

Sun River Valley School District April/May Newsletter 2024

#### A WORD FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

We have approved a few high-end projects to enhance the facilities. The district continually strives to provide the facilities our students and teachers deserve. Along with the basic summer maintenance, we will be removing the gymnasium bleachers at the end of May and preparing the floor to be sanded and refinished. The last time the floor was redone was in 2010. After the floor is complete, we will be installing new electric bleachers.

The Sun River Valley School Board and Sun River Valley Teachers Association are almost finished with the certified negotiations which ends the 2023-2024 school year. Through our efforts in actively promoting our community and our school, we have successfully attracted and retained quality staff who are highly enthusiastic and actively engaged. We continue to promote our model of positive leadership and supportive professional development as we explore options for enhancing both the financial and intangible offerings to employees that attract and keep quality staff employed in our District and vested in our community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come by the school and talk with me.~ Mr. Dave Marzolf



#### Simms Schools Update

The end of the year is rapidly approaching, and with it comes a plethora of important events. This spring's activity schedule is currently being placed on the school Google calendar. *Our last day of school will be Thursday, May 30*. Please take notice of the updated events for April-May. Be aware that all schedules are subject to change. Although it's approaching the end of our school year, we are busy getting things organized and getting the Fall 2024 activities schedule ready for next year. The schedule should be ready by May 1. We have Homecoming Week 2024 on the books for September 23-27, with the parade on Friday at 12:00 PM.

I would like the thank our Simms Faculty and Teachers, Custodians, Cafeteria, Business Manager, IT Department, Paraprofessionals, and Substitutes! Thank you for your hard work and continued support! GO TIGERS!!

~ Mr. Luke McKinley, 6-12 Principal







#### **Hello from Fort Shaw Elementary!**

Sun River Valley Families,

Our staff at Fort Shaw Elementary is wishing you a wonderful spring season! We have Spring photos at Fort Shaw Elementary on March 28th, 2024. Mrs. Hillyard will be sending home picture forms very soon for each family.

A big congratulations to the Second Grade class for winning the reading contest for the "I Love To Read" contest. The Second Graders worked very hard and are setting a positive example for others to follow. Way to go Second Grade!

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Next, we are approaching our last trimester, and next month students will be taking the SBAC and Maps assessments. It is a busy time for everyone, so please ensure your child is getting proper rest and healthy meals! Stay tuned for our Spring Concert date, and end of the year activities for K-5th grade students.

A kind reminder we will not have school on April 1st for Spring Break. Thank you for all

you do for our community, staff, and students!

Best Wishes for a Healthy & Happy Spring,



R Responsibility for your activities

Weston Snyder and Hayden Feeler



## Tiger Athletics Post– Season Results!

High School Girls Wrestling State Tournament: Billings Metra Park

Lillian Schubarth– 132 lbs. STATE CHAMPION (Back to Back)

Hayley Petersen-107 lbs. STATE CHAMPION

Simms Girls Wrestling Team took 3rd place overall!

High School Boys Wrestling State Tournament: Billings Metra Park

William Mishler- 160 lbs, 6th place

<u>High School Girls and Boys Basketball:</u> Both teams worked hard and much improvement was shown throughout the season. Unfortunately, the boys' season ended at the District Tournament in Shelby. The girls team took 3rd at Districts, but were eliminated after two losses at the Divisional Tournament in Great Falls.

#### Speech & Drama State B/C Tournament Results: Choteau High School

Roland Carrier -20th place, Dramatic Oral Interpretation

Ana Bouick-19th place, Humorous Solo

Donald Hammond-11th place, Impromptu

The following students competed in finals, for a chance at the state title:

Hannah Nivens-7th place, Dramatic Oral Interpretation

Gunner Aflleje- 7th place, Extemporaneous

Allie Redmond-7th place, Original Oratory

Caiden Makoski- 5th place, Impromptu

Northern B/C Team Sweeps-6th place!

Thank you coaches, for your time and your dedication to all our student athletes!

