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Newsletter: November and December, 2021

HAPPY THANKSGIVING and have a wonderful HOLIDAY SEASON!

High School Sports:

- What a wonderful Warrior finish for our Varsity Football Team! The final game was breathtaking and heart wrenching all at the same time. Kudos to our boys for an exciting season!
- Lady Warriors are headed to the divisional tourney! Enjoy the competition of our Lady Warriors!

Jr. High and Elementary School Sports:

- Our football and volleyball teams had an awesome season of growth and development. Thank you to our football coach, Riley Hagler and volunteer Mike Bender. Thank you to our volleyball coaches, Michelle Miller and Raigan Smith.

Absences Reminders:

Classifying Absences

How are absences classified?

- **EXCUSED ABSENCES:**
 - Absences that are excused by the student's parent or guardian by **NOTE** for illness (which does not require hospitalization), family trips, scheduled medical appointments where no note is provided, etc.
 - These absences will be recorded as a E in PowerSchool.
- **SCHOOL-RELATED ABSENCES:**
 - These absences will apply to student's participation in school athletic events and other absences deemed curricular.
 - These absences will be recorded as a S in PowerSchool.
- **WAIVED ABSENCES:**
 - Subpoenas, to appear in court or court-ordered, out-of-district placements for special services.
 - Serious illness, family emergency, hospitalization or mental or physical, or medical appointment where a doctor's note is provided.

Attendance Requirements for Extracurricular Activities

Can my child attend after school activities if they are absent from school?

- For a student to be eligible to participate in any extracurricular school activity (competition or practice), **they must have attended a full day of classes on the day of that activity or the last day before the activity.**
- Students absent on the last school day of any week will not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities until the required class attendance for eligibility is met.
 - Example: if a student should miss school on Thursday, they cannot participate Friday, or Saturday.
- **Medical excused absences are considered as having been in attendance for this policy. (Remember a note is required from the medical provider, as stated in the information above about absences.**
- In an unforeseen or emergency circumstance, other than medical, administration can waive this requirement.

**Gentle Reminders of Dress Code for Extracurricular:
Travel Requirements**

Dress Code

What is the dress code for extracurricular activities?

- Extracurricular and athletic participants will follow the dress code for trips established and communicated to them and their parents by the coach/advisor for the activity or sport.
- At minimum, this will include:
 - No blue jeans
 - No t-shirts
 - No sweatshirts
 - No sweatpants
 - No tank tops
 - No leggings unless top covers the thighs
- The 4 B's rule will be enforced.
- For travel, appropriate seasonal outerwear and footwear are required. This includes:
 - Walking shoes
 - Winter coat
 - Hat, gloves, etc.
- Casual wear is allowed for the bus ride home but is not allowed to be worn until immediately before loading the bus.
- Home game attire is required to meet the school day dress code.

Shoutouts and Thanks:

- Congratulations to our art teacher, Cassandra Moos, as she was awarded a \$4000 grant from Mid-Rivers for our art department!
- Congratulations to our music teacher, Nate Louisignau, as he was awarded a \$1000 grant from Peter Marsh Foundation for our music department!
- Thank you to ChampionX company for providing our school with winter coats and mittens. These items will be used when or if a student forgets their winter gear.
- Thank you to the Savage Fire Department for making "Fire Prevention Week" meaningful, informational, and loads of fun for our students. Our K-5 students had a great time riding the fire truck and touring the station.
- Thank you to all staff for celebrating "Red Ribbon Week", which is sponsored by the Richland County Health Department.
- Thank you to all of the elementary teachers for scheduling with me so I can have "Super Lunch" with PreK-6th grade students during lunch time. "Super Lunch" is an absolute joy for me, as I get special time to visit with our students and hear their stories.
- I will be scheduling time for our 7-12 students to have a "Super Treat" after Thanksgiving.

General Information Update:

- At this time, we are working with the Montana Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) and the DEQ to continue moving forward to fix our water with the 250K grant that was awarded to Savage Schools under HB 6 this past legislative session.
- Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA) Board of Directors unanimously voted to end their membership with the National School Boards Association (NSBA) on June 30, 2022. This occurred as a result of the lack of focus of the NSBA for families, community stakeholders, and local school boards.
- Our district has once again updated school policies to align with required policies and policies to for school operation.

School Board Meetings: November 15, 2021 meeting will be in the Boardroom at 7:00 PM. The December 20, 2021 time has been changed to 5:30 PM and to assure we can all attend the Elementary Christmas Concert!

