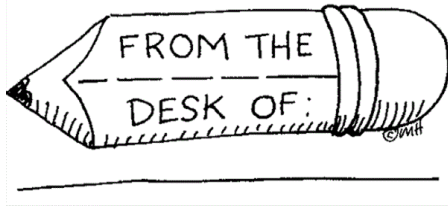




August– September 2023



Superintendent



Parents and Guardians:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and you were able to see your families and friends. We will resume instruction and operations at our schools on August 16th! As always, we will do our best to provide a healthy and safe learning environment for students, staff, and the community.

Our custodial staff has once again done an outstanding job cleaning the building and preparing everything for the start of school. Facility maintenance projects have included replacing the cafeteria windows and finishing the new septic system at the Fort Shaw school.

Our School District remains committed to maintaining timely and relevant communications with staff, families and the community as the 2023-2024 school year begins. With your help, each student's enthusiasm, and our teachers' leadership, we'll meet any challenge and have another successful school year.

~ Dave Marzolf, Superintendent

PRINCIPAL



Dear Sun River Valley Parents: It is time to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. We welcome back all students with anticipation of a great year ahead. School will resume Monday, August 21 at 8:00 a.m. Student schedules will be handed out on the first day of school.

The 2023-2024 Student Handbook will be accessible for parents to view online after the August 8 SRVS Board Meeting (www.srvs.k12.mt.us). Please read it with your child, then sign and return the "Registration Signature/Permission", which can also be found on our website (under SRVS Forms).

Individual and class photos for the High School and Middle School will be taken on August 21. Pictures for the students at Fort Shaw will be taken on September 8.

The school will be very proactive sending messages to your devices as we navigate through the school year. I also encourage you to pay attention to Infinite Campus, school social media, and other forms of communication as things can rapidly change. We are working together for the common good of all of our students as we offer a comprehensive educational setting for all learners to experience unlimited opportunities. I'm truly excited for all students to arrive and so is the staff. Enjoy the last weeks of summer.~ Luke McKinley, Principal



Dear Fort Shaw Parents & Guardians,

I hope all of you have had a wonderful summer making great memories and spending time with your families. August is upon us again, and you know what that means... the 2023-2024 school year will be in full swing. The Fort Shaw staff and I are excited to welcome you all back to your school.

I, personally, look forward to another fun-filled year at Fort Shaw Elementary. I am excited to work together with all of you for the third year! The 2023-2024 school year will resume on August 21, and the bus schedule will be out for families shortly. We are having school pictures on September 8th. Picture forms will be available at the start of the school year.

Please make note of this for the start of the school year: immunization law requires that all students entering Kindergarten and 7th grade be current in their immunizations before they can begin school. Seventh graders must have a Tetanus booster or Tdap vaccine. Parents should contact the City-County Health Department in Great Falls or your family's health care provider to get this vaccine before August 21. The CCHD provides walk-in-service and can be contacted at 406-454-6950. Please remember to send a copy to the school by mail or fax it to us.

In addition to the immunization requirements, our Fort Shaw team would like to kick off the school year with an Open House! This will allow all families to drop off school supplies and snacks as well as meet our new staff we have on board for the school year. Our Open House will be on August 16th, from 4:00-6:00 PM.

I am excited for this school year to launch with the fabulous, dedicated staff at Sun River Valley Schools! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. We will be in touch as the year progresses. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Take good care,
Dr. Holly Kincaid
hkincaid@srvs.k12.mt.us

Fort Shaw Pre-K-5 Principal



Just a reminder...



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FORT SHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2023-2024

	K	1	2	3	4	5
Calculator (if possible)	no	no	no	no	yes	yes
Pencil Box	no	1	yes	yes	yes	no
#2 Pencils	no	yes	20	3 pkgs	2 pkgs	20
Ticonderoga Pencils #2 Oversized	1 box	no	no	no	no	no
Crayons (24 colors)	4 boxes	1 boxes	4 boxes	yes	yes	yes
Crayola Markers (10 colors)	2 boxes	1 boxes	2 boxes	2 boxes	no	yes
Paper Towels	4 rolls	1 Roll	no	1 roll	no	no
Scissors	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Glue Sticks	20+	no	10	6	no	yes
Glue Bottles	no	no	4	1	1	yes
Water Bottle	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Back pack-regular size, no wheels	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Black/Blue pens	no	no	no	no	no	yes
Red Pens	no	no	no	no	yes	yes
Wide ruled spiral notebook	no	1	no	5 or 6	no	5
College ruled notebook	no	no	no	no	no	yes
Erasers	2	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Eraser tops for pencils	no	no	no	yes	no	yes
Colored pencils	no	1	no	yes	yes	yes
Ruler w/ centimeter markings	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Folders	no	no	no	6	2	5
Wide ruled loose leaf paper	no	no	no	3 pkgs	3 pkgs	yes
Water colors paint	no	no	no	yes	no	no
Kleenex –regular sized boxes	3	3	3	2	2	2
Snack Item enough for entire class	5 boxes	5 boxes	5 boxes	no	no	no
Clorox—type wipes	3	3	3	3	1	2
Play Dough—4 pack	4	no	no	no	no	no
1” 3 Ring Binder	no	yes	no	no	no	no
Straws (100 count)	2	no	no	no	no	no
*Solid color 2 pocket folder no prongs	no	2	no	no	no	no
Dry Erase Markers	2 any color	Fine tip Black 1 pkg	no	2 pkgs	2 pkgs	no

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2023-2024 Simms MS & HS

Whitney Polich: (MS/HS Art)

9 x 12 in. Sketchbook: look for mixed media paper, approx. 80-100 lb. thickness (sturdy enough to hold water media and glue).

