



CJI Newsletter

November 2025

HOW
ARE
YOU?

How was your day?

Ways to find out what happened at school:

- Ask your child what made them smile.
- Rose (best part of the day), Thorn (challenging part of the day), Bud (what are you looking forward to)
- Ask your child something they are grateful for at school.
- Ask what they are proud of from the day.

CJI SportsYou

CJI Now has a SportsYou page to help keep everyone up-to-date on school happenings.



CODE: LWUT-ANXF

Thanksgiving Fun Facts

1. The First Thanksgiving (1621) lasted three days and was shared by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people.
2. Turkey wasn't the main dish! The feast likely included venison, fish, corn, beans, and squash.
3. Pumpkin pie wasn't served at the first Thanksgiving—there were pumpkins, but no sugar or ovens for baking pies!
4. President Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863, during the Civil War.
5. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City has been held since 1924 and is watched by millions every year.
6. Americans eat about 46 million turkeys on Thanksgiving each year.
7. The wishbone tradition—breaking it for good luck—came from the ancient Romans!
8. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November every year in the United States.



After School Activities

Beyond the Bell 4:00pm-5:00pm.

[Beyond the Bell Paperwork](#)

Upcoming November Events

11th Veterans Day

Program 10:00 am

14th School, 3 pm release

17th Mid Quarter

26th 1 pm release

27th No School



November Reading Goal Ideas



- Read for 10-15 minutes with expression.
- Tell the beginning middle and end of the story you read.
- Use context clues to figure out the meaning of an unknown word.
- Write a short summary after reading a story.

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- Her brother is exactly a foot taller than her
- Has a horse named Dolly
- Has been in both the old and new Minnesota Vikings football stadiums.

Married Mr. Tempel this summer.

Staff Spotlight

Sadie Tempel

Mrs. Tempel does a little bit of everything at school. She teaches 7th-grade science, finance, intervention, and AG. She grew up in South Dakota, where she has a horse named Dolly. Fun fact: her brother is exactly a foot taller than she is! Mrs. Tempel is a Minnesota Vikings fan and has attended games in both the old and new stadiums. Welcome to CJI, Mrs. Tempel!

Staff Spotlight

Julie Librock

Mrs. Librock joined our staff this fall and has been a great addition! Mrs. Librock teaches elementary intervention. She has a passion for art and painting. Mrs. Librock also loves to read. Her favorite author is Haruki Murakami. Mrs. Librock also enjoys many outdoor activities, such as hiking and observing the natural beauty around her. Fun fact: Mrs. Librock collects comic books!

We welcome Mrs. Librock to CJI!

Fall/Winter Sports Schedule Links

High School Volleyball
Junior High and High School Football
Junior High Basketball
High School Basketball



Board Action



- Approved out-of-District Attendance Agreements
- Approved the construction of a school greenhouse as part of a student building project.
- Approved hiring of Louise Opperman as a paraprofessional
- The upcoming Board Meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 7:00 PM.
- If you have any questions related to board action or would like to add something to the board agenda, please reach out to a board member or Superintendent Luke Haggerty.

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Veterans Day Facts

- Veterans Day is on November 11 every year.
- It is a federal holiday that honors all U.S. military veterans—people who have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Space Force.
- The holiday was first known as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I on November 11, 1918.
- In 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor veterans of all wars.
- Unlike Memorial Day, which honors those who died in service, Veterans Day celebrates all who have served, living or deceased.
- At 11 a.m. on November 11, many communities hold a moment of silence to remember and thank veterans.
- The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery is a special place of honor, with ceremonies held every Veterans Day.
- Many schools, cities, and towns hold parades, assemblies, and special programs to thank veterans.
- Poppies, flags, and red, white, and blue decorations are common symbols of the day.
- Saying “Thank you for your service” is a simple but powerful way to show appreciation.

Family Activity Ideas

- Create a gratitude tree by adding leaves each day to represent something each person in the family is grateful for.
- Cook a favorite fall recipe.
- Read seasonal books together.
- Watch seasonal shows together. (Maybe even have popcorn!)
- Take a nature walk and collect items to bring back with you. When you get home, make a craft with the items you found.
- Write notes of gratitude to others: family members, neighbors, veterans, teachers, or friends.





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High School Updates

- All freshmen completed the YAM Mental Health Training.
- All Seniors completed QPR (Questions, Persuade, Respond) suicide prevention training.
- We are adding new gravel to the student parking lot and the football field parking lot.
- We are updating our door entry system at the HS, Elementary, and multi-purpose room doors.
- During the 1st quarter, we had 35 high school students on the high honor roll and nine on the regular honor roll.
- High School winter sports (basketball and wrestling) start on November 20th.
- Please take a minute to [fill out this survey](#) regarding next year's calendar.
- It's a great time to be a HAWK!

Counselor's Update

- Reach Higher Montana hosted a Parent Night with information about the FAFSA, scholarships, and postsecondary options.
- Our positive behavior initiatives, Booster Bucks and Hawk Cards, are in full swing.
- We celebrated Red Ribbon Week the last week of October.
- Seniors, be looking for scholarship opportunities in early December!

Elementary Updates

- We held our first Big Hawk Little Hawk during Homecoming. The kids created some impressive signs for the gym and football field! Our next Big/Little Hawk will be the first week of December.
- I am working with Jason Wanken to schedule a fire safety session for the elementary students.
- We took grades 7-12 to the Health Fair in Joplin.
- The 1st quarter ended on October 15th.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences went well! If you missed speaking with a teacher, please email them to arrange a conference. All staff emails can be found on the school's webpage.
- We have school on October 31st and November 14th with a 3:00 pm dismissal
- Because of district volleyball, Dustin Miller will be driving the elementary students to Wheat Country, the Nursing Home, and back to the Lodge on Halloween so they can trick-or-treat. Thank you, Dustin!
- We are holding our Veterans Day program on November 11th at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend! If you would like to eat lunch, please call the office and let them know.
- The midterm of the second quarter will be on November 17th.
- Missoula Children's Theater will be the week of December 1st-6th. This will be open to all students in grades K-12, including homeschool students.
- Quarter-final football is on Saturday, November 8th. Passes will not be accepted at the gate, even if you are a senior citizen; this is an MHSAA post-season rule. Gate opens at 11:30 am. The same goes for volleyball tournaments. If you have any questions, please contact AD Miller.

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