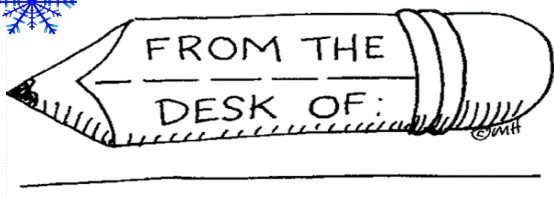




SUN RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY/ MARCH 2024



Mr. Dave Marzolf



Please review our expectations for riding on school transportation during the winter months including extracurricular trips. When the snow falls and negative temperatures are unbearable, it is crucial to be prepared for an emergency. Make sure you send students to school with hats and gloves while making sure that pants are worn and open toe shoes are not allowed to be worn. The Sun River Valley School District would like to remind the community at-large of the importance of winter safety for both student drivers and students who ride the bus. Please be sure that students dress appropriately for school, recess and extracurricular activities. Elementary students need to be prepared for various types of weather during recess. In the event a bus should happen to break down, sandals and open toed shoes are not going to be appropriate in winter weather. Parents, encourage student drivers to take the bus to school. Oftentimes, inexperienced drivers are safer taking the bus.

Additional tips for a safe ride:

- While school buses are, by far, the safest way for students to travel, children need to do their part to stay alert and aware of their surroundings to prevent injury. We urge parents to teach their children the following safety rules for getting on and off the bus, and for exercising good behavior while riding.

Getting on the Bus:

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness
- Do not stray onto the street, alleys or private property
- Line up away from the street or road as the bus approaches
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before approaching the bus
- Use the handrail when boarding

Behavior on the Bus:

- Don't speak loudly or make loud noises that could distract the driver
- Stay in your seat
- Don't put your head, arms or hands out the window
- Keep aisles clear of books and bags
- Get your belongings together before reaching your stop
Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat

Getting off the Bus:

- Use the handrail when exiting
- If you have to cross in front of the bus, first walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the driver
- Make sure the driver can see you
- Wait for a signal from the driver before crossing
- When the driver signals, look left, right, then left again. Walk across the road and keep an eye out for sudden traffic changes
- If your vision is blocked, move to an area where you can see other drivers and they can see you
- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver signals it is safe
- Stay away from the rear wheels of the bus at all times.





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 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!

Congratulations to all students for completing semester one at Simms school. Simms Teachers and Faculty will host an awards ceremony in February. 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 want to reach out to all parents of the Class of 2024 concerning graduation. The senior class will conduct its commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 19, at the SHS Gym at 1:00 PM. We anticipate a great turn – out for this event. Parents, please expect a letter in the mail indicating general reminders and notifications. The advisors for the senior class (Jessica Harrison and Windie Goldhahn), can be reached at the school for any questions about graduation.

I hope that you and your family have a wonderful 2024 filled with good health and blessings.

Yours in Education~ Mr. Luke McKinley





Sun River Valley Families,

Our staff at Fort Shaw Elementary is wishing you a safe and warm winter season! A kind reminder to please have your child dress in proper winter gear when he/she arrives at school each day. Many thanks...we will do our best to keep your child safe on the playground during these colder temps.

Next, we are approaching our last trimester of the 2023-2024 school year, and students will be taking the Smarter Balance (Grades 3-5) and Maps assessments (Grades K-5). It is a busy time for everyone. Parent Teacher Conferences will be on February 1st, 2024 from 4pm to 7pm. Please schedule a time with Kori Hillyard if you wish to speak to your child's teacher. Thank you for all you do for our community, staff, and students!

Best wishes,
Dr. Holly Kincaid, Pre-K-5 Principal
Fort Shaw Elementary

WRESTLING

Simms-Vaughn Middle School Wrestling 2024

February 17 @Choteau 9:00 AM

February 23 @Cut Bank 4:00 PM

February 24 @ Havre 9:00 AM

March 2 @ Lewistown 9:00 AM

March 98 @ Conrad 9:00 AM

Divisional Post-Season Tournament

March 16 @ Browning 9:00 AM



Student of the Month!

