



## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! A THOUSAND TIMES, THANK YOU!

The members of the Sun River Valley Helping Hands have always counted on its valley residents to assist with our annual gift giving and food basket distribution project.

Every year, without fail, the wonderful folks in this area - our schools, churches, Cascade Colony and an abundance of valley residents - have rallied to help us provide for as many as eighty-two families.

This year - the craziest of all years - you did it again! You did not disappoint. Through your generous contributions/donations, approximately seventy-five families benefited from your kind and giving hearts. A huge and heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who donated money, food, clothing, toys, or your time/talents.

**Orison Swett Marden once said, “ We must give more in order to get more. It is the generous giving of ourselves that produces the generous harvest.”**

Our valley residents continue to produce a “great harvest” each and every holiday season. We literally could not get this project off the ground each year with your continued support and encouragement!

Praying you experience an abundance of blessings in 2021!

*Colleen Green*



### Save the Date

#### **March**

- 4 Middle School Sports Photos
- 5-6 Wrestling West B/C State
- 9 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 BB State C Tournaments @ Bozeman, MT
- 11 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
- 14 BPA State
- 18 Simms Talent Show
- 26 Simms Principal's Cup
- 27 Simms PROM @ GF Airport
- 30 End Quarter 3

#### **February**

- 9 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 District Early Release
- 18-20 Boys BB District Tournaments @ Simms  
Girls BB District Tournaments @ Cascade
- 24 BB Northern C Divisional Tournaments @  
4 Seasons Arena, Great Falls
- 26-27 Wrestling B/C Divisionals

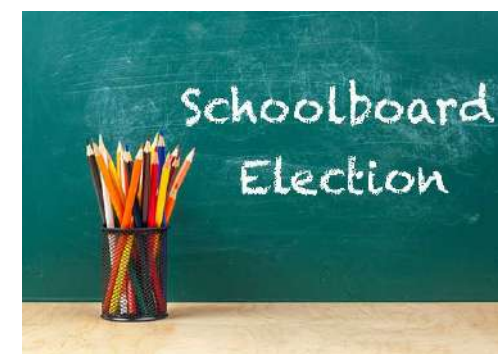
# SUN RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



## ~ From the Desk of the Superintendent ~

When school started in August, we were unsure how the school year was going to play out. We are very pleased we have made it through the first semester without closing. I want to thank the staff, community and parents for your trust in the administration as we have had to make many decisions that were new to us. We would like to commend you on your efforts to help us keep the schools open!

The safety and education of all students is our priority at Sun River Valley Public Schools. Have a safe and Happy New Year.



## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

**ELECTIONS:** The filing period to run for a trustee position on the Sun River Valley School District Board is open. Interested parties can request a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy form from Belinda Klick at 264-5110 x122 or [bklick@srvs.k12.mt.us](mailto:bklick@srvs.k12.mt.us)

The last day to file is Thursday, March 25, 2021. School Elections will be held by mail ballot through the Cascade County Elections Department Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

The District has two trustee positions open on the combined elementary/high school board which are 3-year terms (Kennard Steinke and Kristy Leach).

2020

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2021

February

March



THANK YOU!

All Simms Faculty and Teachers,

Thank you so much for all your hard work and efforts for our school this first semester. It is truly an honor to work with all of you in the Sun River Valley School District. As an administrator, it’s a blessing to be around people every day that truly care about the students they serve. The level of professionalism is outstanding and we truly have a great climate that promotes diversity across all areas of the school. I’m looking forward to the next semester as we grow together as a schoolhouse. GO TIGERS #1!

Student Achievements

Congratulations to all students for completing semester one at Simms school. Simms Teachers and Faculty will host an awards ceremony on February 18th, at 9:00 AM. Achievement day promotes positive encouragement, academic recognition, and student spotlight. Students, keep up the great work and thank you parents for the continued support to our wonderful school. Keep working hard students! Your efforts are appreciated and we will continue to help you become the best you can be. GO TIGERS #1! I hope you and your family have a wonderful 2021 filled with good health and blessings.

Yours in Education,

Mr. Luke McKinley  
6-12 Principal  
Simms JH/HS

ALL VALLEY PARENTS:

Thank you for your efforts to get your children to school on time each day! If your student needs to eat breakfast at school, please make arrangements for him/her to arrive **before 7:50**. This will allow time for eating breakfast and getting to class on time. **Our school day starts at 8 am** and instruction begins right away. Students who are late arrivals miss valuable learning.

