

# Sun River Valley School District Newsletter October/November/ December 2024



As we begin a new school year, I want to take a moment to express my excitement and optimism for the coming months. Our schools are not just places of learning; they are communities where we grow, explore, and support one another. Let's make this year truly great!

With dedicated teachers, supportive families, and enthusiastic students, I am confident that we will achieve remarkable things. One of my goals is to foster a culture of respect and kindness in every classroom and in each school.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful school communities. I hope we all have a fantastic school year.

#### **Transportation**

Bus behavior is important for everyone's safety and enjoyment during the ride to school. Students should always sit in their assigned seats and keep their voices at a low volume to avoid distracting the driver. It's also crucial to keep hands, feet, and belongings to oneself to ensure a safe space for everyone. Remember to be respectful to your fellow classmates and the bus driver by listening and following their instructions. By being kind and considerate, we can make the bus a fun and safe environment for all!

#### Fort Shaw Elementary

At the beginning of the year, we hire 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to do various jobs in the school. Students go through an interview and application process to get hired. Our "employees" then set up a schedule and job requirements with their boss. At the end of each month the students complete a pay slip and if they do their jobs according to their schedule, get paid for their jobs. This program helps students learn communication skills, responsibility as well as help make the school run effectively. Thank you, Teachers and Ms. Standley, for all of your hard work.

At Fort Shaw elementary we believe that communication is essential to our school community. Please feel free to reach out to me or your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. Remember, our doors are always open!



Thank you for your support as we embark on this exciting school year.

Dave Marzolf~ SRVS Superintendent, Transportation Director, and PK-5 Principal





# Sun River Valley Public Schools Simms Principal's Corner

## <u>Start of School Year</u>

The 2024-2025 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 October 24. Mid Term was September 19, and if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor or teacher(s). Big thank you to our Faculty, Teachers, Bus Drivers, Cafeteria Ladies, Custodians, and Substitutes. They people really help make each day at school amazing for your children at Sun River Valley School District. THANK YOU!

#### Homecoming Simms Tigers 2024

Simms High School homecoming week went very well. Student participation at activities was at an all-time high. Thank you, SRVS parents, for helping with homecoming festivities. This year the theme for homecoming was Music Genres. Thank you, local community members and parents for providing vehicles in the parade Go Tigers!

#### Simms Students of the Month (September)

HS – Taya Thomas 11<sup>th</sup> MS – Hope Crookston 6<sup>th</sup>

#### 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 athletics 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.

#### November 19 (Tuesday) 5:00 PM at

Simms, host the High school & Middle Fall Activity Banquet at the Simms Gymnasium.

MS Volleyball & Football HS Volleyball & Football







# Food Assignments

MS Volleyball- drinks and desserts
MS Football- side dish, drinks, desserts
HS Volleyball- main hot dish, and side dish
HS Football- main hot dish, and side dish



## **Important Dates to Remember**

## November 5 Lifetouch Pictures for MS Basketball HS Speech & Drama

November 19 - Fall Activity Banquet @ 5:00 PM/ SHS

#### November 21– First Day of Practice for HS Basketball & Wrestling

#### December 18– Lifetouch Pictures for HS Basketball and Wrestling



Any student wishing to participate in a sports program must have a **school physi-cal dated after June 1, 2024.** 

Head HS Girls' Basketball Coach: Katy Griffen griffenangus@gmail.com Assistant HS Girls Basketball Coach: Nora Klick nklick@srvs.k12.mt.us Head HS Boys Basketball Coach: Haakon Fredrickson hfredrickson@srvs.k12.mt.us MS Girls Basketball Coach: Jessie Butler jessicatbutler@yahoo.com MS Boys Basketball Coach– Nora Klick nklick@srvs.k12..mt.us Assistant Boys Basketball Coach– Laura Zietzke laurazietzke23@gmail.com Head Wrestling Coach: Bob Hazenberg rhazenberg@srvs.k12.mt.us Assistant Wrestling Coach: Shandy Petersen shandy\_petersen@hotmail.com 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!