Sun River Valley School District 55 & F
November Student(s) of the Month
FORT SHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2023-2024

Pictured:
(Teegan Bobick 1st) (Hope Crookston 5th)



Congratulations Students! Thank you, Faculty and Teachers, for selecting these students!
Students are nominated and selected based on the following criteria within their schools:
Academic Performance, Character, Behavior, Effort, Social Relationship, & Attendance.
GO TIGER'S ROAR ON!

Sun River Valley School District 55 & F
December Student(s) of the Month
FORT SHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2023-2024

Pictured:
(Aleena Stephens 1st) (Teagan Swartz 4th)



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POETRY OUT LOUD



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Simms students participated in Poetry Out Loud during the month of January, culminating with a schoolwide competition on Tuesday, January 24. Students in certain English classes and students on the Speech/Drama team took part in the contest. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation and also including the Montana Arts Council, this event encourages the study of great poetry and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country. Poetry Out Loud is offered in all 50 states. "More than 4 million students have participated in poetry out loud since 2005, many advancing from classroom competitions to school competitions to state competitions and ultimately to the national finals where students compete for the grand prize of \$20,000"-- Amy Stolls, Director, Literary Arts, National Endowment for the Arts.

The results for the Simms High School Poetry Out Loud Contest are as follows:


- 1st Place: Anastasia Bouick
- 2nd Place: Austin Naude
- 3rd Place: Lillian Schubarth
- 4th Place: William Mishler



Anastasia Bouick, Lillian Schubarth, Lily Johnson and Donald Hammond will be representing Simms High School at the Regional Poetry Out Loud in Great Falls at the Paris Gibson Center on February 13th at 1:00 PM.





 Sun River Valley School District 55 & F
November Student(s) of the Month
SIMMS SCHOOL
(Gunner Afleje 12th Gr.) (Kyndal Becker 7th Gr.)
2023 - 2024 



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 Sun River Valley School District 55 & F
December Student(s) of the Month
SIMMS SCHOOL
(Matthew Zietzke 7th Gr.) (William Mishler 12th Gr.)
2023 - 2024 



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Just a few more things from Mr. McKinley....

Simms High School Commencement



I want to reach out to all parents of the senior class students reminding you all about graduation. The Class of 2024 will conduct its commencement ceremony starting at 1:00 p.m., May 19 (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. 2024 (Seniors Advisers): Windie Goldhahn, Jessica Harrison

Simms Athletic Department

Speech & Drama Seniors: (January 4)

Roland Carrier
Allie Redmond
Anastasia Bouick
Gunner Affleje
Caiden Makoski

Wrestling Seniors (Jan 26)

William Mishler
Lillian Schubarth
Braxton Berg
Gaven Flanagan
Brooklyn Kirby



Girls Senior Basketball (Jan 30)

Macy Herman

Boys Senior Basketball (Jan 30)