Simms Athletic Department

Congratulations to the activity seniors:

Girls Senior Basketball:

Faith Afilleje	LaChrista Hanson
Amanda Schmalzried	Samantha Siefke
Mandy Widmer	

Boys Senior Basketball:

Dallin Nelson	Stephen Links Jr.
Brennyn Rushton	Caden Smerker
Kaidin Thibert	

Wrestling Seniors:

Lane Hinderager	Peter Johnson
Lucas Kinkaid	Samuel Mishler
(Manager) Kierah Kriedeman	

Speech & Drama Seniors:

Bailey Brooks	Mia Lee
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Congratulations Simms Students of the Month!

Students of the Month (December)

HS – Jackson Schubarth 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
MS – Addison Stephens 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Students of the Month (January)

HS – Laura Zietzke 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
MS – Casey Gorence 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade

\*Students are nominated and voted upon each month by SRVS Faculty and Staff.



SRVS Nutrition



LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

- Protein Power Balls
- Deli Sandwiches
- Superfood Salads
- Good Morning!!
- Yogurt Bar
- Fruit/ House made Granola
- Local Honey
- Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
- Milk or Juice


Vegetarian Hot Entrée Available

\*\*PLEASE USE let us know in advance\*\*

ALLERGEN Alert?

Let us know!

March 2021

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
1	Breakfast Muffin  Pork Tacos  Slaw	2	French Toast Bake  3 Sister Stew (GF)  Corn Muffin	3	Quiche  Asian Beef  Noodles	4	Scone  Chicken Sandwich  Ranch Potato Wedges
8	Eggs & Links  Taco Soup  Chips	9	Biscuits & Gravy  Baked Potato Bar  Chili	10	Breakfast Burrito  Orange Chicken  Fried Rice	11	Cinnamon Roll  Porcupine Sliders  Mac & Cheese
15	Breakfast Muffin  Chicken & Waffles  Maple Gravy	16	French Toast Bake  Tomato Soup  Grilled Cheese	17	Quiche  Shepherd's Pie	18	Muffin  Teriyaki Chicken  Sesame Broccoli
22	Eggs & Links  Loaded Potato Soup (GF)  Corn Muffin	23	Biscuits & Gravy  Chicken Parmesan  Noodles	24	Breakfast Burrito  Chili Dogs  Potato Wedges	25	Cinnamon Roll  Scalloped Potatoes  Ham

All meals are served with Milk, Unlimited Fruit and Salad Bar / Breakfast will be available each morning

bmirza@srvs.k12.mt.us

(406) 264-5110 x305

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



February 2021

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

1	Eggs & Links  Goulash	2	French Toast Bake  Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans	3	Frittata  Orange Chicken Fried Rice	4	Muffin  Chili Dogs Potato Wedges
8	Quiche  Sloppy Joes Fries	9	Scrambled Eggs / Cheese  Teriyaki Chicken Sesame Broccoli	10	Biscuits & Gravy  Tomato Soup (GF) Grilled Cheese	11	Scone  Bacon Mac & Cheese
15	Eggs & Links  Burger Stroganoff	16	King Cake  Jambalaya	17	Frittata  Broccoli Beef Rice	18	Muffin  Chicken Sandwich Chips
22	Quiche  Cheese Ravioli Meat Sauce	23	Scrambled Eggs / Cheese  Chicken & Waffles Maple Gravy	24	Biscuits & Gravy  Meatloaf (GF) Mashed & Gravy (GF)	25	Scone  Chili **Cinnamon Rolls**

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~ A Message from the Fort Shaw Elementary Principal ~

Hello Fort Shaw Elementary Families,

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a restful holiday. Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Parade. The wind sure made things interesting but the kids persevered and managed to deliver some Christmas cheer. The holiday is fun but we are all excited to be back in school and we have hit the ground running.

Once again, Mrs. Peach kicked off our annual cookie dough sale which will be drawing to a close this week (if you get a chance, please thank her for her hard work). Students are already back in the swing of things and are working hard in their classrooms. The school staff spent last Friday preparing to launch a new writing program; more news to come on that as we move forward.

We do not have any snow on the ground but it seems to be getting colder, please make sure your students come to school with coats, hats, and gloves. We are still wearing masks, social distancing, and cleaning, cleaning, cleaning. Hopefully, we will have mask free days in near future.

Let's look forward to bright (mask less) 2021!

Thank you,

Shianne Currey

FSE Principal  
scurrey@srvs.k12.mt.us  
264-5586 ext. 602



A Message from Your School Counselor  
Events for February and March

It is never too late to complete the FAFSA, and it is required for most colleges!

