



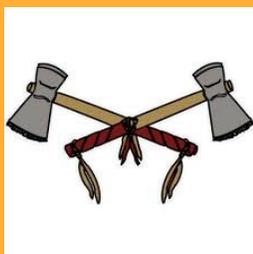
Savage Public School Newsletter

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DATES TO KNOW

- December 15:
Regular Board Meeting
- December 17:
Winter Concert
- December 18:
Noon Release
- December 19-
January 3:
Winter Break
- December 19:
First Home Basketball Game
- January 4:
School Resumes
- January 12: End
2nd Quarter,
1st Semester



If you would like something included in the newsletter, please send it in to ahoffmann@savagepublicschool.com. Please so prior to the last Monday of the month.

Dear Savage,

It is the last month of 2015 and December is looking busy. Please remember that it is a short month with the students getting out at noon on December 18th and returning on January 4th.

The Winter Concert will be held on December 17th and we are looking for a "Santa". Jamie Becker, our music teacher, is thrilled to be presenting her first concert. I know that certain traditions for this concert are expected and enjoyed, and while we want to carry on those traditions, it may not be possible to accommodate all of them this year. Our students have had less time to prepare and our focus will be on celebrating this special time of the year. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing what our students will be presenting.

Due to the success of our technology mill levy, Savage students will be starting to work on 60 new Chromebooks; 40 of which will be in 2 mobile recharging carts. We will still have a computer lab with 20 new Chromebooks to replace the old ones. It is an exciting time to finish the technology update that started with re-cabling the building and purchasing new servers and more wireless connections. This final step of having new computers is due to the Savage community who believes in their school and supports our students' efforts. It comes at the time of year where giving to others is a celebration in itself.

I wish you and your family a season of joy and happiness.

Sincerely,

Lynne Peterson

Superintendent of Savage Public School



Strategic vision takes shape

Savage High School might look very differently in the future, with high-tech classrooms, upgraded facilities, and a renewed commitment to teacher recruiting and retention. All of those topics were among those discussed by school stakeholders during November's Strategic Planning Meeting.

"The goal tonight is to talk about the future of Savage School," said Joe Brott of the Montana School Board Association. Brott led the discussion, as he did during the previous meeting in October.

Stakeholders, which included trustees, teachers, administration, and community members, shared what they considered to be their "big, audacious goal" for Savage School. Brott described the goal as something ambitious that the school could strive for. With a goal in place, the school and its trustees can plan for it. Many schools that have strategic plans use their big, long-term goals to help guide their policy decisions.

The talk focused around

facilities during the November meeting. Some of the discussed proposals called for a new gym and more locker room space. Others called for a more centralized office and a larger library. Some trustees noted that the high school wing of the building was going to be over 40 years old.

In classrooms, there was request for better technology aspect. It was noted that the school must keep pace with technology in order to keep students prepared for life after school, as well as to keep them safe. There was also talk of offering things like standing desks and wobble chairs for students that require movement in order to learn.

Stakeholders also identified the science department as a place where upgrades in facilities and equipment could take place. A greenhouse and garden was among one of the ideas.

Aside from facilities, stakeholders also discussed the identity of the school. Some wanted to see the school become more of a "community

classroom", a place where adult education could take place.

"You want to see this where the school becomes the true center of the community," said Brott. "So, it would have a community library, be a learning center for adults, be a place for events."

The meeting did also talk about what some obstacles to achieving the goals would be. The biggest concerns were enrollment numbers and revenue. While stakeholders were confident that Savage could attract businesses and even new families in the future, there were many things that were outside of the stakeholder's control. Some would depend on the completion of a new sewer lagoon. Other aspects depended on the presence of oil money.

It was noted that the town typically supports Savage Public School with the passing of mill levies. It was a trend stakeholders at least hoped would continue.

A third planning meeting will be held on January 11.