Hudson Rohrer
Scotty Sivumaki
Trenton Sheldon
Anthony Stetson
Nathanial Turnbull



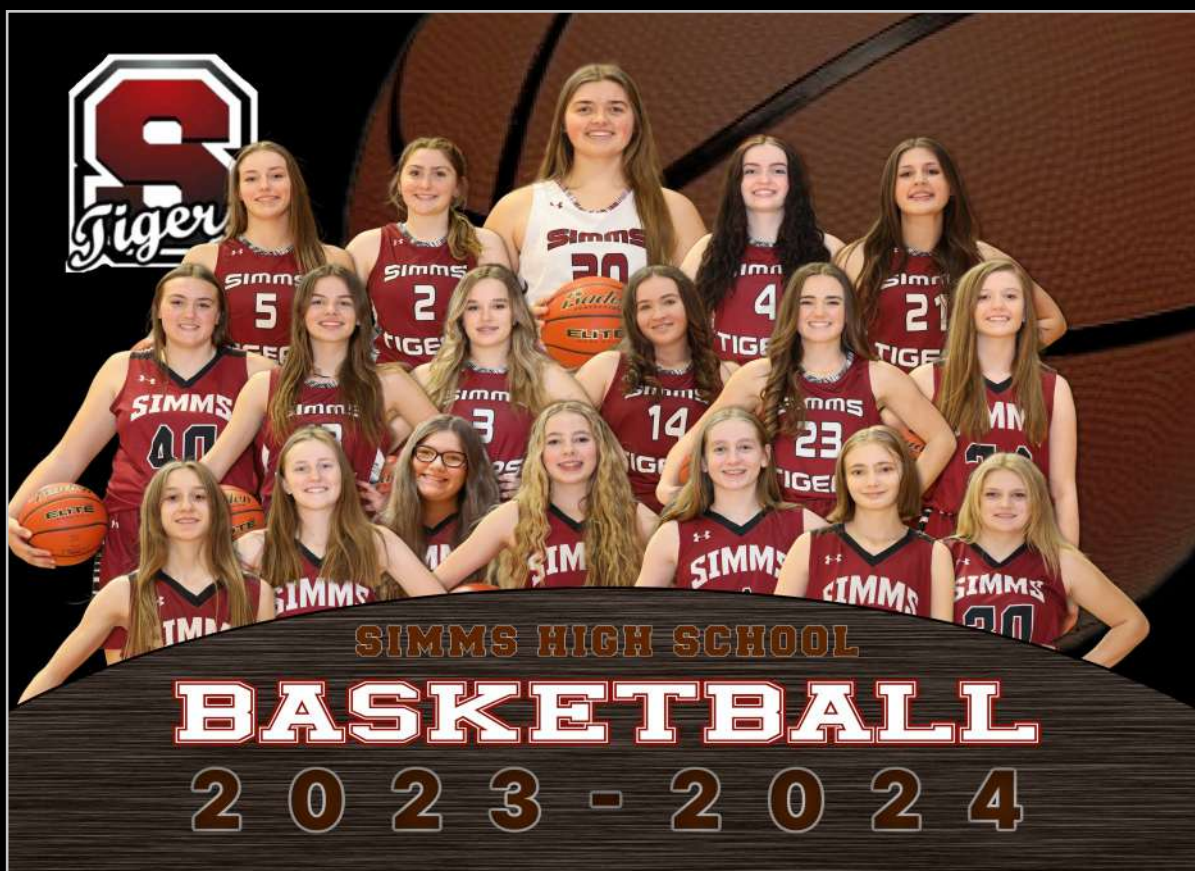


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2023-2024
SIMMS HIGH SCHOOL
SPEECH AND DRAMA



2023 - 2024
SIMMS HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING

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Speech and Drama Senior Night 2024



Senior Night 2024



Senior Night 2024





Now some words from our Athletic Director...

-Mr. Luke McKinley

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 Winter Activities

SIMMS High School 2023 – 2024

Activity	Event	Location	Date/Hosting School
<u>High School Speech and Drama</u>			
Speech & Drama B-C	State	Choteau	January 26-27 (CHS)
<u>High School Wrestling</u>			
Boys & Girls	Divisional	Shelby	February 2 – 3 (SHS)
Girls & Boys	State All Class	Billings	February 9– 10 (Metra Park)?
<u>High School Basketball</u>			
Girls & Boys	District	Shelby	February 14– 7 (SHS)
Girls & Boys	Divisional	Great Falls	February 21 -24 (4 Seasons)
Girls & Boys	State C	Great Falls	March 6 – 9 (4 Seasons)
<u>High School BPA</u>			
Girls & Boys	Regional	Great Falls	January 15 (CMR)
Girls & Boys	State	Billings	March 10 – 11 – 12
Girls & Boys	National	Chicago	May 4 - 8
<u>High School FFA</u>			
Girls & Boys	State FFA	Bozeman, MT	March 30 – April 2





Counselor's Corner

Welcome to Semester 2! Students finished up their 1st semester courses on January 11th. Report cards were mailed out the following week. If you have not received your child's report card, please reach out to the office and let the secretaries know!