For example: <https://www.walmart.com/ip/Canson-XL-Mix-Media-Artist-Paper-Notebook-Side-Wired-Pad-9-x-12-60-Sheets-Pad/34580251>

1" 3-ring binder (can be a separate section in a larger binder)

Glue stick

Pencil (non-mechanical)

Hand held eraser (pink pearl, plastic, or gum)

Pencil Pouch (optional, but highly recommended to hold all of your writing utensils)

*I will announce additional course specific supplies for HS on the first day of class

Sara Davidson: (MS/HS Music)

Binder

mechanical pencils

Notebook paper

Black Socks

Black pants/skirt

Simms Music T-shirt

Robert Hazenberg: (HS Health Enhancement) Jay Fredrickson: (MS/HS Health Enhancement)

All students need clean gym clothes:

T-shirt or sweatshirt, shorts or sweatpants, socks, shoes (for gym class only, please) and deodorant.

Water bottle

Josh Sheldon: (Middle School Science and HPE):

Notebooks

Erasers

Pencils (Small pack of colored)

Folder

Loose-leaf Paper

Basic Calculator

Windie Goldhahn: (HS Mathematics):

Notebook for math notes

Pencils (extra lead and erasers if mechanical)

Book cover (extra-large or jumbo)

Pink, yellow, and green highlighters

Calculator (if desired)

Pink, Yellow and Green Highlighters

Pencil Pouch/Ziplock bag - something to hold your pens, pencils and highlighters

Jessica Harrison (Middle School & High School English):

Binder

Two notebooks

Loose leaf paper

Mechanical pencils

Molly Pasma: (HS History):

Notebook for note taking

Writing utensils of your choice i.e. pencils or pens

Book cover (extra-large)

Pink, yellow and green highlighters

Malary Moultray: (HS Science & Math):

Book Cover

Writing Utensils

Composition notebook

Loose Leaf Paper

Vonda Harrison: (Middle School):

Pencils, pens, highlighters and erasers

Spiral college ruled notebooks to be left in classroom for each class

Paper for daily lessons

Book cover (extra-large)

Calculator (if possible) L(MS/HS Science):

Writing utensils

Book Cover

Composition notebook

-Loose leaf paper

2" 3 Ring Binder





Plan to attend your Open House!

Meet your teachers!

Drop off all your school supplies!

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Fort Shaw Elementary

4:00 PM -6:00 PM

Refreshments will be served.



The 2023-2024 School Bus Schedule is undergoing some revisions. The bus drivers will contact parents/guardians on their child's pick-up and drop-off times. Please call the school office if you have any questions at 406-264-5110.

SUN RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-2024 Calendar

4-Day School Week

JULY (0)							AUGUST (8)							SEPTEMBER (15)							OCTOBER (17)							
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August

16-17 Teacher PIR (2)
21 First Day of School

September

4 Labor Day - No School

October

19-20 Teacher Convention (2 PIR)
26 End 1st Quarter

November

16 End 1st Trimester
22-23 Thanksgiving Break
30 Early Release 12:00 pm PTC 1:00-7:00 pm (1 PIR)

December

25-28 Christmas Break

January

1 New Year's Day
2 School Resumes
11 End of Semester 1/Qtr 2
12 Teacher PIR (1)

February

1 PTC 4:00-7:00 (1/2 PIR)
22 End 2nd Trimester

March

21 End 3rd Quarter

April

1 Spring Break

May

27 Memorial Day
29 Last Day (full day) - End Semester 2/Qtr 4; FSE 3rd Trimester
30 Teacher PIR (1/2)

FSE Trimester End Dates

Oct 5 - 1st Mid-Term	
Nov 16 - 1st Trimester	50
Jan 11 - 2nd Mid-Term	
Feb 22 - 2nd Trimester	49
Apr 11 - 3rd Mid-Term	
May 29 - 3rd Trimester	54
	153

Prof. Dev. Days (7 PIR)

August 16-17 (2)
October 19-20 (2)
November 30 (1)
January 12 (1)
February 1 (1/2)
May 30 (1/2)

Key

0	First/Last Day of School
2	Holiday
0	School Day
	Teacher PIR - No School
/	End of Quarter/Semester/Mid Term
△	End of Trimester/Mid Term - Elementary
○	Parent/Teacher Conferences PTC

Quarter/Semester End Dates

Sep 21 - 1st Quarter Mid-Term	
Oct 26 - 1st Quarter	38
Nov 30 - 2nd Quarter Mid-Term	
Jan 11 - 2nd Quarter/1st Semester	37
Feb 22 - 3rd Quarter Mid-Term	
Mar 21 - 3rd Quarter	40
Apr 25 - 4th Quarter Mid-Term	
May 29 - 4th Quarter/2nd Semester	37
	152

24th ANNUAL VALLEY FUN DAY



ALL DAY IN SIMMS, MT AUGUST 12, 2023

8:00 Bev-O Memorial Fun Run

8:00-10:00 Pancake Breakfast @ Lion's Hall

Silent Auction @ Lion's Hall (Closes @ 1:30 PM)

10:00 –2:00 Vendor Fair

10:00-2:00 Kid's Entertainment on SHS Lawn

10:30 Parade Line-Up @ Curtiss Service Center

11:00 Parade

11:30-12:30 Music by Jonny & Jane

11:30-1:30 Lunch

11:30 –2:00 Methodist Church Pie Social

12:30-1:00 Live Auction Outside Lion's Hall

1:00-3:00 Horseshoe Tournament & Children's Corn Hole Tournament

2:00 Duck Race (Purchase Ducks at Lion's Hall)

