



LOCAL COMMUNITY INVITED

Please come to the Simms High School Ag Department on Monday, October 12th, between 7:30-9:00 a.m. to enjoy a pancake breakfast and interact with current agriculture students.

As a chapter, we want to THANK our Farmers and Ranchers for all their hard work and effort!



Save the Date

October

Oct. 8 Volleyball @ Belt, JV-V 6:00 pm
Oct. 9 MS/HS FB @ Ft. Benton 4:30 pm/7:00 pm
Oct. 10 Volleyball @ Augusta - V 6:00 pm
Oct. 12 FFA Thank A Farmer Day 7:30 am
JV Football vs. Ft. Benton 4:30 pm
Volleyball vs. Dutton/Brady - V 6:00 pm
Oct. 13 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Volleyball @ Sunburst, JV-V 6:00 pm
Oct. 14 Fall Photo Retakes, SHS 1:00 pm
Jostens:
Seniors 11:30 am; Sophomores 12:00 pm
Student Pictures @ FSE 1:00 pm
Oct 15-16 Teacher PIR NO SCHOOL
Oct. 16 Football: Varsity Seeded vs. Cascade
Oct. 21 ASVAB Testing - All Juniors 8 am - 12 pm
Oct. 22 Flu Shot Clinic SHS 7:30 - 8:30 am
BPA Lock In @ SHS 6:00 pm - 6:00 am
Oct. 23 Volleyball vs. Cascade, JV-V 6:00 pm
Oct. 27-31 FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis
Oct. 29-30 VB District 6C West Tourney @ Valier
Oct. 31 HS Football 1st Round Playoff

November

Nov. 1 End Quarter 1
Nov. 5-7 VB Northern C Div. Tourney @ Ft. Benton
Nov. 7 HS Football Quarter Final Playoff
Nov. 10 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov. 11-14 B State Tournament @ Bozeman
Nov. 12-14 FFA John Deere Ag Expo @ Bozeman
Nov. 12 HS Football Playoff - TBA
Nov. 14 HS Football Semi-Final Playoff
Nov. 21 HS Football State C Championships
Nov. 24 FSE Photo Retakes 8:00 am
Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving Break

December

Dec. 1 Winter Activities Photos 2:00 pm
Dec. 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00 -7:00 pm
Dec. 4 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec. 23 - 31 Christmas Break
Jan. 4 Back to School

SUN RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



~ From the Desk of the Superintendent ~

Please review our expectations for riding on school transportation during the winter months. We are still requiring students to wear masks and practice proper social distancing when possible. Please 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 to school when the snow falls.

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. As the cold weather approaches, 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 appropriate in winter weather.

Parents, encourage student drivers to take the bus home on days when there is an early dismissal from school. Oftentimes, inexperienced drivers are safer taking the bus. Their cars can be picked up from the school parking lot when it is safe to drive. Parents, please discuss the following with their children:

- Dress appropriately for cold, icy weather.
- Allow extra time to get to your bus stop.
- Stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room when there is ice and snow on the roadway.
- Use the handrails when boarding or exiting the bus to prevent slipping.
- Do not stand or play on snow piles at the bus stop.
- Do not throw snowballs at the bus or at anyone.
- Never try to retrieve an item that falls around or underneath the bus. Instead, always report such an incident to the bus driver.
- Remind student drivers in your house to keep windshields and roofs clear of snow and ice.

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. NSC urges 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

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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

Dave Marzolf
Superintendent, SRVSD

Homecoming Wrap Up



HOMECOMING COURT

Senior Class

Prince: Stephen Links Jr.
Princess: Breanna Runstrom

Junior Class

Prince: Timer Thomas
Princess: Kierah Kreideman

Sophomore Class

Prince: Samuel Mishler
Princess: LaChrista Hanson

Freshman Class

Prince: Lane Hinderager
Princess: Mia Widmer

HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN

Timer Thomas & Kierah Kriedeman



Sun River Valley Public Schools

Start of School Year

The 2020-2021 school year is off to a positive start. Remember students' grades are tracked through the eligibility system on a weekly basis. Quarter 1 will expire November 3. Mid-Term was September 28. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor or teacher(s).

Homecoming & Senior Recognition

Simms High School Homecoming Week went very well. Student participation at activities was at an all-time high. Thank you parents for helping with Homecoming festivities. This year the theme for Homecoming was "America." Thank you local Valley volunteer fire departments for providing vehicles in the parade.

Go Tigers!

Simms Students of the Month (September)

HS – Lilly Woodhouse 11th
MS – Dominick Balsdon 6th

Congratulations Simms Students of the Month!

ALL VALLEY PARENTS:

Simms Athletic Department

Please remind your child to carry their epipen and inhaler with them in their sports bags to all games. It is important to stress to them not to share water bottles as flu season ramps up. Our athletic programs are experiencing great success this fall as we have moved beyond the midway point in our schedules. Reminder to all parents regarding "Happenings," these are placed on our website weekly. We do the best we can to address scheduling changes, please remember that all schedules are subject to changes.

