



August/September 2024 Newsletter

## Greetings from the Superintendent!

The staff and faculty welcome students and parents to our school for 2024-2025 school year! The first day of school for students is Monday, August 19th. We begin at 8:00 a.m. and dismiss at 4:00 PM. I am looking forward to the start of the school year with our children!

### New Principal:

As you may have already know, along with my Superintendent responsibilities, I will be the PK-5 Elementary Principal. This will be the start of my 15th year in the Sun River Valley District and my 34th year in education. Throughout my career, I've been an Elementary Principal in Cascade, as well as Ronan. I look forward to working with your kids! Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if I can help any way! The Fort Shaw Elementary phone number is 406-264-5586.

### "Drop Off" Night at Fort Shaw Elementary:

On Wednesday, August 14th, all parents and students are invited to our "Drop Off" Night between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This is an informal evening and an opportunity for you to visit our school, meet the teachers, and drop off your child's school supplies. We hope to see everybody here on Wednesday the 14th, beginning at 5:30 p.m!

### Breakfast and Lunch:

The 2024-2025 Free and Reduced Meal Application is enclosed for your to fill out early. You may send it to school the first day or bring it by the office beforehand so we can process it quicker and have your student(s) approved for the free or reduced meals right away. We also hope this saves you time on the first day of school since so many forms are required.

### Forms:

We will be sending a variety of forms home on the first day of school that include an Enrollment/Emergency form, Insurance Brochure, Network and Internet Acceptable Use Agreement, sign-off for the Elementary Handbook and a form that has Medication/First Aid and Student Media Release. We also send home school calendar for each family. Parents of new students have already filled out some of the papers being home. You do not have to fill those out again.

~ Dave P. Marzolf, Superintendent/ PK-5 Principal

# **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](http://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**



## SY2024-25 Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

**APPLY ONLINE:**

**RETURN TO (School/District Name):**

**ADDRESS:**

### STEP 1 List ALL children, infants, and students up to and including grade 12. Attach another sheet of paper if you need space for more names.

List ALL children in the household. Do not forget to list infants, children attending other schools, children not in school, and children not applying for benefits. This includes children not related to you in your household.

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Grade	Check all that apply			
				Foster Child	Migrant	Runaway	Homeless
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you checked any of these boxes, please refer to the Application Instruction's Step 1: Part C & Part D.

### STEP 2 Do any household members (including you) participate in: SNAP, TANF, or FDIPI?

☐ **NO** → Go to STEP 3. ☐ **YES** → Write case number here, fill in social security number in STEP 3, and proceed to STEP 4. Subject to verification.

**CASE NUMBER (NOT EBT NUMBER):**

Write only one case number in this space.

### STEP 3 List ALL household members and income for each member (before taxes and deductions)

#### A. All Adult Household Members (Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related, including you.)

List all Adult Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they receive income, report total gross income (before taxes and deductions) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	How often received?					Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony	How often received?				Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA Benefits, All Other	How often received?			
		Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2x Month	Monthly	Annual		Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2x Month	Monthly
	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

Last Four Numbers of Social Security Number of Primary Wage Earner or other Adult Household Member (If Applicable)

Check if no Social Security Number ☐

Please see application's back for list of income sources.

#### B. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income.

Include the TOTAL income (before taxes and deductions) received by ALL children listed in STEP 1 here.

Child Income

How often received?				
Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2x Month	Monthly	Annual
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### STEP 4 Contact information and adult signature. RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL: Insert school address here

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (confirm) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Print Name of Adult Signing the Form	Signature of Adult	Today's Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mailing Address (if available)	City	State
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zip	Phone (optional)
		Email (optional)

*You can also apply online by using your Infinite Campus Parent Portal!*



**SOURCES AND EXAMPLES OF INCOME**

For additional information on income, please refer to the instructions that accompany this application.