Semester Failures: If your high school child received a failing semester grade in a core class, they will need to make up those credits in order to be on track to graduate with their class; failure to do so can greatly impact their graduation progress. Students can either repeat the semester/course in the next school year during the offered semester or use our online program, Edgenuity, to recover the credit in the summer. The district **does not pay** for Edgenuity credit recovery; the cost for a semester class is currently \$275.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): The government finally released the 24-25FAFSA form. This form must be completed for any senior student who needs assistance paying for college next year to determine their eligibility for aid, as well as those applying for certain scholarships. Due to the FAFSA not being released until December 31st, some colleges have pushed their own FAFSA deadline back to a later date. Students should check with the college they plan to attend next year to find out what their FAFSA deadline is. The federal deadline is June 30th, but individual college deadlines are usually much earlier.

Scholarships: Senior students have access to a Google classroom where numerous scholarship opportunities are posted; now that we are past the first of the year, many local scholarships are released. Seniors should be checking the Google Scholarships and College Classroom for updates. Any scholarship information that comes across my desk is posted there. Scholarship opportunities go unclaimed every year due to students just not applying. Students will need letters of recommendation for a number of these scholarships; they should ask for those letters well in advance of when the scholarship is due, as well as provide a resume of their background. This makes it much easier to write a solid recommendation letter.

Middle School: With the new semester, middle school students are working on some SEL (social-emotional learning) bi-weekly, in units on Self-Esteem (6th) and Stress Management (7th). The 8th graders are starting a unit on college preparation, researching different colleges that interest them to see if they could potentially attend them.

BUSINESS *professionals* **OF AMERICA**



On January 15th, Simms High School students competed at Business Professionals of America Regionals in Great Falls. Simms students experienced career development, learned professionalism and listened to a speaker from MSU. All 29 students that competed, qualified for State in Billings in March. Their respective placings are on the following page. Great job, Simms BPA Tigers! *(results on the following page)*

February SRVS Nutrition

Simms High & Middle / Fort Shaw



			2/1 Cinnamon Roll Chicken Burger Harvest Chips
2/5 Quiche* Chicken & Waffles Maple Gravy	2/6 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Tomato Soup Cheesy Bread	2/7 Chili Relleno Bake Taco Bar Cilantro Lime Rice	2/8 Pop Tart House Ribs Baked Beans
2/12 Fruit Streusel Pulled Pork Harvest Chips	2/13 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Jambalaya MS & Fort Shaw- Orange Chicken	2/14 Breakfast Pizza Spaghetti Meat Sauce Bread Stick	2/15 Maple Long John Hot Dogs Potato Gems
2/19 Quiche* Lasagna	2/20 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Beef Gravy Mashed Potatoes & Fresh Roll	2/21 Chili Relleno Bake Wing Bar Fort Shaw- Popcorn Chicken Bowl	2/22 Muffin Chicken Fried Rice Pot Stickers
2/26 Fruit Streusel Sloppy Joes Potato Salad	2/27 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Orange Chicken Rice & Egg Roll	2/28 Breakfast Pizza John Wayne Casserole Beef / Taco Seasoning	2/29 King Cake New Orleans Muffaletta Fort Shaw- BOSCOS

what's
cooking

Morning!!

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

Harvest of the Month

Beets



Get Fueled

ALLERGEN Alert Let us know

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

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

Gunner Afleje:

Entrepreneurship-1st, Meeting and Event Planning Concepts-3rd, Fundamental Accounting-5th, Management, Marketing and Human Resources Concepts-8th.