Seniors to hold food drive

Savage's senior class will be running a food drive at the school. The drive will begin on Tuesday, December 1 and run through Thursday, December 17. On the first day of the drive, students in the Government class will go around to other classrooms and talk to younger students about the importance of giving, especially during the holiday season. Seniors will deliver the food to a Sidney Food Bank on the 17th.



Volunteers needed for Senior Holiday Dinner

As is traditional, the senior class will be hosting the free-will dinner before the Winter Concert. This will take place on December 17th. However, this year's senior class would like to try something different.

Many of us have special foods that we eat during the holidays. Meals or special foods that are traditional to our families or that are part of our heritage. The seniors would like to have a meal featuring some of these holiday specialties.

While the seniors have come up with some food they plan on serving, they are open to suggestions from others in the community. The current menu includes: Knepple Soup, as sug-

gested by Darcy Hessel. Joanne Hagler has been asked to help with making an oyster stew. The seniors would like to get lefse, and are looking for help either making it or purchasing it. The seniors will also be making rosettes and spritz cookies.

The seniors are looking for a few more items to round out the meal, and provide Savage with a number of options to choose from as we gather together to celebrate our cultures. If you have any suggestions or would like to help the seniors make the food for the meal, please contact Jean Hagler or any member of the senior class. The class of 2016 thanks you for your continued support!



Go Fund Me Started for Mousepads

Mrs. MacSteves has set up a Go Fund Me page. The goal of the page is to raise money for personalized mousepads. The mousepads would be used by students from Kindergarten through sixth grade. Mrs. MacSteves says that the mousepads will be a "fun surprise" for students when they come to the computer lab. The account has a goal of \$850. It can be accessed at www.gofundme.com/savagemt

Meet Jamie Becker, Savage's New Music Teacher

I am so very excited to be teaching in Savage. I really am enjoying the community and thankful for the opportunity to teach music here.

I moved to Savage from my hometown, which is about 40 miles south of Boston, MA. I graduated from Bowling Green State University in Ohio in 2011. Since then, I have had so many opportunities working with children. I was a Unit Leader at a Girl Scout summer adventure camp in Plymouth, MA for two years. I also had the opportunity to work with children for 6 months

onboard a cruise ship as a youth activities counselor.

I am very excited to see Savage's potential as I begin to build a strong music program here. I recently have performed in several musical productions and would love to give students the opportunity to do theatre as well. I also have performed all over the South-eastern Massachusetts area as a soloist doing shows for the elderly in assisted livings and nursing homes. Music can have such a positive affect on a person's life.

I want students to look forward to coming to music class everyday and be excited for it. I look forward to seeing this music program grow and continue to grow in the future. I invite everyone to come to Savage's Winter Concert, which will take place on Thursday, December 17th at 7pm in the Gymnasium. There will be a free-will donation dinner provided before the concert starting at 5pm in the Cafeteria. The students are working very hard and it is going to be a great concert! Go Warriors!!!

- Jamie Becker,

Warrior Sports December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 JH B-ball @ Culbertson 4:00	5 JH B-ball @ Brockton 9:00
6	7	8	9	10	11 HS B-ball @ Lambert Invite	12 HS B-Ball @ Lambert Invite JH @ Froid 9:00
13	14 JH B-ball Boys @ Lambert Girls @ Richey	15	16	17	18 HS B-Ball @ Circle 3:00	19 HS B-ball vs MonDak 1:00 JH B-ball @ Final Four, Fairview
20	21	22 HS B-Ball vs Brockton 3:00	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

JH Basketball

Dec. 4 @ Culbertson 4:00

Dec. 5 @ Brockton 9:00

Dec. 12 @ Froid/Lake 9:00

Dec. 14 Boys @ Lambert TBA

Dec. 14 Girls @ Richey TBA

Dec. 19 Final Four, Fairview

Please turn in your uniforms after
the last game!

