GFHS BISON WEEKLY INFO

ISSUE 2 | WEEK OF: **09/7/2026**

PARENT NEWSLETTER

BLUE BISONS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to week three of the '26-'27 school year!
We have a number of things on the horizon and information for all of you to see. It's PORTRAIT WEEK this week! See how you can get pictures below. We will also have a couple class meetings, including the SENIOR CLASS meeting with Jostens!

GO BISON!



Principal Habel

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**

DO WHAT'S RIGHT

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

TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED

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

GFHS Events and Sports Travel forms
Click Here
GFHS TRANSPORTATION FORM

Student Handbook
Click Here
GFHS STUDENT HANDBOOK

DO THE BEST YOU CAN

OFFICE NEEDS FROM PARENTS & STUDENTS

1. We need parent signed participation forms for school activities
   a. Students are not allowed to participate until they are turned in
   b. Still in need of about 100
2. We need student handbook sign-off forms turned in.
   a. Still in need of about 700 out of 1,400
3. We need free and reduced paperwork filled out
   a. Filling out the paperwork could lead to benefits for the whole school. Tens of thousands of dollars of debt is accrued by not filling out paperwork, when many families qualify
   b. See below for sign-ups
   c. Applications must be filled out every year

GREAT FALLS HIGH



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GFHS PORTRAIT DAY





Great Falls High School

Portrait Day: Thursday September 10th

Want Free Shipping ?

Scan the QR code with your phone and register online. You will receive a FREE shipping code via email.

Portrait Day Details

Big Sky School Portraits will capture your NATURAL expression! After your session you will be able to change your background. There are hundreds of backgrounds to choose from. All students will be photographed so no one will miss out on portrait day fun!

How To Order

No pre-purchasing is necessary. Scan the QR code and register so your Proofs can be emailed to you within 24 hours of portrait day. Order your portraits through the link. Your portraits will be delivered to your home within two weeks. Individual prints start at $7 and packages start at $15. Digital files are also available.

What To Wear

We would recommend solid colors or small patterns. Avoid large logo's, busy patterns & neon colors. Dress head to toe. Portraits could be full length. Be aware of the school's dress code.

Questions?
Email Big Sky School Portraits
schoolportraits@bigskyschoolphotos.com



Big Sky School Portraits Bozeman, MT www.bigskyschoolphotos.com







Class of 2027 Senior Stairs Pic Sept. 9





SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

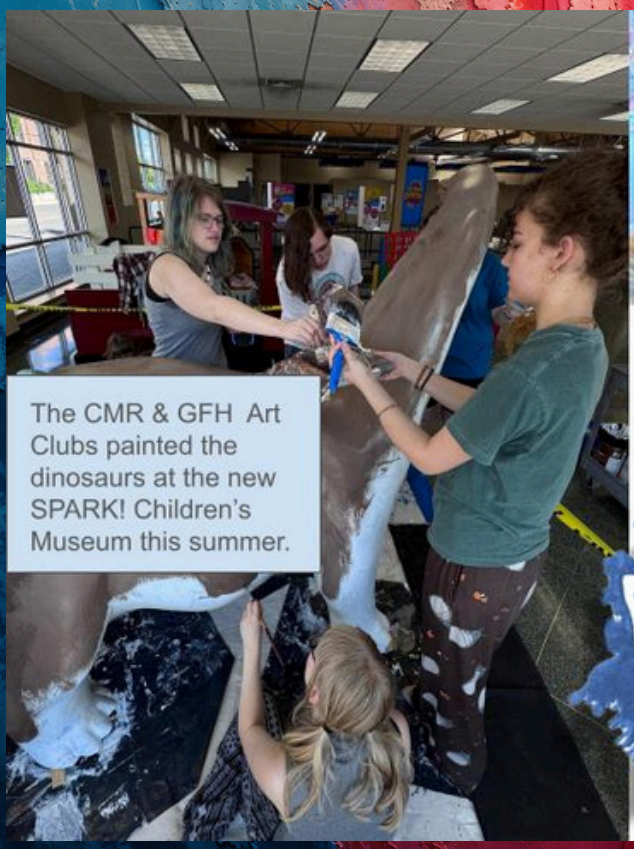
SEPT. 10

Your Face is Needed

Yearbook Happenings

Any questions...please email Ms. Amo at susan_amo@gfps.k12.mt.us

GFHS WEEKLY ARTS



The CMR & GFH Art Clubs painted the dinosaurs at the new SPARK! Children's Museum this summer.



