

MINER NEWS

CENTERVILLE SCHOOL



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School Board Educational Plans

1. Differentiate instruction to meet the needs of our wide range of student ability levels and learning needs.
2. Recognize and reward excellence in student achievements.
3. Adopt curriculum material rotation which aligns schools K-12.
4. Attract and retain quality personnel.
5. Implement on-going strategies to improve school climate, student leadership and responsible decision-making.
6. Create a multi-hazard emergency plan with crisis response team.
7. Compile a community resource list and volunteer program.
8. Keep technology resources up to date in all curricular and administrative areas.
9. Re-evaluate structure of school-wide fundraising efforts.
10. Adhere to long range maintenance, renovation, and replacement schedule for facilities, grounds, bus, and food service.
11. Incorporate drug awareness education into the curriculum.
12. Provide academic challenges for students through expanded enrichment opportunities, advanced courses, scheduling flexibility, and increased course offerings.

Whew! One month down at Centerville Schools! It has been a great start to the 2026-27 school year. Our teachers have found their groove and the teaching that is happening everyday is awesome to watch. Our kids have started to adjust to the procedures set by the staff and we are off and running. Centerville Schools is a great place to be and our people are doing amazing things every day.

Keep your eyes open for our Staff Spotlight on Facebook and our website. We want to celebrate our incredible staff and give you a glimpse of who they are. We will do this every week so we can share information about every staff member.

I have always worked in districts that had 5 day weeks. I can honestly say that we work just as hard, if not harder, in our 4 day week. I realize I am old, but by Thursday I am tired. I know our staff and students are also tired. It is an adjustment, but it does keep getting easier as we go.

We are extremely excited to be able to add an Ag teacher to Centerville High School. Ms Denise Russell will be starting classes beginning the 2nd quarter for all those kids interested in Ag/Shop classes. She will primarily be working with the high school students, but will have an FFA/Ag introduction class for our 8th grade students. She has a ton of experience with Agriculture, crops and soil. It is something that we have needed and look forward to seeing where Ms. Russell can take us.

Miner Head Logo Watermark

Finally, I would like to share a program that we started on the 1st of September. It is for 6th through 12th grade students and focuses on helping those students who may be struggling with their grades. Any student that has a D- or F, is assigned to a subject specific Core teacher during Homeroom. This gives the student time with their teacher in a small group setting and also gives them some time to turn in missing work. Students who don't have a D- or F, then are assigned to Flex. This is a "free-time" for those students who have earned it. We allow them to go outside, to the gym, in the lobby or even go to a classroom of their choice. The kids have really responded and want to be on Flex. Hopefully it will improve our grades or at least limit the number of students with failing grades.

Mr. Elliott Centerville Superintendent

Principal's Post

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Centerville Community Members,

It is hard to believe that October is already upon us! The staff and administration are excited for another school year of partnering with you to cultivate a positive, supportive learning environment. We remain dedicated to ensuring every student receives a rich and meaningful educational experience.

This month, I want to emphasize the critical role that family partnership plays in student success. When families and educators share the responsibility for learning, our students thrive. Children need to see that their education is a priority, and together, we can build a strong foundation for their growth.

To foster this collaboration, our administrative and teaching teams are focusing on two key initiatives this year:

- **Strengthening Two-Way Communication:** We are committed to maintaining open, positive communication between home and school. Sharing both successes and concerns early allows us to celebrate progress and proactively support students through any challenges that arise.
- **Clarifying Schoolwide Expectations:** Clear expectations regarding homework, behavior, and attendance are essential for maintaining a positive, focused classroom environment. When students understand what is expected of them, they can fully engage in their learning and take ownership of their success.

Centerville is a vibrant learning community backed by an exceptional staff and an incredibly supportive area. I am confident that by working together, we will continue to nurture a positive, dynamic atmosphere where our students can excel.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Warm regards,
Michael Taylor
EK-12 Principal



Grass, fence, two trees, three leaves, Fall colors



Globes, open books, stacks of books, globe reading a book



Infinite Campus is a great resource for parents. In the app you can: make payments on a lunch account and view attendance & grades. Signing up is easy! The office can send you an email with instructions.

Counselor's Corner

October is here, and there are several exciting opportunities and important dates coming up for our students! As we settle further into the school year, this is also a great time for students and families to check in, stay connected and begin thinking ahead toward academic, college and career goals.

