



# Savage Public School Newsletter

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## DATES TO KNOW

- **Jan. 4: School Resumes**
- **Jan. 4: First day, elementary basketball practice**
- **Jan. 5: Strategic Planning Meeting**
- **Jan. 7: Eligibility pulled on Thursday.**
- **Jan. 12: End of 2nd quarter and first semester**
- **Jan. 19 School board meeting**
- **Jan. 29 No school, teacher in-service**



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From Lynne Peterson, Superintendent

Dear Savage,

Welcome to 2016! We are nearing the half way mark of this year, much to everyone's surprise. The new year always seems to catch us off guard but it is a nice time to reflect upon what we have accomplished so far. The list is quite impressive, take a look!

- Our new teachers, Mrs. MacSteves, Miss Becker, Mrs. Schwab, and Miss Henwood are on the go and contributing greatly to our students' achievement.
- Heidi Koffkey has been amazing as our new secretary, it is a pleasure to hear her welcoming voice when calling the school.
- Wade Hagler is established and has those students busy in the shop.
- It is wonderful to have the dynamic duo of Terry Adolph and Carla Linderman keeping our school shiny and clean.
- Our first concert by Miss Becker was a huge success and appreciated by all who attended.
- Mrs. Nelson has her office ready to go and is demonstrating her professionalism as a principal.
- Miss Tuttle has not missed a beat while teaching 4th and 5th grade as well as fulfilling her internship requirements as Savage's counselor.
- 20 new chrome boxes are installed in the computer lab
- 2 new mobile computer labs, with 20 chrome books each, are ready to go.
- Our athletes are not only performing on the court, but also in the classroom. 17 of our high school students made Academic All-State by having a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Mrs. MacSteves wrote a grant to Mid-Rivers and Savage was the recipient of \$1,000 to go toward new smartboards.

As always, I encourage you to visit the school to see how active the learning environment is and how our dedicated, professional faculty contributes each day toward student achievement. Savage is also lucky to have a committed support staff in our classroom aides, para-professionals, lunch ladies, janitors, secretary, clerk, and coaches. I also have a request for the community. Our basketball games are well attended and are a way for us to meet and enjoy one another's company, but it would be most helpful if we all joined together to clean up the gym after the game. It is also a way for us to model behaviors to show our that we all contribute to the well-being of the school.

## Board approves new eligibility rules

The Savage Public School board has approved a new policy that aims to keep students academically eligible and prevent students from missing games. The policy was written by members of the faculty.

The board also approved of a measure to start taking eligibility on Thursday, instead of Monday as had been done in the past. This would allow students that are failing any classes the weekend to bring their grade up to passing. It would also give teachers additional time in the week to put in their grades before eligibility is pulled. Teachers will be required to have their grades updates by 4:00 Thursday.

The new policy reads:

“In an effort to ensure that students remain eligible for extracurricular activities and take responsibility for the academic success, we are implementing a mandatory study session for students that may become ineligible. Students that are failing a class will be

given a “grace week”. During this grace week the student will:

1. On the Thursday of the grace week, the student shall call and notify his or her parents/guardians that he or she is taking part in mandatory study sessions in order to raise his or her grades.

2. Meet with teachers in failing classes on Thursday, after school, to develop a “plan of action” to bring his or her grade up to passing.

3. Supply the “plan of action” to the detention teacher, the athletic director, and the superintendent.

4. Check their grades and missing assignments in Power School.

5. Report to the assigned detention duty teacher each day, Thursday-Wednesday, including game days, for a

mandatory study session.

If a student completes his or her plan of action prior to the end of the grace week, with teacher and athletic director approval, he or she will no longer be required to attend detention. Students that are in their grace week are still eligible for games.

Students will be able to check grades at the end of each school day.

If the student does not complete their plan of action or continues to be ineligible they will:

1. Complete all the steps of the grace week

2. Report to the assigned detention duty teacher each day, regardless of whether or not he or she completed the plan of action. Students that are on the ineligibility list are ineligible to play in any games that week.”

