

CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The 2026-2027 school year will begin Wednesday, August 12 from 8:00 am until 3:40 pm for grades K-12. A general assembly will be held in the gym at 8:00 am for junior high and high school students to go over our school's rules and regulations. Hot lunch will be served and our buses will return our rural students home at the end of the school day.



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

All new students are encouraged to register as soon as possible prior to the start of school on Wednesday, August 12. The office will be open during the summer, Monday through Thursday from 9-3. Please bring a copy of your current immunizations and birth certificate when registering. Students must complete the required series of immunization shots prior to enrollment. Our school nurse will be checking to make sure all immunizations are complete and up to date.

Kindergarten students attending school this year will be Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday for the first semester from 8:00 to 3:40. Second semester all kindergarten students will attend the four days.

(Mr. Flamm will work on the school calendar for our No Kindergarten days.)

REGISTRATION FOR GRADES 7-12

Pre-registration for all students in grades 7-12 will be August 6th and August 7th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come up to the counseling office on the third floor to sign up for classes and get locker assignments. If you cannot make those dates, please give Mrs. Torralba a call.

MEET THE TEACHER – TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Meet the Teacher is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Custer Schools invites everyone to attend. This is a great opportunity to check out the school and meet the new teachers. Especially for our elementary students, it is a great time to drop off supplies. Meet the Teacher is not a confidential conference time. We encourage you to set a separate conference time if you want to talk about any concerns in depth.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures for the 2026-2027 school year have been scheduled for Monday, September 14 beginning at 8:00 am.

INTERNET AGREEMENT FORMS which are in your packet is for all grades K-12. They will need to be filled out and turned in at the office the first day of school.

COACHES: Remember you **ARE REQUIRED** to have completed the coach's education certification, concussion training, First Aid/CPR certified, and the rules clinic PRIOR to the first game of the season. If you do not complete these, you will be fined by the MHSA.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

If your student is going into the 5th-12th grades in 2026-2027 and is considering participating in sports, a sports physical is required. If they have had a sports physical after May 1st 2025 then they do not need another physical until the 27/28 school year.

ALL incoming Freshman need to have a physical. Included in this newsletter is the Interim History Form that will be required for all athletes. Please bring this with you for our Fall Sports Night.

SPORTS PHYSICAL UPDATES

For the 26-27 school year, the MHSA requires pre-participation physical exams for student-athletes to be completed on or after May 1, 2025, to be valid for the two-year cycle covering 25-26 and 26-27. The MHSA has moved to a two-year cycle, but still requires annual documentation.

Who Needs a Physical for 2026-2027?

- All new participants, any student entering high school athletics for the first time, (e.g., incoming 9th graders) or who did not have a physical on file for the 25-26 school year.
- Students starting a new 2-year cycle: A new, full physical examination is required to begin the new cycle (valid for 25-26 and 26-27).
- 9th Graders: All 9th graders must have a physical after May 1st of the year they enter high school, regardless of whether they had one in 8th grade.

Who is Exempt from a New Physical (But Still Needs Documentation)?

- “Off-Year” Athletes: If a student-athlete had a valid physical examination conducted on or after May 1, 2025, for their 25-26 season, they do not need a new full physical for the 26-27 season.
- Interim History Form Required: While exempt from the physical exam, these students must submit an Interim History Form during the “off year” (26-27) before the first practice.

Key Requirements & Deadlines:

- Valid Date: Physicals conducted May 1, 2025, or later are valid for the 25-26 and 26-27 school years.
- Physical Exam Form: Only the official MHSA Confidential Athletic Pre-Participation Physical Examination form is allowed.

FALL SPORTS NIGHT

There is a **required** parent and athlete meeting for all students in grades 5-12 that will participate in athletics. Training rules, concussion forms and other important items will be handed out at the meeting and discussed. The reason for this meeting is to get all paperwork finished at these meetings and turned into the person in charge. Sports night will be held in Custer August 12 at 7:00 pm in the lobby & Hysham will be Aug. 13 at 7:00 pm in the school.