Sources of Income			Examples of Income for Children
<b>Earnings from Work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Salary, wages, cash bonuses, tips, commissions</li><li>• Net income from self-employment (farm or business)</li></ul> <b>If you are in the U.S. Military:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances)</li><li>• Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing</li></ul>	<b>Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unemployment benefits</li><li>• Workers' compensation</li><li>• Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</li><li>• Cash assistance from State or local government</li><li>• Alimony payments</li><li>• Child support payments</li><li>• Veterans benefits</li><li>• Strike benefits</li></ul>	<b>Pensions/Retirement/All other sources of income</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Security/Disability (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)</li><li>• Private Pensions or disability benefits</li><li>• Income from trusts or estates</li><li>• Annuities</li><li>• Investment income</li><li>• Earned interest</li><li>• Rental income</li><li>• Regular cash payments from outside household</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages</li><li>• A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits</li><li>• A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits</li><li>• A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money</li><li>• A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust</li></ul>

**OPTIONAL** Children's ethnic and racial identities. This information is kept confidential and may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

**Ethnicity (check one):** ☐ Hispanic or Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race) ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

**Race (check one or more):** ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

Return this completed form to your child's school. \*Do not mail, fax, or email completed applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

**DO NOT FILL OUT** For school use only.

**Annual Income Conversion:** Weekly  $\times 52$ , Every 2 Weeks  $\times 26$ , Twice a Month  $\times 24$ , Monthly  $\times 12$ . Do not annualize income to determine eligibility unless more than one income frequency is listed.

Total Income	How often?					Household size	Categorical Eligibility <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility		
	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2x/Month	Monthly	Annual			Free	Reduced	Denied
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Determining Official's Signature		Date		Confirming Official's Signature		Date		Verifying Official's Signature		Date

**Use of Information Statement**

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced price meals. We can only approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met.

Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, "Check if no Social Security Number." Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number. Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway.

**The contact information below is solely to file a complaint of discrimination**

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

\*MAIL: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

FAX: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or  
EMAIL: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

**\*Do not mail applications to this address, only complaints of discrimination.**

Return completed form to your child's school.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Mr. Luke McKinley, 6-12 Principal

Dear Sun River Valley Parents: It is time to prepare for the 2024-2025 school year. We welcome back all students with anticipation of a great year ahead. School will resume Monday, August 19 at 8:00 a.m.

The 2024-2025 Student Handbook will be accessible for parents to view online after the August 13 SRVS Board Meeting ([www.srvs.k12.mt.us](http://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 19. 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.

*Just a reminder...*



**The Montana 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 19. 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, with your child, or have your health care provider fax it to the school .**

## FORT SHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2024-2025

	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 2024-2025 Simms MS & HS

## **Sara Davidson: (MS/HS Music)**

Binder  
mechanical pencils  
Notebook paper  
Black Socks  
Black pants/skirt  
Headphones (Music Appreciation)  
Simms Music T-shirt

## **Robert Hazenberg: (HS Health Enhancement) Nora Klick : (MS/HS Health Enhancement)**

Shower supplies  
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 ):**

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  
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

## **Jessica Harrison (Middle School & High School English):**

Binder  
Two notebooks  
Loose leaf paper  
Mechanical pencils

## **Karen Mishler (HS English)**

Notebook for English Notes or a Binder  
Composition Book  
College Ruled Notebook Paper  
Pens/Pencils of your choice  
Pink, Yellow, and Green Highlighters  
Pencil Pouch/ Ziplock Bag-something to hold your pencils, pens, and highlighters

## **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

## **Mikayla Hudson: (MS-HS AG)**

Composition notebook  
Eraser  
Folder  
Binder  
Graph Paper  
Wooden Pencil (Mechanical pencils for paperwork; wood pencils are needed in the shop for marking wood and other materials)  
Close-toed shoes are required if you are going to be in the woods or welding shop.  
Non-flammable pants with no holes a.k.a. jeans (required if you are going to be in the woods or welding shop.  
No loose clothing  
Tie or clip for long hair  
FFA Competitions:  
Black socks, black pants/skirt ,  
White button-up shirt  
Black shoes