## Reminder on school medicine policy

Savage Public School would like to remind parents and guardians that children that require medications to be taken during the school day must provide a note. The “Request for Self-Medication” forms your child brought home at the beginning of the year only allows them to receive acetaminophen (drugs

such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. The form did not cover any other types of over-the-counter drugs. If your child needs to take other medications, please send a note to the school detailing the drug, dosage, and timeline in which it is to be administered so that we can ensure that the drug is administered safely.

Both over-the-counter and prescription drugs require a note from a parent or a guardian. Prescription drugs need an additional note from a medical professional.

To view the full policy, visit the school’s website at [www.savagepublicschool.com](http://www.savagepublicschool.com). The medicine policy is Savage District Policy #3416.

# Concessions help needed during basketball

After the conclusion of the fall sports season, the concession stand operation at Savage is running in the black. A big thank you goes out to all students and parents who helped out during football, volleyball, and junior high basketball season. Due to their efforts, what is raised during the basketball season will help go towards the fundraising efforts of Savages 6th,

7th, and 8th grade classes. Money raised now can go towards future class projects and their senior trip.

Mr. Stonehocker, who is running the concessions this year, is looking for parents to help out during the basketball season. The home dates for the basketball season are: January 8 vs Bainville, January 16 vs Culbertson, January 22 vs Circle, January 30

vs Fairview, February 5 vs Froid-Medicine Lake, and February 13 vs.. Richie-Lambert.

If you are interested in volunteering to help run the concessions stand and help the junior high in their fundraising efforts, please contact Mr. Stonehocker. His e-mail address is [sstonehocker@savagepublicschool.com](mailto:sstonehocker@savagepublicschool.com)

# National Honors Society Inducts Seven

After a hiatus of several years, the Savage National Honors Society has been reinstated in order to recognize academic achievement and leadership for Savage students.

"We really want to do more to show students that the work they put in academically is valued. It is very easy to recognize and appreciate what our students do athletically, but it can sometimes be harder to show that for academics. This club will help with that," said Alan Hoffmann, the club's advisor.

Students had to have a GPA of 3.5 or

higher and be at least a sophomore to be eligible for the Savage chapter. In all, seven students were admitted into the Savage chapter. They are seniors Trey Bloesser, Ashley Green, Riley Hagler, and Paxton Miller; juniors Lexi Joslin and Bryar Lange; and sophomore Owen Nelson.

The students were inducted into National Honors Society during the winter concert on December 17.

Once school resumes in January, the chapter will work to maintain the four pillars of National Honors Society:

Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. The chapter will look for ways to give back to the community.

"I think it will be terrific for these kids to show their leadership skills outside of school.. I can't wait to see what they come up with to help give back to our area," Hoffmann said.

The chapter will also engage in fundraising efforts. Hoffmann has the eventual goal of giving a \$500 scholarship to a Savage senior that has been involved in National Honors Society.

# Teacher's Corner with Mrs. Nelson

Savage has been home to me for the past 12 years. This is my 10th year teaching here in Savage. My first year was spent teaching Title I. The next year I took over the Special Education program in addition to Title I. I enjoy teaching students who learn a bit differently. We have learned in my room to appreciate the smallest of accomplishments. Not a day goes by that one of my students doesn't make me laugh.

In the fall of 2014, I signed on with Montana State University to get my Master's degree in Educational Leader-

ship. This year I have taken on Principal duties and really enjoy it. I will graduate from the Leadership program in May 2016. I look forward to wrapping that up!

In addition to my roll at Savage School I am a mom. Owen and Logan keep me busy running to sporting events. I enjoy seeing them at school on a daily basis. My door is always open and I invite you to stop in any time. Thanks for making sure Savage School is successful!



