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SUN RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

\sim From the Desk of the Superintendent \sim

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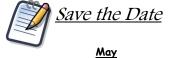
Once again we're approaching the Spring of another very successful school year. We are patiently waiting for the final budget numbers as the State Legislature wraps up so we can finish planning for the 2019-2020 school year.

Congratulations to all of our national gualifiers in Business Professionals of America and State Science Fair. Those students will be busy fundraising to attend their respective national competitions.

Along with academics, our School Board works diligently to ensure fiduciary responsibility while working hard to upgrade our facilities.

While this year begins to wrap up, I look forward to an exciting 2019-2020 school year in the Sun River Valley. As we prepare for next year, if you know of or have students that would be interested in attending school in our district, please let me know or invite them to come and talk with the building principals. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Have a safe and happy spring.

Dave Marzolf, Superintendent



<u>April</u> 1

2	Music Festival Family Night, SHS Music Rm 6:30pm
3-6	State FFA - Bozeman
4-6	MS Basketball Tournaments, Fairfield
8	MS Track & Field Practice Begins
9	School Board Meeting 7 pm
11	Spring Activities Photos 3 pm
11-13	District Music Festival, Great Falls
11-17	Juniors Scholarship Class
12	MS Music/Ensemble Festival - Dutton
22	Spring Break - No School
22-23	FFA @ Lewistown

Buckle Up Blue 4 Lauryn - SHS Gym 1:15 pm

- 4th Quarter Mid-Term 25
- 30 BPA Nationals - Anaheim, CA

1-5 3-4	BPA Nationals - Anaheim, CA State Music Festival - Helena
5 1	Rugby - Canada
6-9	MAP Testing
	Jump Up Day - Freshmen Parent Orientation 5:30pm Library
6 7	Spring Concert - Simms, 6:30pm
	Sports Physicals - Benefis, Great Falls 8am
8	National Honor Society, 5:30pm
	Junior/Senior Banquet 6pm
10	District 10c Track & Field - Gt. Falls
10-11	Divisional B-C Tennis - Gt. Falls
	State Rugby - Bitterroot
13	Music Awards Banquet - Simms, 6:30pm
13-14	12th Grade Semester Exams (Checkout on 14th)
13-18	Int'l Science & Engineering Fair @ Phoenix
14	Spring Achievement Day 2:00pm
15	BPA/FFA Banquet - Simms 6pm
16	Divisional Northern C Track & Field - Gt. Falls 9am
16-18	
17-18 20	Rugby State 7's - Missoula 2018-19 Class Registration MS/HS 15-18 All Week
20-22	Senior Trip - Whitefish, MT
20-22	Cascade Colony Graduation 1pm
22	8th Grade Last Day, Semester Finish Exams
23	Senior Graduation Practice 9am
20	Spring Concert - Ft. Shaw 2:30pm
24-25	State A&C Track & Field - Laurel
26	8th Grade Promotion 12pm
	2019 High School Graduation 1pm
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- No School Memorial Day 27
- 28-30 MS/HS Semester Exams (Checkout on 30th)
- 29 Tiger Cub End-of-YearAssembly 8:15am
- 30 Last Day of School - Early Release: 12:45pm

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

School Board Elections will be by mail ballot through the Cascade County Elections Department, Tuesday, May 7, 2019. If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Belinda Klick, Election Administrator, to cancel the election in accordance with 13-1-304, MCA and 20-3-313, MCA.

The District has three trustee positions open: two positions on the combined high school/elementary board: 3year term (Shantel Herman & Camille Wiegand); and one Vaughn representative: 3-year term (open seat).

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Simms 6-12 Principal

For the next two months, I would like to focus on the multiple ways our parents, guardians, and families get involved in school and how important that is.

Important dates - for you to take note of within SRVS School District can be found in the Save the Date and Calendar sections of this newsletter. They are listed on the Google Calendar, SRVS website, and SRVS Facebook page as well.

Attendance – Every student's attendance is a critical component of success. Ensuring that your child is here on time each day will allow opportunities to learn and grow in multiple areas: academic, behavioral, and social/emotional. When possible, please try to schedule appointments outside of the school day or on Friday.

SRVS Facebook – All are welcome to join the SRVS School Facebook page. Once you hit the 'like' button, one is able to gain access to events and reporting of school functions and activities. Please remember, if you plan on commenting, be cautious of how your comments will be perceived by all members within the SRVS School Facebook page. We respectfully ask that you follow the commenting guidelines:



We generally don't allow negative comments; however, context is important in determining the fate of any particular comment:

- Comments that contain vulgar, profane, hateful, or abusive language or images; personal attacks against other commenters, or offensive terms that discriminate against specific ethnic, national, racial, or sexual groups.

