

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.

* 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,

The weather is a little hit and miss this time of year and we're all itching to get outside. On Wednesday of this week we will celebrate Earth Day by doing a quick campus cleanup! Our campus is beautiful and we need to do the work to keep it that way.

We are pre-selling 2025-2026 Yearbooks! See the flyer below.

We had beautiful showcases of our talents this past week with a Delphian concert, athletic events, an art show, and some of our Skills USA student did amazing in their competitions. We have so many amazing students.

Wednesday is also the Administrative Assistants and Secretaries Appreciation Day! Please give them a shout out if you see them!

Go Bison!

Geoffry Habel

* Pre-Sale for 2025-26 Yearbooks:

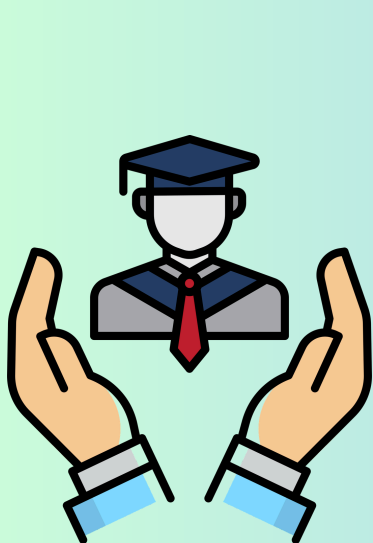
- See flyer below

* Summer Virtual Academy Payments

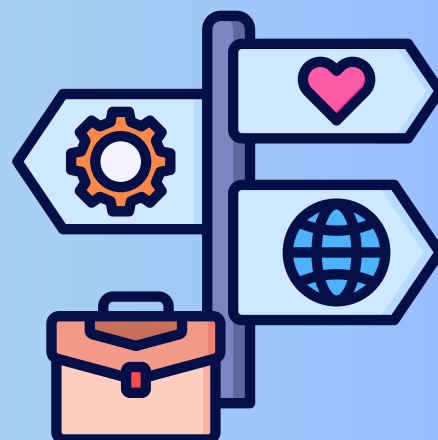
- Virtual Academy cash & check payments can be made in the GFHS Main office
- Credit card payments must be paid at the DOB



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	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	



The Square

Paris Gibson Square
Museum of Art

Great Falls Public Schools
**Annual Student
Art Exhibition**

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art

On Display through May 20th.



Art Club meets
in room **113** every **Wednesday**
at lunch. At those meetings the
club members check in with
each other and plan activities.



Shifting Layers
Jules Lucero



Dahl Gallery, GFHS
OPEN to the PUBLIC
Closes May 2nd, 2026

Select Art
Club members
headed to
Missoula
Saturday! UM
or bust!



GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

SPORT	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	VARSITY	JV	SOPH	FROSH
TE	TUES	4/21/2026	GFH	ST. PATRICKS	CMR COURTS	JV	4:00 PM		
SB	TUES	4/21/2026	GFH	HELENA HIGH	GF MULTI SPORTS	V-JV	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	
SB	TUES	4/21/2026	GFH	HELENA CAPITAL	GF MULTI SPORTS	V-JV	5:00 PM	5:00 PM	
TE	THURS	4/23/2026	GFH	MISSOULA SENTINEL	MLCC/HURD	V	12:00 PM		
TE	THURS	4/23/2026	GFH	MISSOULA HELLGATE	CMR COURTS	V	2:30 PM		
TF	THURS	4/23/2026	GFH	HELENA FROSH	HELENA	F			3:30 PM
BASE	THURS	4/23/2026	GFH	CMR (CMR HOME)	OLSON	V-JV	5:00 PM	2:00 PM	
TE	SAT	4/25/2026	GFH	EAST TOURNAMENT	BOZEMAN	V	10:00 AM		
SB	SAT	4/25/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SKYVIEW	GF MULTI SPORTS	V-JV	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	
SB	SAT	4/25/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SENIOR	GF MULTI SPORTS	V-JV	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	
TF	SAT	4/25/2026	GFH	DAHLBERG- BOYS ONLY	BUTTE	V	11:00 AM		
TF	SAT	4/25/2026	GFH	OPTIMISTS- GIRLS ONLY	GF MEMORIAL STADIUM	V	11:00 AM		
BASE	SAT	4/25/2026	GFH	GLACIER	KALISPELL	V-JV	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	
BASE	SAT	4/25/2026	GFH	FLATHEAD	KALISPELL	V-JV	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	



Three Foundational Beliefs of GFPS Athletics

Positive Experience

Athletes committed to our programs have a worthwhile experience.