Informational Inserts:

- Activities and Menus Calendar
- Teachers' Tidbits and Information

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Activities and Meal Menu: (Meals may change pending deliveries!)

| November 2021 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | 1 Picture Retakes B: Waffles L: Chicken Fajitas | 2 JH BB v Brockton (4:30 pm) B: Cereal L: Chicken Drummys | 3 B: Bagels L: Mini Corn Dogs | 4 Divisional VB (Sidney) B: Cereal L: Lasagna | 5 PIR Teachers Divisional VB (Sidney) JH BB @F/L (4:00) | 6 Divisional VB (Sidney) JH BB @ R/L (10:00) Football Playoff |
| 7 | 8 B: Pancake Muffins L: Chicken Alfredo | 9 B: Cereal L: Pork Roast/M Pot. | 10 B: Scrambled Eggs/Ch. L: Hot ham and Cheese | 11 State VB (Bozeman) B: Cereal L: Burrito Casserole | 12 State VB (Bozeman) | 13 State VB (Bozeman) JH BB v Plentywood (10:00) Football Playoffs |
| 14 | 15 School Board Meeting (7:00 pm) B: French Toast L: Hot Dogs | 16 Basketball Parent Meeting (6:00 pm) B: Cereal L: Thanksgiving Dinner | 17 B: Breakfast Sandwiches L: Stroganoff | 18 Basketball Starts B: Cereal L: Beef Stew | 19 4-12 School JH BB @ Fairview (4:00) B: Long Johns L: Chicken Strips | 20 JH BB v Circle (10:00) |
| 21 | 22 District Honor Band/Choir JH BB v R/L 4:30 PM B: Cinn. French Toast L: Pizza Sticks | 23 District Honor Band/Choir JH BB @ Bainville (5:30) B: Cereal L: Slush Burgers | 24 No School Thanksgiving Break | 25 No School Thanksgiving Break | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 B: Pancakes L: French Dips | 30 B: Cereal L: Pork Roast/M Pot. | | | | |

| December 2021 | | | | | | |
|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | 1 B: Eggs/Bacon/Cheese L: Chef Salad/Ch. Soup | 2 B: Cereal L: Burritos | 3 BB v Broadus (In Miles City) JH BB @ Culbertson (4:00) B: Coffee Cake Nachos | 4 BB v Jordan (In Miles City) JH BB @ Brockton (9:00) |
| 5 | 6 B: Egg Bake/Ham L: Chicken Nuggets | 7 JH BB v Bainville (4:30) B: Cereal L: Hamburg. Gr. M Pot. | 8 B: Cinnamon Rolls L: Chicken Alf. Lasagna | 9 B: Cereal L: Pancakes, Saus. HB | 10 HS BB @ Circle | 11 HS BB @ Culbertson JH BB v F/L (9:00) |
| 12 | 13 B: Pancake Muffins L: Slush Burgers | 14 7-12 Winter Con. 7 PM B: Cereal L: Christmas Dinner (H) | 15 B: French Toast L: Corn Dogs | 16 JH BB Tournament B: Cereal L: Chicken Ala King | 17 HS BB v Fairview | 18 HS BB @ Grenora JH BB Final Four |
| 19 | 20 School Board: 5:30 PM K-6 Winter Con. 7 PM B: Eggs/Ham/Cheese L: Hamburgers | 21 HS BB v Plentywood B: Cereal L: Scalloped Potatoes | 22 ER (2:00 PM) Release B: Long Johns L: Pizza Sticks | 23 No School | 24 No School | 25 |
| 26 | 27 No School | 28 No School | 29 No School | 30 No School | 31 No School | |

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The 7th graders made edible cell models of plant and animal cells that they had such a fun time creating. The 8th graders went on a field trip to the weed district facility in Sidney and learned about different subjects pertaining to our environment. Examples of this include quality of soil, invasive species, bees and honey, how to use GPS and different species of animals in Montana.



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

It is not uncommon for my conversations with my senior English class to focus on what comes after high school. I love to know what they are thinking about what sorts of careers or colleges they will pursue once they graduate Savage, and I think (maybe hope) that they appreciate my perspective on that process. In a recent discussion with the seniors, I watched as their eyes got big when I listed off the myriad of things they would have pay for once they move out on their own. It was clear that our senior class was undergoing a reality check.

With that in mind, I tried to think of a way to talk about life skills with our students. That's when I decided to form a Life Skills Club here at Savage. I'm very excited about this club and feel our students will benefit from it. I want to talk to them about budgeting, how credit and credit cards work, time management, and maybe even some basic cooking skills. Being an adult can be hard, and hopefully we can arm our students with some knowledge to minimize the impact of the reality checks they are sure to face once they leave Savage.

