GFHS BISON WEEKLY INFO

ISSUE 8 | WEEK OF: 10/26/26

PARENT NEWSLETTER

BLUE BISONS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Happy Monday! We are at the last week of the first quarter! Reminder that this Friday there is no school for students. Our teachers will be doing professional development training and finalizing their 1st quarter grades.

Parents/Guardians, our first BIGS check is this week!
Student eligibility for PROM is at stake!
See details below.

If you have questions, please visit with your student's Associate Principal.

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 B.I.G.S.

Student Handbook:

A Great Falls High "**Bison in Good Standing**" is an exemplary and responsible student who consistently demonstrates a commitment to their education and a positive school environment. B.I.G.S. is designed to recognize and encourage the habits that lead to success in school, the workplace, and life: being present, being on time, staying engaged, and making positive choices. This designation is earned through meeting specific criteria that reflect a student's dedication to their academic and behavioral responsibilities.

B.I.G.S. Criteria:

- PRESENT: No more than 10 single period truancies (unverified absences) per quarter.
- ON TIME: No more than 5 tardies total in any class period per quarter
- ENGAGED: No more than 1 F at quarter grade check
- POSITIVE: No office referrals for fighting, disorderly conduct, substance use at school, and/or repeated insubordination, including cell phone violations.

Quarterly B.I.G.S. eligibility dates:

- **Quarter 1: October 30, 2026**
- Quarter 2: January 15, 2027
- Quarter 3: March 25, 2027

B.I.G.S. privileges

Students who are not in good standing will not be welcome to participate in special school events and activities. Some of these privileges include:

- **Winter Formal (Prom)**
- **Bison Giving Tree**
- Spring Prom
- **Lettering for athletics and activities**
- Attending extracurricular events and activities
- Field Trips, Travel, etc. for extra and co curricular activities
- Classroom based opportunities
- Other events and privileges that may arise during the school year

Questions? SEE YOUR ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

GFHS WEEKLY ARTS

C.M. RUSSELL MUSEUM
The Art and Soul of the American West

Next Generation Art Showcase

Featuring Eleven GFH Art Students Including:

Siya Burgess
Jolene Cates
Paegan Jackson
Yerick Martinez-Guardado
Leahla Lamere
Kaydience Pettifor
Jaiden Pike
Keeley Stephen
Aaliyah Valentine
Naomi Wiegand

& Vivian Toon
3rd Place People's Choice Winner!

On Display thru November 15th

400 13th St. N., Great Falls, MT 59401

Smokey Summer at Grandma's Trailer
Rachael Marjamaa

Normand T. Dahl Gallery

Rachael is a 2016 GFH alumni working full time as an artist in Butte.

Her work is on display through November 22nd

GREAT FALLS HIGH BISON ART

ERGON

GFC-MSU
Presents
ERGON
Tenth Annual Art Event
Featuring GFPS Art Students
K-12
November 5 - December 8

Opening Reception
November 6, 2026
Heritage Hall 4:00-5:30
Ceremony at 5 PM

INKTOBER 2026

25. FRACTURE
26. ZIP
27. DUMB
28. TROPHY
29. TUSK
30. COOKIE
31. FLEX

ART CLUB

One word prompts to express your creativity thru October. Want to be featured during our Art Club meetings? Drop by 113 with your original drawing.