Competitive

Develop programs competitive at the state level.

Lifelong Skills

Build inherent life skills that carry with them.

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Bison Beat

Monday-20	normal	schedule
Tuesday-21	normal	schedule
Wednesday-22	PLCT	schedule
Thursday- 23	assembly	schedule
Friday-24	normal	schedule

April 17, 2026

Upcoming:

Campus clean up day April 22

Pep assembly April 23

No school May 25

Last day for seniors May 27

SENIORS

The last day of school for seniors is May 27th. We will be getting more information out to you as we get that.



Vocational

We will be wrapping up our vocational placements during the 3rd week of May. During this year all of the juniors and seniors (as well as some underclassmen) had at least one job placement and learned many job skills.

We will have our last bowling outing on April 30th. We will be going with our friends from the secondary life skills program, students from CMR, and students from East and North middle schools. This has been a fun time to see friends from other schools and enjoy some bowling.

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



A NOTE FROM Your Teacher

April 17, 2026

Hello Bison Families!

We have just a few weeks of school left in the 2025-2026 school year.

The last day of school for the senior class is May 27. There are senior notes on the Great Falls High website with information about graduation rehearsal, baccalaureate, graduation, and other information about wrapping up the end of the year. This can be found at:

<https://gfhs.gfps.k12.mt.us/parents-students/graduation>

Thanks for reading the Bison Beat.



Got Yearbook?



Pre-Order It Before We are Sold Out!



How Much? **\$65** (Until May...It Goes up to \$68)

Where do I Get it? (Pre-Pay in the Finance Office or on jostens.com)

For more information...come by 104B and talk to Amo or email (susan_amo@gfps.k12.mt.us)

SAVE THE DATE

Community Agency Resource Fair & Paperwork Night

OPEN HOUSE STYLE

GFHS Student Services Students

WHEN & WHERE:

Paris Gibson Education Center
2400 Central Ave
Second Floor in the HUB (elevator available)

Thursday, April 30
4:00- 6:30 p.m.

Details

WHO:

North Central Independent Living Services
Job Services Dept. of Labor & Industry
Montana Vocational Rehabilitation Services
College & Career Readiness
Easterseals
Alluvion Health
Developmental Disabilities

Agencies

OBJECTIVES

- Meet local agencies
- Ask questions
- Get help filling out paperwork
- Get information on Social Security

*What to
Expect*

GET AIR



**APRIL
25TH**

2:00pm-4:00 pm

2501 Brooks St
Missoula, MT 59801

COME HAVE SOME FUN WITH MSDB!



- Bring your children to jump, play, and make new friends.
- Connect with other MSDB families
- Meet friendly regional MSDB consultants
- Please use this **QR code** to access the **registration form** and **Get Air waiver form**, prior to attendance.

*Join us at **Get Air** for fun, connection, and support.
We can't wait to see you!*

outreach@msdb.k12.mt.us

www.msdb.k12.mt.us

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:**
 - 4/25/26
 - GFHS HUB - 8:30-11:30
 - **After School Support - 4/20/26**
 - Tuesday Math 3:20-5:10pm in South Campus 108
 - Mon. & Thurs. 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 04/19-04/25/26

Night School/Academic Assistance	04/20/26	Monday	SC108, 211, & 304	3:15-5:15
STUCO Election	04/21/26	Tuesday	AUD	10:56-11:49am
JROTC Service Academy Days	04/21/26	Tuesday	HUB	3:00-5:00pm
Rhapsody Concert	04/21/26	Tuesday	First United Methodist Church	7:00-8:00pm
Earth Day Campus Clean Up	04/22/26	Wednesday		10:21-11:01am
Administrative Professional/Print Center Appreciation Day	04/22/26	Wednesday		All Day
Pre College Advisory	04/22/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00pm
Spring Pep Assembly	04/23/26	Thursday	FH	9:45-10:30am
MTRANG Recruiting Table	04/23/26	Thursday	Learning Stairs	11:45-12:30pm
Night School/Academic Assistance	04/23/26	Thursday	SC 108, 211, & 304	3:30-4:30pm
Code Girls APP Challenge	04/26/26	Saturday	SC Rooms	7:30-2:00pm
Saturday School	04/25/26	Saturday	HUB	8:30-11:30am



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 1945

1903

HOWARD HOOVER WINS THE PRIZE

Great Falls Boy, Competing Against the State, Wins Appointment to the Naval Academy.