Activities Banquets

Fall sports banquets will be conducted by the Head Coaches of each individual program. The schedule for individual activity banquets once finalized after regular & post season play will be available on our athletic page the first week of November. The school will provide certificates and lettering materials for students at both JH/HS levels.

Academic News

MAPS & ISIP Literacy Testing (Round 1) Complete

Students in grades sixth through tenth grade complete **MAP**, or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth. MAP is used to measure a student's progress or growth in school. The testing information is important to teachers because it indicates what student's strengths are and help that is needed in any specific areas. Teachers can use this information to help them guide instruction in the classroom. If you have ever used a growth chart in your home to show how much your child has grown from one year to the next, it will help you understand the scale MAP uses to measure your child's academic progress. The measurement system is called the RIT scale (Rasch unIT), and is an equal-interval scale much like feet and inches on a yardstick. The scale is used to chart your child's academic growth from year to year. RIT scores typically start at the 140 to 190 level in third grade and progress to the 240 to 300 level by high school.



Events for October & November:

October 6 - ACT for Seniors Only

October 14 - PSAT for All Juniors

Events

October: The FAFSA will be due. We will have more information out in October about completion.

ACT National Testing Dates and Deadlines

Test Date (fees)	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late fees)
Saturday, October 10		
Saturday, October 17		
Saturday, October 24		
Sunday, October 25		
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



Scholarships (Dates are subject to change)

Oct. 1 st - Create Real Impact (Distracted Driving) 9 awards	
Oct. 15 - U.S. Senate Scholarship	One week in Washington D.C and 10,000 Scholarship
Oct. 17- Wendy's Heisman Scholarship	Up to \$10,000
Oct. 6 - AES Engineers	\$500
Oct. 17 - Dr. Pepper	\$100,000
Oct. 17 - College Jump Start Scholarship	\$1,000
Oct. 25 - Horatio Alger National Scholarship	\$25,000
Oct. 31 - National Eagle Scout Association Academic Scholarship	\$48,000
Oct. 31 - Coca-Cola Scholarship	\$20,000
Oct. 31 - Voice of Democracy Grades 9-12 can apply!!!	Up to \$30,000
Nov. 6 - Prudential Spirit of Community Award	Up to \$5,000

Rebecca Boucher,
School Counselor

Sun River Valley School District 55 & F September Student's of the Month SIMMS SCHOOL

Pictured Left to Right:

(Dominick Balsdon 6th Gr.) & (Lilly Woodhouse 11th Gr.)



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!





**SRVS Graduation
High School Graduation 2021**

MAY 30th

1:00 PM

@ SIMMS HIGH SCHOOL

Roar On!



AG & Shop News

Simms FFA has seen National Success. We had 5 Agriscience fair projects enter at the national level. Two projects were determined to not have a strong enough agricultural tie. The other three projects received Bronze national placings in the Agriscience Fair. Congratulations to Hudson Rohrer in Environmental Science, Macy Herman and Baylee Herman in Power Structures and Technology in a junior high and intermediate level category. Randi Hart will be awarded her American FFA Degree. She will be the first Simms FFA member to receive this highest degree offered by the National FFA since the recharter in 2011.

Simms FFA traveled to Fort Shaw Elementary School on Thursday, September 10, to celebrate National Read A Book Day. The high school students read the book "Torgy the Tractor," written by Linda Boatman. They followed up the reading with an activity in each classroom. First and second grade did a coloring activity, "T is for Tractor." Third through fifth grade did a tractor safety activity.

The chapter is raffling off a pig to raise money for student travel for the upcoming year. The pig is being processed by Missoula FFA at their Meat Science Center. There will be winners drawn at the Homecoming Football Game for ½ a hog, and two ¼ hog prizes. Along with the Homecoming festivities, the Simms FFA will be hosting a BBQ lunch on Saturday for students, staff, and parents.

Statewide leadership events will be looking different this fall. District Leadership Conference will be held virtually. The District Greenhand workshop will be physical boxes of workshop materials sent to each chapter and then rotated around the District. Several of the Career Development Conference activities will be offered virtually, as will National FFA Convention be virtual. This will change how the events are conducted but will allow larger participation for each local chapter.

Thank you to the Simms Volunteer Fire Department for helping certify our students in Fire extinguisher use. Volunteers from the Fire Department helped the kids use extinguishers to put out diesel fires. We certified 29 students through the <http://www.fireextinguishertraining.com> website.

In the Classroom, students are working hard. The Ag Mechanics students constructed some sanitation stations using PVC pipe and concrete. They are now working to organize and build shelving in the upstairs storage area. The Ag II students are studying range science and working with native grasses and noxious weeds. The Woods students have built door stops to use throughout the school. Woods II is working to finish the dog houses that were abandoned when school went virtual last spring.

*Jodi Koterba
FFA Director
Simms Chapter*



~ A Message from the Fort Shaw Elementary Principal ~

Hello Fort Shaw Families,

We are off to a busy start! Everyone, students and staff, are so excited to be back in school. Our Tiger Cubs are doing a fantastic job wearing their masks, we are all so proud of them.

