



Savage Public School Newsletter

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DATES TO KNOW

- **Nov. 8 Election Day**
- **Nov. 15 Regular School Board Meeting**
- **Nov. 18 Mid-quarter**
- **Nov. 23-25 No School, Thanksgiving Break**
- **Dec. 15 Winter Concert**
- **Dec. 16 End Semester**
- **Dec. 20 Noon Release**
- **Dec. 21-Jan. 3 Winter Break**
- **Jan. 4 School Resumes**



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,

The school year is flying by when one realizes that our first quarter is complete and fall sports have concluded. I tend to chart the year by events such as Homecoming, Fall Concert, playoffs, tournaments, parent teacher conferences and 1st quarter grades. It is the natural ebb and flow of the school environment which guides us through the year, and students and staff make the journey together. One skill that we are trying to work with our students is self-advocacy. This is not an easy task to undertake as an adult, let alone as a child, but what better place to encourage this skill than in the school or athletic environment? Our children have a voice in their grades or sports and we should provide them with the opportunity to strengthen it in order to be heard. If your child has a concern about their grades, the following protocol should be used:

1. The child needs to talk to the teacher about how to improve their grades or clarify why they have their current grade.
2. Parent and student should meet with the teacher to see how to better support the student to increase their grade.
3. Parent, student, and teacher can meet with the administration to address the situation.

If your child has a concern about their participation in an extra-curricular event, the following protocol should be used:

1. The child needs to talk to the coach/sponsor about how to improve their performance or discuss concerns they have about practice and games.
2. Parent and student should meet with the coach/sponsor to see how to better support the athlete. Coaches will discuss these specific issues with parents: if their child is being bullied or harassed, if they are struggling in school, when training rules have been broken, if their child is being physically harmed, and if their child has meet with the coach already.
3. Parent, athlete, and coach/sponsor can meet with the AD to address the situation.
4. Parent, athlete, coach/sponsor, and AD meet with the administration to discuss remaining concerns.

It is always wise to remember that educating our students is a process, not a project. While maintaining good grades or being on a winning team are concrete examples of success, they are a small part of a bigger picture that include being a responsible, caring person. Savage School wants our students to be resilient, lifelong learners who have the strength to speak up for themselves and others.

Sincerely

Lynne Peterson, Superintendent

Savage Schools Begins Writing Project

In partnership with the Yellowstone Writing Project, Savage Public School has begun the process of evaluating their current teaching practices with writing. The school hopes to develop a writing curriculum that is tailored to the school.

“One of the issues with writing curricula that you can purchase is that they are made for large schools, where there’s 20, 30 students in a classroom. That doesn’t fit us here, and we want something that will,” said English teacher Alan Hoffmann. He, along with

Cassandra Moos, Amber Henwood, and Tyrell Shannon make up a local leadership team on the project.

The leadership team will act as a liaison between the school and representatives from the Yellowstone Writing Project, based in Bozeman. Four members of the YWP came to Savage for a PIR day in September to talk about the teaching of writing.

“Writing is thinking visualized,” said Kirk Branch, the director of the YWP. Staff goals include developing writing across all curricula to

see how well students are engaging with the subject material.

One of the key components to writing is publication. To help accomplish that, a cork board has been set up in the Commons. Student work will be displayed there throughout the year. Eventually, community members will have the chance to comment on student work.

“We want students to not just write for the teacher. We want them to write for themselves and the greater community,” Hoffmann said.

Make sure lunch counts are paid

Savage Public School currently has several lunch accounts that continue to have a large negative balance. The school does not like to refuse anyone their breakfast or lunch due to a lack of funds in their account. That said, the school asks that parents make sure their students have a positive balance. This can be checked in PowerSchool. The school will no longer allow more than an \$8.00 deficit in the student’s account. The school recognizes that it can be a financial hardship to catch up a large negative balance and fund future meals. If you or your family requires assistance, please contact the school about a Free and Reduced Lunch application. This will benefit your family as well as the school. You can contact the main office for an application. If you have any questions, please contact clerk Diana Miller at 776-2317, ext. 220.

Support the Sophomore Class and have a great time while doing so! On Tuesday, Dec. 6 there will be a social painting experience at the school. The cost is \$26 per person. All materials are provided. Come on out, support the sophomores, and learn how to create a fun work of art in time for the holidays. For more information, contact Ms. Henwood or a member of the sophomore class.



Assembly showcases basketball skills, emphasizes hard work

A former NBA player and a Guinness World Record Holder for ball handling teamed up to showcase their skills and give Savage students a lesson in the value of working hard.

Bay Forrest, who played for the Phoenix Suns, was joined by Joe Odhiambo for an assembly at the school on October 26. Odhiambo holds fourteen world records, including one for spinning a ball on his finger for four hours, fifteen minutes.

“If you ever break my record, let me know. Because I’ll want it back,” he told the student body.

