



NEWS LETTER



STUDENTS GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Mrs. Durovey took students from the Pep Club and Student Council to assist the Mineral County Food Bank in handing out nearly 95 turkey dinners to our community members.

Ethan and Caleb Durovey, Kamryn Church, Alyza Wickham, Cami Quick and Lane DiGiando



DECEMBER

1-15

STUCO Canned Food Drive

10

School Board Meeting

10

Booster Club Meeting

17

Christmas Concert

19

End of 2nd Quarter/1st semester

19

Early Release 1:00 pm

22-2

Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL

JANUARY

9

NO SCHOOL

14

School Board Meeting

14

Booster Club Meeting

16

NO SCHOOL

23

NO SCHOOL

30

NO SCHOOL

<https://www.ssd3.us/>

For calendar and sports schedule:

<https://www.ssd3.us/events>



Superior School District #3



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superior bobcats

Principal: Angie Gray

Superintendent: Logan Labbe

Newsletter: Teal Post

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Believe it or not, one of the hardest parts of each month is deciding what to write for this wonderful and informative newsletter. As I draft this at 12:39 a.m. (because I promised Mrs. Post I'd have it to her before break!), I find myself reflecting on what this week—or rather, this MTUW/ThF all rolled into two days—has looked like at Superior JH/HS.

In two days time, I have watched our teachers and students bring learning to life in ways that would make anyone pause. I walked into a science class where students were confidently discussing mitosis—specifically anaphase—in the one-cell-thick layer of an onion skin. Stop and think about that: chromosomes splitting in an onion, and our students not only recognizing it, but explaining why it's happening with logic and clarity.

I listened to a team brainstorm how to help a student be more engaged in class and somehow segue into the idea of having students write compliments about positive things they observe in class—and for extra credit they could write them in French!

I saw our school nurse provide care with compassion and professionalism that any parent, including me, would hope for their own children.

I welcomed a new student to Superior and watched as peers and staff assimilated him into the Bobcat family with genuine kindness.

I interacted with a student who struggles with communication, only to be reminded once again how much our educators help students grow in ways that take your breath away.

And outside of classrooms, I've seen students volunteer at the food bank, staff members step in to provide sub coverage without hesitation, and parents advocate fiercely and lovingly for their children—whether it's for an Extended Learning Opportunity or simply ensuring their student has what they need to succeed.

I tell people that when I retire, I plan to write a book and that I already know what the title will be: *You Can't Make This Stuff Up*. I often tell them that I would be happy to have them write a chapter and share their adventures in education as well. Because believe me, there are a lot of adventures... every day. But more importantly, because what happens here—every day—is a powerful blend of learning, teamwork, compassion, humor, challenge, and heart.

As we head into the break, I'm deeply thankful. Thankful for our students. Thankful for our staff. Thankful for our families. And thankful for this community that shows up for each other again and again.

Wishing you all rest, connection, and joy this season.

Principal Angie Gray

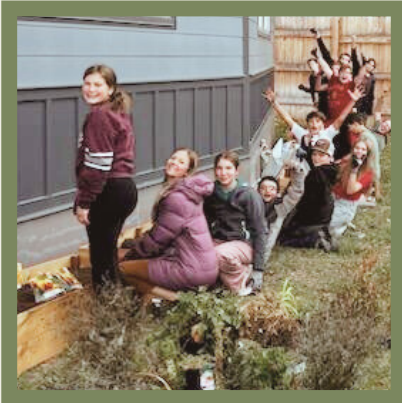
Superior JH/HS

Go Bobcats!



IT'S SCIENCE!

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR THE NEW GARDEN SPACE



RAKES
HOSES
SHOVELS
HAND TOOLS
WATERING CANS
WHEELERBARROW
PLANTERS
GLOVES



FLOWER STARTS
FLOWER BULBS/TUBERS
PERENNIAL HERB STARTS
SHRUB STARTS
SEEDS/SEEDLINGS
TOOL SHED
WOOD TO BUILD
PLANTING BEDS



Watch for the **SWISH AND SIP** fundraiser during varsity basketball game half times. This will be an opportunity to show off your shooting skills for a soda.