3:00-5:00 Adults Corn Hole Tournament

EVENTS IN CONJUNCTION:

THURSDAY AUGUST 10– CHURCH TENT MEETING, 6:30PM, SUN RIVER
METHODIST CHURCH

THURSDAY AUGUST 10– MILITARY FORT HISTORY TOURS, HISTORIC
FORT SHAW Time: TBA

FUN DAYS THEME FOR 2023

' Aloha from the Valley'

Vendor Fair

- Contact Lynn Rohrer 970-290-7452

ALL AGES EVENT

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

Ruth Mortag 406-264-5648

DeeDee Rains 406-264-5501

Dave Yarger 406-264-5423

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Servicemen's Club Post 4109

Loenbro

For camping contact Bob Curtiss 406-264-5640

BENEFITING

Organizations and Emergency Services in Simms, Fort Shaw,

Sun River and Vaughn, as well as Augusta, Fairfield, Cascade and

Choteau.





August 10 (Thursday)

Impact Testing Grades 7-9-11 @ Simms 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

PARENT MEETING

6-12 Football/Volleyball/Tennis @ Simms 5:30 PM.



HIGH SCHOOL

1st DAY: Football/ Volleyball

Practice Times: 8:00AM-12:00 PM Volleyball August 11

Practice Times: 8:00AM-12:00 PM Football August 11



MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st DAY: Football/ Volleyball/Tennis

Practice Times: MS Volleyball 4:00 – 6:00 PM August 14

Practice Times: MS Football 4:00-6:00 PM **August 11**

Practice Times: MS Tennis 8:00 – 10:00 AM August 14



Sports Physicals

Any student wishing to participate in a sports program must have a **school physical dated after June 1, 2023**. Please make sure forms are turned into the office before August 10.

Head HS Volleyball: Jessica Harrison jharrison@srvs.k12.mt.us

Head MS Volleyball: Meghan Huffman mhuffan@srvs.k12.mt.us

Head HS Football: Jay Fredrickson jfredrickson@srvs.k12.mt.us

Head MS Football: Dace Steinke dsteinke.steinke@gmail.com

Head MS Tennis: Molly Pasma mpasma@srvs.k12.mt.us

2023 Tiger Football Schedule

** Schedules are subject to change!!*

August 25 (Fri)	MS vs. Cascade 4:00 PM
	HS vs. Cascade 7:00 PM
August 28 (Mon)	HS JV @ Cascade 4:30 PM
September 1 (Fri)	MS @ Sheridan 4:00 PM
	HS Varsity @ Sheridan 7:00 PM
September 4 (Tues)	HS JV vs. Sheridan 4:30 PM
September 8 (Fri)	MS @ Choteau 4:00 PM
	HS Varsity @ Choteau 7:00 PM
September 11 (Mon)	HS JV vs. Choteau 4:30 PM*
September 15 (Fri)	MS vs. Ennis 4:00 PM
	HS Varsity vs. Ennis 7:00 PM
September 18 (Mon)	HS JV Jamboree TBA
September 22 (Fri)	MS JV @ Manhattan Christian 1:00 PM
	HS @ Manhattan Christian 4:00 PM
September 25 (Mon)	HS JV Jamboree @ Simms 4:30 PM
September 29 (Fri)	MS vs. Belt @ 3:00 PM
	HS Varsity vs. Seeley Swan 7:00 PM (Homecoming)
October 2 (Mon)	HS JV Jamboree TBA
	HS Varsity @ Seeley-Swan 7:00 PM
October 6 (Fri)	MS vs. Lone Peak 4:00 PM
	HS vs. Lone Peak 7:00 (Senior Night)
October 9 (Mon)	HS JV Jamboree TBA
October 13 (Fri)	MS– BYE
	HS Varsity @ Deer Lodge 7:00 PM
October 20 (Fri)	MS @ Flint Creek 4:00 PM
	HS @ Flint Creek 7:00 PM
October 27-28	8 Man First Round
November 2-4	8 Man Quarter Final
November 11	8 Man Semi Final
November 19	8 Man State Championship



Please note that schedules are subject to change. You can check the Google Calendar on the SRVS Website for all Sports Activity Dates. Also check out our Facebook page (Sun River Valley School District) for updates and

** JV games are tentatively scheduled. Due to lack of football numbers in some schools, these games may be cancelled.*

2023 GIRLS



Schedule

Schedules are subject to change!

***18 Games Max Varsity**

August 24 (Thurs)	JV @ Choteau Pre-Season Tournament MS @ Vaughn 5:00 PM/6:00 PM
August 25(Fri)-27 (Sat)	HS Varsity @ Choteau Pre-Season Tournament MS Pre-Season Tournament @ Simms
Sept 1 (Fri)-Sept 2 (Sat)	HS Varsity @ Cascade Pre-Season
Sept 8 (Fri)	MS/ HS vs. Sunburst 4:00/5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM +20
Sept 9 (Sat)	MS/HS VB @ Cascade 4:00/5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM+20
Sept 15 (Fri)	MS & HS @ Valier 2:00 & 3:00 MS/ 4:00 / 5:00 PM + 20
Sept 22 (Fri)	MS & HS @ Belt (Non-Conf) 4:00/ 5:00/6:00 +20
Sept 23 (Sat)	MS vs. Power& HS vs. Power-Dutton-Brady 2:00/3:00 PM 4:00/5:00 20 PM
Sept 26 (Tues)	MS @ Dutton/Brady 5:00/ 6:00 PM
Sept 28 (Thurs)	MS & HS vs. Heart Butte 3:00 /4:00 PM 5:00 PM/6:00/7:00 PM (Double Varsity)
Oct 5-6 (Thurs-Fri)	Middle School Tournament TBA
Oct 6 (Fri)	HS @ GFCC 6:00 PM/ 7:00 PM +20
Oct 7 (Sat)	HS Varsity @ Bridger Mid-Season Showcase
Oct 13 (Fri)	HS @ Augusta 6:00 PM/7 :00 or +20 PM
Oct 14 (Sat)	HS @ Fort Benton 4:00/5:00 PM or + 20
Oct 16 (Mon)	HS vs. Augusta (Pink Night) * Senior Night 6:00 PM 7:00 PM or + 20
Oct 17 (Tues)	HS vs. Belt 6:00 PM/ 7:00 PM or + 20
Oct 26-28	District Tournament @ Belt
Nov 2-4	Divisional Tournament GFCC High School
Nov 9-11	All Class State Volleyball @ MSU Bozeman
Nov 10-11-12	State All Class Volleyball @ Bozeman