- Derogatory comments about a person's appearance or name.
- Comments that are spam, off-topic, or that promote services or products.
- Comments that make unsupported legal accusations or encourage illegal activity.
- Comments that implicate family members in crimes that they are not charged with.

- "Drive-by" or sarcastic comments that are designed primarily to elicit negative responses or start a comment fight (sometimes known as trolling).

Adopted from KRTV commenting guidelines.

Counselor's Corner

Testing dates you need to know:

- April 24th– All Juniors take the ACT test @ 8:00- a.m. this determines placement in college classes
- May 7th~ is the only make~up day for the ACT •
- May 6th~16th ~ MAPS for grades 6~10

Date

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May 10

May 24 Jun 1 Jun 14 Jun 19

• Mar. 20th - May 24th - Smarter Balanced for grades 6-8

Test Date June 8. 2019

SAT National Testing Dates – Sign up Online \$54.50 w/Essay; Late Fee is \$28 **Deadline to Register** - with no late fee or Apr. 24^{th} – with late fee ^{*l*} – with no late fee or May 22^{nd} – with late fee

Cost: \$43.00	w/o Essay;
Test date	
May 4, 2019	Apr. 5^{th} -
Jun. 1, 2019	May 3 rd

Name	Amount
Women's Leadership Committee	\$500
3 Rivers Banner Web Scholarship (local)	\$500
American College Foundation Visionary	\$1,000-\$5,000
MT Tree Farm Scholarship	\$1000
Bernard Greufe Honor Scholarship	\$500
MT Food Distributors Association	Varies
Lions Club Scholarship (local)	Varies
CIA Scholarship (local)	Varies
The Nordmier/Tafoya Scholarship	\$1,000
Odd Fellow & Rebekah Lodges	\$500
Cascade County DUI Task Force	\$2,000
MT Sheriff and Peace Officers Assoc. Scholarship	Varies
Black Mountain Software	\$500
Pepsi Scholarship (local)	\$500
Robert Squires Scholarship (local)	\$4000
Katherine Zeller Memorial Scholarship (local)	\$200
Big Sky State Games	\$500
B Davis Scholarship	\$1000
Universal Athletic Scholarship	\$500
Abbott Fenner	\$1000
Big Sun Scholarship	\$500

Luke McKinley. Principal



<u>ACT National Testing Dates</u>—sign up online—If planning to retake, earlier is better! Cost: \$39.50 w/o Essay; \$56.50 w/Essay; Late Fee is \$25 **Deadline to Register** *May 3rd w/no late fee—or May 20th w/late fee*

Scholarships/ Free Money for College



SHS Business Professionals of America News



Kierah. Sunnv. Noah. Hunter and Madison

On the 21st of January, the Simms Business Professionals of America Chapter went to CMR to participate in the Region 3 competition. Out of 208 students each member of the Simms Chapter placed and gualified for State in Billings.

Taylee Sawyer - 4th Graphic Design Promotion, 5th Digital Publishing Matthew Nazelrod - 5th Graphic Design Promotion, 4th Digital Publishing, 6th Information Technology Concepts, 2nd Computer Animation Team

Hunter Winkowitsch - 5th Extemporaneous Speech, 4th Business Meeting Management Concepts, 9th Information Technology Concepts, 6th Administrative Support Concepts, 5th Digital Communication and Design Concepts, 2nd Small Business Management Team

Lane Hinderager - 5th Human Resource Management, 3rd Business Law and Ethics, 12th Financial Math and Analysis Concepts

Draylen Sawyer - 2nd Presentation Management Individual, 2nd Digital Publishing, 9th Fundamental Accounting

Mackenzie Wiegand - 4th Prepared Speech, 5th Parliamentary Procedure Concepts, 4th Administrative Support Team **Maddie Bloom** - 1st Digital Publishing, 8th Basic Office Systems and Procedures, 1st Presentation Management Team Madison Wiegand - 8th Personal Financial Management, 4th Administrative Support Team, 2nd Financial Analyst Team Adrianna Rohrer - 9th Banking and Finance, 1st Presentation Management Team, 2nd Financial Analyst Team **Mikayla Hart** - 1st JAVA Programming, 2nd Financial Math and Analysis Concepts, 3rd Website Design Team Jessi McKinley - 7th Business Law and Ethics, 2nd Small Business Management Team, 3rd Website Design Team **Kierah Kriedeman** - 9th Payroll Accounting, 3rd Fundamental Accounting, 2nd Network Design Team Ally Hitchcock - 8th Medical Office Procedures, 6th Parliamentary Procedure Concepts, 2nd Small Business Management Team, 3rd Website Design Team **Orion MacDonald** - 8th Computer Security, 2nd Network Design Team Xander Digan - 4th Computer Network Technology, 7th Computer Programming Concepts **Dakota Digan** - 9th Computer Programming Concepts, 7th Servicing and Troubleshooting, 2nd Computer Animation Team **Noah Harrison** - 6th Servicing and Troubleshooting, 2nd Network Design Team