Proceeds will go toward the JH STEM class.

QUESTIONS: SFIRESTONE@SSD3.US OR 406-822-3600



NEW CLASS BEING OFFERED THIS YEAR

-Mr. Quinlivan

The high school STEM Labs class is new this year. The main premise of the class is to follow the events offered by the Montana Science Olympiad and any other creative STEM-related projects that I or my students may come up with. Each unit is 2-3 weeks, and at the end of each unit, there is an Exit-Ticket (think Quiz and Survey combined).

The Science Olympiad Events:

- Anatomy & Physiology: The Nervous and Endocrine Systems - Completed this year
- Bungee Drop - Completed this year
- Astronomy
- Chem Lab
- Boomilever
- Disease Detectives
- Remote Sensing
- Circuit Lab
- Codebusters
- Entomology
- Rocks & Minerals
- Materials Science
- Engineering CAD
- Water Quality
- Experimental Design
- Botany
- Code Craze
- Forensics - (Currently working on this one)

Other Projects Started the year with Wind Turbines and Angry Birds IRL (in real life). I believe that their favorite project so far was the bungee drop, and forensics may be a close 2nd. One student said, "I really like the hands-on aspect and figuring out the fingerprints and how we had to work together to figure out the crime." Another said, "I also liked how we created a real-life game [of Clue]."



Bungee Drop



CAMPUS GUESTS

CAREER WEEK:

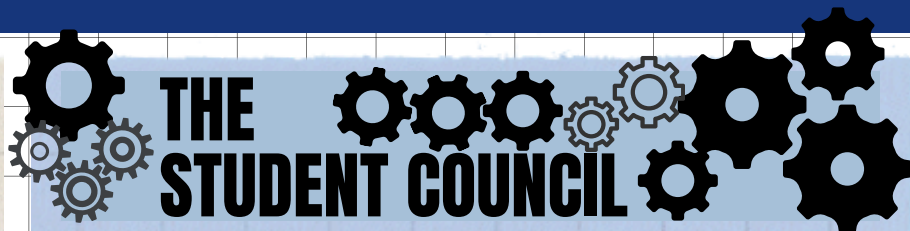
- Junior Firefighters
- Darlows
- Mineral Community Hospital's
Director of Employee Relations,
Cameron Warren
- Air Force
- United States Marine Corps

UNIVERSITY VISITS:

- University of Montana
- Montana State University
- Montana State University
Northern



Carter Jasper, Tiger alum, talks to the seniors about his college experience, resources available on campus, GEAR UP and his appointment this year to the Montana University System Board of Regents representing all Montana college students.



THE STUDENT COUNCIL

-Mrs. Durovey

We have two fundraisers for the Food Bank. We did a coin drive for the MSU vs. UM game and all proceeds go to the Food Bank. Then, on December 1st, we are going to start the food drive. This will be a Clash of the Claw competition, and each grade will compete. The food will be weighed, and the class with the heaviest weight will win.

The food drive will be just for the students, but I hope that the community will get involved and help us bring in a lot of food. There will be a first, second, and third place with first place receiving 10,000 points, second 7,500, and third 5,000 points. This will be added to the ongoing battle. The grade with the most points at the end of the year gets a catered lunch of their choice. Both the coin drive and food drive will benefit our local food bank.

Save the Date
**SADIE HAWKINS
DANCE**
February 7, 2026

SUMMARIZING GEAR UP

-Mrs. Jasper, GEAR UP Liaison

(Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) GEAR UP is all about giving students the boost they need to succeed in school and beyond. We're here to make learning exciting, help students dream big, and get ready for the future!