NOW SHOWING Student Exhibit:
2026.2027 AP Studio Art & Design Exhibit
at Buffalo Blanc - NEW WORK

ART CLUB

Art Club meets at **lunch** in **room 113.** Everyone is welcome! Right now we are planning our float.

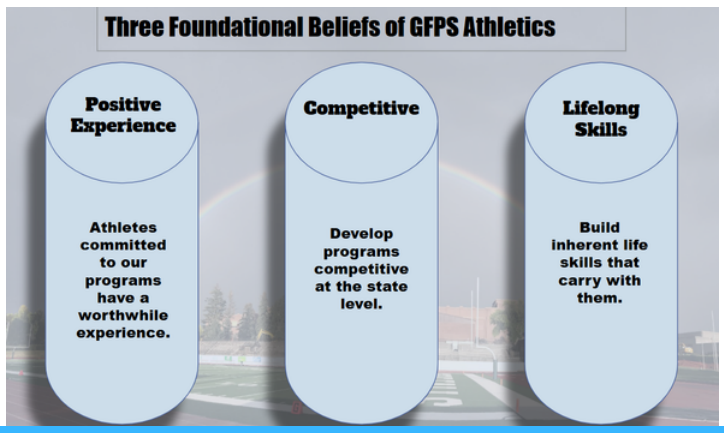
GFHS WEEKLY PERFORMING ARTS

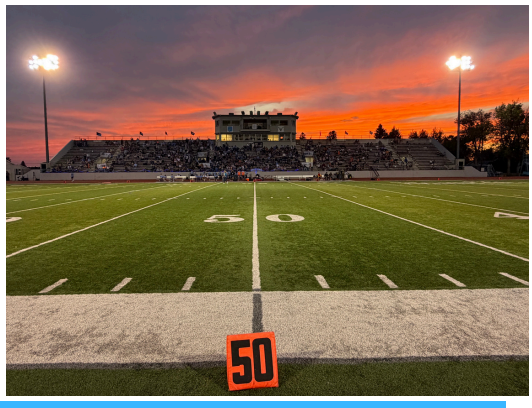
DATE 26-27	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
7/29	Lynn's Birthday!		
	Marching Band Camp		
8/18	Crosstown Clash	6:30	Centene Stadium
8/24	Convocation (strings)	8:00 AM	Davidson Auditorium
9/26	Super Saturday		Memorial
10/1	Homecoming Royalty	8:00 AM	Davidson Auditorium
10/2	Homecoming Game	7:00	Memorial
10/6	Fall Orchestra	7:00	Davidson Auditorium
10/13	Fall Band	7:00	Davidson Auditorium
10/14	All State	All Day	Bozeman
10/15	All State	All Day	Bozeman
10/16	All State	All Day	Bozeman
10/20	Fall Choir	7:00	Davidson Auditorium

GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

SPORT	DAY	DATE		OPPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	VARSITY	JV	SOPH	FROSH
GOLF	TUES	9/8/2026	GFH	BILLINGS INVITE	BILLINGS-PETER YAEGEN	V	11:00 AM			
GOLF	WED	9/9/2026	GFH	BILLINGS INVITE	BILLINGS- LAKE HILLS	V	9:00 AM			
SOC	THURS	9/10/2026	GFH	BOZEMAN GIRLS	SIEBEL SOCCER PARK	V-JV	5:00 PM	3:00 PM		
SOC	THURS	9/10/2026	GFH	BOZEMAN BOYS	SIEBEL SOCCER PARK	V-JV	3:00 PM	5:00 PM		
VB	THURS	9/10/2026	GFH	BELGRADE	GFH FH-OLD GYM	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
VB	THURS	9/10/2026	GFH	BELGRADE	GFH OLD GYM	9B				4:00 PM
FB	FRI	9/11/2026	GFH	BILLINGS WEST	BILLINGS	V-JV	7:00 PM	3:00 PM		
FLAG	FRI	9/11/2026	GFH	CMR (GFH HOME)	MEMORIAL STADIUM	V-JV	7:00 PM	5:30 PM		
X-C	SAT	9/12/2026	GFH	HAVRE INVITE	HAVRE	V-JV	TBA			
SOC	SAT	9/12/2026	GFH	GALLATIN GIRLS	BOZEMAN	V-JV	2:00 PM	12:00 PM		
SOC	SAT	9/12/2026	GFH	GALLATIN BOYS	BOZEMAN	V-JV	12:00 PM	2:00 PM		
FB	SAT	9/12/2026	GFH	BILLINGS WEST	MEMORIAL STADIUM	F				11:00 AM
VB	SAT	9/12/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SENIOR	BILLINGS	V-JV-S-F	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM
FLAG	SAT	9/12/2026	GFH	HELENA CAPITAL	MEMORIAL STADIUM	V-JV	2:00 PM	3:15 PM		