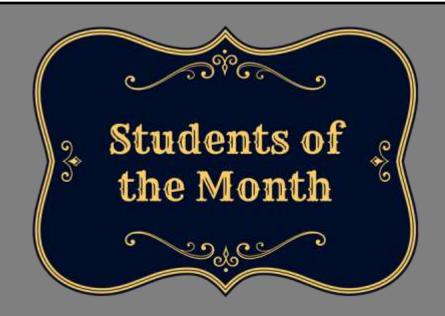
# SPRING SPORTS PHOTOS

HS Tennis HS & MS Track & Field

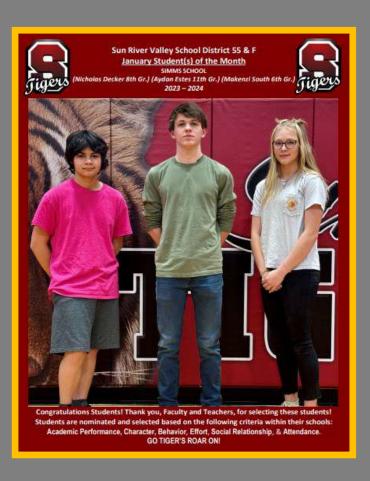
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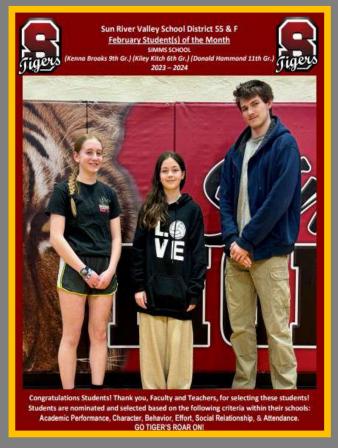
Tuesday, April 23, 2024

3:00 PM @ Simms Cym HS Tennis HS Track & Field MS Track & Field











The Simms High School students recently competed in the Regional Science Fair. Several students earned special awards: Bailey Anderson, Brylee & Zoey Wright, Kenna Brooks, Lily Johnson, Brenya Thompson, Honor Carrier, and Xzavior Sandusky. Additionally, Brylee and Zoey Wright earned First Place overall and Bailey Anderson earned Second Place overall. Due to this placement, Brylee & Zoey Wright and Bailey Anderson earned an all expenses paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) being held in Los Angeles, California! This is the second year that Brylee and Zoey Wright have qualified for this pres-

#### tigious event!

Bailey Anderson is a freshman who is competing at the high school level for the first time this year. This is a very impressive achievement for these students! There are only two projects that qualify from the Regional Science Fair, and four projects that qualify from the State Science Fair, for a total of only six projects from Montana. Simms High School students earned two of the six available projects to qualify for ISEF and they have not yet even competed at the State Science Fair. We are incredibly proud of all the high school students who worked so hard on their projects!

At the same time, Simms Middle School students also competed at the Regional Science Fair. The middle school students took a huge number of special awards this year and several students placed as well! Middle school students earning special awards at the Regional Science Fair are as follows: Bryson Sheldon, Ava Sauke, Anthony Storle, Elizabeth Plute, Cadence Crookston, Ella Fryberger, Calvin Storle, Aurora Bennett, Kenji Robinson, Olivia Johnson, Jalynn Runstrom, Oakley Carlisle, Nick Decker, Jimmy Fryberger, Evan McMillian, Tristan Feeler, Greyson Salotti, Colter Anderson, Jace Runstrom, Makenzi South, Brynn McGurran, Natalie Rasmussen and Shyanne Herman.

In the 6th grade Brynn McGurran and Natalie Rasmussen earned First Place in the Team Physical Science category and Ava Sauke earned Second Place in the Individual Biologic Science category. In the 7th grade, Anthony Storle earned First Place in the Individual Physical Science category; Colter Anderson and Jace Runstrom earned Second Place in the Team Physical Science category, and Bryson Sheldon earned Third Place in the Individual Physical Science category. In the 8th grade, Elizabeth Plute and Cadence Crookston earned First Place in the Team Physical Science category; Ella Fryberger earned Second Place in the Individual Biological Science category; Jalynn Runstrum and Olivia Johnson earned Second Place in the Team Biological Science category; and Nick Decker and Oakley Carlisle earned Third Place in the Team Biological Science category. All these students worked very hard to do so well, and we could not be more proud!

~ Ms. Malary Moultray







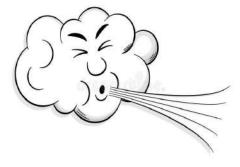
## **GO Tigers!!**

## Middle School Track & Field 2024 Schedule

April 3	1st Day of Practice	4:15 PM
April 12	MS Meet @ Choteau	9:00 PM
April 19	MS Meet @ Power	1:00 PM
April 23	Team Pictures @ Simms	3:00 PM
April 27	MS Meet @ Choteau	4:00 PM
May 3	MS Meet @ Havre	ТВА

<sup>\*</sup> Schedule is subject to change.

