



Savage Public School Newsletter

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DATES TO KNOW

- November 17th: Regular Board Meeting, 7:00
- November 19th: Strategic Planning Meeting, 6:00
- November 19th: First day of HS Basketball
- November 25-27: No school, Thanksgiving Break



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,

I want to thank you all for patiently waiting for our new music teacher, Jamie Becker. She will be arriving the first week in November to start on November 9th. She is a graduate of Bowling Green State University of Ohio, and is extremely excited to start her first teaching job with us. It has not been easy but members of the community have stepped up to help out. Special recognition should go to Kola Miller who has been inspirational in teaching our kindergarten and first grade students in singing and dancing. I hope you got to see the elementary students perform during half-time at the varsity football games. Mr. Tim Koffkey has been diligently keeping our high school band practicing to keep their music skills from getting rusty.

I would like the community to help Ms. Becker feel welcome. As she makes her move across the country, she needs some items for her apartment. If anyone has a dresser, a small sofa, a queen-sized bed, and a coffee table that they could donate to her, she and the school would be very grateful.

While attending state conferences such as Montana Conference of Educational Leadership (MCEL) and Montana Association of School Superintendents (MASS), I have listened to many administrators speak of the difficulty in filling teaching positions. It is evident that recruitment and retention of quality educators is a great challenge for rural communities in Montana, as well as the rest of the nation. Fewer students are entering college educational programs while teachers are exiting the profession in ever growing numbers. I have 2 questions for you to consider: Why is the teaching profession less enticing to our younger generation? How can our community encourage teachers to relocate here? I realize these are broad questions with no easy answers or solutions, but I feel that we have exceptional students and a caring community that work together to ensure that our staff remains professional and of high quality. I welcome you to share your thoughts and ideas on the Savage Facebook page or any other venue that promotes positive communication.

Sincerely,

Lynne Peterson

Superintendent

Savage Public School



Savage begins work on Strategic Vision

On Monday, October 26, Savage Public School began work on a strategic plan with aims on improving the school over the next 20-30 years. The meeting was attended by several stakeholders: board trustees, administration, teachers, parents and community members.

"This is about having a vision that can stay in place regardless of who is on the board, who is in administration, and who is teaching," said Joe Brott of the Montana School Board Association. Brott helped facilitate discussion during the October meeting and will help guide the board and school through this process.

Brott notes that while it can be hard to think of how a school should work 20 or 30 years down the road, having such a plan can help dictate decisions now. He told those at the meeting that many school districts use their strategic plan to set their board meeting agendas and even use it when negotiating with teachers and staff. He encouraged the board to adopt a more proactive approach to ensuring the school's

future than a reactive approach that fixes problems as they arise.

"(The strategic plan) is a commitment to follow through, even when times get tough," Brott told the board.

Before work can begin on what Brott calls a "big, audacious goal" for Savage, those at the meeting looked at what they considered to be the core purpose of the school, as well as its core values. The core purpose could be thought of as a mission statement. Brott said that it is "the district's fundamental reason for being."

Those in attendance suggested that the core purpose should relate to a desire to see that all students in Savage receive a first-rate education in a safe environment. Other suggestions centered around the need to continue producing well-rounded citizens that are ready for life outside of high school.

The core values of a school are its "essential and enduring tenets", Brott said. The values would be guiding principles that have helped shaped the school in the past and will continue to

do so in the future. The stakeholders present selected Pride, Responsibility, Respect, Tradition, Trust, and Sense of Community as Savage's core values.

With core values and a core purpose in place, stakeholders of Savage Public School will use that as a guide to how they would like to see Savage operate in the future. Brott stressed during the meeting that this process isn't something that is done once and ignored. He said that the strategic plan should be looked at on a yearly basis and revised if needed.

"This isn't something that you just leave on a shelf," he said.

Brott also added in the meeting that there has to be support from the community. "Without that buy-in, the plan won't go anywhere," he said. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the strategic planning meetings.

The next meeting will focus on the district's bigger goals, which will in turn help dictate school policy. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19 in the library at 6:00.

Office Change

Diana Miller, the school clerk, will be moving to a new office. She is now located in the old social studies room which is upstairs next to the computer lab. Her new extension is #220. Angie Nelson will be using Diana's old office for administrative purposes.

