

GFHS BISON WEEKLY INFO

ISSUE 5 | WEEK OF: **10/5/2026**

PARENT NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

What a Homecoming Week! It's over and we had a lot of fun. So many great memories. Thanks to all the parents and families that helped us make it through last week. The support and excitement for all of the GFHS happenings is always outstanding. We look forward to an Orchestra Concert, Picture Retakes and an Art Show this week!

Thank you, so much, BISON!

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

GFHS WEEKLY ARTS

GFHS WEEKLY PERFORMING ARTS

DATE 26-27	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
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
10/21	Fruit Sale Begins		
10/26	Fall Choir	7:00	Davidson Auditorium

GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

SPORT	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	VARSITY	JV	SOPH	FROSH
FLAG	WED	10/7/2026	GFH	STATE FLAG	BILLINGS	V-JV	TBA		
X-C	THURS	10/8/2026	GFH	HELENA 7 OF 7	HELENA	V-JV	12:00 PM		
VB	THURS	10/8/2026	GFH	BELGRADE	BELGRADE	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM
SOC	THURS	10/8/2026	GFH	GALLATIN BOYS	SIEBEL SOCCER PARK	V-JV	5:00 PM	3:00 PM	
SOC	THURS	10/8/2026	GFH	GALLATIN GIRLS	SIEBEL SOCCER PARK	V-JV	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	
FLAG	THURS	10/8/2026	GFH	STATE FLAG	BILLINGS	V-JV	TBA		
FB	FRI	10/9/2026	GFH	BELGRADE	BELGRADE	V-JV	7:00 PM	3:00 PM	
VB	SAT	10/10/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SENIOR	GFH FH-OLD GYM	V-JV-S-F	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM
FB	SAT	10/10/2026	GFH	BELGRADE	MEMORIAL STADIUM	F			11:00 AM
VB	SAT	10/10/2026	GFH	BILLINGS SENIOR	GFH OLD GYM	9B			11:00 AM
SOC	SAT	10/10/2026	GFH	BOZEMAN BOYS	BOZEMAN	V-JV	6:00 PM	4:00 PM	
SOC	SAT	10/10/2026	GFH	BOZEMAN GIRLS	BOZEMAN	V-JV	4:00 PM	6:00 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.



TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED



DO WHAT'S RIGHT



DO THE BEST YOU CAN



FROM THE GFHS LIBRARY



Chromebook care

Store in a safe place

Keep it charged

Completely **shut down** AT LEAST once a week

*This will allow for any necessary updates

Do not apply stickers

Do not eat or drink near your Chromebook

GET INSURANCE

Insurance is \$27/year.

[@securranty.com/gfps](https://securranty.com/gfps)



Damages/loss/theft can total up to \$300.00



GFHS "INSIDE" INFO

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Week of 10/04-10/10/26

Pre College Advisory	10/05 & 10/07	Monday/Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:30pm
Orchestra Concert	10/06/26	Tuesday	AUD	7:00-8:30pm
Picture Retakes	10/08/26	Thursday	Dahl Gallery	7:30am-12:00pm
Dahl Gallery Art Reception	10/08/26	Thursday	Dahl Gallery	3:15-4:15pm



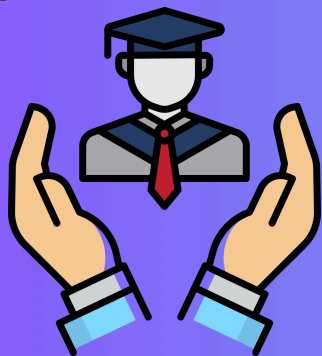
CONNECT WITH US!

Social Media

- GFH Website:
<https://gfhs.gfps.k12.mt.us/>
- Instagram:
@greatfallshighbison
- Facebook: @GFHBI SON



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



LEGACY INDUCTION WEEKEND LAST SATURDAY

What a celebration of so many (47) great people!
It was so great to see almost all of them in person or
represented for the event and back in these halls!



Dennis Black



Mike Zadick



Mike Gubn



Bill Zadick

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL LEGACY ALUMNI
BILL ZADICK

EDUCATION
• University of Iowa
B.A. in Art (1996)