## **Plan to Attend Drop-Off Night!**

**Meet your teachers!**

**Drop off all your school supplies!**

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

**Fort Shaw Elementary**

**5:30 PM -6:30PM**



The 2024-2025 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

## 2024-2025 Calendar

### 4-Day School Week

JULY (0)							AUGUST (8)							SEPTEMBER (16)							OCTOBER (18)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6						1	2	3	4	5	6	7					1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

NOVEMBER (14)							DECEMBER (12)							JANUARY (16)							FEBRUARY (16)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	24	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	
							31																				

MARCH (17)							APRIL (17)							MAY (16)							JUNE (4)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1		1	2	3	4	5							2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					
30	31																										

### August

- 14-15 Teacher PIR (2)
- 19 First Day of School

### September

- 2 Labor Day - No School

### October

- 17-18 Teacher Convention (2 PIR)
- 24 End 1st Quarter

### November

- 14 End 1st Trimester
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Break - No School

### December

- 3 PTC 4:30-7:00 pm (1/2 PIR)
- 5 PTC 4:30-7:00 pm (1/2 PIR)
- 23-31 Christmas Break - No School

### January

- 1-2 Christmas Break - No School
- 6 School Resumes
- 16 End of Semester 1/Qtr 2
- 17 Teacher PIR (1)

### February

- 6 PTC 4:30-7:00 (1/2 PIR)
- 27 End 2nd Trimester

### March

- 27 End 3rd Quarter

### April

- 21 Spring Break - No School

### May

- 26 Memorial Day - No School

### June

- 5 Last Day (full day) - End Semester 2/Qtr 4; FSE 3rd Trimester
- 6 Teacher PIR (1/2)

### FSE Trimester End Dates

Oct 3 - 1st Mid-Term	
Nov 14 - 1st Trimester	50
Jan 16 - 2nd Mid-Term	
Feb 27 - 2nd Trimester	50
Apr 17 - 3rd Mid-Term	
June 5 - 3rd Trimester	54
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### Prof. Dev. Days (7 PIR)

August 14-15 (2)
October 17-18 (2)
December 3 (1/2)
December 5 (1/2)
January 17 (1)
February 6 (1/2)
June 6 (1/2)

### Key

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

### Quarter/Semester End Dates

Sep 19 - 1st Quarter Mid-Term	
Oct 24 - 1st Quarter	38
Dec 5 - 2nd Quarter Mid-Term	
Jan 16 - 2nd Quarter/1st Semester	38
Feb 20 - 3rd Quarter Mid-Term	
Mar 27 - 3rd Quarter	40
May 1 - 4th Quarter Mid-Term	
June 5 - 4th Quarter/2nd Semester	38
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*Attention Simms Tiger fans! Show your support for our Simms Tigers by purchasing a booster ad for the 2024-2025 school year. This will be the ONLY time that we will be selling ads, so be sure to act now!*

**LEVEL ONE:** YOU CAN HAVE YOUR NAME OR BUSINESS NAME IN ALL OF OUR HOME GAME PROGRAMS FOR ONLY **\$35**.

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE LINE BELOW!**

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**LEVEL TWO:** YOU CAN HAVE YOUR NAME/BUSINESS NAME IN ALL THE HOME PROGRAMS, PLUS YOU NAME AND BRIEF MESSAGE IN ALL OF THE TOURNAMENT PROGRAMS FOR ONLY **\$50**.