Reminder: Please be aware of our crazy, changing Montana Spring weather. Make sure that your athletes bring extra sweatshirts, sweat pants, jackets, etc.





### Simms Tiger High School Tennis Schedule 2024

March 28	@MLCC	TBA
April 5	Simms vs. Ft. Benton (Girls)	12:30 PM
April 9	@ Helena	1:00 PM
April 12	TBA	TBA
April 13	@ Missoula (Loyola)	10:00 AM
April 19-20	@ Great Falls (Simms Inv)	TBA
April 23	Sports Pictures	3:00 PM
April 26-27	@ Conrad	TBA
May 4-5	@Helena & Townsend	TBA
May 17-18	@ Cut Bank (Divisionals)	TBA
May 23-25	@ Missoula ( B-C State)	TBA





#### Simms High School Track & Field Schedule 2024

April 6	Cal Wearly @ Havre	9:00 AM
April 13	Acantha Meet @Choteau	10:00 AM
April 20	Shelby Invite@ Shelby	9:00 AM
April 23	Team Pictures	3:00 PM
April 25	Froshmore Meet@ Power	1:00 PM
April 30	Top 8 Meet @ G. Falls	10:00 AM
May 2	GF Freshman Invite@ G. Falls	ТВА
May 10	District 10 C & 1B Meet@ G.Falls	9:00 AM
May 24-25	State A & C @ Laurel	9:00 AM









## Counselor's Corner Spring 2024

It's hard to believe how close to the end of the school year it is! With spring comes a lot of activities with our high school and middle school students- one of which is testing!

In the high school, the juniors will take the annual state ACT exam on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 AM. The ACT test serves two purposes: it provides the district with a measure of progress for the junior students to ensure they are making adequate progress toward graduation and serves as a college admissions test and a tool for college course placement. Last year was the first ACT assessment given at Simms that was completely online; this turned out to be a wonderful change and worked very well for students. With online testing, it's only a few short weeks – possibly days – until students can access their results. The online test also provides an on-screen timer and built-in calculator for students. Once their scores are available, students can provide the colleges of their choice with that information.

Senior students have been busy working on scholarship applications. Every senior has had access to the scholarship information since last fall. New scholarship information is posted when it is made available – seniors should be checking the Scholarship and College Info 23-24 Google Classroom regularly for new opportunities. Many scholarship opportunities are also found by doing a simple Google search. March and April are very busy months for scholarships – don't miss out on free money opportunities! College-bound seniors should also be completing their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to see what aid is available to them to attend college in the fall.

! College-bound seniors should also be completing their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to see what aid is available to them to attend college in the fall. Some need-based scholarships <u>require</u> FAFSA completion to even be considered for their scholarship. If any student needs assistance filling out their FAFSA, I am happy to help!

The middle school also enters testing season in March and April. Starting on March 25<sup>th</sup> and running through April 4<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 6-8 will be taking the annual SBAC assessment (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) in their core classes; in addition, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take the State Science Assessment. This assessment is given to grades 6-8 to assess student knowledge and skills in English Language Arts/Literacy and Math, as well as to measure growth from the previous year. With such high-stakes testing, please emphasize to your child the importance of getting enough sleep and eating healthy, so they can do their best! Also, please try to keep any absences to a minimum during this testing time if possible. Students who are absent during testing will need to make it up when they return.

With graduation right around the corner, "senioritis" has hit the halls of Simms with a vengeance! Seniors need to continue to push through the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and finish out the year strong! Seniors must provide their graduation program insert write-up to Mrs. Fryberger in the office <u>no later than May 2<sup>nd</sup>.</u> Graduation this year is on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the Simms High School gymnasium.

#### **Best Wishes to the Class of 2024!**

"Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead."









Sun River Valley Robotics club had a fun season. We hosted the new game announcement on Sept 9th where we also showed previous year's robots. This year's game heavily favored autonomous operation and with the help of programming mentor ,Mark Hall, our programming team made autonomous look easy and put our team 724 robot at the top of both qualifier and state tournament seeding rounds. A couple hiccups in the state playoffs cost us the opportunity to travel to Houston in April where there will be approximately20,000 nerd kids under one roof for 5 days, .But one of our team members, Robyn Mathison, will be one of the two Dean's List finalists who will be able to attend. Robyn did a great job with the vision programming, outreach and digital content.