REBEL SPORTS ACTIVITY TICKETS

All elementary, junior high and high school athletes along with junior high and high school band students must purchase an activity ticket. An elementary ticket may be purchased by any student in grades **K – 8 for \$35.00.** **Students in grades 9 – 12 may purchase a ticket for \$45.00.** Our activity tickets will admit our students to all regular

season home football, girls' and boys' basketball and girls' volleyball games. The passes are not good for away games, invitational tournaments, or post-season games.

Adults may purchase a season pass for \$75.00 and our Senior Citizens (Age 60) \$25.

Games always seem to change so please call the school if you have any questions.

Gate ticket prices for home games will be adults at \$8.00 and students at \$6.00. Seniors will get in at \$2.00.

LUNCH AND BREAKFAST INFORMATION

Enclosed in our packet of school information, you will find hot lunch information, applications and guidelines for free and reduced price meals. Please mail the applications or drop them off at the school office. For those who **do not** qualify for free or reduced priced meals, hot lunch prices will be for students in grades **K-6 \$2.70** and students in grades **7-12 \$3.10**. Extra milk prices are .40 cents.

Breakfast in grades **K-12 is \$1.45** each and extra juice is .25 cents.

Reduced meal price will be .30 cents per meal for breakfast and our reduced lunch price will be .40 cents per meal.

We strongly recommend that parents apply for free or reduced meals if you qualify. The additional money our school receives from the Federal government helps operate our hot lunch program and helps us to keep our prices down. Besides benefiting our lunch program, our percentage of free and reduced lunch impacts the amount of government grants we receive for areas such as Internet/phone service and Title Programs. This helps reduce the burden on the local taxpayers. We are requiring that all lunches be purchased in advance. Our secretary will keep track and notify parents when your child needs to purchase lunches for another month.

If you are planning to fill out the free and reduced forms, please fill them out before Monday, August 5. (These are in your packets). Free and Reduced numbers also helps the school with grants and government programs. Even if you don't think you qualify, your application could help the school. Please mail them to Custer School or drop them off at the school office. If you qualify, Custer School will put your information in our system before the first day of school and you will not be charged for meals if returned on time. At this time, we do not have an August lunch menu.

Parents are encouraged to purchase lunch tickets prior to school starting this year.

Please notify the school office if your child has any food allergies.

CUSTER SCHOOL MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS (Not the Co-Op Form)

Custer School medical release forms will need to be filled out for EVERY student in our school in case your child will need to travel for a field event or any kind of activity the school may be attending during the year. (This paper is in your student packet and is a little different from for athletic form.)

Please contact the school nurse if your child has any known allergies or medical conditions that may need to be addressed so proper paperwork can be on file in case of an emergency.

In case of an emergency, it is important that we have an accurate medical history updated in our system which includes allergies, medications (both Rx and OTC), and medical conditions.

ELEMENTARY SWIM DAYS IN FORSYTH

Swimming starts early this school year. The first day will be Thursday, September 10 in Forsyth. The bus will leave at approximately 11:50 pm and return no later than 3:20 pm. Students are required to bring swimming suits and their own towels. If they have goggles, they may bring them.

Students may bring books, hand held video games, or other small items to use during the bus trip. This year's swim day will be:

SEPT. 10 & 24 - OCTOBER 8 & 22 - MARCH 11 & 25 - APRIL 2 & 4

Should these dates change, we will notify you immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

All medications taken during the school day, both prescription and over-the-counter, need to have written permission on file.

Please make arrangements prior to the start of the school year if your child has a known medication need.

Students capable of self-administration may do so with a healthcare provider's written order and written authorization by parent/guardian.

Medications must be in the original container. Prescription meds must be properly labeled by the pharmacy and include student's name, prescriber, medication, dosage, and specific instruction.