Please visit us online for full and
updated schedules:
www.savagepublicschool.com

High School Basketball

Dec. 11-12 @ Lambert Invite TBA

Dec. 18 @ Circle 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

Dec. 19 vs. MonDak 1:00/2:30/4:00/6:30

Dec. 22 vs Brockton 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

Jan. 2 @ Fairview 1:00/2:30/4:00/6:30

Jan. 8 vs Bainville 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

Jan. 9 @ Lambert 1:00/2:30/4:00/6:30

Jan. 15 @ Plentywood 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

Jan. 16 vs Culbertson 1:00/2:30/4:00/6:30

**** Times may change based on JV participation ****

December Menus

Breakfast

Nov. 30 Cereal
Dec. 1 English Muffin
Dec. 2 Hot and Cold Cereal
Dec. 3 Baked Omelet
Dec. 4 Pancake with Syrup
Dec. 7 Cereal
Dec. 8 Scrambled Eggs
Dec. 9 Hot and cold cereal
Dec. 10 Pancake wrap
Dec. 11 Caramel Roll
Dec. 14 Cereal
Dec. 15 Pancakes
Dec. 16 Hot and Cold Cereal
Dec. 17 Omelets
Dec. 18 Coffee Cake
Dec. 19-Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL
Jan. 4 Cereal
Jan. 5 Maple Bar
Jan. 6 Hot and Cold Cereal
Jan. 7 Breakfast Bar
Jan. 8 French Toast

Lunch

Nov. 30 Burritos
Dec. 1 Chicken Drumsticks
Dec. 2 Sub Sandwiches
Dec. 3 Spaghetti with meat sauce
Dec. 4 Barber Poles
Dec. 7 Chicken Strips
Dec. 8 Tater Tot Casseroles
Dec. 9 Hot Ham and Cheese
Dec. 10 Tacos
Dec. 11 Corn Dogs
Dec. 14 French Dip
Dec. 15 Christmas Dinner
Dec. 16 Super Nachos
Dec. 17 Chicken Alfredo
Dec. 18 Hamburgers
Dec. 19-Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL
Jan. 4 Sloppy Joes
Jan. 5 Chicken fried Steak
Jan. 6 Grilled cheese sandwiches
Jan. 7 Chicken Fajitas
Jan. 8 Chili

Art Supply Gift Ideas

Below are a few gift giving recommendations for the creative type in your house!

Expressionist Oil Pastels

Expressionist oil pastels are one of the smoothest and blend-able types of oil pastels on the market. Your teenage artist will LOVE using these verses the standard student grade brands. Don't forget to include an extender stick for a stocking-stuffer.



Prismacolor Colored Pencils

Prismacolor colored pencils are the top of the line colored pencils for inspiring artists. They leave a vibrant color on the paper and overlay with one another so nicely that your gift recipient can create more realistic drawings. Burnisher or blending pencils are another great addition that will help your artist create smoother areas of color.

Crochet or Knitting Kits

A great hands on idea that doesn't involve drawing skills is crocheting or knitting kits! Students of all ages have really been loving working with textiles this year and there are plenty of great kits available to help them create art using yarns, threads, string and more! Just make sure you check the age appropriate listing on the kit to make sure it's not too advanced for your gift recipient.



Watercolor Pencils

This is a very clean and easy way for your artist to practice drawing their images BEFORE they turn it into a painting!

Crayola watercolor pencils are the best for any age and can be fairly easy to find. However, for those high school students who love watercolor painting but prefer to draw, I recommend a Derwent Inktense pencil. These are a professional grade pencil and the color quality is absolutely stunning!

Remember to make sure your artist also has some paintbrushes and watercolor paper for these materials.



Weaving Loom

A loom is a perfect gift idea for ALL ages! This is a great present for the artists who tend to shy away from the traditional drawing to create art. There are many loom options out there to fit any gift giving budget, but don't forget to purchase some yarn and string for your weaver!



Theatre Make-Up

For those students enrolled in the Theatre Arts course or wanting to learn how to create art using their face as their canvas, a simple stage make-up kit is a unique and fun gift option! Ben Nye products are always best, but not necessary for your aspiring stage artist!