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GFHS "INSIDE" INFO

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Week of 09/06-09/12/26				
No School - Holiday	09/07/26	Monday		All Day
Class of 2027 Senior Stairs Picture	09/09/26	Wednesday	Senior Stairs	8:00am-8:30am
Pre College Advisory	09/09/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:30pm
Picture Day	09/10/26	Thursday	OG	All Day
SAT Testing	09/12/26	Saturday	SC 105	

- **Sophomore Class Meeting**
  - **2nd period**
  - **Tuesday 9/8/26**
  - **Davidson Auditorium**
- **Senior Stairs Picture**
  - **8:15am**
  - **Wednesday 9/9/26**
  - **Senior Stairs**
- **Senior Jostens Class Meeting**
  - **8:55am**
  - **Wednesday 9/9/26**
  - **Davidson Auditorium**

- **Picture Day - Thursday 9/10/26**

CONNECT WITH US!

Social Media

- GFH Website: https://gfhs.gfps.k12.mt.us/
- Instagram: @greatfallshighbison
- Facebook: @GFHBISON



GFHS COUNSELOR CORNER

You're invited to a

Build Montana Popup



SEPTEMBER

29

Great Falls

9am-2pm

*Sign up for a 2 hour session between 9 and noon

4801 22nd Ave N
Great Falls, MT 59405

Email Hailee@mtagc.org to sign up!

Build Montana Popups are hands-on construction events. Stations are provided by members of the Montana Contractors Association and range from heavy equipment operation, carpentry, surveying, construction technology and more! This event is perfect for students interested in careers in construction, engineering, math, or just want to see what's out there! Station activities depend on MCA member participants. Events are open to 6th-12th grade students with teacher/adult supervision.

BUILD MONTANA Pop-up

MONTANA CONTRACTORS ASSOC.
THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION



GFHS APPS & INFO

CLICK HERE

APPLY FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION FREE & REDUCED FOR YOUR STUDENT