ACT National Testing dates and deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late fees)
Dec. 12	Nov. 6	Nov. 20
Feb. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 20
Apr. 17	Mar. 12	Mar. 16
Jun. 12	May 7	May 21
July 17	Jun. 19	Jun. 25

Important information:

Juniors will take the ACT March 24<sup>th</sup>- this is paid for by the State and is required. The test will begin at 8:00 AM and there are no late entries.

Seniors: You are in the home stretch. Keep focused- the last semester does count. Colleges and employers look to see how you finish so finish strong! If you are going to college, time to look at the housing applications, scholarships and getting ready. Those entering the workforce, time to get applications done, find out what training you need and where to get it. All of you need to update your resumes.

Senior Projects: keep working on that E-Folio and getting your project put together. Remember your paperwork needs to be signed and added to E-Folio.



Scholarships

Scholarships that are underlined are offered locally through the school    Dates are subject to change.

Feb. 15	Great Falls College MSU	varies	Apr. 1	Bill Gianoulis Little League Scholarship	\$500
Feb. 19	MT Association of Conservation Districts	\$500	Apr. 1	American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship	\$1,000-\$5,000
Mar. 1	APWA Scholarship Rocky Mountain Chapter	\$1,000	Apr. 1	Audrey Wilber Ewing Nursing Scholarship	varies
Mar. 1	3 Rivers Foundation for Rural Service	\$2,500	<u>Apr. 1</u>	<u>Lions Club Fellowship Scholarship</u>	\$500
<u>Mar 1</u>	<u>3 Rivers Banner Web</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>Apr. 1</u>	<u>Pepsi Scholarship</u>	<u>\$500</u>
Mar. 15	MT Farmers Union Scholarships	\$500	<u>Apr. 1</u>	<u>Valley CIA Scholarship</u>	<u>\$700</u>
Mar. 1	Northwest Farm Credit Services	\$1,500	<u>Apr. 1</u>	<u>Robert Squires Scholarship</u>	varies
Mar. 1	Working Ranch Cowboy Association	\$500-\$2500	Apr. 7	Odd Fellow & Rebekah Lodges of Montana	\$500
Mar. 15	Montana University Systems Honor Scholarship	varies	Apr. 10	Black Mt Software	\$500
<u>Mar. 5</u>	<u>Porro Family Memorial Scholarship</u>	<u>\$1500</u>	Apr. 12	Cascade County DUI	\$1,000
Mar. 5	Robert C Byrd Honors Scholarship	\$1500	Apr. 15	Horatio Alger MT Scholarship	\$5,000
Mar. 7	Studio 706 Bill Chigbrow Memorial	\$500	Apr. 15	MT Student Nutrition Association	\$500
Mar. 10	Centene Corporation Scholarship	\$2,500	Apr. 15	Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association	\$750
Mar. 10	Great Falls Job Service	\$500	Apr. 15	MT Elks Association Music	\$500-\$1,000
Mar. 14	MT Food Distributors Association	\$1,500	Apr. 15	Nordmier/Tafoya Scholarship	\$1,000
Mar. 10	US Bank	\$1,000	Apr. 20	Shallenberger Scholarship	\$2000
Mar. 12	Association of Clerks and Recorders	\$1,000	<u>Apr. 23</u>	<u>Toman/Novak Memorial Scholarship</u>	varies
Mar. 15	Governors Best and Brightest	varies	<u>Apr. 23</u>	<u>Katherine Zeller Scholarship</u>	varies
Mar. 25	American Legion	varies			

Rebecca Boucher  
School Counselor

Sun River Valley School District 55 & F  
January Student of the Month

FORT SHAW SCHOOL

Pictured Left to Right:

**(Zena Franklin 1st Gr.)**



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**(Casey Gorence 6<sup>th</sup> Gr.) & (Laura Zietzke 9<sup>th</sup> Gr.)**



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## **Simms High School Commencement: "Class of 2021"**

I want to reach out to all parents of our senior class reminding you about graduation. The Class of 2021 will conduct its commencement ceremony starting at 1:00 o'clock pm, May 16 (Sunday). We anticipate a great turn out for these events. Parents of students in these areas, please expect a letter in the mail indicating general reminders and notifications. The advisers for the senior class can be reached at the school for any questions about graduation. 2021 (Seniors Advisers): Karen Mishler, Molly Pasma, Holly Kincaid.