November 12	HS BB Parent Meeting (5:30 PM) HS Basketball Schedule			
November 21 H	HS Girls & Boys First Day for Practices			
December 5	Home vs. Lincoln 3:00 PM Girls JV/ 4:30 JV Boys/ 6:00 Varsity Girls/ 7:30 Varsity Boys			
December 13-14	December 13-14 Away @ Cascade ( Pre-Season Tournament)			
December 20	Home vs. Augusta Girls JV 3:00/ Boys JV 4:30/ Girls V 6:00/ Boys Varsity 7:30 PM			
January 3	Home vs. Cascade Girls JV 3:0 0/Boys JV 4:30 / Girls Varsity 6:00/ Boys Varsity 7:30 PM			
January 4	Away @ Sunburst Girls JV 12:00/ Boys JV 1:30/ Girls Varsity 3:00/ Boys Varsity 4:30 PM			
January 9 A	Away @ DGSG Girls JV 3:00 (Geyser)/ Boys JV none /Girls Varsity 6:00 (Geyser)/ Boys Varsity none			
January 10 I	Home vs. PDB JV Girls 3:00 PM/Boys JV 4:30/ Girls Varsity 6:00 PM/ Boys Varsity 7:30 PM			
January 11 I	Home vs. H. Butte Boys JV 12:00 PM/Girls JV 1:30 PM / Girls Varsity 3:00 PM/ Boys Varsity 4:30 PM			
January 17 I	Home vs. Conrad Girls JV 3:00/Boys JV 4:30 PM/ Varsity Girls 6:00 PM/ Boys Varsity 7:30 PM			
January 18 I	Home vs. Valier Girls JV none/ Boys JV 12:00 PM/ Girls Varsity none/ Boys Varsity 1:30 PM			
January 24 🛛 🖌	Away @. Augusta Girls JV 3:00 PM/ Boys JV 4:30/ Girls Varsity 6:00/ Boys Varsity 7:30 PM			
January 31 🛛 🖌	Away @ Cascade Girls JV 3:00 PM/ Boys JV 4:30 PM / Varsity Girls V 6:00/ Boys Varsity 7:30 PM			
February 1 H	lome vs. Sunburst Girls JV 12:00/ Boys JV 1:30/ Girls Varsity 3:00 PM/ Boys Varsity 4:30 PM			
February 6 H	lome vs DGSG Girls JV 6:00 PM/Boys JV none/ Girls Varsity 7:30 PM/ Boys Varsity none			
February 7 Av	way @ PDB Girls JV 3:00 PM/ Boys JV 4:30 PM/ Girls Varsity 6:00 PM / Boys Varsity 7:30 PM			
February 8 Av	way @ H.Butte Girls JV 12:00 PM/ Boys JV 1:30/ Girls Varsity 3:00/ Boys Varsity 4:30 PM			
February 13 Av	way @ Conrad JV Girls 3:00 PM/ JV Boys 4:30 PM/Girls Varsity 6:00 PM/ Boys Varsity 7:30 PM			
February 14 A	way @ Lincoln Girls JV 3:00 PM/ Boys JV 4:30 PM/ Girls Varsity 6:00 PM/ Boys Varsity 7:30 PM			
February 15 Av	way @ Valier Girls JV none / Boys JV 12:00 PM/ Girls Varsity none/ Boys Varsity 1:30 PM			
February 19-22	District Tournaments at CMR High School, Great Falls, MT			
February 21-24	Divisional Tournaments at Great Falls 4 Seasons, Great Falls, MT			
March 12-15	State Tournament @ Butte Civic Center			