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND MESSAGE ON THE LINE BELOW!**

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*(ex. "Keep on Believing...!" - The Leach Family)*

Please return this form and payment (checks made out to Simms Booster Club) to

Simms High School, Attn: Kristy Leach

P.O. Box 380, Simms, MT 59477

# FALL SPORTS



## August 15 (Thursday)

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

*\* If you would like to test remotely, please contact Mr. McKinley by August 12!*

## \*PARENT MEETING\*

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

## HIGH SCHOOL

1<sup>st</sup> DAY: **Football/ Volleyball**

Practice Times: TBD Volleyball August 16

Practice Times: TBD Football August 16

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

1<sup>st</sup> DAY: **Football/ Volleyball/Tennis**

Practice Times: MS Volleyball TBD August 19

Practice Times: MS Football TBD August 19

Practice Times: MS Tennis TBD August 14



## Sports Physicals

Any student wishing to participate in a sports program must have a **school physical dated after May 1, 2024**. Please make sure forms are turned into the office before August 12.

Head HS Volleyball: Jessica Harrison [jharrison@srvs.k12.mt.us](mailto:jharrison@srvs.k12.mt.us)

Head MS Volleyball: Meghan Huffman [mhuffman@srvs.k12.mt.us](mailto:mhuffman@srvs.k12.mt.us)

Head HS Football: Dace Steinke [dsteinke.steinke@gmail.com](mailto:dsteinke.steinke@gmail.com)

Head MS Football: TBD

Head MS Tennis: TBD



# 3 Things to Do

## **BEFORE YOU CAN PRACTICE**

- ♦ Get a complete sports physical and turn it into the Main Office before August 15th!
- ♦ Pay Participation Fees -\$30.00 for each child.
- ♦ Pay Activity Fee— you get into home games free (excluding special tournaments or post-season play) and have access to the Activity Bus- \$25
- ♦ Family Passes are available for \$90. Please call the office for more details.





# **TIGER FOOTBALL 2024**

<b>August 30</b>	<b>MS Home vs. Ft. Benton 4:00 PM</b>
	<b>HS Varsity vs. Ft. Benton 7:00 PM</b>
September 3	HS JV @ Ft. Benton 4:30 PM
September 6	MS @ Belt 4:00 PM
	HS Varsity @ Belt 7:00 PM
<b>September 9</b>	<b>HS JV vs. Belt @ 4:30 PM</b>
<b>September 13</b>	<b>MS Home vs. Cascade 4:00 PM</b>
	HS Varsity vs Cascade 7:00 PM
September 16	HS JV @ Cascade 4:30 PM*
September 20	MS @ Choteau 4:00 PM
	HS Varsity @ Choteau 7:00 PM
<b>September 23</b>	<b>HS JV vs. Choteau 4:30 PM</b>
<b>September 27 (</b>	<b>MS vs. Harlem 4:00 PM (Homecoming)</b>
	<b>HS Varsity vs. Harlem 7:00 PM</b>
September 30	HS JV @ Harlem TBA
October 3	MS @ Shelby 4:00 PM
	HS Varsity @ Shelby 7:00 PM
<b>October 7</b>	<b>HS JV vs. Shelby 4:30 PM</b>
<b>October 10</b>	<b>MS vs. Rocky Boy 4:00 PM</b>
	<b>HS vs. Rocky Boy 7:00 PM (Senior Night)</b>
October 14	HS JV @ Rocky Boy 4:30 PM
October 16	MS— BYE
	HS Varsity @ Chinook 6:00 PM
<b>October 21</b>	<b>HS JV vs. Chinook @ 4:30 PM</b>
October 25	TBA
November 1-2	8 Man First Round Playoffs
November 8-9	8 Man Quarter Final Playoffs
November 16	8 Man Semi-Final Playoffs
November 23	8 Man State Championship

**SEE YOU  
UNDER  
THE FRIDAY  
NIGHT  
LIGHTS**




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 upcoming events!