Middle School Tennis 2023

Aug 14	First Practice	8:00-10:00 AM
Aug. 28	Ft. Benton/FF @ Simms	3:00 PM
Sept. 1	@ CMR Courts	10:00 AM
Sept. 8	Ft. Benton@ Hurd Courts	1:00 PM
Sept. 11	@ Conrad	2:00 PM
Sept. 15	@ Hurd Courts	10:00 AM
Sept. 18	@ Conrad	2:30 PM
Sept. 25	End of Season Tourney @ CMR Courts	10:00 AM



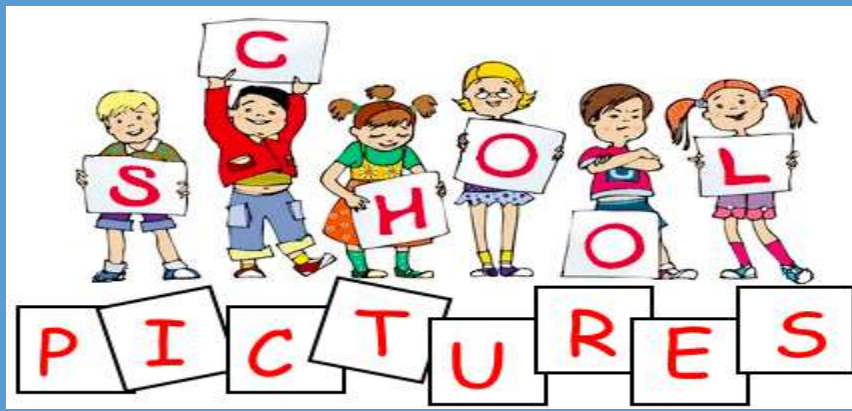
Schedules are subject to change!



Simms High School BPA Officers will be selling coffee, water, and Tiger Wear on August 12th during Valley Fun Day in front of the Simms High School. Come get your new gear for the upcoming seasons and support a great organization!

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Today's students. Tomorrow's business professionals.



It's time to get ready for Picture Day!

LifeTouch will be taking pictures for the Middle School and High School students on the first day of school, August 21.

They will return on September 8 to take pictures of the staff and students at Fort Shaw Elementary.

We will get order forms mailed out to the MS and HS students sometime in August!





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Such an exciting time of the year! I'd like to welcome all the new faces joining the Simms Tiger family, and welcome back the familiar faces! I hope you all took the time to refresh, rejuvenate and enjoy the time off. It's time to start a new year...it's going to be a good one – LET'S DO THIS TIGERS!!

Students received copies of their 2023-24 school schedules on the last day of school in June if they were in attendance and will receive another copy before they begin classes in August. If changes need to be made, students need to see Ms. Perkins for a drop/add form (forms posted outside Rm 101) and discuss possible adjustments. Schedule changes are made during the **first 5 days of classes only**. IF the change can be made, all appropriate signatures must be obtained – student, parent, and staff members – on the form. Class changes are made based on educational needs and are not always guaranteed; courses will not be overloaded to accommodate a change.

Seniors: In July, you received an email invite to join my Google classroom entitled Scholarships/ College 23-24. Starting soon, I will begin posting scholarship opportunities (scholarships, requirements, and due dates), college information, workforce information, etc. Every time I make a post, you will receive a notification in your school email. Please make sure that you have accepted my invitation; if you can't find it in your school email, please let me know and I can resend it. Parents – if you would like to have access to this information as well, please let me know and I can send you an invitation to the Google classroom. This is where all scholarships that I receive information about will be posted.

Also, seniors, if you took the spring ACT test and would like to retake it to improve your scores, please see Ms. Perkins; we can look at upcoming test dates and deadlines for retaking the test, and I can assist you in registering. The cost to retake the ACT with Writing is \$93. ACT scores are reported on college applications and are often used for scholarship consideration. Below is the link to the national upcoming test dates; the closest testing center for Simms students is CMR High School in Great Falls MT.

<https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/pdfs/Test-Date-Schedule->

(Counselor's Corner, continued)

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Important Upcoming Dates:

Monday, August 21st – 1st day of classes

Thursday, September 21st 9AM – 11AM

Montana Central Region College Fair
(seniors) – University of Providence

October – ASVAB Test (juniors) – TBD
PSAT Test (juniors) - TBD



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SENIORS !!