I am excited to undertake this club. We'll be getting underway with it in November. I'll send information home with students once we're ready to get underway.

Alan Hoffmann
English Teacher

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Hello from History Class,

The 8th grade students have been working hard learning about the early days of our great state of Montana. They have learned about the American Indians who lived here and how the settlements of new people completely changed their way of life as well as the landscape.

As part of teaching Montana History, I am to include pieces of American Indian tribal history within the students' learning. The best way I could think to do this was through making moccasins. Students have received kits that I ordered and have been creating their own unique pair. I will be excited to show you all the results.

I am also the advisor of the student council. So far, we have established leadership and gathered some fundraising ideas. Be looking for those in the near future. The students are very excited to be a part of this organization.

As the end of the year is coming rather quickly, my students have been planning some interesting semester projects. The United States history class has been making a diorama of different wars or important events in the 1800s (a part of Manifest Destiny). The Government class will be creating projects centered around the Judicial Branch. I am looking forward to seeing this outcome.

This year has been going by so quickly, but I can see the students' knowledge growing everyday. I am looking forward to sharing more information and achievements in the future!

~Ms. Ler

5th GRADE

It has been an amazing start to the school year, I am so lucky to have such amazing students that have welcomed me to Savage Public School! In 5th grade we will be working hard on our state projects from now until Winter break! We will be learning everything there is to know about our chosen state and present what we learned in different ways! We are also going to be working hard on our math vocabulary and reading lots of historical fiction books!

2021 Creative Holiday Gift Ideas

'Tis the Season to start thinking about presents and stocking stuffers! Most kids LOVE being creative and I highly encourage at least one of your gift-giving choices to be something that helps them express themselves and to make things! Here are some suggestions for this year.

- **Play-Dough Sets**-your younger students will love playing with playdough! The act of using their hands builds their fine motor skills but also encourages creativity and play. But, don't just get the play dough, get the fun shape creators and tools too!
- **Macramé** is making a huge comeback in the art world! Using fibers to create knotted textiles can be fun, a bit challenging, but super cute to hang on walls when done. There are tons of kits out there to get your artists going on this form of art.
- Lots of students have also been showing interest in **knitting** and **crocheting** this year. There are also starter kits for either form out there and tons of videos on YouTube to help them learn different stitches. Find them some yarns in their favorite colors, though start with Red Heart as it's a nice starter yarn, and make sure they have hooks or needles to start creating!
- **STEAM projects** are really cool and helpful for those students who don't necessarily like art. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mechanics, and helps students to use their brain to be creative and scientific at the same time. Lego kits have these brain-building options, but so do most craft stores as well!
- **Markers**, now I know markers may seem basic, ordinary, or an everyday art material that may also put fear into the parents of younger students, but it doesn't need to be that way. Markers are bold and bright and can do really cool things in the hands of the right artists.
 - **Crayola Markers**- the washable ones are actually way more exciting than you'd think! When paired with watercolor paper, a paintbrush and water, the marker lines look like really vivid watercolor paintings!
 - **Scented Markers**-not necessarily anything great for learning new coloring skills, but kids just love things that have a scent to them!
 - **Duel Ended Markers**-markers that have a line tip and a brush tip are fantastic for doing a wide variety of art styles. They're great for drawing or calligraphy!
 - **Copic Markers**- if your child likes to illustrate things, illustration markers are so much better for blending and creating comic-book-like illustrations than regular school markers. They will cost more, but their artwork will look SO MUCH BETTER!

Cassandra Moos

K-12 Art & Annual Instructor

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

"In the music department so much is happening that we should all be excited about! The 3rd & 4th Grade put on a spectacular fall musical, Peter Pan Jr. I can't thank the students and parents enough for their support throughout the entire process. Can't wait for next year's musical! The Savage Music Department put on an excellent Veterans Day Salute Concert on Tuesday, October 26th that was well received and appreciated by the community. Our 7-12th Grade Band is super excited to start their fundraising campaign for the music department's first ever band tour! At the end of May 2022 the band will be heading to Rapid City, South Dakota for four days of music performance opportunities and plenty of fun! There will be multiple opportunities throughout the school year to show your support for this endeavor. Right now, we are currently collecting recipes for the next edition of "The Savage Community Cookbook." Feel free to text, mail or send any recipes you might like to submit with a student or call the school! Thank you Savage for your amazing support for music and we can't wait for what's coming up next!"

Sincerely, Nate Louisignau. Savage Music Director.

MATH DEPARTMENT



Now, for those of us who love brainteasers and puzzles, here is a fun challenge! If you complete this and send it with your student to class, they may receive some extra credit!!!