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

## 2024 GIRLS



## Schedule

*Schedules are subject to change!*

August 29	JV @ Choteau Pre-Season Tournament MS @ Vaughn 5:00 PM/6:00 PM
August 30 -31	HS Varsity @ Choteau Pre-Season Tournament
Sept 5	Away @ Ft. Benton 4:00/5:00/ 6:00/ 7:00 +20
Sept 6-7	MS Pre Season Tournament @ Simms
Sept 6 - 7	Away @ GFCC Showcase
Sept 12	Away @ GFCC 3:00/4:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM +20
Sept 13	Away @ Sunburst 4:00/5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM+20
Sept 14	Away @ Cascade 12:00 /1:00 / 2:00 / 3:00 PM + 20
Sept 19	Away @ PDB (Power) 4:00/ 5:00/6:00 / 7:00 PM +20
Sept 20	Home vs. Valier No B/2:00/ No JV/ 5:00 Pm +20
Sept 20	Home vs. Heart Butte 3:00/4:00/ No JV/ 7:30 PM+ 20
Sept 27	Home vs. Belt (Homecoming) 2:00 /3:00 PM 4:00 PM/5:00 +20
Sept 28	Home vs. PDB 12:00/1:00/2:00/3:00 PM or +20
Oct 4-5	Post Season MS District Tournament– Simms High School
Oct 5	Away @ Augusta 6:00 PM/ 7:00 PM +20
Oct 11	Home vs. GFCC 4:00 PM/ 5:00 PM +20
Oct 15	Home vs. Augusta 6:00 PM/7 :00 or +20 PM ( Senior Night/Pink Night!)
Oct 25	Away @ Cascade 6:00/ 7:00 PM +20
Oct 26	Home vs. Sunburst 2:00/1:00 PM + 20
Oct 31-Nov 2	District Tournament @ Cascade
Nov 7-9	Divisional Tournament Ft. Benton
Nov 14-16	All Class State Volleyball @ MSU Bozeman



# 25TH ANNUAL VALLEY FUN DAY



**ALL DAY IN SIMMS, MT  
AUGUST 10, 2024**

**8:00 BEV-O MEMORIAL FUN RUN**

**8:00-10:00 PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT LION'S HALL**

**SILENT AUCTION AVAILABLE AT LION'S HALL  
(CLOSES AT 1:30PM)**

**10:00-2:00 VENDOR FAIR**

**10:00-2:00 KIDS ENTERTAINMENT ON SHS LAWN**

**10:30 PARADE LINE-UP @ CURTISS SERVICE CENTER**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM SUNG BY BROOKE KIRBY**

**11:00 PARADE**

**11:30 FIREMEN'S EQUIPMENT RODEO ALL AFTERNOON  
FOOD AVAILABLE AT 3PM**

**11:30-12:30 MUSIC BY JONNY & JANE**

**11:30-1:30 LUNCH  
CATERED BY CHOTEAU LOG CABIN  
AT LIONS HALL**

**11:30-2:00 METHODIST CHURCH PIE SOCIAL**

**12:30 - 1:00 LIVE AUCTION OUTSIDE LIONS HALL**

**1:00-3:00 HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT  
AND  
CHILDRENS CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**

**2:00 DUCK RACE  
(PURCHASE DUCKS AT LION'S HALL)**

**3:00-5:00 ADULTS CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**

**FOR UPDATED INFORMATION:  
SEARCH FACEBOOK FOR 'SUN RIVER VALLEY FUN DAY'**

#### **EVENTS IN CONJUNCTION:**

**THURSDAY AUGUST 8 - CHURCH TENT MEETING, 6:30PM, SUN RIVER  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**MILITARY FORT HISTORY TOURS  
HISTORIC FORT SHAW  
TIME TBA**

#### **FUN DAYS THEME FOR 2024**

***'Party Like It's 1999'***

**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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Treasure State Seed

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#### **Special Thanks to:**

John and Thelma Zeller, Inc.

Curtiss Service Center

Sun River Electric

#### **BENEFITING**

Organizations and Emergency

Services in Simms, Fort Shaw, Sun River, and  
Vaughn, as well as Augusta, Fairfield, Cascade,  
and Choteau.



For camping contact Bob Curtiss 406-264-5640



**Simms High School BPA Officers will be selling coffee, water, and Tiger Wear on August 10th 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!**

**BUSINESS**  
*professionals*  
**OF AMERICA**

Today's students. Tomorrow's business professionals.