A family bottle of Tylenol may be secured by the office and a designated school official can assist in self-administration with proper paperwork on file.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The State of Montana requires that all students must provide documentation regarding immunizations prior to the first day of school. Below is a list of the minimum required immunizations. Please provide documentation by a physician or provider clinic.

Preschool:

DTaP – 4 doses

Polio – 3 doses

MMR – 1 dose on or after 1st birthday

Hib – 1 dose given after 12 months and before 59 months of age

Varicella – 1-dose on or after 1st birthday

Kindergarten:

DTaP – 5 doses (4 doses only if 4th dose is given on or after 4th birthday)

Polio – 4 doses (3 doses only if 3rd dose is given on or after 4th birthday)

MMR – 2 doses (1st dose on or after 1st birthday, and spacing between doses is 4 weeks)

Varicella – 2 doses (1st dose on or after 1st birthday, and spacing between doses is 12 weeks for children under 13 years, and 4 weeks for older than 13 years)

Students Entering 7th GRADE:

Tdap – all 7-12th graders must have Tdap

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure their children are up-to-date on immunizations or proper forms are completed. State law requires students are current on immunizations or exempt or conditional attendance forms be on file before a student is permitted to attend school.

Medical and religious exempt forms must be notarized and turned into the office before the first day of school.

GAME SCHEDULES

Please check our website (www.custerschools.org) to check on events and game changes daily. This will be our way to communicate to you what is happening at our school.

Sports schedules always change from time to time. Our AD will make changes when needed.

SUPPLY LIST 8-12 English

Enough pencils and/or pens to last the school year

A 1 or 1.5 inch binder for organizing handouts (strictly for English)

A 1 subject spiral bound notebook

Multi-colored highlighters

1 plastic pocket folder for assignments

SUPPLY LISTS – GRADES K-6

Kindergarten Supply List

2 decorative folders
scissors
glue sticks
expo markers
Clorox wipes
1 box of crayons
1 box of # 2 pencils and pencil box
1 pair of gym shoes (no black soles) to stay at school
snacks
water bottle

1st & 2nd Grade Supply List

10 Glue Sticks
1 pair of scissors
1 plastic folder
1 box of 12 Ticonderoga Pencils
1 box colored pencils
4 dry erase markers
1 pencil box
1 box crayons (64 count)
1 set of headphones (NO EARBUDS please)
4 large Clorox wipes
1 pair of gym shoes
1 water bottle

3rd & 4th Grade Supply List

1 pair of scissors
1 pk. of highlighters
3-glue sticks
2 boxes of Ticonderoga pencils
1 box of colored pencils
1 box of crayons
1 black sharpie
2-2 pocket folders
4-dry erase markers
2 post it sticky notes
1 pack loose leaf paper
1 container of disinfectant wipes
Families (Last Name) A-M bring 1 box gallon ziplocks
Families (Last Name) N-Z bring 1 box sandwich bags, ziplock
1 ear buds/headphones
gym shoes inside only (no black soles) and outside PE shoes
water bottle

5 & 6th Grade Supply List

1- 1.5" binder
1- 5 pack dividers
1- 2 pocket folders
1 graph paper spiral notebook
2 college rule spiral notebooks
2 boxes #2 pencils
1 headphone
1 bicycle lock for PE-give me the combo
1 box Kleenex
Garden gloves (optional)
1 pair of inside gym shoes (no black soles) to stay at school (outside PE shoes as well)
PE cloths (shorts, t shirt, socks) water bottle and deodorant

If you have changed your name or address, please contact the school and we will update our system.



MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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AND EVERYWHERE ELSE UNDER THE BIG SKY SINCE 1921**

May 2026

**TO: PARENTS OF MHSA SPORTS PARTICIPANTS
MEMBER HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

FROM: BRIAN MICHELOTTI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: INTERIM MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

Beginning in 2025, the Montana High School Association transitioned from annual pre-participation physical exams to a biennial (every other year) requirement. If your child completed a physical exam after May 1st, 2025, and was in grades 9-12 during the 2025-26 school year, that physical form is valid through the end of the 2026-27 academic year. However, if your child fits these requirements, you are required to complete the attached interim medical questionnaire for the years in between required full physical examinations.

The purpose of the interim medical questionnaire is to confirm that your child has not experienced any new medical issues since their last physical exam. Please document any new injuries, illnesses or conditions that may affect safe participation in athletics and notify the school of any new medications or health concerns. A parent signature attests that any medical condition or injury in the past year has been treated appropriately and has received clearance to participate in sport by a health care provider.

Please answer all questions honestly and thoroughly explain any "yes" answers with accurate details and dates. If you answer "yes" to any changes in medical history, you may be asked for documentation from a healthcare provider and/or written clearance at the discretion of the school athletic or medical staff. A new, full physical exam may be required before participation if your child has had a significant injury, illness or surgery or if a healthcare provider recommends reevaluation.

As a reminder, it is strongly recommended that your child receives an annual well-child visit with their primary care physician. The pre-participation exam and interim medical questionnaire do not take the place of this wellness check.



INTERIM MEDICAL FORM

Students are required to have a preparticipation physical examination completed every two years prior to the first practice of any sport. The examination must be certified by a licensed medical professional acting within the scope and limitations of their practice. Physical exams conducted after May 1st are valid for the following two years. Physical exams conducted prior to May 1st are valid only for the remainder of that school year and the following year. An interim history form is required during the off years and must be submitted to the school prior to first practice.

Athlete Name: _____ Gender: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Home Address: _____ Phone Number: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Current School: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

Since last physical exam has this student?

	Yes	No
1. Had surgery?	☐	☐
2. Been hospitalized?	☐	☐
3. Had a serious illness?	☐	☐
4. Had an injury requiring a physician's care?	☐	☐
5. Been diagnosed with a concussion?	☐	☐
6. Started taking any new medications?	☐	☐
7. Developed any new allergies?	☐	☐
8. Developed any health problems?	☐	☐

Explain YES answers: _____

CONSENT FORM

1. I certify that the information provided above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also attest that the above student has been evaluated, treated and/or received clearance by an appropriate medical provider for any questions answered yes above and does not have any medical conditions that would restrict them from participating in athletics this school year.
2. I hereby give my consent for the above student to engage in approved athletic activities as a representative of their school. I also give my permission for the team physician, athletic trainer or other qualified personnel to have access to information provided here and may be disclosed to other school personnel involved in the medical care of this student.
3. I give my consent to necessary medical services, first aid and emergency medical care that may be required in the event of injury while at a school-sanctioned activity. If emergency medical treatment is required and the parent(s) or guardian cannot be contacted, I hereby consent for the above-named student to be given medical care by the doctor or hospital selected by the school.

Name of Athlete (Printed) _____ Athlete Signature _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

The original copy of this form **MUST** be returned to the school.

Custer School Calendar 2026-2027

Jul-26

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Aug-26

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Sep-26

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Oct-26

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Nov-26

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Dec-26

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1st Quarter Days 38
2nd Quarter Days 37
3rd Quarter Days 39
4th Quarter Days 41
155

PIR Days
Holidays
Start Qtr End
Fri. out
No Kindergarten
School + 1/2 PIR
Reg. Board Meet.
Floating day
PIR After School
* Holiday
** Early Release
Fridays In:

Jan-27

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Apr-27

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May-27

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Jun-27

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Meet the Teacher: Aug. 11
Parent Conf.: 10/26
Graduation: 5/15

BPA- March 14-16 State

District VB: October
Football Playoffs: October
Divisional VB:

District BB:
Divisional BB:

Labor Day: 9/7
Spring Break: Mar 26-29