Late in the season, a group of 5th - 8th graders, all from Vaughn and Cascade, formed a team and qualified for the state tournament . They ran well and ended the round robin play in 3rd place out of 27 teams ,and chose to be the 3rd seed captain during the playoff rounds. It was really fun to watch them do so well in a high school competition.!

We helped with several science fair projects. The kids had good success at the recent regional science fair, and are working on projects that could be developed into useful devices. Among those projects are a saddle blanket to map varying pressures caused by saddles, a thermal deer detector, a DIY hay moisture sensor, DIY metal detector, stock water freeze status monitor, a 7 day live-stock feed/medicine dispenser, GPS cow locator, a couple water system monitors, and a soil analysis to determine if hemp might grow.







2024 Prom King and Queen: William Mishler and Kylie Harrison





The Class of 2024 will conduct its commencement ceremony starting <u>at 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 19th.</u> Congratulations to the Simms Seniors and their families!

Parents of seniors, please expect a letter in the mail indicating general reminders and notifications. Please contact the school if you are interested in helping out with this activity.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- May 6-9 Semester Exams for Seniors
- May 5-6-7 Senior Trip/ Junior-Senior Banquet
- May 15 Graduation Rehearsal at 8:00 AM
  - Checkout- Last Day!
- May 19 Graduation @ 1:00 PM- SHS Gym





#### **Montana BPA 2024 State Leadership Conference**

The 2024 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference was held in Billings on March 12-15. 1,335 students and local chapter advisors from the middle level and secondary level attended in a spirit of friendship and goodwill. BPA Montana Association assisted the members through participation in the areas of competitive events, leadership, community development, and professionalism.

Students from 101 Montana schools demonstrated their knowledge in business and technological skills and abilities in 93 different competitive events from within the five core assessment areas of Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communication & Design, Management, Marketing & Communication and Health Administration.

There were 20 high school and middle school students who qualified for nationals in the following events: Ambassador Torch Award and Student Certification-Gunner Aflleje

Network Design Team 1<sup>st</sup> place- Bailey Anderson, Hudson Rohrer, Kylie Harrison and Austin Naude User Design Team 1<sup>st</sup> place- Grace Johnson and Izabel Leach User Design Team 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Kenna Brooks, Nora Helms and Gracie Zbinden

Administrative Support Research Project 2<sup>nd</sup> place- William Mishler Digital Communications and Design 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Anastasia Bouick Computer Network Technology 4<sup>th</sup> place- Hudson Rohrer

Presentation Management Team Middle Level 1st place- Ella Fryberger, Jimmy Fryberger and Bristol Strehle

Visual Design Team Middle Level 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Jalynn Runstrom and Olivia Johnson Visual Design Team Middle Level 5<sup>th</sup> place-Bryson Sheldon and Kyndal Becker

In non-event awards, Montana BPA awarded Silver Star Awards for Chapter Development to the Capital High School, Flathead High School, Garfield County District High School, Glasgow High School, Helena High School, Hellgate High School, Joliet High School, Park High School, Simms High School, Skyview High School and Twin Bridges High School.

MDU Resources Foundation sponsored two scholarships. One was awarded to Hudson Rohrer, because of his love for agriculture along with his four years of BPA experience and his interest in business. This scholarship winner will be continuing his career, majoring in Agriculture Business, and plans to attend Oklahoma State University.

The following Simms High School members were celebrated for being approved for the Statesman Torch Award: Gunner Aflleje, Kylie Harrison, Alexis Medrud, William Mishler, Makayla Thielman, and Taya Thomas.

BPA Montana students will now have the opportunity to travel to Chicago, Illinois to compete in the 2024 BPA National Leadership Conference which will be held May 10-14. If you wish to sponsor a student, need spring cleanup work done, or want to donate to the travel fund, please contact Jennifer Rohrer at Simms High School at jrohrer@srvs.k12.mt.us or 406.264.5110 extension 109. Thank you for the past 21 years of support of this great program.

#### More BPA Highlights!



Top Row: Jimmy Fryberger, Ella Fryberger, Olivia Johnson, Jalynn Runstrom, William Mishler, Izzy Leach, Grace Johnson, Gunner Aflleje, Bailey Anderson, Kylie Harrison, Austin Naude, and Hudson Rohrer. Bottom Row: Bristrol Strehle, Kenna Brooks, Gracie Zbinden, Nora Helms and Anastasia Bouick. Not pictured: Kyndal Becker and Bryson Sheldon



Hudson Rohrer: \$500 Scholarship Winner









#### **Trustee Election by Acclamation**

The Board of Trustees of the Sun River Valley School District #55F, Cascade County, State of Montana, have received declarations of intent to be a candidate and/or declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate equal to the number of positions to be elected, and there is no other reason for the Trustee election.