Seniors have been receiving information about the Reach Higher Montana Scholarship Hub, which is updated regularly with new scholarship opportunities. Students are encouraged to continue checking for opportunities throughout the year and as always, they can reach out to me for any kind of assistance.

Important Dates:

Jostens Visit- Oct 12th, Sophomores-Seniors

University of Montana Rep.- Oct 13th, Juniors & Seniors

MAST Testing Opens - Oct. 19th 3rd-8th

October 10th is World Mental Health Day and it serves as a great reminder that mental health is an important part of overall well-being. As the excitement of the beginning of the school year wears off and schedules become busier, students may begin to experience increased stress or feeling overwhelmed. Families can help by checking in regularly, encouraging healthy routines and creating opportunities for students to talk about both what is going well and what may be difficult. Students are always welcome to stop by my office when they need support, someone to talk to, or help working through a challenge. Try asking your student: "What is one thing going well at school right now, and what is one thing you wish was going better?" Sometimes the most helpful thing we can do is give our students the space to talk and let them know someone is listening.

Miss Ghekiere

Centerville Senior Citizen's Menu October 2026

Thurs 10/1	BLT, French Fries, Salad, Dessert
Mon 10/5	Breakfast Surprise
Thurs 10/8	Potato Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Dessert
Mon 10/12	Taco Day!
Thurs 10/15	Pork Chops, Applesauce, Baked Potato, Dessert
Mon 10/19	Meatloaf, Potatoes, Salad, Dessert
Thurs 10/22	Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert
Mon 10/26	Pizza Day!
Thurs 10/29	Hot Roast Sandwich, Green Beans, Gravy, Salad



Stack of four pumpkins

Menu is subject to change

Astericks, bolt, diamond

Astericks, bolt, diamond



Dear families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

Dates: October 26th -29th

Location: Centerville School Library

Time: 8:00am – 4:15pm and at P/T Conferences

This is a great opportunity to build your child's home library with new books that will get them excited about reading, while also earning funds for our school.

The easiest way to let your child shop the Fair independently is by creating a Book Fair eWallet through our school homepage. It's easy to set up and easy for family and friends to add funds. With eWallet, you'll also have the chance to contribute to Share the Fair™—the giving program that supports students at our school who need help buying books. Consider participating so that no child leaves the Fair empty-handed!

Preview the books coming to the Fair by taking a 360° virtual tour via our school's Book Fair homepage and explore the titles, watch video book trailers, and more.

We can't wait to see you at the Fair and help every student discover a book they'll love!

Happy reading,
Ms. Darko

Website:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/centervillehighschool>



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Denise Goff Memorial Book Fund



Ladybug

Thanks to this community's generous support, the Denise Goff Memorial Book Fund continues to support children's literacy at Centerville School. For readers who may not be aware of this opportunity, I offer a bit of history.



Stack of books, apple on top

The fund was formed in 2020 to honor the memory of Denise Goff, a long-time playground supervisor at Centerville School. Each year since its inception, every Pre-K through 5th grade student at Centerville has been given the opportunity to choose a free book during the library's annual book fair. These books are paid for using monies from the fund. Not only do students benefit by acquiring a new book of their own, but the library also benefits as book fair sales translate to points that can be used to purchase new books to add to the collection.

If you are interested in supporting literacy for future generations of Centerville students, please consider donating to Denise's book fund. You may drop off donations during school hours or mail them to Centerville School, c/o Denise's Book Fund, 693 Stockett Road, Sand Coulee, MT, 59472. Please make checks payable to Centerville School and include "Denise's Book Fund" on the memo line.