LEGACY

- High School Activities: Cross Country • Wrestling
- Wrestled for GFHS compiling an overall record of 116-5 (1988-1991) • 4-time Montana State GFHS champion • Received the Little Sullivan Award for top male amateur athlete in Montana (1990) • Inducted into MHSAA Athletes Hall of Fame (2003)
- Wrestled for the University of Iowa (1992-1996) • Two-time All-American at Iowa with an overall record of 87-13 • Was an integral part of two NCAA Division I National Championship teams at Iowa under head coach Dan Gable (1995-1996) • Held the undefeated number one national ranking throughout his senior season (1996) • Won the NCAA Individual National Championship at the 142 lb. weight class • Inducted into the Glen Brand Wrestling Hall of Fame of Iowa (2011)
- Competed in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials (2000 and 2008)
- Assistant Coach for the Olympic Games in London (2012) • Assistant Coach in the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games in 2016 where U.S. wrestlers earned 3 Gold medals and 2 Bronze medals • Head Coach of the wrestling team in the Tokyo Olympics (2021) • Head Coach of the wrestling team in the Paris Olympics where U.S. wrestlers earned 2 Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal, and 1 Bronze Medal (2024) • Named the National Olympic Coach of the Year for the U.S. Olympic Committee (2017) • Received the John Smith Award from USA Wrestling as the Men's Freestyle Wrestler of the Year (2006) • Inducted as a Distinguished Member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame (2021)



Ian & Nancy Davidson

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL LEGACY ALUMNI
TERRY CASEY

EDUCATION
• University of North Dakota
B.A. in Education (1962)

LEGACY

High School Activities: Football • Track • Wrestling • Tennis • Hockey • Student Council • Letterman's Club • Senior Assembly

Track All-State 2nd Team Pole Vault and Javelin (1960 and 1962) • MHSAA ruled could not play adult hockey and participates high school sports. Coach Sabo encouraged Terry to stick with hockey

Hockey Scholarship to University of North Dakota (1962) • All-WCHA First Team 1965-66 • All-WCHA All-American (1965-1966) • Team Captain (1966) • Scored 46 points as a Senior (4th in Nation) • His #12 jersey was retired by UND and is displayed at Ralph Engelstad Arena, only the 2nd jersey to be honored (1968)

Selected for U.S. National Team for Ice Hockey World Championship in Vienna, Austria (1967) • Selected for a 1967 at the age of 23, prior to the 1968 Olympics

Met on U.S. Olympic Team Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France (1968) • Terry Casey was killed in an automobile accident



Dr. Irv Weissman

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL LEGACY ALUMNI
KEN ROBISON

EDUCATION
• University of Montana
B.A. History and Political Science
University of Washington
Bachelor's Degree (1955)
George Mason University
A in Colonial History (1994)

LEGACY

- High School Activities: History Award • Agoras Club • Latin Club • Projections Club • Roundup Boat
- UHS ROTC for two years serving on the rifle team • Charter member and president Delta Sigma Phi • President Phi Alpha Theta (1960)
- Commissioned in the Navy, served as a naval intelligence officer providing timely operational intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance insight to war fighters during the Vietnam War and the Cold War - 1960-1968
- Debater/Exceller for Senior Navy Vietnam Pioneer of War, Captain James Bond Stockdale - 1973
- Retired as a Navy Captain after 28 years and 6 months (1988)
- Author/Co-Author of thirteen books, chronicling both local and Montana history
- Worked as a "thought leader" with Booz Allen Hamilton, a global consulting firm for national security clients (1988-2000)
- Historian, preservationist, and chronicler - Overholser Historical Research Center, Fort Benton, MT - (2001-2026)
- Writes articles for the River Press and Fort Benton Historian
- Great Falls/Cascade County Historic Preservation Commission (2002-2026)
- Wrote historical articles for Great Falls Tribune
- Serves on the Board of Trustees of the Montana Historical Society and was named by the Society as a Montana Heritage Keeper (2010)
- Board member and historian with the River and Plains Society in Fort Benton, the Sun River Valley Historical Society, the Alma Smith Jacobs Foundation, and the Big Sky Country National Heritage Area
- Recipient of the 2026 17th Annual Paris Gibson Award which honors Great Falls residents who have made a significant impact on the community through leadership, volunteerism, and selfless service
- Recipient of 1st Alma Smith Jacobs Award from Montana Library Association; Pioneer Heritage Award from Historical Society
- Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers, Legacy Award from The Historical Museum/Cascade County Historical Society

Ken Robison

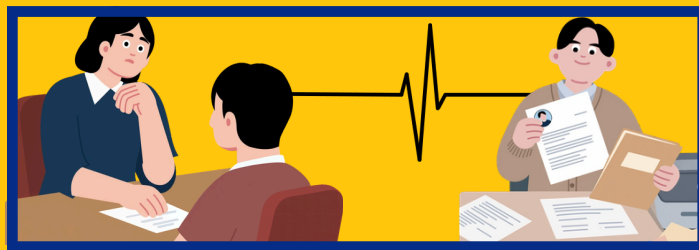
Jaymee Sire



TOURO ADVISING PROGRAM

PROGRAM GOALS:

The Touro Advising Program (TAP) provides structured academic support from trained medical student volunteers to help high school students with college essays, scholarships, applications, and coursework in math, Basic sciences, and reading. Students receive clear feedback during the sessions, with support available both in person ([GFHS MC classroom 202](#)) and virtually. All volunteers are monitored and supported by at least one background-checked, experienced tutor, creating a reliable, supportive environment focused on real college and career readiness results.