~Mrs. Rohrer, Yearbook Advisor

Please get those senior pictures taken before you get too busy with school and the weather turns cold. It will be here before you know it! Also, while you have extra time, please find those baby photos you would like included in the graduation video and/or yearbook. We will be needing 5-6 photos. **Remember, it is much easier to see close-up shots on the big screen!**





***Please call Simms High Schools
@264-5110, Ext. 124, for more
information.***



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
123 Walker Street Simms, MT 59477
406-264-5111

Luke McKinley - Non-Discrimination Coordinator/504 Coordinator
1 School Loop Road Fort Shaw, MT 59443
406-264-5110

David Marzolf – Age Discrimination Coordinator
123 Walker Street Simms, MT 59477
406-264-5111



ATTENTION!

We will be installing a new door system in the near future. If you find that your weight room key no longer works, please contact the Simms High School office and we will get you a new one issued. Thank you for your understanding.

School Lunch Program

It's time to apply for the School Lunch Program. All families interested in free and reduced meals are required to apply each year regardless of previous qualification.

The meal applications are found on the Sun River Valley Schools website, www.srvs.k12.mt.us, under the Infinite Campus Parent Portal-Scroll down to "Quick Links" and click on "Infinite Campus". After you log in, go to the left side, click on "More", then choose "Meal Benefits". Click on "Start Here to Start the Application Process". It takes about 5 minutes. If this your first time logging on to Infinite Campus , call the school and we will walk you through the process.

We encourage everyone to apply as soon as possible *as there will be no grace period this year.*

Lunch Prices

Ft. Shaw Elementary—Breakfast: \$2.00; Lunch: \$2.50

SHS/SRMS– Breakfast: \$2.00; Lunch: \$ 3.00

Adults-Breakfast: \$2.00; Lunch; \$ 4.00



August 2023

Fort Shaw Elementary

Simms Middle and High Schools



8/21 Yogurt Bar Chicken Ranch Wrap Harvest Chips	8/22 Breakfast Croissant Walking Tacos Spanish Rice	8/23 Pancake Sausage Muffin Ham & Cheese Slider House Pasta Salad	8/24 Cinnamon Roll Sticky Chicken Rice & Egg Roll
8/28 Yogurt Bar Spaghetti & Meatballs Fresh Bread	8/29 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Chicken Chow Mein Egg Roll	8/30 Scrambled Eggs & Links Mac & Cheese Broccoli	8/31 Fresh Berry Muffin Chicken Caesar Wrap Harvest Chips

2023—2024

Our Team is So Excited for this year!!

Scratch cooking, Farm to Table, Harvest of the Month and exciting New Menu Items.

Each Day Infused Water!!

Grab N Go items will be available for High School, starting in September.

Multi Grain Breads, Gluten Free Baked Goods, Gluten Free Pastas, Dairy Free menu items available, Vegan available and Keto.

Please, contact the office with any special dietary needs.



Confit Garlic

What is garlic confit? The term confit is used to describe **anything that has been cooked slowly into a rich, succulent texture**. To confit garlic, the cloves are very gently poached in oil, transforming them into the most delicate, sweet and tender morsels. A dream!

We Love Our Garlic!!

Members of the allium family of veggies, onions and garlic can act as the base or star attraction in so many recipes.

Chopped onion, cooked slowly to bring out its sweetness, is an absolute must for the beginning of most soup, sauce, and stew recipes.

what's
cooking

Morning!!

Yogurt Bar
Fresh Fruit / House Made Granola
Boiled Egg / Cheese Stick
Steal Cut Oats or Cream of West

Harvest of the Month

Cherries



Get Fueled

ALLERGEN Alert Let us know

Breakfast Includes: Protein / Grain / Fruit / Milk or Juice - Lunch Includes: Protein / Salad / Grain / Veggies / Milk

Note: The Kitchen Staff does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

September 2023

Fort Shaw Elementary

Simms Middle and High Schools



	9/05 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy House BBQ Ribs Baked Potato Salad Herbed Fresh Bread	9/06 Pancake Sausage Muffin Baked Chicken Bolognese Over Fettuccine	9/07 Cinnamon Roll Fish & Chips SRVS Signature Tarter Sauce
9/11 Breakfast Croissant Orange Chicken Rice & Egg Roll	9/12 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Pulled Pork Fresh Cole Slaw	9/13 Western Egg Bake Roasted Chicken Mashed Yukon Potatoes Fresh Herbed Bread	9/14 Fresh Muffin Walking Tacos Cilantro Lime Rice
9/18 Yogurt Bar 100% Beef Burger Herbed Potato Wedges	9/19 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Sticky Chicken Rice & Egg Roll	9/20 Pancake Sausage Muffin Lasagna Bread Stick	9/21 Fresh Scone Chicken Ranch Wrap Harvest Chips
9/25 Breakfast Croissant Hot Dog Bar Chili	9/26 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Spaghetti & Meatballs Garlic French Bread	9/27 Western Egg Bake Chicken Chow Mein Egg Roll	9/28 Donuts Ham & Cheese Slider House Cole Slaw

What makes it a Bolognese?

Bolognese sauce is a classic Italian sauce for pasta made with ground meat such as beef or pork. It's **slow cooked with a soffrito of onions, carrots, and celery, tomatoes, and milk to give it a creamy texture.**

what's
cooking

Morning!!

