



## **Notable Items**

- ⇒ The Sun River Valley School Board declared an Unforeseen Emergency due to COVID-19; therefore, the school buildings are closed to the public until June 30, 2020. We appreciate your understanding during this uncertain time.
- ⇒ Out of District forms for SRVS District were sent out on Tuesday, May 12. Please fill these forms out and return them to us as soon as possible.
- ⇒ Remember: Students are responsible for their own sports physicals. Please make arrangements to get your physicals for 2020-2021 and turn the paperwork in to the office at SHS.
- ⇒ Look for lunch applications on line.
- ⇒ We are looking forward to implementing Online Registration through Infinite Campus for 2020-2021. Look for news and information before registration begins for the next school year.



## **Save the Date**

### **May**

6-7 Senior Semester Exams  
11 Senior Checkout 9 a.m.—1 p.m.  
12 School Board Meeting  
18-20 8th Grade Semester Exams  
20 8th Grade Checkout 9 a.m.—1 p.m.  
24 Simms High School Graduation 1 p.m.  
25 Memorial Day—No School  
26-28 Grades 6-11 Semester Exams  
29 All School Checkout (FSE/SRMS/SHS) 5-7 p.m.  
30 All School Checkout 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

### **June**

3 Last Day of School 1/2 Day  
4 Teacher PIR 1/2 Day

### **August**

26 First Day of School 2020-2021

## **2020 School Breakfast & Lunch Deliveries**

**There will be no meals delivered on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25.**

**Last Day for school breakfast & lunch delivery is Thursday, May 28.**

# SUN RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

2020

May—June

## **2020 TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS**



*Timothy "TJ" Reifer was appointed by acclamation for a 3-year term on the combined Elementary/High School Board. Kristopher Rushton was appointed by acclamation for a 3-year term on the High School Board.*



## **Attention Juniors!**

Don't forget Senior photos are a large part of the yearbook, ceremony, and wall at Simms High School. Please utilize the nice weather this summer to take your Senior pictures, rather than wait until the cold weather sets in during your Senior year.

We would like at least 1 close up photo (waist up) for the wall that is portrait, rather than landscape. It allows us to have a uniform collage. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Rohrer at [jrohrer@srvs.k12.mt.us](mailto:jrohrer@srvs.k12.mt.us). Thank you.

## **Yearbooks Available**

Yearbooks for the 6-12th grades will arrive May 14th and will be available for pickup at check-out at Simms High School. If you wish to order a yearbook, they are \$25.00 until May 25th and \$30.00 after that.

The website to order online is [www.yearbooksforever.com](http://www.yearbooksforever.com). You will have to type Simms in the Find School search bar to order. Thank you for your support. It has been a very different year, and you won't want to miss out on these memories.

Thank you,

*Jennifer Rohrer,  
Yearbook Advisor*

# Principal's Corner

**April-May-June**

These next two months I would like to focus on the multiple ways our parents, guardians, and families get involved in school and how important that is. Please make sure to contact the school if you have any questions.

## **Student Achievements**

Congratulations to all students and advisers in BPA! State BPA was hosted in Billings, Montana, in March.

The following students listed below qualified for the national competition in Washington, D.C., May 5 -10; however, due to the pandemic, this competition was cancelled. I would like to recognize the staff and students:

Coaches: Jennifer Rohrer & Jessica Harrison

Students: Jessi McKinley, Allyson Hitchcock, Hunter Winkowitsch, Mikayla Hart, Noah Harrison, Matthew Nazelrod, Karlie Sivumaki, Draylen Sawyer, Hannah Wilson, Lily Woodhouse, Kodiann Lynn.

## **Simms Athletic Department**

MHSA has cancelled all activities and events for Spring 2020. We are proud of our Senior Track, Tennis, and Rugby athletes. Thank you Coaches for also serving before the lock out; your hard work and time put into the programs are appreciated.

2020-2021 Activity Schedules for SRVS will be released to the public in the coming months.

## **ALL VALLEY PARENTS:**

Thank you for your efforts to get your children to school on time each day for online school. This is an uneasy time in education, and thank you for being so supportive of the District.

## **Upcoming Important Academic Dates:**

### **Semester Exams— 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

May 6-7

Check out May 11 (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

Grades posted May 12, 8:00 AM

### **Semester Exams— 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

May 18 – 20

Check out May 20 (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

Grades posted May 26, 8:00 AM

### **Semester Exams Grades 6-7-9-10-11:**

May 26 – 27 – 28

Check out May 29 (5pm-7pm Friday)

Check out May 30 (9am-1pm Saturday)

Grade posted June 3, 8:00 AM

## **Eighth Grade Promotion & Commencement “Class of 2020”**

I want to reach out to all parents of 8th grade students and Senior class students reminding you about graduation. This year the eighth grade promotion is cancelled.

The Class of 2020 will conduct its commencement ceremony starting a 1:00 p.m., May 24 (Sunday), with modified attendance of immediate families.