WHAT WE OFFER

- Help with college essays, scholarship applications, resumes, and college applications.
- Support in math, basic sciences, and reading
- Clear, structured feedback within one week of submission.
- In-person and virtual (Zoom) meetings are available throughout the week (On select Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2- 5 PM).
- Volunteers with experience working in the college application process

TOURO ADVISING PROGRAM SCHEDULE: GFHS Main Campus Room 201

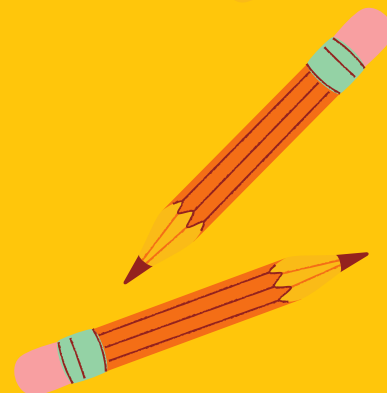
- Mon - Sept. 28th - 2-5pm
- Wed - Sept. 30th - 2-5pm
- Wed - Oct. 21st - 2-5pm
- Thurs - Oct. 22nd - 2-5pm
- Mon - Oct. 26th - 2-5pm
- Wed - Oct. 28th - 2-5pm
- Thurs - Oct. 29th - 2-5pm

- Wed - Nov. 4th - 2-5pm
- Thurs - Nov. 5th - 2-5pm
- Thurs - Nov. 12th - 2-5pm
- Mon - Nov. 16th - 2-5pm



**TOURO COLLEGE
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

TOURO UNIVERSITY
Great Falls, Montana Campus



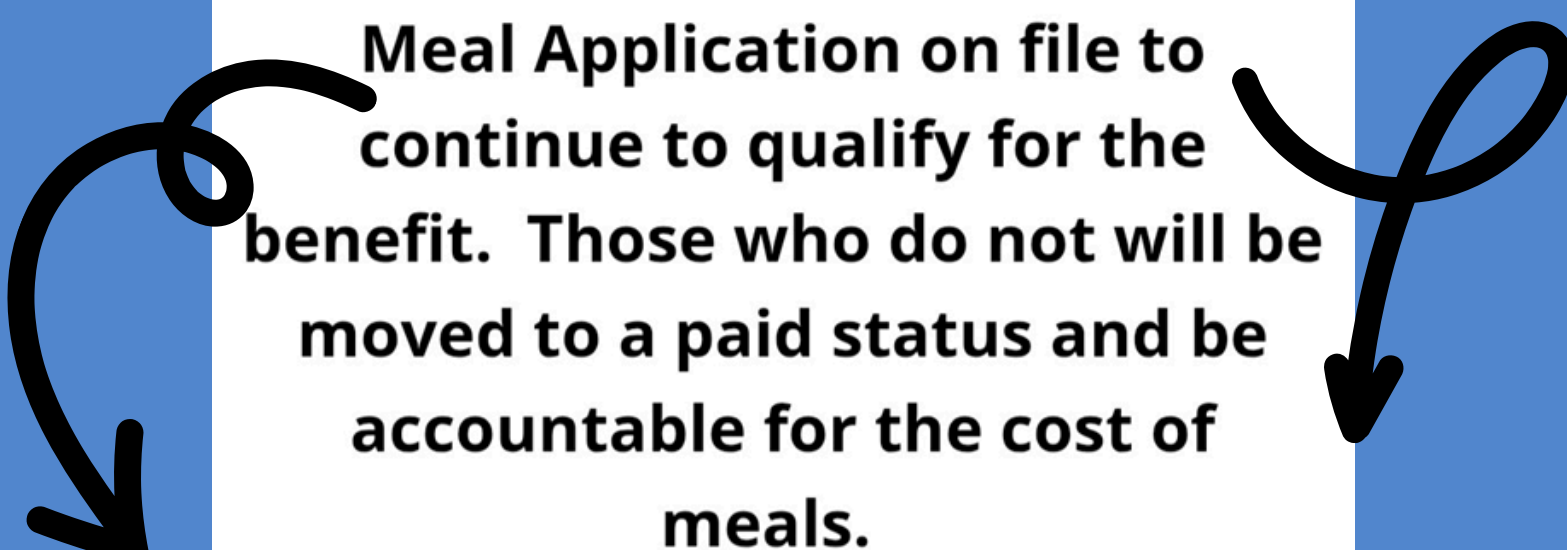
PARENTS/GUARDIANS

STUDENT HANDBOOK

- Student Handbook & Participation Form Sign Offs
 - DUE EVERY YEAR in order for students to be allowed to participate in any school clubs or activities.
 - They were due by Sept 11th, please sign & return forms as soon as possible. If you cannot find the form, you can get one in the main office.