# The Sun River Valley Food Bank is now open every Monday from 4-6 PM

Available to anyone in need of food assistance



14 Ramble Inn Road, Sun River

(At the Sun River Fire Station just past the Ramble Inn Bar)

Please contact us with any questions, to donate food or to make a monetary donation.

406-233-9723 Call or Text

[srvfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:srvfoodbank@gmail.com)

PO Box 398 Simms MT 59477

We're a 501 (c) (3) so donations are tax deductible using EIN- 20-3902314



**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 19th.**

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

**Fort Shaw Elementary will get there pictures taken October 7th.**



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Hello everyone! It's that exciting time of the year again – the start of a new school year and the transition to a new building for many of our students. I hope you all had a fantastic break, took some time to relax, refresh, and enjoyed every moment!

Students will receive copies of their 2024-25 school schedules on the first day of school in August. If changes need to be made, students must see Ms. Perkins for a drop/add form and discuss possible adjustments. Schedule changes are made **during the first five days of classes only**. If the change can be made, all appropriate signatures must be obtained—student, parent, and staff members. Class changes are based on educational needs and are not always guaranteed; courses **will not** be overloaded to accommodate a change.

**Seniors:** Last year, seniors received an email invitation to join my Google Classroom titled "Scholarships & College." In the near future, I will start sharing scholarship opportunities (including details and deadlines), college and workforce information, and more. Whenever I make a new post, seniors will receive a notification in their school email. Seniors should check their email & ensure that they have accepted my invitation; I can resend the invitation if necessary. Parents, if you would like access to this information, please inform me, and I can send you an invitation to the Google Classroom. **This is the platform where I will post any and all scholarship information that I come across.** I do not receive information about every scholarship, and students should be conducting their own scholarship searches throughout the school year.

**ACT Testing:** If you participated in the spring ACT test and wish to take it again to enhance your score, please visit Ms. Perkins. We can discuss future test dates and deadlines for a retest, and I will be happy to help you with the registration process.



## Counselor's Corner continued.....



ACT scores play a crucial role in college applications and are frequently considered for scholarships.

**MAST Testing:** Last year was the last year that the Sun River Valley Schools will be using the Smarter Balance Assessment. The new testing program that will now be implemented in our district and across the majority of the state is called MAST - Montana Aligned to Standards Through-year. From the OPI webpage:

*"The vision of the Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST) is to implement "through year" assessments across the state that will replace the traditional end-of-year state summative assessments and satisfy federal testing requirements.*

*The Through-Year Assessment design benefits students, teachers, parents, and administrators by providing actionable data at the beginning of the school year and by providing a meaningful model of student growth over the academic school year (i.e., with-in year so teachers can act as opposed to between years). Another goal for the design feature is to allow districts to flexibly align testing with local scope and sequence offering coherence with the taught curriculum.*

Instead of taking one big test in the spring, the MAST testing consists of "testlets" given during 4 predetermined testing windows throughout the year. The first 6-week window will open October 14th; assessments will occur in ELA and Math courses in grades 3-8. A letter with more information regarding MAST testing will be sent home at the beginning of September - be on the look out!

### Important Dates:

**Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes for students**

**Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am – PSAT Test (Juniors)**

**Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am – 1pm - MT College Fair – University of Providence (Seniors – must be academically eligible to attend)**





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



## Attention Seniors!

*Please get your senior pictures scheduled and done this fall! You will need at least 5 pictures ready to go for graduation for the video. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Hart.*

### **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:

**Melissa Riphenberg - 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

## August

- 13 School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM**
- 14-15 PIR Days for Teachers**
- 14 "Drop-Off Night" Fort Shaw Elementary 5:30-6:30 PM**
- 15 Impact Testing-SHS-Grades 7,9,11- 9:00 AM**  
**\*Parent Meeting\* -SHS- Grades 6-12 -5:30 PM**  
**Football/Volleyball/ MS Tennis**
- 16 HS FB/VB Practice Begins**
- 19 MS FB/VB/Tennis Practice Begins**  
**First Day of School**  
**School Pictures for MS and HS students**