Sunny Woodhouse - 2nd Network Design Team

Bailey Carl - 4th Administrative Support Team, 2nd Financial Analyst Team

On March 10th-12th, Simms traveled to Billings to compete in the State BPA competition. Students attended workshops, listened to speakers, and competed. The following students placed in their competitions: Draylen Sawyer (2), Hunter Winkowitsch (3), Jessi McKinley (1), Ally Hitchcock (1), Bailey Carl (1), Adrianna Rohrer (2), Maddie Bloom (1), Mackenzie Wiegand (1), and Matthew Nazelrod (1).

Qualifying for Nationals in Anaheim, California, are Noah Harrison, Kierah Kriedeman, Sunny Woodhouse, Hunter Winkowitsch, and Madison Wiegand (she will not be attending). Chris Stetson placed 6th in Computer Modeling and later aualified. Five students along with their two advisors will attend Nationals the end of April and represent Simms High School Business Professionals of America. If you would like to help support this trip, please email or call Jenny Rohrer at irohrer@srvs.k12.mt.us.

Good luck Simms BPA!

Jennifer Rohrer, Jessica Harrison,

BPA Advisors

Principal's Corner, Continued

Simms Athletic Director

As the Director of Athletics, I'm extremely proud of our students that have participated in all of our winter activities. As we move into spring activities, please review the general reminders:

Spring Activities

If you have children planning to participate in spring activities and haven't participated in an activity up to this point, they must complete a full physical, District activity paper work, and pay fees. This spring we are busy getting the track ready for competition as we will host two meets at Simms. I would like to thank the custodial staff for putting in the hours to ensure our track will be ready. Spring sports practice started March 13, and we will be traveling around the region for Girls Tennis, Boys & Girls Track, and Rugby.

We ask that you outfit your child with proper attire when participating outdoors with inclement weather. We all want to keep your children safe and help them function at their full potential. Taking part in sports and activities is an important part of a healthy, physically active lifestyle. However, injuries can occur if athletes are not equipped properly for the elements.

Stretching.

Complete a full body stretching sequence by allowing 30 seconds before changing position. 5-10 minutes of stretching (static - not moving, or kinetic - moving) is recommended.

Warming Up & Cool Down.

Anyone participating in a practice or workout needs to follow a warm-up routine. This should consist of specific movements that engage the large and small muscle groups that you commonly use within the activity you are participating in. Along with muscle warm-up, this also allows the heart rate to elevate slightly to moderate levels, so the athlete is prepped for anaerobic or aerobic training.

Type of Training.

Try not to climb the mountain too fast! Training takes time, and everyone has different limits. Running won't always take care of the critical training needed to sustain a well-rounded athlete. You also must lift weights to balance the use of muscles for the activities you participate in. Build up muscle strength so strains and tears aren't caused from being unprepared.

Equipment.

Wear warm clothes when it's cold out. Your body will not function at peak performance if you are not warm before your contest. Footwear for the activity you participate in is also an important key to effective training. Running shoes or proper footing that provide a good fit and support allow you to experience the activity with comfort. Blisters are commonly caused by improper footwear for the suggested activity. It is ideal to outfit accordingly by size and activity.

Hydrating.

best way to keep yourself balanced for peak performance.

Luke McKinley, Director of Athletics



5 Ways to Prevent Injuries

Water is the best source of liquid to hydrate with. Being properly hydrated also helps battle against becoming overheated during warm days of competition. Sport drinks often taste good while working out; however, the side effect can cause unexpected fatigue and cramping. Reason for this is the amount of sugar your body has to digest before it can separate the water for use. Muscle cramping and fatigue can be a common cause of dehydration. Consuming the suggested amounts of water for the volume of activity you participate in is the

~ A Message from the Fort Shaw Elementary Principal ~



We are gearing up for the last couple of months of school here at FSE! There will be many events happening, and students will be putting the finishing touches on their learning. Our teachers and students have been working extremely hard to master the skills required for completion at each grade level!