# Warrior Sports January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 HS @ Fairview 1:00
3	4	5	6	7	8 HS vs. Bainville 3:00	9 HS @ Lambert 1:00
10	11	12	13	14	15 HS @ Plentywood 3:00	16 HS vs Culbertson 1:00
17	18	19	20	21	22 HS vs Circle 3:00	23 HS @ Westby 1:00
24	25	26	27	28	29 HS @ Bainville 3:00	30 HS vs Fairview 1:00
31	Complete schedules can be found online at <a href="http://www.savagepublicschool.com">www.savagepublicschool.com</a>					

## Elementary Basketball

Jan. 4. First day of Practice

Jan. 16 vs Culbertson TBA

Jan. 23 @ Westby TBA

Jan. 30 vs. Fairview TBA

February 6 @ Froid/Lake TBA

Feb. 13 @Froid/Lake TBA

## High School Basketball

Times may changed based on JV Participation

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

Jan. 9 @ Lambert 1:00/2:30/4:00/5:30

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

Jan. 16 vs Culbertson 1:00/2:30/4:00/5:30

Jan. 22 vs Circle 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

Jan. 23 @ Westby 1:00/2:30/4:00/5:30

Jan. 29 @ Bainville 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

# January Menus

## Breakfast

Jan. 4 Cereal  
Jan. 5 Maple Bar  
Jan. 6 Hot and Cold Cereal  
Jan. 7 Breakfast Bar  
Jan. 8 French Toast  
Jan. 11 Cereal  
Jan. 12 English Muffin  
Jan. 13 Hot and Cold Cereal  
Jan. 14 Breakfast Pizza  
Jan. 15 Omelet  
Jan. 18 Cereal  
Jan. 19 Waffles with syrup  
Jan. 20 Hot and Cold Cereal  
Jan. 21 Breakfast burrito  
Jan. 22 Bagels  
Jan. 25 Cereal  
Jan. 26 Scrambled Eggs  
Jan. 27 Hot and Cold Cereal  
Jan. 28 Biscuits and Gravy  
Jan. 29 NO SCHOOL

## Lunch

Jan. 4 Sloppy Joes  
Jan. 5 Chicken fried Steak  
Jan. 6 Grilled cheese sandwiches  
Jan. 7 Chicken Fajitas  
Jan. 8 Chili  
Jan. 11 Mini Corn Dogs  
Jan. 12 Lasagna  
Jan. 13 Pork Steak  
Jan. 14 Taco Soup  
Jan. 15 Chicken patties  
Jan. 18 Chicken strips  
Jan. 19 Stroganoff  
Jan. 20 Croissants  
Jan. 21 Tostados  
Jan. 22 Hot Dogs  
Jan. 25 Macaroni Hot Dish  
Jan. 26 Chicken a la King  
Jan. 27 Beef Fritters  
Jan. 28 Hot Ham and Cheese  
Jan. 29 NO SCHOOL

## Student wins D.C. Trip with essay

Congratulations to Owen Nelson for winning a trip to Washington D.C. and a scholarship through the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association. Owen submitted an essay about how the Lower Yellowstone Electrical Cooperative could better reach its younger members. He is one of 20 winners from the state of Montana. Owen will receive a free trip to Washington D.C, a \$1,000 scholarship, and \$200 off his parents' bill through LYREC. The essay contest was open to any sophomores and juniors who parents are customers of LYREC. Owen was the only student to submit an essay from Savage.

## Seniors gather food, raise voting awareness

The food drive organized by the Senior Class was a success. Government teacher Mrs. Henwood reports that the seniors took in five boxes of canned goods. The food was delivered to the Sidney Food Bank on December, 16. In addition to delivering the food, the Senior Class continued with their project in encouraging people to vote. They recorded public service announcements about voting. Those can be heard on 93.1 FM.

## Reminder of GoFundMe Page for mousepads

Mrs. MacSteves would like to remind the community that there is a GoFundMe page set up to help benefit Savage's students. Proceeds from the fund would go towards making personalized mousepads for students. MacSteves says that it will be a fun way for students to feel more comfortable in the lab, especially elementary students who are new to keyboarding. The page can be reached at [www.gofundme.com/savagemt](http://www.gofundme.com/savagemt). As of December 18, the account had raised \$170 of the \$850 goal.

## Students spread Christmas cheer at Manor



The last day before Winter Break was spent spreading holiday cheer. All students in grades 7-12 along with faculty and staff went over to Savage Manor to sing Christmas Carols to the residents.

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