## September

- 2 Labor Day-No School**
- 4 Lifetouch Fall Activity Pictures @ 3:00**
- 10 School Board Meeting @ 7:00**
- 12 VB @ GFCC**
- 13 FB vs. Cascade 4:00 / 7:00**
- 14 VB vs. Cascade 12:00/1:00/2:00/3:00 +20 SENIOR NIGHT**
- 16 JV FB @ Cascade 4:30**
- 19 Mid-Term/ College Fair/ VB @ PDB 4:00/5:00/6:00/7:00 +20**
- 20 FB @ Choteau 4:00 /7:00**  
**VB vs. Valier No B/ 2:00/ No JV/5:00 + 20**  
**VB vs. Heart Butte 3:00/ 4:00/ 7:30 + 20**
- 23 JV FB vs. Choteau 4:30 PM**
- 27 Homecoming**  
**FB vs. Harlem 4:00/7:00**  
**VB vs. Belt 2:00/3:00/4:00/5:00+ 20**
- 28 VB vs. PDB**
- 30 JV FB @ Harlem 4:30**



# Sun River Valley School District Nutrition Fort Shaw Elementary / Simms MS & HS

# August 2024

## what's cooking

### Morning Breakfast Bar

Yogurt, Assortment of Healthy Grain Cereals, Fresh Fruit, House Made Granola, Boiled Eggs

Milk Variety or Fruit Juice Variety.

V = Vegetarian Ingredients / GF = Gluten Free Ingredients / DF = Dairy Free Ingredients



With school, extra-curricular activities, and the constant distraction of technology, children today are busier than ever. Unfortunately, this often means there is less time for you and your child to sit down and talk over dinner. Without these important talks around the table, it can be difficult to catch up on you child's life and make sure they are making the right social, nutritional, and academic choices throughout the day. So how can you still bond, communicate, and lookout for your child if family dinnertime is not always an option? Joining your child at school lunch may be the perfect alternative.

One way to become more involved in your child's life is to have a physical presence at school. Doing this during a meal will allow you to observe and interact with your child's friends, meet school staff in an informal setting, and experience the food served at school. Although it is probably not something you would do on a regular basis, going to your child's school for lunch or breakfast a few times a year could be beneficial and would allow you to get a firsthand look into your child's education and nutritional habits. Research shows that children are

more successful in school when their parents are involved in their academics. Children whose parents are involved in their education get better grades, have better attendance, and have better behavior. Simply joining them at school lunch or breakfast can help your children develop into better students while you get the opportunity to spend more quality time with them.

If you decide this is something you would like to do, contact your child's teacher and ask about the possibility of joining your child for a meal.

Schools have many policies and procedures in place for the safety of our children, so you will need to work out the details in advance.

In addition we are intruding

**Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads once a month on Thursdays.**

**Check our Monthly Menu for dates and join us!**



19th Dipping Sticks Sausage Link & Maple Syrup Steel Cut Oats	20th Sausage, Fried Egg and Cheddar Cheese Croissant  Cream of West	21st Cheesy Eggs, Home Fries & Toast  Steel Cut Oats	22nd House Recipe Cinnamon Roll  Cream of West
26th Waffles Sausage Links & Maple Syrup Steel Cut Oats	27th House Recipe Biscuits & Sausage Gravy  Cream of West	28th Sausage, Egg, Cheddar Cheese Wrap  Steel Cut Oats	29th <b>MUFFINS for MOMS</b> House Recipe Blueberry Lemon Muffin Cream of West

**Breakfast Price - \$2.00 - Lunch Prices Student Full Price K-5 - \$2.50 / 6-12 - \$3.00 Adult - \$4.00**

SRVS Nutrition Contact

Betty at [hmirza@srvs.k12.mt.us](mailto:hmirza@srvs.k12.mt.us)