I want to let you know that we have created a Fort Shaw Elementary Action Plan. This plan includes goals we set for this school year to improve in specific areas and the steps we are taking or have completed to accomplish them. The fields we are focused on are

our quality of instruction, assessment, data-driven decision making, evidence-based interventions and strategies, and family and community involvement. There is a link to the document on our Facebook page (Fort Shaw Elementary@FSETigerCubs), and copies can be found at the information center hanging on the wall right by the main entrance doors. Please feel free to read the document and contact us if you have any questions or comments.

As part of our MBI (Montana Behavioral Initiative) practices, we have created a short parent survey to learn how we can better serve our students and families. We presented it via our Facebook page and Twitter page (Fort Shaw Elementary@FSETigerCubs) for families to complete. Surveys were also handed out at our 2nd Trimester Awards Assembly, so families could provide us with some meaningful feedback. This survey was completely anonymous. The responses were very positive overall, but we learned that some families were concerned with bullying, as it is a problem at many schools across the country. As a result, Mrs. Boucher, our school counselor, really focused on educating our students about what bullying is and how to deal with it. She had just completed a course on bullying before the survey but revisited the program. Our teachers addressed the issue in their classroom with more focused education and zero tolerance for this type of behavior. An information page was also sent home to all our families with resources about bullying and how we have educated our students. Here at FSE, bullying is not tolerated and is an issue that is dealt with promptly. However, the word bullying can be used out of context; and that is where some of the problems and confusion arise when we deal with conflicts between students. Creating a safe and positive learning environment is our top priority, and we strive to do that. If there are ever any concerns, please contact the school right away.

Looking ahead, we have some events scheduled already. State testing using the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium will happen at the end of April and beginning of May. Students 3rd-5th grades will complete these assessments. This is an online, computer-adaptive assessment in English Language Arts, Literacy, and Mathematics. It is rigorous and intense. Our students will be pushed to do their best. Teachers have been working hard all year, and I know the students will be ready for the challenge.

We have decided to create a Student Leadership Team that will meet with the Principal and discuss issues that students think are important and work together to solve them. Among other things, they will plan monthly assemblies to present the solved issues and have interactive games to celebrate school community and successes. The members of the team are Matt Zietzke and Tanner Willekes from 2nd grade, Ella Fryberger and Jazlynn Mendoza from 3rd, Gracie Zbinden and Bailey Anderson from 4th grade, and Jerin Nelson and Isaac Okes from 5th. Congratulations on being selected by our teachers!

May Events

*Kindergarten Roundup is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th, @ 10:00-10:45. Students who turn 5 by September 10th, 2019, are welcome to attend.

*Spring Concert - Thursday, May 23rd, @ 2:30.

*3rd Trimester Awards Assembly - Wednesday, May 29^{th,} at approximately 2:00. Our newsletter will update the exact time.

*Field Day and Family Picnic is scheduled for the last day of school on the 30th. A more detailed schedule will be sent out in our weekly newsletter.

*Last Day - Thursday, May 30th.

Please check our weekly school newsletter and Facebook for updates and schedules!

Ted Miller, FSE Principal

Save the date and help a really great community member, Chuck Merja! On Sunday, April 28, 2019, at the Black Eagle Community Center, from noon to whenever, a benefit will be held to help with medical costs related to Chuck's tragic accident last spring.

A meal will be available for a small fee to individuals and families, a silent auction, live auction, and raffles will take place throughout the day. Auction items, workers, and food items (salads and desserts) are needed. If you can donate your time or your talent in any fashion, all donations will be cheerfully accepted. Please contact Wanda Merja at (406) 899-5957, and please leave a message if necessary.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to not only help a super great guy, but to help a fellow Valley resident in need.

ADULT EDUCATION in the SUN RIVER VALLEY



Our Adult Education program is putting together a line-up of several classes for spring and summer. Please watch the Simms High School webpage and Sun River Valley Schools' Facebook page for details as they are made available.

Classes being planned are: tennis, nutrition, weight training, and fitness for Seniors. Dates and times are still being planned, and details will be posted as soon as they are decided.

Looking toward the future, we hope to offer two or three classes each semester (fall, spring, and summer). If you have a skill, hobby, or educational topic in which you would like to offer a course, please let us know! We are excited to add classes to our line-up, and look forward to developing an eclectic group of class offerings.

Questions, inquiries, and all other information is available by contacting Jennifer Hazenberg or Whitney Polich.