# Simms High School Wrestling 2024-2025



November 21 1st Day of Practice December 5-7 Cascade Tournament December 13-14 **Glasgow Tournament** December 19 Simms Spotlight Mixer (5:30 PM Weigh-In,/6:00) **CMR** Holiday December 20 CMR Holiday /GFHS/Frosh Tournament December 21 Cut Bank Tournament January 10-11 January 17-18 **Choteau Classic** January 23-25 **Conrad High School Duals Tournament** January 24-25 Class B/C Duals @ Townsend January 24-25 Fergus Girls Only Simms Mixer (Senior Night) 4:00 PM Weigh-In January 31 5:00 PM- Wrestle February 7-8 B/C Divisional Tournament-Civic Center, Butte February 13-15 All-Class State Tournament-Billings



# Speech and Drama 2024-2025



**October 1** 

**October 12** 

**November 9** 

December 13-14

January 11

January 25

First Practice

**Browning Workshop** 

**CJI Tournament** 

Malta Tournament

**North Star Tournament** 

**Divisionals – Shelby HS** 

<u>State will be at Huntly Project on January 30</u> <u>through February 1!</u>

# Middle School Basketball 2024

Schedules are subject to change!

October 25	AWAY @ Vaughn	Girls B	<b>Boys B</b> 5:30	<b>Girls A</b> 6:15	Boys A
November 1	Home vs. Cascade	3:00	4:15	5:30	6:45
November 2	Away @ H. Butte			12:30	1:45
November 8	Away @ Sunburst			5:15	6:30
November 9	Home vs. PDB	10:00	11:15	12:30	1:45
November 11	Home vs. Vaughn	3:00	4:15	5:30	6:45
November 14	Home vs. Augusta	<b>3:30</b> 1/2	4:15	5:30	6:45





Congratulations to the Ft. Shaw Students of the Month: Harrison Salotti

Amara Stephens



Sun River Valley School District 55 & F

2024 Simms High School Homecoming King and Queen: Maxwell Munroe & Kaylee Zietz-

Homecoming Court, pictured left to right: Izabel Leach, Donald Hammond, Angel Gillis, Max Munroe, Morgan Feist, Austin Johnson, Kaylee Zietzke, Austin Naude

Homecoming





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Photos provided by Taya Thomas

# More Senior Night!







Photos provided by Taya Thomas







# Senior Night 2024





# **Counselors** Corner

Wow, can you believe it's already October? I hope everyone is settling into the school year! Simms is off to a fantastic start this semester, excelling in both academics and athletics.

On September 19th, our seniors had the opportunity to visit the Montana College and Career Fair at the McLaughlin Center on the campus of the University of Providence. This annual event attracted over 3,500 students and offered a chance to explore in-state and out-of-state universities and colleges, as well as connect with recruiters and local businesses. It was a great opportunity for students to research their post-secondary options and network with local businesses, catering to those interested in the workforce, trade school, or a 4-year institution.



During Homecoming week, our seniors had a special visit from Sara Parkinson from the Great Falls Public Library. She shared all the wonderful services GFPL has to offer, and students even got the chance to sign up for their own library card. Sara talked about the different free programs at the library, including the foreign language program Mango, LinkedIn Learning, as well as

the Libby app and Montana Library2go, which provide access to over 30,000 eBooks and audiobooks from libraries across the state.

Our seniors spent the last week of September filling out college applications as it was College Application Week, offering them the opportunity to apply to any college in the state for free, waiving the usual application fee. Most seniors took advantage of this and filled out multiple applications, keeping their options open for post-secondary.

The junior class took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) on October 10th. This test gave them the chance to familiarize themselves with the format of high stakes standardized assessments and to potentially qualify for a National Merit Scholarship. The test was conducted online, and students should expect to receive their scores within a month or so.

On September 24th, our 10th and 8th-grade students attended the annual Worlds of Work career fair on the campuses of the University of Providence and Great Falls College MSU. The event featured four distinct zones and 16 worlds of industry career clusters, offering students a hands-on look into a wide array of career opportunities and attracting over 2,000 students from the area.