406-264-5111 x305

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# Get Fueled

**MENU Subject to change due to product availability**



# Sun River Valley School District Nutrition

## Fort Shaw Elementary / Simms MS & HS

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### Lunch Menu & Salad Bar - Seasonal Favorites

House Made Dressings, Protein Option, Fresh cut Fruit & Veggies

Milk Variety and Infused Water option

V = Vegetarian Ingredients / GF = Gluten Free Ingredients / DF = Dairy Free Ingredients



2nd 	3rd Chicken Burger with House Made Bun Harvest Chips	4th Baked Mac & Cheese Little Smokies	5th General TSO Chicken Rice
9th 	10th Oven Roasted Chicken Thighs GF/DF Mashed Yukon Potatoes Buttered Corn	11th Baked Potato Bar Chili / Broccoli Crackers	12th 
16th <i>Fort Shaw</i> Bosc's & Marinara Sauce <i>MS/HS</i> Calzone & Marinara	17th Orange Chicken Fragrant Jasmine Rice	18th Sloppy Joes with House Made Bun Baked Potato Salad	19th 
23rd Turkey & Cheddar Cheese Sandwich Harvest Chips	24th  Walking Tacos Cilantro Lime Rice	25th Pulled Pork House Made Bun Coleslaw	26th  Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
30th Teriyaki Chicken Bowl with Noodles 	Walking Tacos Cilantro Lime Rice		



#### PLEASE NOTE:

*September Opinion* for  
Lunch Honey Butter  
Sandwich *or* Turkey &  
Cheddar

on Multigrain Bread

**Breakfast Price - \$2.00 - Lunch Prices** Student Full Price K-5 - \$2.50 / 6-12 - \$3.00 Adult - \$4.00

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**Sun River Valley School District Nutrition**  
**Fort Shaw Elementary / Simms MS & HS**

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October

***Lunch Menu & Salad Bar - Seasonal Favorites***

House Made Dressings, Protein Option, Fresh cut Fruit & Veggies

Milk Variety and Infused Water option

V = Vegetarian Ingredients / GF = Gluten Free Ingredients / DF = Dairy Free Ingredients

	1st Ham & Cheese Slider Pasta Salad	2nd Beef Gravy Mashed Yukon Potatoes Buttered Corn & Roll	3rd Chicken Salad Pita Pocket
7th Orange Chicken GF/DF Fragrant Jasmine Rice	8th Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Yukon Potatoes	9th Oven Baked Chicken Ziti	10th 100% Beef Burger House Made Bun Herb Roasted Red Potatoes
14th Baked Mac & Cheese Little Smokies	15th Asian Chicken GF/DF with Veggies & Rice 	16th Pasta & Meat Sauce 	17th 
20th Chicken Burger GF/DF with House Made Bun Harvest Chips	21st 	22nd  Walking Tacos Cilantro Lime Rice	23rd Chicken Alfredo Caesar Salad
28th Hot Dogs Fries 	29th Sloppy Joes with House Made Bun	30th Chicken Fried Rice 	31st 



**PLEASE NOTE:**

October Opinion for  
Lunch will be PB&J  
on Multigrain Bread

**Breakfast Price - \$2.00 - Lunch Prices Student Full Price K-5 - \$2.50 / 6-12 - \$3.00 Adult - \$4.00**

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## **~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:

**Melissa Riphenberg - Title IX Coordinator**  
**123 Walker Street Simms, MT 59477**  
**406-264-5111**

**Luke McKinley - Non-Discrimination Coordinator/504 Coordinator**  
**123 Walker Street Simms, MT 59477**  
**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. SRVS 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](http://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.

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**Name of Student**

**Date of Birth**

\_\_\_\_\_ **OPT IN**

\_\_\_\_\_ **OPT OUT**

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**NOTICE: Uniform Complaint Procedure**

**POLICY: MTSBA Model Policy 1700**

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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](http://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*