Here's what GEAR UP offers:

- Academic Help: From tutoring to study tips, we've got students covered! We offer daily tutoring, summer school and 24-7 online homework help through the Student Success Agency.
- College & Career Prep: Learn how to apply to college, discover scholarships, and explore career options. We offer Dual Enrollment classes (college courses you can take in high school) and have four teachers at our school that teach locally. (Mrs. Nytes, Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Keyser and Mr. Cooper)
- Fun Activities & Events: Workshops, field trips, and events that teach new skills and spark interest. Plus college visits to learn about available programs!
- Family Support: GEAR UP wants to keep families in the loop with school information and resources to help students succeed.

And, one more thing...**EVERY STUDENT WHO GRADUATES FROM SUPERIOR HIGH SCHOOL** as a GEAR UP student, and enters post secondary training (college, trade school, certificate programs, etc) will be eligible to claim a **A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP** to be used toward their education!

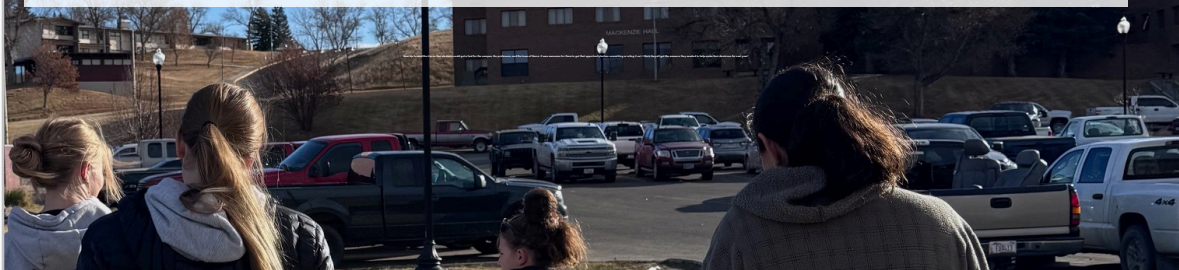
With GEAR UP, students get tools and support to succeed in high school, plan for college or careers, and chase their dreams!

CAMPUS VISIT

Mrs. Willhite took Riley Tweed, Amber Salter-Sparks and Koltynn Kelsey to visit MSU-Northern in Havre, Montana.

-Mrs. Willhite

We went up there to explore their Diesel Technology and Biology programs. These students got accepted to Northern and wanted to check it out. Gear Up funded the trip so that students could get a feel for the campus, the professors, and the town of Havre. It was awesome for them to get that opportunity before committing or ruling it out. I think they all got the answers they needed to help make their decisions for next year! Originally, I was hoping students could explore TekNoXpo in Havre, but the capacity was full at MSUN. I knew there were three students that had applied and been accepted to this University that wanted to explore the school, so I submitted the trip to Mrs. Jasper and offered to chaperone because it's my alma mater (also because I was in contact with multiple professors about their programs) and she squeezed it into the budget.



TEACHER OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER NOVEMBER

★ MRS. MERRILL ★

"My mom."

Mrs. Merrill is just the best.

She is such a fun choir teacher and I always look forward to going into her class. Walking into her class always makes my day. She is so fun to talk to as well.

She's the best.

I think Mrs. Merrill should be nominated for teacher of the month because she is so helpful, kind, outgoing, and she helps her students whenever they need it, and she makes kids laugh when they are not having a good day or if they are having a good day too.

Ms. Merrill is such a fun teacher who is always willing to let us have as much fun as possible while still learning.

Mr Merrill should be teacher of the month because of how she treats her students, and how much work she puts into teaching songs.

She is also really nice as well.

She always tries her best and we can all see that she's almost always tired because she has to deal with all of us yet she still tries 100% of the time and she's always caring.

Because she has been working super hard in choir class so that we sound perfect for the nursing home.

I chose her because she is always in a joyful mood and makes me feel better.

Sweet and emotionally supportive and pushes through.

