic of the Redman on the plains. The story of the cowpuncher and the frontier town. Horses alive as no artist in all time has been able to create on canvas. The nutritious bunch grass that fattened the trail herds up from Texas. Whispering pines against the glory of Montana sunsets. Such as these took Russell oils into famous galleries of two worlds, entranced such patrons and collectors as the Prince of Wales and Douglas Fairbanks.

Probably no Montanan ever had so many close friends, both at home on the range and on an enlarging horizon that attracted such raconteurs as Will Rogers and Irvin S. Cobb to sit in constant delight at the feet of Russell, the master spinner of yarns.

Truly, it may be said that the fame of his painting will endure so long as the beauty of Montana skies. And a memorial of his works will for all time attract more visitors than anything to be seen over the length and breadth of the Treasure state.

The Trigg-Russell gallery will be dedicated to just one purpose, the benefit of the people, and open always to the public without admission charge. Not only will it house, at once, the Trigg collection of original oils, water colors and gems of the artist's facile modeling in wax, wood and bronze, but many Russell originals, given or loaned by present owners. Time will enrich with many more, once the memorial is a fact, through further bequest and loan.

Great Falls and Montana have in the past lost other desirable Russelliana mainly for the lack of a permanent memorial. Great Falls will not lose the Trigg collection. Every citizen and school child of this community and hundreds throughout Montana and elsewhere will want their individual part, large or small, in assuring this memorial. It is fitting that it should take form in the town where Russell lived and from which he gave the world so rich a heritage.

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TRIGG-C. M. RUSSELL FOUNDATION

P. O. Box 1926, Great Falls, Mont.

Gentlemen:

Yes, I want to do my part toward building the Trigg-Russell Memorial Gallery. Here is my contribution.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY..... STATE.....