Starting on October 14th, our middle school students will be taking the Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST) testing, which replaces the annual SBAC testing. Over this first 6-week testing window, students in grades 6-8 will take "testlets" in English and Math to check their understanding of specific concepts and allow teachers to re-teach or review if necessary. There are 4 testing windows throughout the school year, with the next one opening in January.



## Attention Class of 2025!!



Seniors please turn in your yearbook photos to Mrs. Hart by January 1, 2025. One photo needs to be from the waist up with no props for the hall collage. The other will be for the yearbook page. Please send those photos to bhart<u>@srvs.k12.mt.us</u> or email with any questions. Thank you! ~ Becky Hart



#### **School Board Elections**

ELECTIONS: The filing period to run for a Board of Trustee position will open Thursday, December 12,

2024 for the Sun River Valley School District. Interested parties are no longer required to collect

signatures on a petition. If you're interested you can pick up or request a declaration of intent from

Belinda Klick, 264-5110 x122 or bklick@srvs.k12.mt.us at the district office. The office is open Monday-

Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The last day to file is Thursday, March 27, 2025. A candidate must beregistered to vote at the time the Oath is filed. School Elections will be by mail ballot through the

Cascade County Elections Department Tuesday, May 6, 2025. The district has two trustee positions open

on the combined high school/elementary board; 3-year term (Shantel Herman and Camille Wiegand).



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Morning Breakfast Bar



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

SRVS Nutrition Contact

Online Free & Reduced Meals



Betty at bmirza@srvs.k12.mt.us

https://mtdecloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/sun\_river\_valley.jsp

406-264-5111 x305

Lunch Menu & Salad Bar - Seasonal Favorites

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7th

14th

20th

28th

Hot Dog

Potato Gems

Little Smokies

Chicken Burger GF/DF

Harvest Chip:

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Milk Variety and Infused Water option

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



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

Fried Rice

**Oven Baked Fries** 

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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

4th Chicken Enchilada Casserole	5th Beef Gravy Mashed Yukon Potatoes	6th Dumplings with Fried Rice	7th Simms Meatball Subs Fort Shaw Raviolis & Marinara	
11th 100% Beef Burger House Made Bun Harvest Chips	12th Orange Chicken Fragrant Jasmine Rice	13th Creamy Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese	14th Pulled Pork Coleslaw	PLEASE NOTE: <u>November Option</u> for Lunch Honey Butter Sandwich on Multigrain Bread
18th Sloppy Joes Oven Baked Fries	19th Baked Mac & Cheese Andouille Sausage	20th Hot Turkey Sandwich with Gravy Mashed Yukon Potatoes Pumpkin Spice Cake	21st Teriyaki Chicken Noodles	Harvest of the month
25th Scalloped Potatoes Ham	26th Walking Tacos Cilantro Lime Rice	<sup>27th</sup> FA BR	28th LL EAK	Potatoes
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## 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

lst Waffles Sausage Links & Maple Syrup Steel Cut Oats	2nd Western Egg Bake Cream of West	3rd Sausage, Fried Egg and Cheddar Cheese Croissant Steel Cut Oats	4th House Made Fresh Cinnamon Rolls Cream of West	
9th Eggs w/ Cheese, Link Sausage & <i>Bagel</i> Steel Cut Oats	10th House Recipe Biscuits & Gravy Cream of West	11th French Toast Bake Fresh Berries Steel Cut Oats	12th Apple and Carmel Cream of West	
16th 17th Waffles Western Egg Bal Sausage Links & Maple Syrup Steel Cut Oats		18th Sausage, Fried Egg and Cheddar Cheese Croissar Steel Cut Oats	mapic Long Johns	

#### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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

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

#### 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 406-264-5110





# SUN RIVER VALLEY

# Food Drive

# NOVEMBER 18- DECEMBER 2

Food Donations are appreciated

Donation boxes at Churches and Valley Schools

### New Children's Clothing Donations are welcome.

Please call 406-233-9723 or email: srvfooddrive@gmail.com for more information.

