



HIGHWOOD SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 9 - JANUARY 15



UPCOMING MEALS

BREAKFAST

Friday	Huckleberry French Toast
Monday	Yogurt Parfait
Tuesday	Waffle Breakfast Sandwich
Wednesday	Scrambled Eggs & Sausage
Thursday	Cranberry Muffins



LUNCH

Friday	Grilled Cheese & Soup
Monday	Pizza Biscuit Explosion
Tuesday	Hamburger Sliders
Wednesday	Treyton's Senior Lunch: Hamburger Nachos
Thursday	French Toast & Sausage

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 13	MS Volleyball Open Gym @ 5:15
JAN 15	End of First Semester
JAN 15	Women's Open Gym @ 5:30
JAN 16	Highwood Public School Foundation Chili Cook Off @ 6:00



HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

BOYS UPCOMING GAMES

January 9th: Highwood @ Centerville

- Boys V @ 6:00 PM
 - *Updated Game Time!*

January 17th: Simms @ Highwood

- Boys V @ 6:00 PM
 - *Updated Game Time!*

January 23rd: Highwood @ Cascade

- Boys V @ 7:30 PM

***The 2026 Basketball Schedules are available on the school website. These schedules are constantly changing. Please be sure to check the school website or Facebook Page for the most up to date game times and locations.**

GIRLS UPCOMING GAMES

January 9th: Cascade @ Saint Patrick's High School

- Girls JV @ 3:00 PM
- Girls V @ 6:00 PM

January 16th: Saint Patrick's @ Simms

- Girls JV @ 3:00 PM
- Girls V @ 6:00 PM

January 17th: Centerville @ Saint Patrick's High School

- Girls JV @ 2:00 PM
- Girls V @ 5:00 PM



VISION/HEARING SCREENINGS: JANUARY 14TH, 2026

On Wednesday, January 14th, Chouteau County Joint Services, along with the Fort Benton Lions Club will be conducting hearing and vision screenings at Highwood School. Hearing Screenings will be conducted for all Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 9th Graders, and New Students. Vision Screenings will be conducted for all students Kindergarten through 6th Grade. If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in the screenings, opt out forms are available on ClassDojo, the school website, and printed copies are available at the office. Please let the school office know by January 13th if you would not like your child to participate in the screening. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 406-733-2081. Thank you.

END OF SEMESTER/SEMESTER TESTS

The end of the First Semester is on Thursday, January 15th. Semester Tests will be held on Thursday, January 15th and Friday, January 16th. Schedule are available at the office. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, January 26th. If you are interested in scheduling a conference, please contact the school office.

MOUNTAINEER ACTIVITY PASSES

Highwood School is now offering Activity Passes to community members and parents for the remainder of the 2025–2026 school year. These passes provide admission to all home athletic contests, both Middle School and High School.

Pass Prices:
Adult: \$75
Student: \$50

To request a pass, please contact Mrs. Birgenheier at the office.
Thank you for your support—and Go Mountaineers!

MAST TESTING

The second window for MAST Testing for students in Grades 3–8 will be from January 12th through March 6th. Students will be assessed in both reading and math. The ultimate goal with the “through year” model is to support the formative instructional process that is closer to the local decisions required to support teaching and learning needs. Rather than a single end-of- year assessment, the MAST assessment is broken up into smaller testlets over the course of the academic year. The “Through-Year Assessment” design benefits students, teachers, parents, and administrators by more closely aligning assessment with instruction while providing actionable data throughout the school year.

ATHLETIC VOLUNTEERS

It takes a team to make our athletic programs run effectively! We rely on volunteers to step in as clock keepers, bookkeepers, shot clock operators, and more! Please consider giving your time to support our student-athletes and keep our programs strong!

The Montana High School Association is also looking for refs for all of Montana’s interscholastic athletic programs! Consider becoming a part of the Montana Officials Association. Contact Mr. Gondeiro for more information or to volunteer at bgondeiro@highwood.k12.mt.us.