## **HEADS UP SENIORS—info from Mrs. Rohrer**

Seniors please turn in your senior photo for the yearbook as soon as possible. If you were unable to get them taken, please contact Mrs Rohrer and we can have a staff member take the photo. Additionally, we need a senior photo for the wall. This photo should be a close shot, not a full body picture, as it is difficult to see. By March 1, Kierah also needs 4 baby pictures and a senior photo for the graduation video. The senior photos can be the same one for all 3, if you choose. Email the photos to Kierah Kriedeman at [kkriedeman21@srvs.k12.mt.us](mailto:kkriedeman21@srvs.k12.mt.us) or contact Jenny Rohrer at [jrohrer@srvs.k12.mt.us](mailto:jrohrer@srvs.k12.mt.us) or 264.5110 ext 102 to send them in, or if you have any questions. Thank you.

## **MHSA Sportsmanship Reminder**

*During extracurricular activities season the Montana High School Association reminds all participants, parents, coaches, officials, community members, and school staff to work together. At Simms we encourage sportsmanship by placing posters in the gym and commons, reading announcements at home contests, and reminders in the programs. Simms Faculty does a great job recognizing students from our own school and visiting schools that demonstrate sportsmanship toward one another while in the field of competition. Students are announced by their name and school then given a sportsmanship medal to keep sponsored by MHSA. Below is the example of sportsmanship memo we continue to express at all home and away contest as Simms Tigers.*

The Montana High School Association welcomes you to this post season event. Stockman Bank, title sponsor of the MHSA / Stockman Bank Sportsmanship Program, reminds you that your admission to this event entitles you to enjoy an exhibition of noteworthy skills developed by some of Montana's finest student-athletes. Please give these students your positive encouragement and support. Booing, taunting or intimidating the officials or opponents is disrespectful, discourteous and unacceptable. Stockman Bank and the MHSA member schools invite you to help us keep the focus on the participants who have earned their place at this event.

### **POST SEASON 2021 High School**

#### **District Basketball Feb 18 – 19 – 20**

**(Boys) Hosted @ Simms School (Girls) Hosted @ Cascade School**

#### **Divisional Basketball Feb 23-27**

**(Girls) & (Boys) @ Great Falls, MT Four Seasons**

**State Girls & Boys Combined March 10-13 @ Bozeman, MT**

#### **Speech & Drama**

**Virtual Divisional Jan 23**

**Virtual State Jan 28-29-30**

#### **Wrestling**

**Divisional B-C Wrestling Feb 26-27 (Location TBA)**

**State B-C Wrestling March 5-6 (Location TBA)**





## Performing Arts Corner!



Just like everywhere, the performing arts have been limited due to Covid-19. However, we appreciate your continued support!

### Music

We are excited for the Pep Band and Choir to start performing again at Simms home events. We look forward to seeing you there! Other events to mark on your calendar are:

Simms Talent Show: Thursday, March 18th at 7:00 pm in Simms gym

Simms District Music Festival (Virtual as of this newsletter): Wednesday April 14-Friday April 16

Simms Spring Concert: Thursday, April 29th at 6:30 pm in Simms gym

### Speech and Drama

I'd like to congratulate the High School team on a successful season despite many challenges.

1. We had a delayed start.
2. Because we usually travel all around the state, competition this year was limited to only virtual competition. We've all become better techies as a result! We have been performing virtually for our judges almost every Saturday since December.
3. Since we have been virtual, each tournament is like our state tournament—with usually over 40 schools participating! The team has seen some great competition which has only made us better!

The team competes for Divisional Title on Saturday, January 23rd. Our State Competition will be Thursday, January 28th—Saturday, January 30th. Good luck to all competitors in our post-season!

As a coach, the last few years I have had many Middle School and Fort Shaw Elementary students talk to me about Speech and Drama and THEY want to do it! After exploring the concept, I found out other schools DO have teams! Class B-AA almost all have Middle School teams with competitions. After speaking with Mr. McKinley, we did a trial season with my coaching on a volunteer basis to try it out! We are still in the middle of this Middle School experiment but so far it's been great! There are 13 students participating. Because of Covid, and this also being a trial year, we have not been traveling or competing. We have just been rehearsing. My High School students have done warmups with the Middle School students and it's rewarding to see this type of comradery and mentoring. If this continues for next year, it would become a great feeder program for the High School program.

We started January 5th and will have a Performance Night on Friday, February 12th, at 7 pm in the Simms Gym.

Be prepared to be amazed by this talented group!

Again, thank you for your support of Simms High School and the Sun River Valley District. Thank you for your support of the Arts. Despite the many obstacles this year, our Valley community is greater than them all. It is a pleasure to be part of such a wonderful group of people and community.

Hope to see you at one of our events soon!