Financial donations are encouraged.

Donations can be mailed to:

Friends of the Sun River Valley Food Drive

P.O. Box 398

Simms, MT 59477

Know of a family or older couple that might need help this Holiday season? (All referrals will remain confidential). Please call 406-233-9723 or send email to srvfooddrive@gmail.com

The Friends of the Sun River Valley Food Drive is an IRS certified 501 © (3) non-profit charitable organization. Our tax identification number is EIN# 20-3902314.





#### Sun River Valley Holiday Drive Family List

Head of Household Name:	8			Cut Off For Sub	mission will be December 1, 2024.	
Mail Address:				Please note: You must pick up your food and gifts at the Lions Hall in Simms		
				or at the Food	Bank in Sun River (no deliveries).	
Home Phone:				_		
Cell Phone				Please choose your Holiday meal meat:		
				Ham	Turkey	
Adults and Children in Hou	isehold Age 18 a	nd below	Childre	ens Clothing		
First Name	Gender	Age	Shirt Size	Pant Size	Interest/Hobbies	
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Additional Information You Would Like The Volunteers To Know:				We serve families and individuals in the Sun River Valley and Vaughn school districts. Please call the Food Bank at (406) 233- 9723 or ask your school administrator for more information. Please complete this form, take a photo/scan and send it to srvfooddrive@gmail.com or mail to:		
				SRV Holiday Dr	ive	
(8) //				P.O. Box 398		
				Simms, MT 594	177	

# **School Lunch Program**

It's time to apply for the School Lunch Program. <u>All families interested in free and re-</u> duced meals are required to apply each year regardless of previous qualification.

The meal applications are found on the Sun River Valley Schools website, <u>www.srvs.k12.mt.us</u>, 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 <u>as there will be no grace period</u> <u>this year.</u>

## 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



#### **November**

- 1 MS BB vs. Cascade 8 Man 1st Round Play-Offs HS District Tour. Volleyball@ Cascade
- 2 HS District Tour. Volleyball @ Cascade Speech &Drama @ Havre
- **3 Daylights Savings Ends**
- 5 Election Day Winter Sports Activity Photos
- 7 Shakespeare in the Schools HS VB Divisional @ Ft. Benton
- 8 MS BB @ Sunburst 8 Man Quarter Final Play-Offs
- 9 HS Speech & Drama @ CJI MS BB vs. PDB
- 11 Veterans' Day MS BB @ Valier
- 12 HS Winter Sports Meeting MS BB vs. Vaughn
  - School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 14 MS & HS Music @ Ft. Shaw Comm. Cntr.
- 16 Speech & Drama @ Conrad8 Man Semi-Final
  - MS BB @ Valier
- 18 MS BB Round 1
- 19 MS BB Round 2
- 21 First day of HS WR and BB Practice
- 23 MS BB Final Four
- 23 Speech & Drama @ North Star
- **27-28 THANKSGIVING BREAK**



#### **December**

- 5 BB vs. Lincoln
  - HS WR @ Cascade
- 6 HS WR @ Cascade
- 10 School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 12 MS & HS Music @ Ft. Shaw Comm. Cntr
- 13-14 Speech & Drama @ Malta

HS BB@ CascadePre-Season Tourn. HS WR @ Glascow

- 16 Blood Drive @ SHS
- 17 ASVAB-Juniors
- 20 HS WR @ CMR Holiday Tourn. HS BB vs. Augusta
- 21 HS WR JV/Frosh @ GFH HS WR @ CMR Holiday Tourn.

23 NO SCHOOL- Christmas Break

#### <u>January</u>

- **1** New Years Day
- 3 HS BB vs. Cascade
- 4 HS BB @ Sunburst
- **6 SCHOOL RESUMES**