Art Club meets at **lunch Wed** in **room 113.**

GFHS WEEKLY PERFORMING ARTS

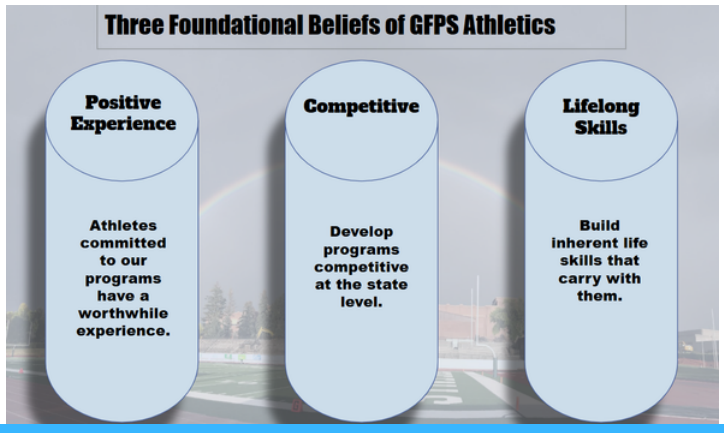
DATE 26-27	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
9/26	Super Saturday		Memorial
10/1	Homecoming Royalty	8:00 AM	Davidson Auditorium
10/2	Homecoming Game	7:00	Memorial
10/6	Fall Orchestra	7:00	Davidson Auditorium
10/13	Fall Band	7:00	Davidson Auditorium
10/14	All State	All Day	Bozeman
10/15	All State	All Day	Bozeman
10/16	All State	All Day	Bozeman
10/21	Fruit Sale Begins		
10/26	Fall Choir	7:00	Davidson Auditorium

GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

SPORT	DAY	DATE		OPPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	VARSITY	JV	SOPH	FROSH
VB	TUES	10/27/2026	GFH	GALLATIN	GFH FH-OLD GYM	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
VB	TUES	10/27/2026	GFH	GALLATIN	GFH OLD GYM	9B				4:00 PM
VB	THURS	10/29/2026	GFH	CMR (GFH HOME)	GFH FH-OLD GYM	V-JV-S-F	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
VB	THURS	10/29/2026	GFH	CMR (GFH HOME)	GFH OLD GYM	9B				4:00 PM

GFHS Playoff Football

- Friday, 10/30/26
- 7:00pm
- Capital High School
- Helena, MT



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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

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

click here
GFHS LIBRARY WEBSITE

GFHS "INSIDE" INFO

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

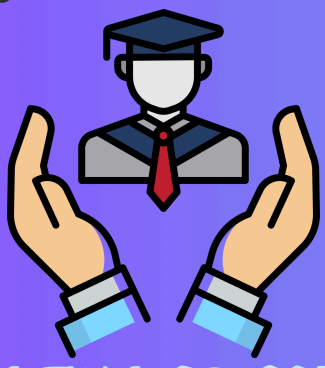
Week of 10/25-10/31/26				
Key Club Trunk or Treat	10/25/26	Sunday	OG Parking Lot	1:30pm-3:30pm
Pre College Advisory	10/26 & 10/28	Monday/Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:30pm
MT National Guard Table	10/26/26	Monday	HUB	11:30-12:30pm
HOSA Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser	10/26-10/29	Monday-Thursday	HUB	Lunch & 3:30-4:30pm
HOSA Blood Drive Sign Up	10/26-10/29	Monday-Thursday	HUB	Lunch
Touro Tutoring Program	10/26-10/29	Monday/Wed/Thurs	MC 202	2:00-5:00pm
Fall Choir Concert	10/26/26	Monday	AUD	7:00-8:00pm
HOSA and American Red Cross Annual Blood Drive	10/27/26	Tuesday	OG	8:30am-2:15pm
HOSA Sponsored Spooky Movie Night (Hucus Pocus)	10/27/26	Tuesday	STEM Center	5:00pm-7:00pm
No School/End of Quarter	10/30/26	Friday		All Day
District Wide AI Training	10/30/26	Friday	FH	8:00am-3:00pm

CONNECT WITH US!

Social Media

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

Great Falls High School Counselor Corner



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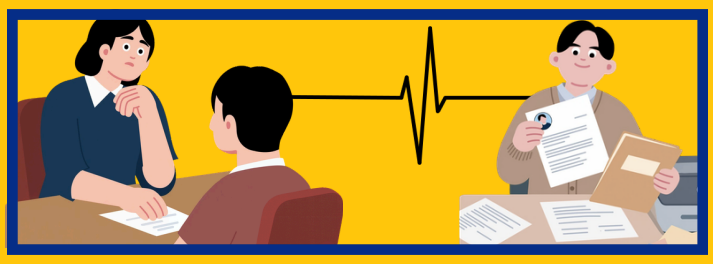
Touro Advising Program



Program Goals:

