



# Sweet Grass County High School

## School Counseling Newsletter

Winter 2016-2017

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### Important Dates

- 1/12-1/13-** Semester Tests
- 1/17-** Second Semester Begins
- 3/17-** End of Quarter 3
- 4/28-** Teen Day
- 5/21-** Graduation
- 5/26-** Last Day of School



### Testing Dates

- March-** CRT Science for sophomores
- 4/19/17-** ACT test for all juniors

I cannot believe that it is almost Christmas! It seems like the first semester has just flown by! The counseling office has been busy these last few months helping students fill out their FAFSA and college applications. College application week was a success with 27 seniors filling out college applications! The sophomores and freshman successfully took the ACT Aspire test in November.

### Semester Test Schedule

#### January 13, 2017

- 8:30 - 10:00: 1<sup>st</sup> Period
- 10:05 - 11:35: 4<sup>th</sup> Period
- 11:35-12:10: Lunch
- 12:15 - 1:45: 2<sup>nd</sup> Period
- 1:50 - 3:20: 3<sup>rd</sup> Period

#### January 14, 2017

- 8:30 - 10:00: 6<sup>th</sup> Period
- 10:05 - 11:35: 5<sup>th</sup> Period
- 11:35 -12:10: Lunch
- 12:15 - 1:45: 7<sup>th</sup> Period
- School dismissed

### Semester Test Tips

- Make a strict study schedule and start studying early!
- Keep a positive attitude
- Get Sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast.

Please remember the Guidance office is always available to help. If you have any questions or concerns please stop by. Have a safe and enjoyable winter break.  
-Mrs. Jessica Todd



### PowerSchool Mobile

- Download PowerSchool mobile from the iTunes or Google Play store.
- Parents must first create a parent account prior to this setup.
- The first time you launch the PowerSchool Mobile App you will need to associate your account with a specific server using a District Code.
- You will have access to your student's grades, assignments, attendance and more.

**Sweet Grass County High School District Code: RPWJ**

### College Visits

A college visit provides prospective students and their family an opportunity to experience what life might be like at the university or college. Some preview days are below.

**Montana State:** January 27, March 10, March 24, & June 16

**University of Montana:** February 17, March 6, April 7, & April 14

**Montana State University Billings and City College:** February 17 & March 31

**University of Montana Western:** March 17

**Montana State University Northern:** Visit any weekday at 8:00 or 12:00

\*For additional information check each school's website\*

## Attendance Matters

When school attendance is a priority, students often earn better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school. Regular student participation in daily classroom activities plays a significant role in a student's school success ensuring they are less likely to fall behind.

### Sweet Grass County High School Policy

"In all absences, excused or unexcused, if a student misses more than 9 (nine) periods of a class in a semester, no credit will be earned in that class within the guidelines of the following provisions."

- "When student exceeds nine absences, they will be informed of their situation. Students and parents have the right to appeal to the Attendance Committee or they may choose to miss fewer days the next semester."



#### Class of 2018

Juniors should be looking into career/college options. Start thinking about future plans; college, technical school, military, or work force. All juniors in the state of Montana will be required to take the ACT in April at no cost to the student.

#### Class of 2019

Sophomores need to maintain passing grades to progress towards graduation. Begin researching colleges/careers that interest you. Get involved in school sponsored activities.

#### Class of 2020

Freshman year tends to be a major transition for students and parents alike! Be sure to access PowerSchool which contains attendance information, grades, and assignments.

#### Class of 2017

Continue to work hard, semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility. Browse college majors and careers that interest you. Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, school counselors, or employers. Visit colleges or universities and meet with admissions and financial aid representatives. Complete scholarship applications and keep looking for more to apply for. Create an account at [scholly.com](http://scholly.com) to help find scholarships, use the access code "RHM406\$" to sign up for free, courtesy of Reach Higher Montana. Review the bulletin board in the SGHS hallway and the school website for additional scholarships.