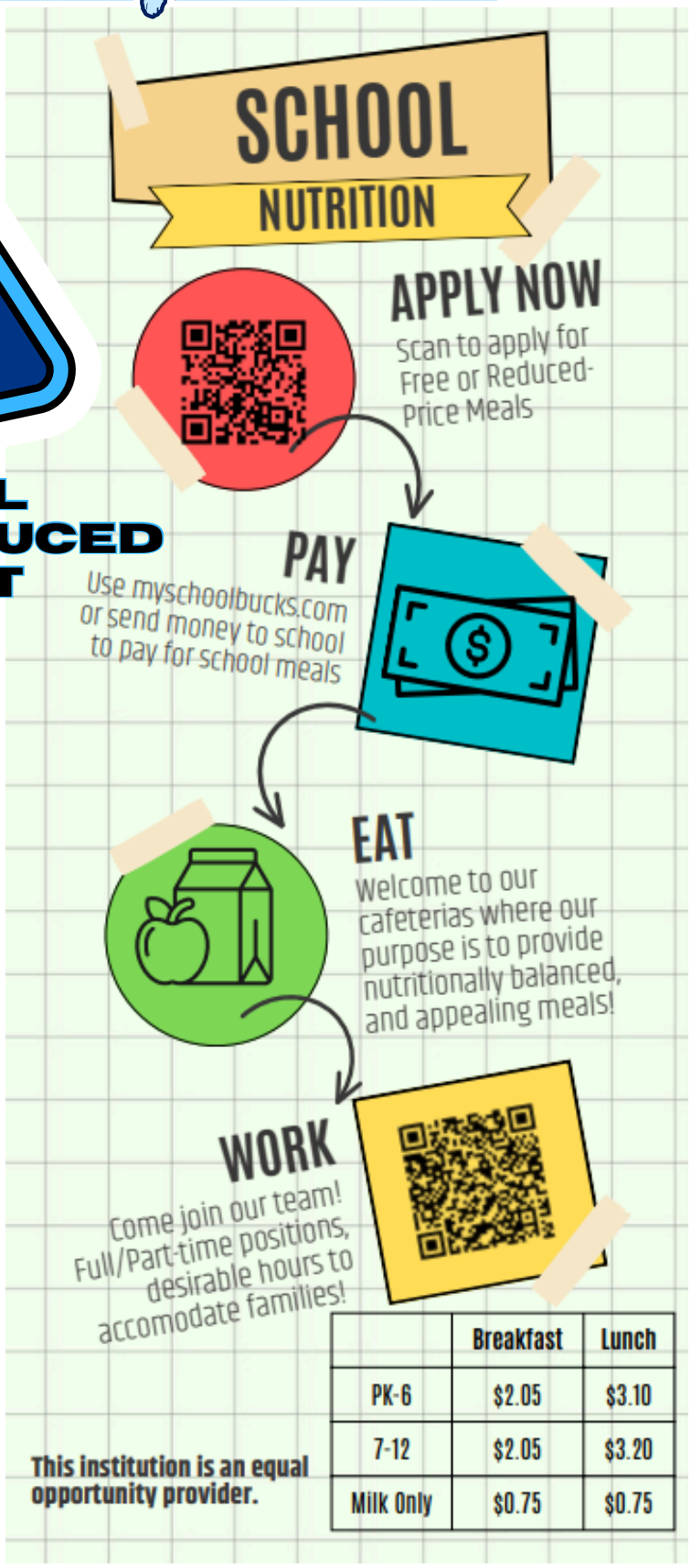


CLICK HERE!

ParentSquare

PARENTSQUARE INFORMATION:

ParentSquare is the district communication tool.
Click on the links below for more information:
GFPS District Letter
Getting Started Guide



	Breakfast	Lunch
PK-6	$2.05	$3.10
7-12	$2.05	$3.20
Milk Only	$0.75	$0.75

FIRST ANNUAL FIRST ANNUAL

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL LEGACY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

LEGACY INDUCTION

Weekend

Call 406-268-6312 for details

Honoring Great Falls High School alumni who are visionaries, pioneers, difference-makers, and standouts whose lives and accomplishments have made a lasting impact on their communities and inspired generations to follow.

"You can't be what you can't see" - *Marian Wright Edelman*

Get your tickets at GFHS or at Schulte's 38th St. Store

***Alumni and Inductees from all throughout the US will be in attendance.**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday, October 2nd
  - Watch the 2026 Homecoming Parade
    - 1:30pm
    - On 1st Ave. N.
  - No-Host Meet and Greet
    - 5:00pm - 8:00pm
    - Elevation 3300
- Saturday, October 3rd
  - Tour of GFHS
    - 9:30am
  - GFHS **Exhibition of Inductees**
    - 10:30am
    - GFHS Old Gym
  - GFHS **Legacy Alumni Induction Ceremony**
    - 12:30pm
    - GFHS Davidson Auditorium
  - GFHS **Legacy Alumni Benefit Dinner**
    - 5:00pm - 9:00pm
    - Rendezvous at Four Ten



To visit the GFHS Legacy Alumni website Scan QR code

***This inaugural GFHS Legacy Alumni class of 2026 spans over 100 years**

A FEW OTHER NOTABLE GFHS INDUCTEES:

- JOSHEPHINE TRIGG - 1893
- ADM. JOHN H. HOOVER - 1903
- PAM SPENCER-MARQUEZ - 1975
- CHARLES "CHIP" ERDMANN - 1964
- JAYMEE SIRE - 1998
- HAROLD "HAL" MOE - 1929
- ALMA SMITH JACOBS - 1934
- FRANK "CAPTAIN FOG" FOGARTY - 1942
- TALMAGE COLLINS - 1918
- AND 40 MORE...

OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD, 2026

ONLY 300 DINNER TICKETS BEING SOLD

GFHS TITLE I STATUS

<u>Great Falls High</u> 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:

- **<u>Saturday School:</u>**
  - Saturday School has not started
  - Look here for updated times
- **<u>After School Support:</u>**
  - **English Language Arts:**
    - **Not started yet (see individual teachers)**
  - **Math 3:20-5:10pm in South Campus 108**
    - **Not started yet (see individual teachers)**

***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.

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 intrepersonal 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