News was received from Missoula last night that John Howard Hoover, a pupil in the Great Falls High school, would be appointed by Congressman Joseph M. Dixon to the United States naval academy at Annapolis. Hoover went to Missoula Friday to take the competitive examination, open to the state, and securing the highest grades, will receive the appointment allotted to the congressman.

Young Hoover, who is about 16 years of age, is a son of Mrs. Claudia I. Hoover, a teacher in the schools of this city. He was named by Senator Gibson as the latter's first alternate for the naval academy and for several months had been studying for the examination, but when Senator Gibson's principal, J. M. O'Brien of Kalispell, passed, young Hoover's chance was lost. Then he determined to go to Missoula and take the competitive examination, held by Congressman Dixon, and he beat all others.

He has yet to pass a mental examination at Annapolis and also a rigid physical examination. He has no fear of the former, but he may be a fraction of an inch under the required height.

1945

Adm. Hoover Returns to City; Says He's "Glad to Be Home"

With the statement that he was "glad to be home," V. Adm. John Howard Hoover, Montana's highest ranking officer, returned to Great Falls Thursday for his first visit since 1938.

Here in an unofficial capacity for the navy day observance at Civitan club, Admiral Hoover is on his first vacation since the war started.

Scheduled to speak at the navy

day celebration in Butte Saturday, the naval officer is combining a business and vacation trip and during the next two or three weeks intends covering the game haunts of the state on hunting and fishing trips.

Although he seldom has been back in Great Falls since he left 42 years ago to enter the navy, Admiral Hoover, nevertheless, still takes every opportunity to visit his home town.

He came to Great Falls at the age of 10 and this city since has been his residence. Entering the naval academy in 1903, he received his appointment from the late congressman and governor, Joseph M. Dixon, while a student at Great Falls high school. He was a member of the 1907 graduating class at Annapolis.

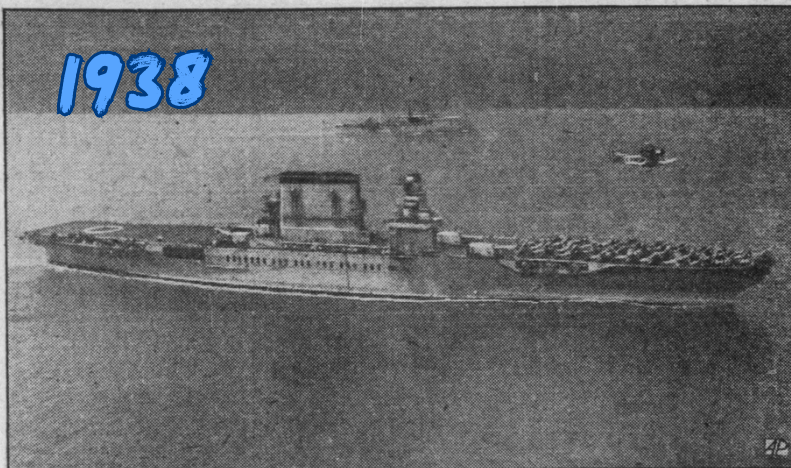
During the last two years of the war, Admiral Hoover served as commander, forward area, in the central Pacific and as such commanded all army, navy, marine and air forces. Last summer he was deputy commander in chief of the Pacific fleet under Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

While in the state Admiral Hoover will have his headquarters at Butte and will visit the ranch of his brother, W. H. Hoover, general counsel and vice president of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., and former local attorney.

**JOHN HOWARD HOOVER
GFHS CLASS OF 1903**

Commander of Giant Naval Carrier to Be Here

1938



Capt. J. Howard Hoover, former Great Falls high school student and now commander of the U. S. S. Lexington (above), the largest airplane carrier in the nation's fleet, is scheduled to arrive with his aides at the local airport Friday on a reconnaissance flight over the Pacific northwest area. Friends of the naval officer are arranging a public reception for him Friday evening at 7 at the A. C. M. clubhouse. The planes of the Lexington were used in the futile search for Amelia Earhart Putnam last year.

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