FREE & REDUCED ELIGIBILITY

Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility carryover period will end in mid-October. All eligible families must have a new (2026-2027) Free and Reduced Price Meal Application on file to continue to qualify for the benefit. Those who do not will be moved to a paid status and be accountable for the cost of meals.



GFHS APPS & INFO



**APPLY FOR SCHOOL
NUTRITION FREE & REDUCED
FOR YOUR STUDENT**



**MUST BE RENEWED EVERY
YEAR.**



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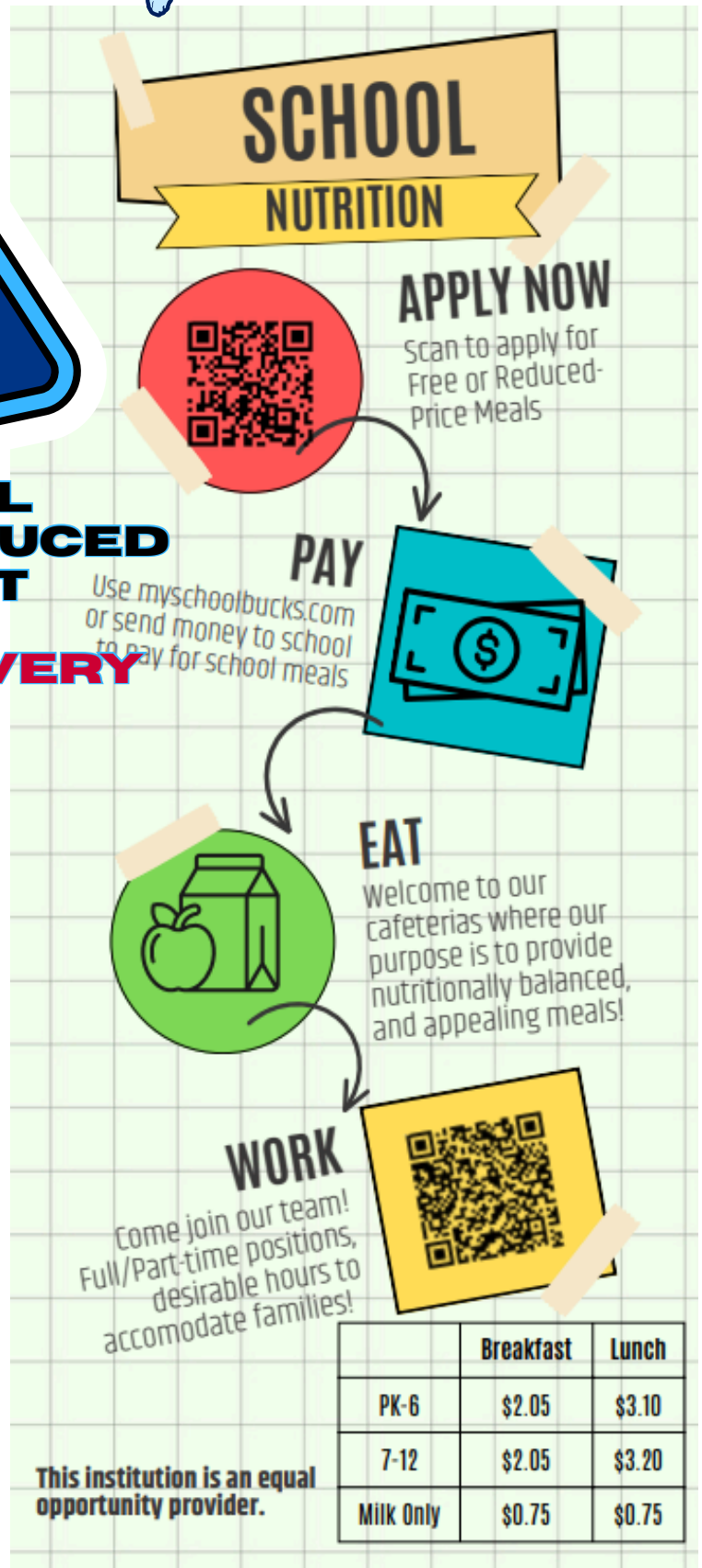


ParentSquare

PARENTSQUARE INFORMATION:

ParentSquare is the district communication tool.
Click on the links below for more information:

[GFPS District Letter
Getting Started Guide](#)



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:**
 - Saturday School has not started
 - Look here for updated times
- **After School Support:**
 - **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 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