Mrs. Davidson

## Sun River Valley School District 55 & F January Student of the Month FORT SHAW SCHOOL

*Pictured Left to Right:*

**(Jaylenn Runstrom 5th Gr.)**



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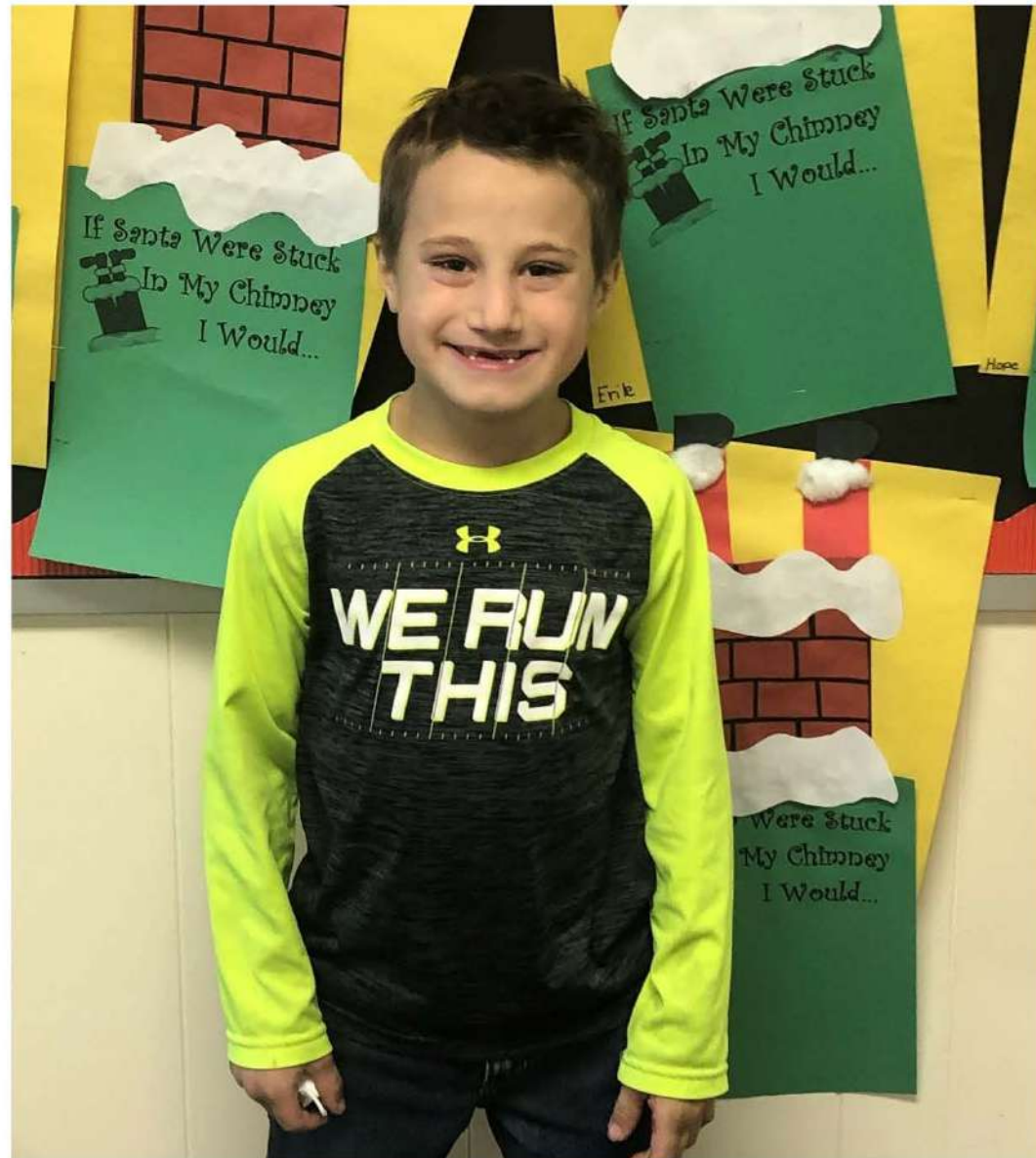


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FORT SHAW SCHOOL

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**(Abel Bobick 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr.)**



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## ROME \* POMPEII \* GREECE

JUNE 2022

Have the winter winds got you down? Start planning your escape to the beaches of Mykonos! Invite your friends and family on this once in a lifetime experience.

Visit: [www.eftours.com/2421129su](http://www.eftours.com/2421129su)

- Affordable payment options
- Cost breakdown and itinerary
- Trip is open to ALL adults and grades 9-12 (in/out of district)

We look forward to seeing you there!

CONTACT: Whitney Polich

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