## ACT and SAT Test Dates

Visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register for the ACT and [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to register for the SAT

All juniors will take the ACT free of cost on April 19, 2017

#### ACT:

- February 11, 2017 register by January 13, 2017
- April 8, 2017 register by March 3, 2017

#### SAT:

- March 11, 2017 register by February 10, 2016
- April 6, 2017 register by April 18, 2017



# Scholarships

## Newsletter Title

### Montana PTA Scholarships

Available to high school seniors attending a Montana college or university with plans to become an educator.

Amount: \$500.00

Due Dates: April 1, 2017

Contact: The Montana PTA office at (406)628-9007

### Tesoro Youth Leadership Awards

Available to high school seniors graduating in 2017 who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents of a state where Tesoro does business (Montana), with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.

Amount: Twenty \$2,500 scholarships

Due Date: February 26, 2017

Website: <http://nshssfoundation.org/resources/tesoro-youth-leadership-awards/>

### Greg Goff Leadership Award

Available to high school seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

Amount: TBD

Due Date: January 9, 2017

Website: <http://nshssfoundation.org/scholarships/greg-goff-leadership-awards/>

### Montana Community Foundation

Qualifications vary widely resulting in scholarship eligibility for a diverse range of students. For more scholarships, student can begin applying online January 1; with the closing date for applications begin March 17.

Amount: TBD Multiple Scholarships

Questions: <http://www.mtcf.org/Grants-Scholarships/Apply-for-a-Scholarship>

### Montana Association of Conservation Districts Scholarship

Available to high school seniors or students who are attending an accredited post-secondary institution in Montana. Student must plan to enroll in a course of study that allows students to explore natural resource issues, with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.

Amount: Two \$500.00

Due Date: February 24, 2017

Website: <http://macdnet.org/blog/2016/12/13/2017-macd-scholarship-application-now-available/>

### Check Montana Colleges and Universities for Scholarships

Once you have been accepted to the college or university there are many scholarships available. Visit the school's website to learn more about the scholarships they offer. Due dates will vary from November 15 to February 1.

### Montana Jaycee Foundation Scholarship

Available to any high school senior living in a state with an active JCI Senate program. Application will be judged on scholarship, essay, leadership, and financial need. Mail the application to 1060 Weaver Rd. Belgrade, MT 59714

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: January 14, 2017

Website: [www.mtjcisenate.org](http://www.mtjcisenate.org)

### Montana University System Honor Scholarship

Available to a Montana high school senior with a cumulative GPS of at least 3.4 at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> semester. Must meet the Rigorous Core Requirements by graduation. Must take the ACT or SAT by December 31, 2016, must be a U.S. citizen and Montana resident, and must be accepted by an eligible campus.

Amount: Waves tuition at an eligible campus: average \$4,000 renewable each year.

Opens: December 1, 2016

Due Date: March 15, 2017

Website: <https://sfs.mus.edu/services/scholarships>

### Governor's Best and Brightest High School Merit Scholarship

Awarded to a 2017 graduate from each Montana High school. Must take the ACT by December 31, 2016 and obtain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, or a score of at least a 20 on the ACT.

Amount: \$2,000 per year renewable for up to 4 years.

Opens: December 1, 2016

Due Date: March 15, 2017

Website: <https://sfs.mus.edu/services/scholarships>

### Montana STEM Scholarship

Awarded to 2017 graduate of Montana high school, must be accepted by an eligible Montana campus, and obtain a GPA of at least 3.25. Must complete 4 years of math and 3 years of science while in High School, and must declare a STEM or Healthcare major.

Amount: \$1,000 for the first year and \$2,000 for the second year.

Opens: December 1, 2016

Due Date: March 15, 2017

Website: <https://sfs.mus.edu/services/scholarships>

### Montana Scholarship Search is an easy-to-use search tool to find scholarships.

Apply to as many as possible check the criteria and visit the organization's website for up-to-date information.

Website: [https://sfs.mus.edu/scholarship\\_search](https://sfs.mus.edu/scholarship_search)