TheTouro 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 202

- 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

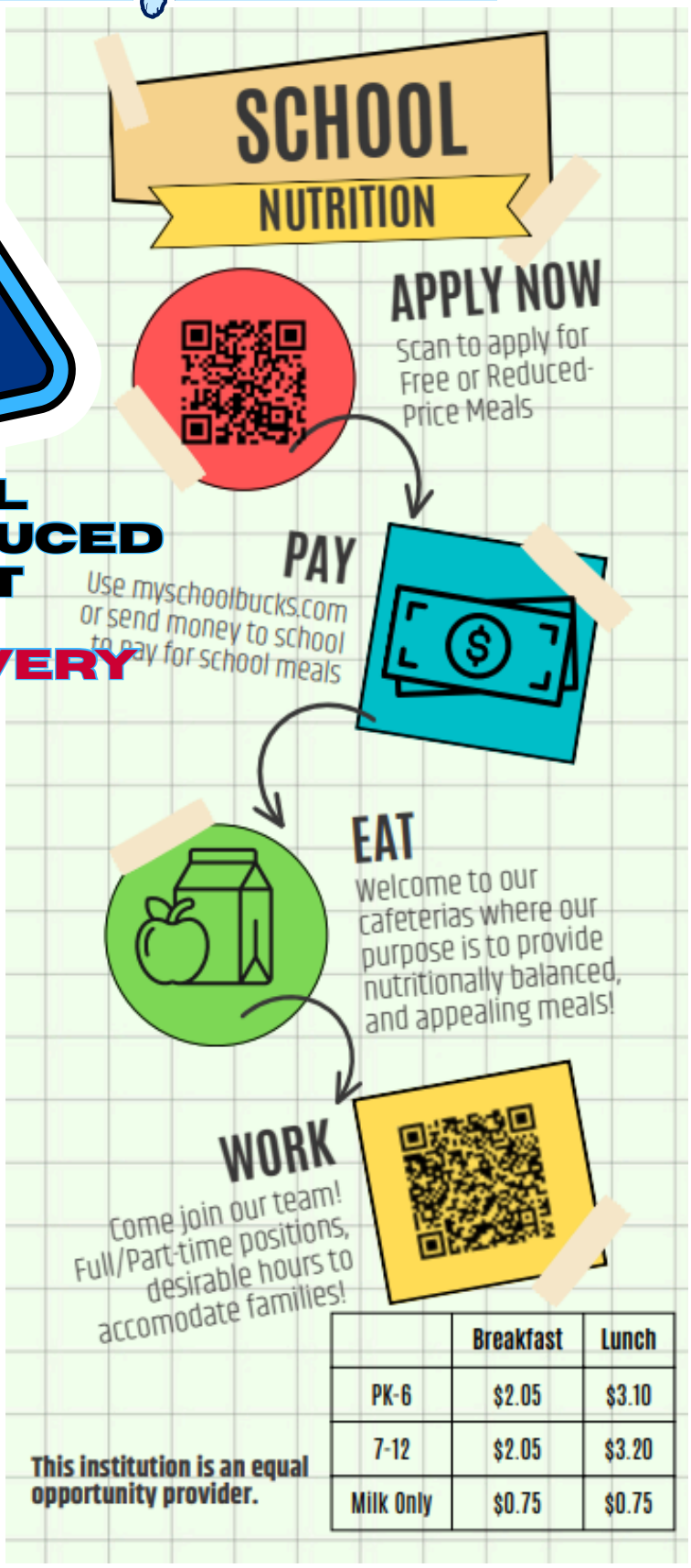
TOURO COLLEGE
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
TOURO UNIVERSITY
Great Falls, Montana Campus

GFHS APPS & INFO

CLICK HERE

APPLY FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION FREE & REDUCED FOR YOUR STUDENT

MUST BE RENEWED EVERY YEAR.



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

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

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>**
  - No Saturday School this Saturday
- **<u>After School Support (3:20-5:00pm):</u>**
  - **English Language Arts:**
    - **Tuesday - Main Campus 211**
  - **Math:**
    - **Monday - South Campus 108**

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