William Mishler:

Administrative Support Research Project-1st, Fundamental Accounting-4th

Kylie Harrison:

Network Design Team-1st, Computer Network Technology-1st, Information Technology Concepts-6th

Hudson Rohrer:

Network Design Team-1st, Computer Network Technology-2nd

Haidyn Thompson:

Management, Marketing and Human Resources Concepts-4th

Grace Johnson:

User Experience Design Team-3rd, Administrative Support Concepts-3rd, Basic Office Systems and Procedures-4th, Information Technology Concepts-8th

Anna Bouick:

Visual Design Team-1st, Digital Communications and Design Concepts-2nd, Digital Marketing Concepts-6th

Caiden Makoski:

Advanced Desktop Publishing-2nd, Digital Marketing Concepts-7th

Alexis Medrud:

Digital Media Production-1st, Visual Design Team-1st

Austin Naude:

Network Design Team-1st

Makalya Thielman:

Financial Analysis Team 2nd, Health Research Presentation 5th

Taya Thompson:

Economic Research Individual-4th, Financial Analysis Team 2nd

Lily Johnson:

Presentation Team-3rd, Financial Analysis Team 2nd

Izabel Leach:

Computer Network Technology-3rd, User Experience Design Team-3rd

Honor Carrier:

Payroll Accounting-10th

Kenna Brooks:

User Experience Design Team-1st, Website Design Team-2nd, Fundamental Spreadsheets Application-4th

Nora Helms:

User Experience Design Team-1st, Website Design Team-2nd, Fundamental Spreadsheet Application-6th

Gracie Zbinden:

User Experience Design Team-1st, Website Design Team-2nd, Digital Marketing Concepts-7th

Bailey Anderson:

Network Design Team-1st, User Experience Design Team-2nd, Digital Communications and Design Concepts-5th, Fundamentals of Web Design-5th

Hayley Peterson:

Small Business Management Team-2nd, User Experience Design Team-2nd

Grace Standley:

Small Business Management Team-2nd, User Experience Design Team-2nd

Jackson Thompson:

Visual Design Team-3rd, Computer Modeling-5th

Owen Salotti:

Computer Modeling-3rd


Kuper Butler:

Visual Design Team-3rd

March SRVS Nutrition

Simms High & Middle / Fort Shaw



3/4 Breakfast Croissant Roast Beast Sub "Happy Birthday Dr Seuss"	3/5 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Gumbo <i>Fort Shaw</i> Corn Dogs & Smiles	3/6 Western Scramble Teriyaki Chicken Noodles	3/7 Dutch Kuchen Mac N Cheese & Andouille Sausage
3/11 Quiche' Spaghetti Meat Sauce	3/12 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Taco Bar Cilantro Lime Rice	3/13 Breakfast Burrito Cheesy Veggie Soup Fresh Bread	3/14 Muffin  Bangers & Mashed Soda Bread
3/18 Breakfast Croissant Pulled Pork Harvest Chips	3/19 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Asian Broccoli Beef Rice	3/20 Western Scramble Chicken Penne Bake	3/21 Maple Long John Lasagna
3/25 Quiche' Chicken Enchilada Casserole	3/26 Fresh Biscuit & Gravy Beef Gravy Mashed Potatoes & Fresh Bread	3/27 Breakfast Burrito Orange Chicken Rice & Egg Roll	3/28 Cinnamon Roll Scalloped Potatoes & Ham

what's
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Morning!!

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Harvest of the Month

Grains



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Don't Miss

**The Simms School 6-12 will be holding their
SPRING Parent/ Teacher's Conferences on
February 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If
you are interested in scheduling a conference,
please call the main office at 406-264-5510.**



Parent-Teacher Conferences



Simms High School FFA



Welcome Ms. Mikayla Hudson!

My name is Mikayla Hudson, and I'm excited to introduce myself as a new member of the Sun River Valley community. I grew up in the small town of Potomac, located just outside Missoula, Montana. During my childhood, I was an active participant in the local 4-H club for ten years, where I gained experience showing a variety of animals, including sheep, swine, beef, dairy cattle, and horses. After high school, I attended the University of Montana Western for a year before transferring to Montana State University, where I earned my degree in Agricultural Education Broadfield Teaching. I am currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Education, Instruction, and Teaching from Montana State University-Northern. As an agricultural educator, I'm passionate about fostering a love of farming and agriculture in young people. I'm eager to become involved in the local community and share my expertise to help grow the FFA program here. I'm excited to work with the incredible individuals in this area and look forward to being a part of the Sun River Valley community.