Yogurt Bar
Fresh Fruit / House Made Granola
Boiled Egg / Cheese Stick
Steal Cut Oats or Cream of West

Harvest of the Month Herbs



Get Fueled

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October 2023

Fort Shaw Elementary

Simms Middle and High Schools



10/2 Yogurt Bar Salisbury Steak Yukon Mashed Potatoes **National Cookie Day**	10/3 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Sticky Chicken Rice & Egg Roll	10/4 Hens Nest Walking Tacos Spanish Rice **National Taco Day**	10/5 Cinnamon Roll Fish & Chips SRVS Signature Tarter Sauce
10/9 Breakfast Croissant Asian Broccoli Beef Asian Noodles	10/10 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy 3 Sister Stew with Bison Corn Bread	10/11 Breakfast Bowl Baked Chicken Bolognese Over Fettuccine	10/12 Fresh Muffin Pulled Pork House Cole Slaw
10/16 Yogurt Bar Ham & Cheese Slider Pasta Salad	10/17 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Chicken Alfredo Fresh Bread Stick **National Pasta Day**	10/18 Hens Nest House BBQ Ribs Baked Potato Salad Herbed Fresh Bread	10/19 Fresh Scone or Maple Bar
10/23 Breakfast Croissant Lasagna Multi Grain Fresh Bread	10/24 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Sloppy Joes Broccoli Salad	10/25 Breakfast Bowl General TSO's Chicken Rice & Egg Roll	10/26 Donuts Roasted Chicken Mashed Yukon Potatoes Multi Grain Fresh Roll
10/30 Yogurt Bar Chicken Burger Harvest Chips	10/31 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Spaghetti & Meatballs Multi Grain Fresh Bread		

what's
cooking

Morning!!

Yogurt Bar
Fresh Fruit / House Made Granola
Boiled Egg / Cheese Stick
Steal Cut Oats or Cream of West

Harvest of the Month
Brassicas



Get Fueled

ALLERGEN Alert Let us know

Breakfast Includes: Protein / Grain / Fruit / Milk or Juice - Lunch Includes: Protein / Salad / Grain / Veggies / Milk

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Save The Date!

August

- 8 School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM**
- 10 Impact Testing-SHS-Grades 7,9,11- 3:00 PM**
 - *Parent Meeting* -SHS- Grades 6-12 -5:30 PM**
 - Football/Volleyball/ MS Tennis**
- 11 HS FB/VB Practice Begins**
- 14 MS FB/VB/Tennis Practice Begins**
- 16-17 PIR Day for Teachers**
- 16 Open House at Fort Shaw- 4:00-6:00 PM**
- 21 First Day of School**
 - School Pictures for MS and HS students**

September

- 2 Fall Sports Photos**
- 4 Labor Day-No School**
- 8 School Pictures for Fort Shaw**
- 12 School Board Meeting @ 7:00**
- 29 Homecoming**



~Required Annual Notices~

Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Sun River Valley School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students who wish to inspect their child's or their education records should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the school to amend their child's or their education record should write the school principal clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the school's or school district's annual notification for FERPA rights. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school or school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Student Privacy Policy Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Listed below are disclosures that elementary and secondary schools may make without consent:

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in 34 C.F.R. 99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the school to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A school may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student –

To other school officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))

To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))

To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency in the parent or eligible student's State (SEA). Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)

In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))

To State and local officials or authorities to whom information is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed by a State statute that concerns the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records were released, subject to §99.38. (§99.31(a)(5))

To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))

To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))

To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))

To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))

To caseworkers or other Child Protective Services representatives when DPHHS/CPS is legally responsible for the care and protection of the student. 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1)(L).

To the Secretary of Agriculture or authorized representatives of the Food and Nutrition Service for purposes of conducting program monitoring, evaluations, and performance measurements of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. (20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1)(K))

To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))

Information the school has designated as "directory information" under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11))

Notice for Directory Information

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Sun River Valley School District with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Sun River Valley School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Sun River Valley School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;

The annual yearbook;

Honor roll or other recognition lists;

Student directories;

Graduation programs; and

Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want Sun River Valley School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 14, 2023. Sun River Valley School District has designated the following information as directory information:

Student's name

Address

Telephone listing

Electronic mail address

Photograph

Date of birth

Major Field of Study

Dates of attendance

Grade level

Enrollment Status

Participation in officially recognized activities and sports

Weight and height of members of athletic teams

Honors and awards received

These laws are: Section 9528 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 7908) and 10 U.S.C. § 503(c).

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT (LEP) STUDENTS

The Sun River Valley School District has the responsibility under federal law to serve students who are limited English proficient and need English instructional services. The District will ensure opportunities are provided for parents to meet with building principals and teachers, provide information how parents can be involved in their child's education, and how parents can help their child attain English proficiency and succeed in school. The District works hard to provide information to parents in a format and language that they can understand.

Each year, within 30 days of the start of the school year or the student's enrollment if after the start, the District will notify parents of a student identified as limited English proficient of the reasons their child has so been identified, the child's level of English proficiency and how it was assessed, the methods of instruction used in its programs and others, how its program will help their child, and when the child is expected to gain English proficiency.

The District will provide notice to parents of limited English proficient students when the child fails to make progress on annual achievement objectives within 30 days of learning of such status.

Parents seeking more information about the District's identification of and programs for students with limited English proficiency should contact Rebecca Boucher.

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
123 Walker Street Simms, MT 59477
406-264-5111

Luke McKinley - Non-Discrimination Coordinator/504 Coordinator
1 School Loop Road Fort Shaw, MT 59443
406-264-5110

David Marzolf – Age Discrimination Coordinator
123 Walker Street Simms, MT 59477
406-264-5111

Notification of Electronic Photograph Repository

The 2019 Montana Legislature passed Senate Bill 40 requiring the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) to create and maintain an electronic directory photograph repository of all Montana students for the exclusive purpose of locating missing school-age children. The repository is expected to be available to law enforcement in 2020. It will use students' current school photos that most schools take annually for school directories, ID cards, year books, etc.