GOOD NEWS CLUB UPDATE

We are excited to start Good News Club for the new year on Wednesday, January 14th. We will go until Wednesday, April 15th. Please let the school know if your child plans on attending GNC and they will get them on the bus to take them to the hall. GNC goes until 5pm each Wednesday after school. Any questions please feel free to contact Kirsten Brady at 406-231-9399 or Michal Gondeiro at 406-781-1703.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

Step into a healthy New Year! Zanto Medical Center is hosting a Community Health & Wellness Fair on **Thursday, January 15, 2025**, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Fort Benton Senior Center, located at 410 Front Street.

This event will offer blood pressure checks, lab services, educational resources, and a variety of vendors focused on health and wellness. Special low self-pay lab pricing will be available, including CBC (no diff), CMP, and a lipid panel for \$25, with additional labs offered at special pricing. The fair is sponsored by Zanto Medical Center in partnership with Billings Clinic. To pre-register or for more information, please call 406-622-9011.

HIGHWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION CHILI COOK OFF



Join us **Friday, January 16th, from 6:00-10:00 P.M.** at the **Highwood Community Hall** for a night filled with chili, soup, and a sizzling silent auction! The Foundation still has space for a few more cooks to enter the competition! If you have a favorite chili or soup that you have been waiting to share, now is the time! In addition to sampling a variety of chili and soups, attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on a selection of wonderful items in the silent auction. Bring your appetite, invite your friends, and join us for an evening of good food, friendly competition, and strong community spirit! All proceeds go toward supporting our amazing Highwood teachers, classrooms, and students. Check out the Highwood Public School Foundation Facebook Page or please contact Nan Granger at 406-733-6631 or at 406-788-3150 for more information or to sign up!

HIGHWOOD COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Highwood Commercial Club's annual meeting date is set for **Sunday, January 25th at 3:00 PM**. The Commercial Club is responsible for the upkeep and organization of the Highwood Community Hall, as well as maintaining the property by Highwood Creek. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we discuss current and any upcoming maintenance needed. We also want to thank all our donors from 2025 as it is from your generosity that we are able to maintain, upkeep, and pay utility bills for the hall. Thank you!

GYM AVAILABILITY

Basketball season is here! With practices, Little Dribbler practices, and Open Gym taking place, please be sure to check the 25-26 Active Calendar on the school website before using the gym to see what is already scheduled. You may also contact the school office, and we will be happy to help schedule a time for gym usage.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS TESTING

Highwood School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Wednesday, February 4th, 2026. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. All 4th

Grade Students will take either a math or reading assessment. While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policy-makers improve education. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please notify the school in writing by Monday, January 26th, 2026. Thank you!

SEEKING PUZZLE DONATIONS FOR MS. ANDERSON'S CLASSROOM

Ms. Anderson's Middle School Math classroom is seeking puzzle donations! This simple activity has quickly become a favorite in the classroom, offering a fun and engaging way to keep their brains active and thinking critically. Puzzles help students strengthen problem-solving skills, improve spatial reasoning, and develop perseverance. If you have gently used jigsaw puzzles, logic puzzles, brainteasers, or puzzle books at home that you're willing to donate, Ms. Anderson and her students would be incredibly grateful. Donations can be dropped off at the school office or sent with your student. Thank you for supporting our students' learning!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Highwood Public School has an After-School Program for students in grades Pre K-12! The program runs on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:23–5:15 P.M. We offer snacks, homework help, and enrichment activities in a safe and fun environment. **Payments are due on the 10th of every month.** Registration forms and more information are available on the website, or at the office.

HIGHWOOD SENIOR CENTER EMPLOYMENT

The Highwood Senior Center is seeking a dedicated cook to join our team! This position includes preparing roughly eight to ten nutritious noon meals each month, served every Monday and Thursday. Responsibilities also include meal planning, grocery shopping, and maintaining a clean, welcoming kitchen environment. The role averages approximately 60 hours per month. Starting pay is \$15.00 per hour, with opportunities for raises. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Alice Iverson at 406-733-2138.

JOB OPENINGS

We are always looking for new people to join our team! We are currently looking for substitute teachers as well as substitute bus drivers. Applications can be found on the school website!

ANY BULLETIN ADDITIONS?

Email: secretary@highwood.k12.mt.us
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