

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU
WANT TO BE TREATED



DO WHAT'S RIGHT



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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](#)

* MT Law 20-5-201

Montana Code Annotated 20-5-201(4) authorizes school districts to withhold grades, diplomas, or transcripts if a student owes money for school materials, lost, or damaged property.

* 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,

It is officially "MAYhem"! Some people refer to it as "the 100 days of May!" It is TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK! A big shout out to all the teachers who work with our students every day. We all thank them for their dedication and leadership of our young men and women. If you see a teacher, please thank them.

We have a wealth of things happening this month, including graduation for our seniors! We look forward to the next few weeks as the weather slowly warms up and the activities ramp up.

Go Bison!

Geoffrey Habel



* Senior Fines:

- We have a large number of seniors with fines!
- Per MT law, diplomas and transcripts can be withheld

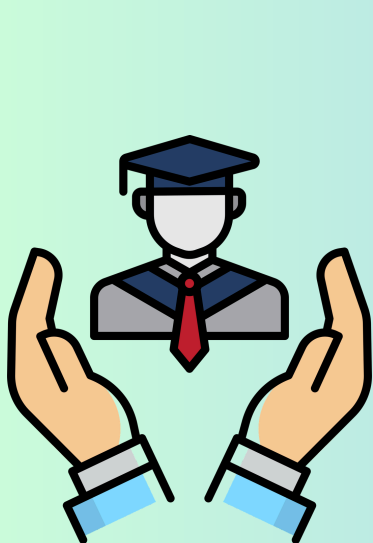
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- If you see a teacher, please thank them!

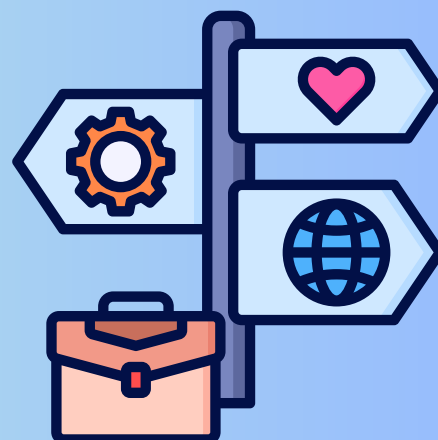
* Summer Virtual Academy Payments

- 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	
5/7-5/9	Spring Drama	Davidson Auditorium	



Art Club decided to dedicate one meeting a month to honor our newest lettering candidates. If you think you qualify please see Mrs. Harant in room 113.



2026

AP Art and Design
Student Exhibit
Coming Soon

Dahl Gallery, GFH
Reception & Presentations
May 14th, 2026, 5-7 PM

FIVE X SEVEN

Annual Show & Sale

May 13th-15th, 2026
Great Falls High HUB

Before School, Lunch, & After School plus Leap Up Night!
Sales benefit the GFH Art Department. A huge thank you to all our student artists as well as YOU, the patron!

ONGOING Student Exhibits:

02/23/2026, 2nd floor display cases, more work added in March
02/10/2026, Art @ Buffalo Blanc
04/17-05/20/2026, GFPS K12 Student Exhibit, PGSMOA

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

See Mrs. Harant to join our Google Classroom to stay informed.

Great Falls Public Schools

Annual Student Art Exhibition

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art

The Square
Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art

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GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

SPORT	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	VARSITY	JV	SOPH	FROSH
BASE	MON	5/4/2026	GFH	BILLINGS WEST	OLSON/WARREN	V-JV	5:00 PM	3:00 PM	
SB	TUES	5/5/2026	GFH	GALLATIN- VAR ONLY	GF MULTI SPORTS	V	3:00 PM		
SB	TUES	5/5/2026	GFH	FERGUS- VAR ONLY	GF MULTI SPORTS	V	5:00 PM		
TE	THURS	5/7/2026	GFH	CROSS TOWN JV	CMR COURTS	JV		4:00 PM	
SB	THURS	5/7/2026	GFH	GALLATIN- JV ONLY	BOZEMAN	JV		3:00 PM	
TF	THURS	5/7/2026	GFH	GF FROSH INVITE	GF MEMORIAL STADIUM	F			4:00 PM
SB	FRI	5/8/2026	GFH	CMR (GFH HOME)	GF MULTI SPORTS	V-JV	5:00 PM	2:00 PM	
BASE	FRI	5/8/2026	GFH	BELGRADE	BELGRADE	V-JV	5:00 PM	3:00 PM	
TE	SAT	5/9/2026	GFH	BELGRADE	MLCC/HURD	V	12:00 PM		
TE	SAT	5/9/2026	GFH	BILLINGS WEST	CMR COURTS	V	2:30 PM		
SB	SAT	5/9/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SKYVIEW	GF MULTI SPORTS	V-JV	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	
SB	SAT	5/9/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SENIOR	GF MULTI SPORTS	V-JV	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	
TF	SAT	5/9/2026	GFH	HELENA HIGH	HELENA	V-JV	10:30 AM		
BASE	SAT	5/9/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SENIOR	OLSON	V-JV	2:00 PM	12:00 PM	