Jennifer Hazenberg: jhazenberg@srvs.k12.mt.us

Whitney Polich: wpolich@srvs.k12.mt.us

If you would like to be on an email list to receive the latest Adult Education information, please email Jennifer Hazenberg at: jhazenberg@srvs.k12.mt.us

Jennifer Hazenberg Whitney Polich

Benefit for Chuck Merja



SPRING SPORTS

Simms Tennis



Spring sports officially began on Monday, March 11th, but Mother Nature had something else in mind. Due to the extreme weather and road conditions, spring sport athletes and coaches had to wait one day to gather as a team and start the season.

Coach Pasma and Coach Green welcome nine players to the team at this time. Returning are two varsity players from last year – **Maddie Bloom** and **Mikayla Hart**. Maddie returns as a State participant from the 2018 season and hopes to crack the doubles line-up again

this season with a compatible partner. Mikayla will return as an experienced singles player. **Bailey Brooks** got her feet wet last year as a JV tennis player.

Six eager and enthusiastic players new to the game will round out the line-up: Becca Carroll, Kimber Winkowitsch, Sunny Woodhouse, Taylee Sawyer, Kierah Kriedeman and Sami Siefke.

Their first match will take place on Friday, March 29th at the CMR or MLCC courts. The coaches look forward to an exciting season, as this young team shows improvement each day they gather to practice.

On a final note, this THANK YOU goes out to anyone who helped with the snow and water removal project from the Simms tennis courts. Without your help, we may not have played on those courts until May. Thanks for making such a big difference for our program!

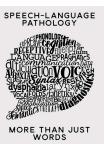
Colleen Green, Tennis Coach

Simms Rugby

The Simms Boys Rugby team is excited to begin its 16th season with practice beginning on April 19th. Home games will be played on the Simms football field. Admission is free, so please come support your hometown Rugby team!

- March 30th: At Corvallis (Bitterroot): Round Robin play. Game day schedule TBA
- April 6th: at Kalispell. Round Robin play. Game day schedule TBA.
- April 12th (Friday): Bitterroot at Simms, 7:00 pm kickoff under the lights
- April 19th: Bye week for Simms (Easter weekend)
- April 27th: Missoula at Simms, 1:00 pm.
- May 2nd (Thursday): Simms at Helena. Kickoff at 5:30 pm
- May 3rd/4th: Simms in Canada (Vulcan 15s tournament) Will play 3 games in 2 days. Schedule TBA.
- State: May 10/11 at Bitterroot. Schedule TBA
- State 7's: May 17th Friday night, at Missoula Schedule TBA





To Celebrate "May is Better Speech and Hearing Month," learn to identify the signs of communication disorders from the American Speech Language Hearing Association.

Identify the Signs of Communication Disorders American Speech Language Hearing Association

Signs of a Speech Sound Disorder in Children

Says P, B, M, H and W incorrectly in words (1 to 2 years) Says K, G, F, T, D and N incorrectly in words (2 to 3 years) Produces speech that is unclear even to familiar people (2 to 3 years)

Signs of a Hearing Loss in Children

Not paying attention to sounds (Birth to 1 year) Not responding when you call their name (7 months to 1 year) Not following simple directions (1 to 2 years)

Signs of a Language Disorder in Children

Does not smile or interact with others (Birth and older) Does not babble (4 to 7 months) Makes only a few sounds or gestures like pointing (7 to 12 months) Does not understand what others say (7 months to 2 years) Says only a few words (12 to 18 months) Words are not easily understood (18 months to 2 years) Does not put words together to make sentences (1.5 to 3 years) Has trouble playing and talking with other children (2 to 3 years) Has trouble with early reading and writing skills (2 to 3 years)

If you have questions, please contact our District's Speech-Language Pathologist:

Diane Simpson, MA CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist 406-264-5586 phone <u>diane.simpson@nclearning.org</u> email

Russ Bloom, Rugby Coach

From your Speech & Language Pathologist

Sun River Valley School DistrictSun River Valley School DistrictDistrict 55 & FDistrict 55 & FMarch Students of the MonthFort Sthaw & SIMMS SCHOOLSFORT SHAW & SIMMS SCHOOLSFort sthaw & SIMMS SCHOOLSFort sthaw & SIMMS SCHOOLSFictured Left to Right:SIMMS: Rabecka Plute (6th Gr.), Matthew Nazelrod (11th Gr.)FORT SHAW: Joslynn DeShaw (1st Gr.), Dayton Peterson (5th Gr.)FORT SHAW: Joslynn DeShaw (1st Gr.), Dayton Peterson (5th Gr.)





Congratulations Students! Thank you Faculty and Teachers for selecting these students!

Students are nominated and selected based on the following criteria within their schools: Academic Performance, Character, Behavior, Effort, Social Relationship, & Attendance.