Simms Spirit Team



Welcome to the club, Simms Spirit Team! This group of ladies have started a spirit team in order to bring more school spirit to the students and fans of Simms. They support the boys and girls basketball teams, wrestling, and even at the pep assembly for speech and drama. They have been creating their own choreographed dances and also making up different cheer moves for their cheers! This has been such a great experience to be a part of. It is a great way to get everyone involved and cheering on Simms High School!

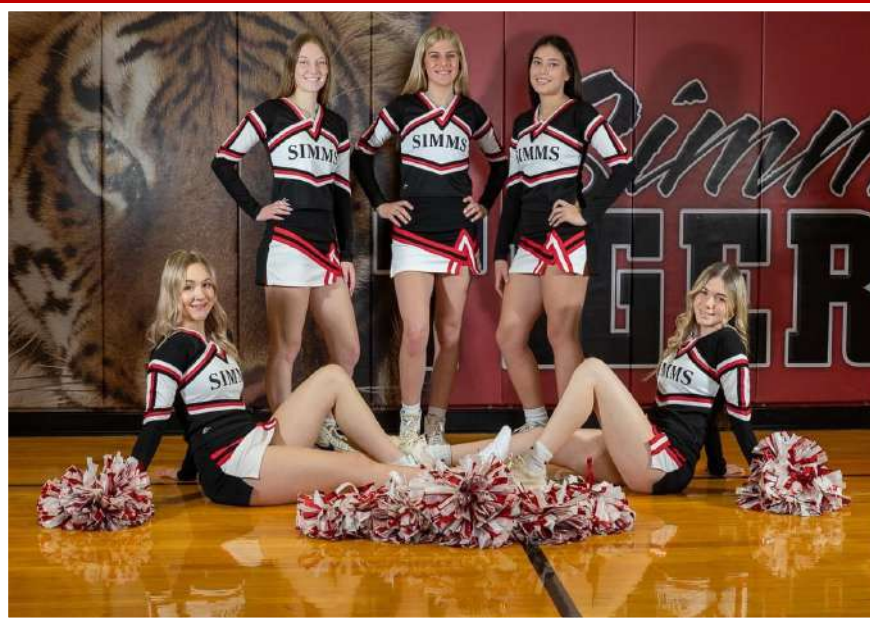


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February

- 1 HS Basketball vs Power @ GFCC (Boys Only)
HS Basketball vs. Belt (Girls Only)
Parent– Teachers Conference
- 2 HS Basketball vs. Augusta
HS Wrestling Divisonals @ Shelby
- 3 HS Divisionals @ Shelby
- 5 First Day of MS Wrestling Practice
- 8 HS Basketball vs. Conrad
State Wrestling @ Billings
- 9 HS Girls BB @ Winnett (Girls Only)
- 10 HS Basketball @ Sunburst
- 13 Jostens-Seniors @ 10:30 AM
Poetry Out Loud-Regionals– Paris G
Simms Science Fair
- 14 Valentine’s Day
HS BB Districts Tournament
(Feb 14-16)
- 17 MS Wrestling @ Choteau
- 23 HS BB Divisional Tournaments in Great Falls (Feb 21-24)
- 26 Montana Youth Choir @ GF

March

- 2 MS Wrestling @ Lewistown
- 4 MS Music Festival @ Power
- 5 Regional Science Fair@ MSU-GF
- 6 State HS Basketball Tournament
- 9 MS Wrestling @ Conrad

- 10 BPA State Leadership Conference @ Billings
- 11 MS Mass Choir @ Power
BPA State Leadership Conference @ Billings
- 12 School Board Meeting @ Simms 7:00
- 16 MS Wrestling Post Season
- 17 St. Patrick’s Day
- 22 MS Mass Band @ Fairfield
Principal’s Cup @ Simms
Prom @ GF International Airport
- 25 SBAC(25-28)
Science Assessment-8th grade