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SENIOR STUDENTS

Great Falls High Class of 2026 All Night Graduation Party



May 31st
8pm-1am
@ the Montana Expo
Park (right next door
to the graduation
ceremony)

Tickets will be available to
purchase during lunch April
28th, 30th, May 5th, 7th, and
12th As well as before school
starting at 7:30 May 5th and
7th.

Tickets are \$25 (scholarships
available, call Sarah at
(406)899-5952)

*you will get the cost of your
ticket back at the party in the
form of a gift card*

Cash, check or Venmo available

Join us for food, games, music,
prizes (including cash!!), photo
booth, and so much fun!

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:**
 - 5/9/26
 - GFHS HUB - 8:30-11:30
 - **After School Support - 5/4/26**
 - 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**



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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 5/03-05/09/26				
Teacher Appreciation Week	05/04-05/09/26	Monday-Friday		All Day
Spikeball tournament Ticket Sales	05/04-05/08/26	Monday-Friday	HUB	Before School/Lunch/After School
Night School/Academic Assistance	05/04/26	Monday	SC108, 211, & 304	3:15-5:15
BPA National Leadership Conference	05/05-05/10/26	Tuesday-Sunday	Nashville, TN	All Day
All Night Senior Party Ticket Sales	05/05/26	Tuesday	HUB	11:50-12:19pm
School Nurse Appreciation Day	05/06/26	Wednesday		All Day
Pre College Advisory	05/06/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00pm
STUCO Full Council Meeting	05/06/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:49-11:36am
MT Air National Guard	05/06/26	Wednesday	HUB	11:36-12:06pm
Scholarship Celebration	05/06/26	Wednesday	FH	5:30-7:30pm
Spring Drama/Loving Lives	05/07-05/09/26	Thursday-Saturday	AUD	7:30pm(Thurs-Sat) & 2:00pm on Sat
US Army Table	05/07/26	Thursday	HUB	11:30-1:00pm
MTARNG Recruiting Table	05/07/26	Thursday	Learning Stairs	11:45-12:30pm
All Night Senior Party Ticket Sales	05/07/26	Thursday	HUB	11:50-12:19pm
Night School/Academic Assistance	05/07/26	Thursday	SC 108, 211, & 304	3:30-4:30pm
Flag Retirement Ceremony	05/07/26	Thursday	Flag Pole	5:00-7:30pm
Saturday School	05/09/26	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 LEGACY ALUMNI

IRVING WEISSMAN

EDUCATION

- Montana State University
 - Bachelor of Science
 - 1961
- Stanford University
 - Medical Doctor
 - 1965



HONORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1956
 - ASSISTED WITH MEDICAL RESEARCH DURING A SUMMER JOB WITH MT DEACONESS HOSPITAL
- 1989
 - ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
- 2002:
 - CALIFORNIA SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR
- 2008
 - ELECTED TO THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
 - ROBERT KOCH PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
- 2009
 - ROSENSTIEL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED WORK IN BASIC MEDICAL RESEARCH
- 2013
 - MAX DELBRÜCK MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING SCIENTIST IN MOLECULAR MEDICINE
- 2015
 - CHARLES RODOLPHE BRUPBACHER PRIZE FOR CANCER RESEARCH
- 2019
 - ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER PRIZE IN MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
- 2022
 - WALLACE H. COULTER AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN HEMATOLOGY
- 2024
 - AMERICAN COMPUTER & ROBOTICS MUSEUM STIBITZ-WILSON AWARD
- PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY
- CO-DIRECTOR OF THE STANFORD INSTITUTE OF STEM CELL BIOLOGY AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

IRVING WEISSMAN
GFHS CLASS OF 1956



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