OCTOBER



2026
MENU CALENDAR

SUN pumpkin	MON	TUE	WED Fall leaves	THU	FRI	SAT
		This institution is an equal opportunity provider Menu is subject to change		1 BREAKFAST Breakfast Sandwich & Fruit LUNCH Tacos, Corn, Fruit, & Milk	2	3
4	5 BREAKFAST French Toast, Sausage, & Fruit LUNCH Pretzel w/ Cheese, Salad Bar, Fruit, & Milk	6 BREAKFAST Apple Turnover, Cheese Stick & Fruit LUNCH Famous Bowls, Fruit, & Milk	7 BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza & Fruit LUNCH Ham Sub, Coleslaw, Chips, Fruit, & Milk	8 BREAKFAST Breakfast Sandwich & Fruit LUNCH Taco Burger, Tater Tots, Fruit, & Milk	9	10
11	12 BREAKFAST Pancakes, Sausage, & Fruit LUNCH Pizza Sticks, Salad, Fruit, & Milk	13 BREAKFAST Cini Mini, Cheese Stick, & Fruit LUNCH Orange Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Rice, Fruit, & Milk	14 BREAKFAST Breakfast Dog & Fruit LUNCH Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Fruit, & Milk	15 NO SCHOOL	16	17
18	19 BREAKFAST Breakfast Banana Split LUNCH Tuna Mac, Cucumbers, Fruit, & Milk	20 BREAKFAST Breakfast Bar, Yogurt, & Fruit LUNCH Chicken Strips, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Fruit, & Milk	21 BREAKFAST Strawberry Bagel Bar, Sausage, & Fruit LUNCH Lasagna, Carrots, Garlic Bread, Fruit, & Milk	22 BREAKFAST Breakfast Sandwich & Fruit LUNCH Loaded Potato Wedges, Salad, Fruit, & Milk	23	24
25	26 BREAKFAST Breakfast Egg Roll Hash Brown, & Fruit LUNCH Taco Salad, Fruit, & Milk	27 BREAKFAST Hard Boiled Egg, Muffin, & Fruit LUNCH Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Peas, Fruit, & Milk	28 BREAKFAST Bagel & Cream Cheese, Cheese Stick & Fruit LUNCH Chili Dog, Carrots, Celery, Fruit, & Milk	29 BREAKFAST Breakfast Sandwich & Fruit LUNCH Blood & Bricks, Green Beans, Fruit, & Milk	30	31

 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**
2 Jack-o-lanterns

OCTOBER



Pumpkins

2026
EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Events are subject to change		1 PICTURE DAY! VB VS BELT	2 FLAG FB @ HOBSON VB VS AUGUSTA	3 FB @ SIMMS FLAG @ HOBSON VB SUNBURST SHOWCASE
4 Scarecrow	5 JHXC @ JAYCEE PARK JV FB VS SIMMS JH VB @ ST PATS	6 VB VS VAUGHN/HOMESCHOOL	7 STATE FLAG FB @ BILLINGS	8 STATE FLAG FB @ BILLINGS	9 FB VS CHOTEAU SENIOR NIGHT VB VS	10 JH VB TOURNAMENT @ CENTERVILLE HS VB @ NORTH STAR
11	12 JHXC @ VALIER JV FB @ CHOTEAU	13	14 END OF 1 ST QUARTER	15 NO SCHOOL	16 HIGHWOOD SENIOR NIGHT FB @ HARLEM NO SCHOOL	17 VB @ BOX ELDER
18	19 JV FOOTBALL VS HARLEM	20 BOARD MEETING 6PM	21	22	23 FB @ BELT VB @ BIG SANDY	24 VB @ SIMMS PTA HALLOWEEN BASH 6-8PM
25	26 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:30-7:30PM BOOK FAIR	27 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:30-7:30PM BOOK FAIR	28 BOOK FAIR	29 VB DISTRICT TOURNAMENT @ RUDYARD BOOK FAIR	30 VB DISTRICT TOURNAMENT @ RUDYARD 1 ST ROUND FB PLAYOFFS	31 VB DISTRICT TOURNAMENT @ RUDYARD 1 ST ROUND FB PLAYOFFS

Halloween Banner

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CENTERVILLE PTA HALLOWEEN BASH

Join us for our free annual spooktacular evening of games, prizes, pictures, a costume parade & contest, LOADS of candy, and tons of fun!

Costumes encouraged! Fun guaranteed!

Fun begins at 6:00pm

Trunk or Treat begins at 6:30pm

Costume Parade line up at 7:00pm

Parade begins shortly after.

3 Bats

TRUNK OR TREAT



Truck with spiderweb

October 24th, 2026

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Centerville School Gym

Witch's cauldron

CENTERVILLE PTA ANNUAL CANDY DRIVE

Centerville families — Help make this year's Halloween Bash a spooktacular success! We're asking for your support in our Centerville PTA Candy Drive. Every bag of candy donated helps us create a night full of memories for our students and community!

Bonus Treat: The class that brings in the most candy will win a class party — candy will be counted differently this year to make it fair for the differences in class sizes.

Drop off your candy donations in your students classroom or send them with your student from October 5th to the 15th.

Thank you for helping us make this year's Halloween Bash one to remember!

3 Bats



Witch's cauldron

Candy spilling out of a jack-o-lantern pail

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Sun, wind, snowflake

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