SRVS is currently in need of substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested, please contact our office at 406-264-5110 x124.

#### **Notice of Non-Discrimination**

The Sun River Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Holly Kincaid - Title IX Coordinator 1 School Loop Road, Fort Shaw MT 59443 406-264-5111

Luke McKinley - Non-Discrimination Coordinator/504 Coordinator 123 Walker Street Simms, MT 59477 406-264-5110

David Marzolf - Age Discrimination Coordinator



#### **HOUSE BILL 203 OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Out-of-District Attendance Agreement forms will be mailed the middle of April to those students who currently attend our district from another district. The application packet must be submitted to the District by June 1st for consideration.

## April SRVS Nutrition

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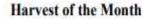
#### Morning!!

Yogurt Bar

Fresh Fruit / House Made Granola

Boiled Egg / Cheese Stick

Steal Cut Oats or Cream of West



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#### Introducing National Baseball park themed Hot Dog Week.

#### May SRVS Nutrition

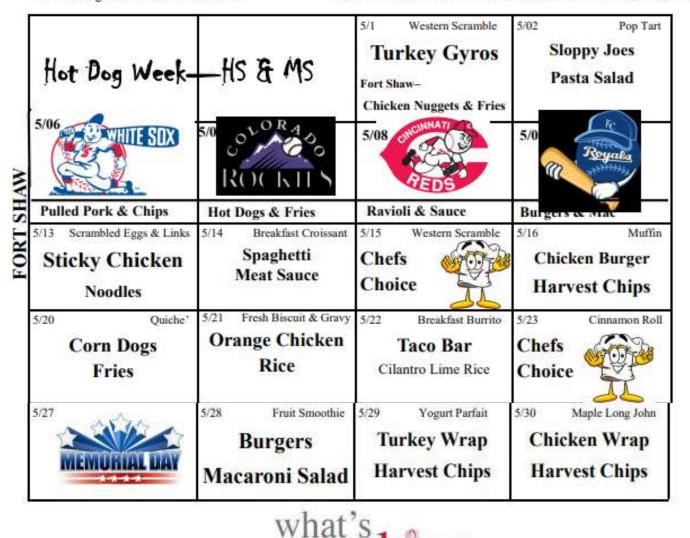
Guaranteed Rate Field home of the Chicago White Sox's

Coors Field home of the Colorado Rockies

SRVS Nutrition Great American Ball Park home of the Cincinnati Reds...

Simms High & Middle / Fort Shaw

Kauffman Stadium home of the Kansas City Royals



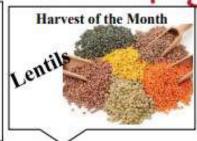
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1	NO SCHOOL		
April 6	HS Track @ Havre		
April 9	HS Music Festival Performance @ Simms	May 2	HS Track Freshman Invite @ Great Falls
	School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM		HS Tennis @ Helena and Townsend
	HS Tennis @ Helena		MS Track @ Havre
April 11	District Music Festival @ U of P		HS State Music Festival @ Helena
April 12	District Music Festival @ CMR		C : 01 T: (04 TT)
	MS Track @ Choteau	May 5	Senior Class Trip (May 5-7)
		May 7	Junior/Senior Banquet
April 13	HS Tennis @ Missoula  HS Track @ Choteau	May 10	National BPA @ Chicago (May 10-14)
		May 11	HS District Track @ Memorial Stadium
April 16	Juniors- ACT	May 14	School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
April 19	HS Tennis @ GF	May 16	Divisional HS Track Meet- Memorial St.
April 13	MS Track @ Power	May 17	HS Tennis Divisional @ Cut Bank (17-18)
April 20	HS Track @ Shelby	May 19	Graduation @ 1:00 PM
April 20 April 22	MS Mass Band @ Fairfield	May 23	State Tennis @ Missoula
		May 24	Hs State Track @ Laurel
April 23	Spring Activity Photos	May 27	Memorial Day- NO SCHOOL
April 25	HS Track @ Power (Froshmore Meet)	May 30	Last Day of School!
	Mid- Term		
April 26	HS Tennis @ Conrad (Divisional Preview)		
	MS Track @ Choteau		
April 27	HS Track @ Great Falls		
April 30	HS Track Top 8 Meet @ Great Falls	hello	
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