There will be a Senior parade on Highway 200 starting at 2:00 pm. An official escort will lead the Seniors from Simms to Vaughn.

Parents of students in these areas: please expect a letter in the email indicating general reminders and notifications. Please contact the school if any parents in the Senior class are interested in helping out with this activity.

The advisers organizing the event for Commencement:

**2020 (Seniors):**

**Windie Goldhahn, Jordan Hollern, Jessica Harrison**



### **Students of the Month (February)**

HS – James Zietzke 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

MS – Makayla Thielman 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Students of the Month (March)**

HS – Kodiann Lynn 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

MS – Gwenavere Songer 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Congratulations Simms Students of the Month!**



## ~ A Message from the Fort Shaw Elementary Principal ~

Greetings Sun River Valley!

I hope this note finds you and your family healthy and safe. What a difficult and scary situation with COVID-19! My staff and I have appreciated all of your support and positive comments during the closure. We worked hard to provide the best learning opportunities we could while staying connected to our students. Teachers used Zoom to meet with students once a week, taught online using Seesaw, and provided instructional packets to all students. They did an awesome job! I'm very proud of my teachers!

I started a daily read aloud message and challenge on Facebook Live. That was a lot of fun! I read at 9:00 a.m. (or as close to it as possible) Monday-Thursday and "challenged" students each day. They could take part in the challenge if they wished and were entered to win prizes by completing the activities. I also gave a daily message to parents and students. I tried to mix things up to make it enjoyable and connect with kids. Students were able to make comments while I read since I did it live. That was a blast!

We also created a video message for our students! If you haven't seen it yet, please visit the Fort Shaw Elementary Facebook page or Twitter. It turned out great!

Our Library, Art, P.E., Music, and Counseling teachers sent some activities in the instructional packets but found a lot of great activities to post on Facebook and Twitter. We used social media to update information, links, daily read aloud/challenge, fun student pictures, videos, and resources.

Our 3rd Trimester grading system changed. When students are physically in attendance in their classrooms at the elementary level, their teachers traditionally assign grades as a standard practice in assessing learning using homework, participation, projects, and assessments. However, these were not normal times.

All elementary students were ONLY graded in the following areas: Reading, Language, and Mathematics. Rather than the traditional use of letter grades, all students received a G (Good), S (Satisfactory), or N (Needs Improvement) in these three core areas. Title 1 and Special Education progress reports have a similar format, but the language is a bit different. Even though the remaining subject areas were left ungraded, we still encouraged families and students to access additional learning opportunities through our remote learning platforms. These areas are equally important to the overall instructional program. Under the temporary grading system, teachers determined whether a student demonstrated proficiency in that subject area.

Students were assessed upon their completion, submission, and understanding of their work during the school closure. Students who completed their assignments and met expectations received either a G or S. If students did not complete their work, they received an N. Teachers continued to teach their curricula using Seesaw, Zoom, packets, and other avenues.

After careful consideration, we decided that this revision in our grading practices was the most appropriate course of action to support our students, parents, and staff during these challenging times.

Thank you for all you did to help your children be successful during this unprecedented time! Your unconditional support is much appreciated!

We love our Sun River Valley families! Stay healthy, follow precautions, and take care of one another. Together we will come out as strong as ever, and as always, ROAR On!

*Ted Miller*

*FSE Principal*

## Summer Scholarships

May 23- B Davis Scholarship (**Juniors and Seniors can apply**) \$1000

<https://www.tun.com/blog/b-davis-scholarship/>

\*\*\*\*May 31- A Voice for Animals (20 available) \$500

**Students Age 14-18 may apply**

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/deadline/deadline-in-may/a-voice-for-animals-contest#>

May 31- MT Tree Farm Scholarship \$1000

[https://www.cfc.umt.edu/resources/\\_files/scholarships/MT-Tree-Farm-Scholarship.pdf](https://www.cfc.umt.edu/resources/_files/scholarships/MT-Tree-Farm-Scholarship.pdf)

June 3- Universal Athletics Scholarship (2 of them) \$500

\*\*\*\*\*<https://www.universalathletic.com/blog/post/ua-scholarship>

June 12- Abbott and Fenner (**Juniors and Seniors**) \$1000

<https://abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php>

June 19- Big Sun Athletic Scholarship \$500

## Dual Enrollment

Deadline is the last day of school to get paperwork to Mrs. Boucher. For Math and English classes, students will need their ACT score or they will need to take the Accuplacer test at Great Falls College to determine their placement in these classes. We have a lot more students enrolling in Dual Enrollment classes for next year, which is great.

### Supplies for Mrs. Boucher's classes next year:

Senior Survival: 2-inch, 3-ring binder, dividers and a couple of folders

Junior High Careers: Folder to keep things in

### ACT test times for the summer:

Test Day	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
June 13	May 8th	May 22
July 18	Jun 19	Jun 26

### SAT has cancelled their summer testing for June due to COVID-19

When we return in the Fall, be looking for information on college fairs and college application week!