But while Odhiambo wowed the

crowd with his skills, he had an important message for the students.

“You have to work hard. Every day. You have to come to school, do your best, and have goals,” he said. Odhiambo speaks from experience. After his basketball career ended, he worked on ball handling skills for 6-8 hours per day to become a world record holder.

Forrest added that students need to make sure they don’t bully one another.

“Who do you want to be around? Someone who always tears other people down, or someone who always builds people up?” he asked the crowd. He said

it’s important for students to respect one another and themselves.

The assembly included a lot of audience participation, with students taking part in ball handling tricks. Everyone from kindergartners to high schoolers helped with the tricks.

At one point, Obhiambo brought out seven teachers to spin a ball on sticks. “If these balls keep spinning, that means your teachers believe in you. If they fall, they don’t and they have to give me 50 pushups,” he told the crowd.

The balls kept spinning.



Seniors to hold Mock presidential election

With the election quickly approaching, the senior government class has been hard at work. They have made campaign posters for the two main candidates, Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton, as well as the two third party candidates, Libertarian Gary Johnson and the Green Party’s Jill Stein. The seniors then created their own registration forms, based on the actual Montana registration form and registered K-12 students to vote in the mock election they will be hosting. The students will speak to classes next week about the candidates and their platforms and then will hold the election on November 8th, the actual election day. The students in the senior government class that will be 18 on or before November 8th will also be casting their votes in the real election. The seniors have developed a real understanding of this election, the issues our nation is facing, and the candidates themselves. They look forward to seeing how closely the school’s election aligns with the nation’s election. Please watch for the results on our website and also remember to exercise your voting right as well on Tuesday, November 8! You can find more information about local, state, and national candidates, as well as any voting information you may need on www.sos.mt.gov.

Warrior Athletics November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 JH B-ball @ Westby 4:00	2	3 JH B-ball vs Fairview 5:00	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 JH B-ball @ Circle 4:30	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 JH B-ball vs Brockton 4:30	19 JH B-ball @Bainville 10:00
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Junior High Basketball

Nov. 1 @ Westby 4:30/5:30
 Nov. 3 vs. Fairview 5:00/6:00
 Nov. 11 @ Circle 4:30/5:30
 Nov. 18 vs. Brockton 4:30/5:30
 Nov. 19 @ Bainville 10:00/11:00
 Dec. 3 @ R/L 10:00/11:00
 Dec. 6 vs. Mondak 4:00/5:00
 Dec. 10 @ Wibaux 10:00/11:00
 Dec. 12 Boys @ Richey
 Dec. 12 Girls @ Lambert
 Dec. 17 Final 4 @ Fairview

Complete schedules and updated times can be found online at www.savagepublicschool.com



Please note: Savage Public Schools will no longer be selling Season Passes.

High School Basketball

Dec. 10-11 @ Lambert Invite
 Dec. 16 @ Circle TBA
 Dec. 17 vs MonDak TBA
 Dec. 20 vs Fairview TBA
 Dec. 22 @ Frazier TBA
Start times dependent on JV games.

Elementary Basketball

Jan. 2 First Practice
 Jan. 14 vs. Grenora TBA
 Jan. 21 @ Grenora TBA
 Jan. 24 vs. Circle TBA

November Menus

Breakfast

Nov. 1 English Muffins
Nov. 2 Hot and Cold Cereal
Nov. 3 Breakfast Pizza
Nov. 4 Cinnamon Roll
Nov. 7 Cereal
Nov. 8 Waffles and Syrup
Nov. 9 Hot and Cold Cereal
Nov. 10 Breakfast Burrito
Nov. 11 Bagels
Nov. 14 Cereal
Nov. 15 Scrambled Eggs
Nov. 16 Hot and Cold Cereal
Nov. 17 Carmel Rolls
Nov. 18 Biscuits and Gravy
Nov. 21 Cereal
Nov. 22 German Pancakes
Nov. 23 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 24 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 25 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 28 Cereal
Nov. 29 English Muffin
Nov. 30 Hot and Cold Cereal

Lunch

Nov. 1 Lasagna
Nov. 2 Stew
Nov. 3 Burrito Hot Dish
Nov. 4 Pork Steak
Nov. 7 Croissants
Nov. 8 Hamburger Gravy
Nov. 9 Macaroni Hot Dish
Nov. 10 Tostados
Nov. 11 Hot Dogs
Nov. 14 Fritters
Nov. 15 Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 16 Spaghetti Weiner Casserole
Nov. 17 Chicken Strips
Nov. 18 Hot Ham and Cheese
Nov. 21 Taco Soup
Nov. 22 Stroganoff with Noodles
Nov. 23 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 24 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 25 NO SCHOOL
Nov. 28 Burritos
Nov. 29 Italian Bake
Nov. 30 Barber Poles

Reminder: You can check your child's lunch account balance on Power School. Please make sure your child has enough money for their meals!