Parents have the right to have their child's photograph included in this repository by "opting-in." If a parent chooses to have his/her child's photograph included in the repository, the District will notify OPI.

Your child's photograph will only be used by law enforcement for the express purpose of locating your child should he/she be reported to law enforcement as missing. No other use by OPI or law enforcement is permitted. Access by OPI staff will be strictly limited and controlled to staff or contractors creating and maintaining the repository.

Photos will be updated annually; you will be given an opportunity each year to opt-in to the repository. If you fail to opt-in in any year after previously permitting your child's photograph to be included in the repository, the photo will be purged after two years.

Even if you have opted-in to the inclusion of your child's photograph in the repository, you may opt-out at any time and your child's photograph will be removed from the repository.

If you would like your child's photograph included in the electronic photograph repository please check the box below, sign and date it and return it to the District.

Please check:

☐ **I wish for my child's photograph to be included in the OPI electronic photograph repository.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (“protected information survey”) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)–

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
- Sex behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
- Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of –

- Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
- Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use –

- Protected information surveys of students;
- Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
- Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Sun River Valley School District has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Sun River Valley School District will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes.

Sun River Valley School District will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. [School District] will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Use of Web-Based Tools and Applications

Dear Parents of Students under 13 years of age:

The Sun River Valley School District has identified web-based tools and applications for learning that it has found to be most effective for student learning. The District utilizes several computer software applications and web-based services operated by third parties for this purpose. A complete list of the programs with the privacy policy for each can be found on the District's website: srvs.k12.mt.us

In order for students to use these programs and services, certain personal identifying information -- generally the student's name and email address -- must be provided to the website or application operator. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires these websites to provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. The law permits schools to consent to the collection of personal information for non-commercial purposes on behalf of all of its students, which eliminates the need for individual parental consent given directly to the web site or application operator. The District cannot consent on your behalf to websites or applications collection personal information regarding your child for commercial purposes. COPPA requires that a website or application seeking to collect personal information for a child under 13 years of age must obtain consent directly from the parent or guardian.

Please complete and return this consent form if you consent to your child being allowed to access the approved websites and applications. You do have the right to "opt-out" of your child's use of such approved websites and applications and can indicate that by marking "opt out" below.

By signing this form and indicating "opt-in," you consent to the District providing personal identifying information regarding your child for non-commercial purposes. You may revoke this consent at any time, upon providing written notice to the District. Unless revoked in writing, this consent shall remain in effect.

Name of Student

Date of Birth

_____ **OPT IN**

_____ **OPT OUT**

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

For additional information on COPPA, please visit <https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/complying-coppa-frequently-asked-questions>

Automated System Use Consent

The Federal Communications Commission requires Sun River Valley School District to obtain your consent to send outreach messages to you via our automated system Infinite Campus Outreach message can include information about schedule changes, school events, parent reminders, cancelled activities, and other non-emergency messages.

The District wants to keep you informed in multiple ways. Our system allows us to send messages to you through different mediums – phone calls, texts, emails – regarding important school information. To ensure we are able to do this, please fill out this form. You have the right to not consent to receiving messages from our system – **you will still continue to receive emergency calls even if you do not consent**. You can also revoke your consent to receive messages from our system at any time by contacting the building Principals.

Student name: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Please check:

I give the District and my child's school consent to send me outreach messages.

The District can reach me via the following (check all mediums in which you request messages to be sent and enter the phone number/address):

Telephone/cell phone: _____

Text message: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

OR:

q I do not give the District and my child's school consent to send me outreach messages. I understand I will only receive emergency calls.



Montana Public School Policy Notices in Compliance with State and Federal Law

NOTICE: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Notice of Procedural Safeguards

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policy 2161 and 2161P

Districts must provide the parents of a child with a disability a copy the parents' rights one time every year and:

1. initial referral;
 2. parent request for evaluation;
 3. filing of a request for due process by either parent or district;
 4. deciding to impose discipline that constitutes a change of placement; and
 5. parent request.
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NOTICE: Student Non-Discrimination Requirements

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policies 2162, 3210, 3225, 3226, and 3233

District notice must include the identity and contact information of the coordinators the district has designated to handle complaints under Section 504, Title II, Title IX and the Age Discrimination Act as well as the procedure for how a student or their family may file or report sexual harassment and how the school will respond.

1. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act—prohibiting discrimination based on disability
 2. Americans with Disabilities Act—prohibiting discrimination based on disability
 3. Title IX of the Education Amendments—prohibiting discrimination based on sex
 4. Age Discrimination Act—prohibiting discrimination based on age
 5. Equal Access—providing equal access to public facilities to youth groups
 6. Equal Education – prohibiting discrimination based on membership in a protected class
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NOTICE: Title I Parent and Family Engagement

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policy 2160

Schools receiving federal ESEA funds are required to have a parent and family engagement policy. The policy can be used as the basis for the joint development of a policy, as required by the federal legislation. The policy must include some parental involvement in its development at the local level.

NOTICE: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policies 3600, 3600P, 3600F1 and 3600F2

Districts must provide parents and eligible students with annual notice of the following:

1. the right to inspect and review education records;
2. the right to know about their student's name and pronoun use;
3. the right to amend education records;
4. the right to consent to disclose personally identifiable information in education records;
5. the right to file a complaint with the Family Compliance Office;
6. the procedure to request and review education records in the district;
7. a statement that records may be disclosed to school officials without prior written consent; and
8. the definitions of "school official" and "legitimate educational interest".