Warriors raise awareness with Pack it in Pink

On Thursday, October 22, the team celebrated their sixth annual Pack it in Pink Night. The yearly event celebrates cancer survivors in the area and helps to raise money for Richland County Community Care.

Through a silent auction, the gate, as well as donations, this year's Pack it in Pink Night helped raise \$1,039.75

The event also honored can-

cer survivors in attendance. As head volleyball coach Jean Hagler read off a list of cancer survivors in Savage, members of the volleyball team gave each survivor present a flower in appreciation.

"Thank you to the community for their support of our ongoing mission," said Hagler.



New flag poles dedicated

Thanks to the Savage Booster Club for their donation of the flag poles at Quale Field. The poles were dedicated with a ceremony honoring veterans prior to the football game on October 2.



Cafeteria introduces share basket

In an effort to try and cut down on wasted food, a share basket has been added to the cafeteria for students to be able to place food they don't want. Any fruit, as long as it hasn't been bitten into, or any unopened packaged items, such as extra milks or applesauce can be put in the bucket. Other items, such as muffins, and yogurt can be placed in the share basket, as long as the item has not been opened. This way, students that are still hungry might find something more to eat, and those that don't need or want extra food don't throw it away.

Seniors to help Get out the Vote

The seniors are moving ahead on their semester projects for Government and were recently featured in the Sidney Herald. With presidential primary and general elections looming in front of us, the seniors have set out to raise voter turnout in Richland County. They began their project by getting the facts. Each group set out to determine the number of citizens old enough to vote, the number that were actually registered, the number that actually voted, the number of precincts, and where they are located. Students have also been getting to know the candidates. The seniors then developed public service announcements for the newspaper and the radio. Their next task at hand will be developing other creative ways to get voters to the polls.

Warrior Sports November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 JH B-ball vs Froid	7 JH B-ball at Richey
8	9	10	11	12	13 JH B-ball vs MonDak	14
15	16	17	18	19 First day HS Basketball	20 JH B-ball @Fairview	21 JH B-ball vs Circle
22	23	24 JH B-ball vs Bainville	25	26	27	28
29	30					

HS Football Playoff dates

Savage will play host to their first three playoff games this year, should the Warriors advance. The dates of those games would be:

1st Round: Oct. 31

2nd Round: Nov. 7

Semi-Final: Nov. 14

Championship: Site TBD Nov. 21

Check

www.savagepublicschool.com for complete schedules and updates.

Junior High Basketball

Nov. 6th @Froid/Lake (4:30)

Nov. 7th vs Richey (10:00 am)

Nov. 13th vs MonDak (5:00)

Nov. 20 @ Fairview (4:00)

Nov. 21 vs Circle (10:00 am)

Nov. 24 vs. Bainville (4:30)

Dec. 4 @ Culbertson (4:00)

Dec. 5 @ Brockton (9:00 am)

Dec. 12 @ Froid (9:00)

Dec. 14 Boys @ Lambert Girls @ Richey

Dec. 19th Final Four @ Fairview

November Menus

Breakfast

Nov. 2 Cereal
Nov. 3 English Muffin
Nov. 4 Hot and Cold Cereal
Nov. 5 Breakfast Pizza
Nov. 6 Omelet
Nov. 9 Cereal
Nov. 10 Waffles with Syrup
Nov. 11 Hot and Cold Cereal
Nov. 12 Breakfast Burrito
Nov. 13 Bagels
Nov. 16 Cereal
Nov. 17 Scrambled Eggs
Nov. 18 Hot and Cold Cereal
Nov. 19 Biscuits and Gravy
Nov. 20 Cinnamon Rolls
Nov. 23 Cereal
Nov. 24 French Toast
Nov. 25 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 26 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 27 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 30 TBA

Lunch

Nov. 2 Chicken Sandwich
Nov. 3 Pork Steak
Nov. 4 Taco Soup with Chips
Nov. 5 Italian Pasta Bake
Nov. 6 Polish Dogs
Nov. 9 Chicken Strips
Nov. 10 Stroganoff with Noodles
Nov. 11 Hot Dogs
Nov. 12 Tostados
Nov. 13 Croissants with Ham and Turkey
Nov. 16 Macaroni Hot Dish
Nov. 17 Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 18 Beef Fritters
Nov. 19 Hot Ham and Cheese
Nov. 20 Chicken a la King
Nov. 23 Turkey Hot Dish
Nov. 24 Pizza
Nov. 25 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 26 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 27 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 30 TBA