We just finished up both MAP and ISIP testing, student art work is covering our walls, teachers are teaching social skills and procedures, and I can hear students singing outside as I write this.

With a few extra safety procedures put into place, the FFA students from the high school were able to visit last week and teach us about tractor safety. So far, it's been business as usual with a few COVID inconveniences thrown in. Overall, staff and students are just rolling with things. Our staff is continuing with the implementation of the new reading and math programs, and we hope to see great gains in student achievement this year! I continue to be impressed with how responsible and safe the Fort Shaw students are at school.

We are looking forward to a few things in October, Lifetouch pictures, Red Ribbon Week, and Preschool starts on October 5th. We are so excited to welcome our Preschoolers!

We also want to be sure to thank our parents and guardians with all of their help as we have navigated the COVID pandemic, everyone has worked with the school and/or local health care providers, we appreciate your patience and flexibility.

As always, please contact us with any concerns so we can come up with solutions.

Thank you,

Shianne Currey
FSE Principal



Friends of the Sun River Valley Helping Hands

I really hate to admit this or even think about the fact the Holiday Season is looming right around the corner. The school year has taken off like a shot, Homecoming festivities have concluded, and the school calendar indicates there will be no slowing down.

On September 25, 2020, a Kyona Strong Fundraiser was held in Vaughn at the Fire Station to help raise funds to purchase food for our annual Helping Hands Gift Giving and Food Distribution program that takes place during December. For the past twenty years, Barb Frye and those working closely with her help make the Holiday Season a bit brighter by helping those in most need at Christmas. Dinner was served on the 25th along with silent and live auctions taking place that night.

If you know of a family in our area that might need some assistance this Holiday Season, please contact Barb Frye at 264-5164. The referrals you make or information you share with Barb remains confidential. If you would prefer to work with school personnel, please contact the counselors at the Valley schools – Fort Shaw Elementary, Vaughn Elementary, and Simms Middle and High Schools. The Sun River Valley Helping Hands organization would like to receive most of its referrals by November 15th, but will accept last minute referrals until December 1st. After that date, our resources have dwindled immensely, and we cannot guarantee we can provide adequate assistance to those referrals we receive after the above-mentioned dates. Thank you so much for your cooperation with this matter.

Last and certainly not least, if you would like to help wrap gifts, donate food items, package food boxes, or assist Barb and her merry band of elves in any way, the Food Drive Headquarters in Simms will open on Monday following Thanksgiving. If you need more information about this, again please contact Barb Frye or Colleen Green. Many hands make work light!!! Wishing everyone a fun-filled autumn in this beautiful area.

Colleen Green
Helping Hands



October 2020



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

			1 Corn Dogs Sweet Potato Fries	Muffin
5 Breakfast Muffin	6 Beef Gravy (GF) Mashed Red Potatoes Peas	7 Biscuit & Gravy	8 Orange Chicken Fried Rice	Muffin
12 Breakfast Wrap	13 Eggs w/ Cheese Roasted Chicken Mashed Sweet Potatoes Green Beans	14 Sloppy Joes Coleslaw Harvest Chips	15	
19 Breakfast Muffin	20 Chicken Ranch Wraps House Made Chips	21 Sweet Potato Hash with Corned Beef	22 General TSO Chicken Rice	
26 Breakfast Wrap	27 Eggs w/ Cheese Teriyaki Chicken Sesame Broccoli	28 Loaded Potato Soup Corn Meal Muffin	29 <i>Holiday Special</i>	Muffin

LOOK
WHAT'S
NEW!

Protein Packs
Deli Sandwiches
Crafted Salad

M o r n i n g !!

Yogurt Bar
Fruit / House made Granola
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Milk or Juice

All Meals are served with Milk, Vegetables and Fruit Breakfast will be Available each Morning

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

November 2020



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

2 Breakfast Burrito	3 Biscuit & Gravy	4 Sloppy Joes Coleslaw Harvest Chips	5 Quiche'	5 Muffin
Sweet & Sour Chicken- Fried Rice	5 Sisters Stew (GF) Corn Muffin			Chicken Piccata (GF) Lemon Broccoli
9 Eggs w/Cheese	10 Biscuit & Gravy	11 Quiche'	12 Scone	
Chicken & Waffles Maple Gravy	Broccoli Beef Rice	Tomato Soup (GF) Grilled Cheese	Porcupine Sliders Mac & Cheese (GF)	
16 Breakfast Burrito	17 Biscuit & Gravy	18 Quiche'	19 Cinnamon	
Chili Dogs Potato Wedges	Orange Chicken Fried Rice	Ratatouille (GF) Mashed Potato Puffs	Pulled Pork Sandwich w/ All the Trims Baked Beans	
23 Eggs w/Cheese	24 Holiday Special	25	26	
Burger Harvest Chips				
30 Breakfast Burrito				
Beef Gravy (GF) Yukon Mashed Potatoes Peas				



Super Food Salads
Crafted Green Salads
Deli Sandwiches

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