Districts must also provide notice regarding directory information:

Disclosure of directory information about students most often occurs through yearbooks, programs for athletic events, plays, music performances and graduation, honor roll lists, and the like. The district's directory information notice must include a list of the information it has designated as directory information and when and how parents and eligible students can opt out of allowing the district to disclose that information. Districts may choose to satisfy the ESEA notification requirement that they release names, addresses and phone numbers of secondary students to military recruiters, unless the parents opt out, in their FERPA notice.

Included in these policies are two Montana notices. The first is notification of possible disclosure of student information by the Office of Public Instruction to the Montana Commissioner of Higher Education and Montana Department of Labor and Industry for research purposes after entering into agreement with the Commissioner and Department. Further, if the Superintendent of Public Instruction offers a statewide assessment that serves as a college entrance exam, the student's personally identifiable information may be released to colleges, state-contracted testing agencies, and scholarship organizations with student consent.

A School District will also include information about the missing children electronic directory photograph repository permitting parents or guardians to choose to have the student's photograph included in the repository for a given school year; and information about the use of the directory photographs if a student is identified as a missing child.

Districts can select how to provide notice to parents/eligible students, as long as the method is reasonably likely to provide them with the required information. Many districts place the information in student handbooks.

NOTICE: Pupil, Parent, and Family Rights

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policies 2132 and 2158

The federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment and Montana parental rights laws requires districts to notify parents of the policies regarding district efforts to engage with families and collaborate on issues such as involvement in their student's education, opportunities for students, location of policies and handbooks, availability of education resources, and methods to review surveys of students, instructional materials, educational opportunities, and personal information used for marketing. This notice also provides notice of parent's rights to opt out of the listed district services, courses, or offerings.

NOTICE: Clubs and Activities

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policies 3233, 3510 and 3550

Montana parental rights laws requires districts to notify parents how they can learn about student clubs, groups, and activities; methods for students to participate in these opportunities; and steps to opt out of such offerings.

NOTICE: Uniform Complaint Procedure

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policy 1700

Montana law requires districts to adopt and make available a Uniform Complaint Procedure.

NOTICE: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policy 3125 and 3125F

The district's designated homeless student liaison must provide public notice of the education rights of homeless students. The district is required to disseminate the notices in places where homeless students receive services, such as schools, family shelters and other programs that make food or meals available to the homeless population.

NOTICE: Student Nutrition, Immunization, Health, Human Sexuality, and Wellness

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policies 2510, 2335, 3410, 3413 and 8200

Districts that participate in the National School Lunch program, the School Breakfast program or the Special Milk Program must provide parents and the public with information about free and reduced price meals and/or free milk, at a point near the beginning of the school year.

Districts must inform and update the public about the content and implementation of their school wellness policy at the beginning of the school year - to families of children attending its schools and other school community members and by posting its school wellness policy and the district's assessment of the policy's implementation on the district or school website.

Districts must inform families of curriculum and events providing instruction or information about human sexuality and explain methods to opt out of such courses, classes, or events.

Districts must inform families of their rights regarding immunization and health screenings including exemptions permitted under law for immunizations and methods to opt out of health screenings provided by the district.

NOTICES: Employee Non-discrimination

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policies 5002, 5010, 5012, 5125

1. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act—prohibiting discrimination based on disability
2. Americans with Disabilities Act—prohibiting discrimination based on disability
3. Title IX of the Education Amendments—prohibiting discrimination based on sex
4. Age Discrimination Act—prohibiting discrimination based on age
5. Equal Employment – prohibiting discrimination based on membership in a protected class
6. Whistleblowing Protection – prohibiting retaliation against employees who report policy violations

District notice must include the identity and contact information of the coordinators the district has designated to handle complaints under Section 504, Title II, Title IX and the Age Discrimination Act and the procedure for how the employee may file or report sexual harassment and how the school will respond. These notices are commonly provided through the employee handbook and a poster placed in the employee's workspace or break area.

NOTICES: Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), and Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)

POLICY: MTSBA Model Policies 5328, 5322 and 5336

1. FMLA – outlining the employees' rights to extended leave for medical or family reasons
2. USERRA— prohibiting discrimination based on military service or status
3. FLSA – outlining the employees' rights on wages and overtime protection

District notice must include an explanation of employee rights under federal laws Fair Labor Standards Act, Family Medical Leave Act, and Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. These notices are commonly provided through the employee handbook and a poster placed in the employee's workspace or break area.

NOTICE: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

POLICY: MTSBA Policy 8420

The law requires that districts annually notify parents, teachers, other building occupants and employee organizations in writing of the availability of the district's asbestos management plan and planned or ongoing inspections, reinspection, response actions and post-response actions.

Montana School Boards Association has designed the materials enclosed to provide helpful information regarding areas of the law and best practices concerning the administration and governance of Montana K-12 public schools. MTSBA does not intend these materials to be a rendering of legal advice. The reader of these materials should request legal advice on specific legal inquiries.

Parental and Family Engagement

Sun River Valley Public Schools collaborates with parents and guardians to promote the mutual goal of student achievement. To ensure parents are aware of their rights and the opportunity to engage with the School District, specific policies and procedures are available on the School District's website at srvs.k12.mt.us and are available to be printed upon request. Please consult the following policies to learn more about methods to be an active part of your student's education:

- *Uniform Grievance Procedure – Policy 1700*
- *Student and Family Privacy Rights – Policy 2132*
- *Parent/Family Engagement and Involvement in Education – Policy 2158*
- *Student Health Instruction – Policy 2335*
- *School Activities and Clubs – Policy 3233, Policy 3510, Policy 3550*
- *Student Health – Policy 3410*
- *Student Immunization – Policy 3413*
- *Student Records and Confidentiality – Policy 3600*