*Have a safe and exciting summer!!!!*



TIGER TENNIS TALK

Spring sports began on Monday, March 9th, and the track and tennis coaches jumped for joy when they realized they could hold their respective practices outside. That excitement lasted three days when Old Man Winter found his way back to Central Montana to punish us with another snow storm. Looking forward to the second week of practice and possibly warmer weather, as coaches we had no idea COVID-19 would compromise and eventually end the 2020 Tennis Season and all Spring sports across the state.



This isn't our first rodeo in terms of adverse conditions; and from the looks of the tennis team's enthusiasm, they have weathered (sorry for the pun) similar conditions in the past. This year Coach Pasma and Coach Green had the privilege of working with, for a short period of time, 10 eager and enthusiastic athletes who love the game as much as they do! Mikayla Hart returned to the team as the lone Senior along with Juniors Kierah Kriedeman and Bailey Brooks. Kierah played in the State tournament last year and brought that valuable experience back to the courts this Spring. Sophomores returning to the team who learned the game quickly last year included Sunny Woodhouse, Taylee Sawyer, and Kimber Winkowitsch. Rounding out this dynamic team we had four Freshmen who played junior high tennis and possessed the strokes to strengthen Tiger Tennis this Spring - Baylee Herman, Halee Hane, Alex Baranko and Laura Zietzke. As coaches, we can't begin to describe our disappointment in terms of not seeing this group compete collectively as a high school tennis team. We firmly believe this group of young ladies would have made all kinds of noise at our weekly matches and opened a few eyes by the time our divisional tournament rolled around in May. Coach Pasma and Coach Green hope to see nine of those ladies out on the court again in 2021.

On another note or second serve, in the Spring of 2021, Simms High School will offer Boys Tennis as a Spring sport option. With that in mind, our school will compete in the Northwest Division with teams from Choteau, Cut Bank, Conrad, and Great Falls Central. Those schools in our area offer tennis for both boys and girls. Coach Pasma and Coach Green hope to hold three to four Learn To Play Days this summer to see how many young men might be interested in learning the game of tennis! Keep your eyes and ears open for any information or announcements related to Tennis Play Days as our great state begins to open up gradually again in terms of COVID-19 restrictions. If you have any questions about tennis, where to purchase a racket or possibly get some tennis lessons this summer, please contact Coach Pasma or Coach Green!

Last but not least, please do not give up on Adult Ed tennis for the Summer of 2020. As with all school-related activities, we will follow the guidelines established by our governor in terms of offering group lessons while adhering to Social Distancing guidelines/restrictions. We hope to visit with Mr. Marzolf near the end of the school year to see if this is even a possibility.

Coach Colleen Green

2020-2021 School Lunches

We love our school lunches! Following are proposed prices for the 2020-2021 school year:

Breakfast - Increase of \$.25

K- 12 and Adult Breakfasts: \$2.00

Lunch - Increase of \$.50

K-5 Lunch: \$2.50  
6-12 Lunch: \$3.00  
Adult Lunch: \$4.00

Vaughn Lunch - Increase of \$1.00

Vaughn K-8 Lunch: \$3.00  
Vaughn Adult Lunch: \$4.00

NEW:

Breakfast: Hot Entrée' and Fresh Fruit & Yogurt Bar \$2.00  
Ala Carte: Cinnamon Roll/Donut/Cereal w/Juice or Milk/Yogurt Bar \$1.00

Lunch: Regular Lunch \$3.00  
Fruit & Vegetable Bar Only \$1.00  
Entrée Only \$2.00



Interesting Facts about the Class of 2020

- 22 Potential Graduates as of finals week.
- 14 Graduates will be enrolling in Post Secondary School with scholarships (academic/activity).
- 1 Graduate for Service Enlistment.
- 2 Graduates starting apprenticeships for electrician.
- 5 Graduates seeking employment in trades.

9 members of this class qualified for National Business Professionals of America in Washington, DC, but didn't get to attend as it was cancelled: Matthew Nazelrod, Noah Harrison, Allyson Hitchcock, Jessi McKinley, Hannah Wilson, Karlie Sivumaki, Draylen Sawyer, Hunter Decker and Mikayla Hart. (BPA Head Coach Mrs. Jennifer Rohrer & ASST Coach Ms. Jessica Harrison).

Abby Cottrell placed 8th in Food Science at John Deere Ag Expo, Fall of 2019.



**Sun River Valley School District 55 & F**  
**February Student's of the Month**  
**FORT SHAW & SIMMS SCHOOL**

Pictured Left to Right:

*(Makayla Thielman 6<sup>th</sup>) (Kirsty Bayless 3<sup>rd</sup>) (Avery Bayless 2<sup>nd</sup>) (James Zietzke 12<sup>th</sup>)*



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**  
**March Student's of the Month**  
**FORT SHAW & SIMMS SCHOOL**

Pictured Left to Right:

*(Kodiann Lynn 9<sup>th</sup>) (Abel Brill K.) (Ella Fryberger 4<sup>th</sup>) (Gwenavere Songer 8<sup>th</sup>)*



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