I choose Mrs.Merril because she has helped me so much in the past few weeks and has believed in me. She is also super funny and spends a ton of time to make us better musicians.

Mrs. Merrill is one of the best teachers here, always pushing me to do my best. If it weren't for Mrs. Merrill I wouldn't be where I am today and I hope she gets teacher of the month.

★ MR. MILLS ★

Mr. Mills. Just Mr. Mills.

He is a very good teacher and is a lot of fun to have

He is always willing to help, understanding, and involved.

Because he works very hard to make sure we are good at math but also better people!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Superior High School

STUDENT
Of The Month



Sidney Kuhl
October 2025 -
Citizenship

Superior High School

STUDENT
Of The Month



Josie Crabb
October 2025 -
Citizenship

Superior Junior/Senior High School Students Of The Month



Shaley Rich

November 2025
Compassion



Keigan Kruger

NUMBERS & DAYS

WE BEGIN THE 2025-'26 SCHOOL YEAR WITH:

48 Junior High Students
83 High School Students

Seventh Grade	28
Eighth Grade	20
Freshmen	22
Sophomore	16
Junior	21
Senior	24

WE WILL ENTER WINTER BREAK WITH ONE MORE!

47 Junior High Students
85 High School Students

Seventh Grade	28
Eighth Grade	19
Freshmen	23
Sophomore	17
Junior	21
Senior	26

Friday, Dec 19
1:00 P.M.
Early Release

**NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAYS
WHEN WE RETURN FROM
WINTER BREAK**

ART

CHEROKEE DOUBLE WALL BASKETS



Kalub Lewis
&
Mady Neu



Laney North



FINISHED MURALS



Artists Cami Quick, Maggie Haworth & Hannah VanderPloeg



Artists Danica Wilson, Melissa Rhodes & Kynzie Pierce



Artist Matthew Mellen



Artist
Danica Wilson



WOODS (and poles)





The holidays are upon us and that means lots of family time! The Superior staff have come up with some useful conversation starters to add a little extra spice to your holiday chats.

WHAT IS THE MOST RANDOM FACT YOU KNOW?

MRS. GRAY Principal

You cannot lick your elbow.

MRS. NYTES History

Ask the students, I know way too many random facts. Nadia Comaneci scored the first perfect score in gymnastics at the Montreal Olympic games.

MRS. FIRESTONE JH/HS Science

A whale's heart is about the size of a baby elephant or fridge compared to a giraffe's that is the size of a basketball.

MRS. DIGIANDO JH/HS Secretary

Male platypus have venomous spurs on the hind legs.

MRS. JASPER Gear Up Liaison

Superior, Montana founders came from Superior, Wisconsin and they named their new settlement after their former home.

MRS. KUHL EK -12 Counselor

Hummingbirds remember every food source they have ever visited and track how much they consumed from it.

MR. MILLS Math

Every leap year divisible by 100 is not a leap year unless it's also divisible by 400 so while 1800, 1900 were not leap years, the year 2000 was.

MR. QUINLIVAN JH/HS Science

I know too many random facts; I don't think I can pick just one.

MR. CRABB P.E.

Chuck Norris was once bitten by a poisonous snake. After Five days of pain and suffering the snake died.

MR. DUROVEY K-12 Librarian

HS English Language Arts

The tip of a shoelace is called an aglet.

MRS. KOVALSKY Special Ed

The average golf ball has 336 dimples in it.

MR. SCHULTZ Shop Teacher

I know where most NFL players played college football at.

MRS. WILLHITE Math

12/15 WNBA Teams are building multi-million dollar practice facilities for their teams (finally).

MR. DOUGHTY Small Engines

The distributor used on the odd fire Buick V6 engines was the same as the Buick V8's. Since the odd fire V6 was just a normal V8 with two cylinders cut off engineers simply altered the V8 distributor to skip the two missing cylinders. This created a rough "odd fire" sound and feel to the engine giving its name.