



Savage Public School Newsletter

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DATES TO KNOW

- Dec. 15 Winter Concert
- Dec. 16 End Semester
- Dec. 19 Regular Board Meeting
- Dec. 19 Grades Due
- Dec. 20 Noon Release
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3 Winter Break
- Jan. 4 School Resumes
- Jan. 5 Elementary Basketball starts



If you would like something included in the newsletter, please send it in to ahoffmann@savagepublicschool.com. Please so prior to the last Monday of the month.

Dear Savage,

Tis the season of joy and merriment in which we celebrate all that we are thankful for in our lives, and there is much to appreciate. Savage School has taken this to heart and wants to share all the positives we see on a daily basis in our halls and classrooms. I can only tell you of the laughter and humor that can be found in unexpected places. It is truly representative of the tradition of perseverance and resilience that thrives in Savage.

When you enter the commons area or the lunch room, you will see new banners on the walls that state, "Celebrate All That Is Savage", and we should. Celebration can come in many forms; from attending activities to volunteering your time in the school. I do realize that time is a component that vanishes quite quickly when raising a family or even when watching your grandchildren grow. In order to provide some celebration of our students, another bulletin board will be posted in the commons area, next to the one that displays student work. This one will be called **Post the Positives**, which will be a venue for the community to display comments that are encouraging, appreciative, and positive toward individual students or staff. Paper and pencil will be provided to write and display what is seen as a plus in the Savage Public School. All are welcome to post words of kindness that will mean much to the recipients. I invite you to participate in this activity so everyone can see the pride that is an essential part of Savage.

I wish you and your families the best in this wonderful time of year.

Sincerely

Lynne Peterson

Superintendent

Savage Public School

Hoffmann presents in Atlanta on rural education

English teacher Alan Hoffmann had the opportunity to present on his experiences teaching in Savage at the annual National Council of Teachers of English Convention in Atlanta in late November.

“It was an amazing experience, getting to talk about my time in Savage, and the opportunities that I have here at a big conference like NCTE.

The annual conference draws in thousands of English teachers from across the country to the four day event.

Hoffmann says he attended several professional development seminars and talks, all of which will ultimately help

him in his classroom.

“Everything from making grammar more engaging, to making sure our students are college ready writers, to looking at reading to new ways. Everything that I learned at this conference can be taken into my classroom and used right away,” he said.

The highlight though was getting the chance to present about teaching in rural America.

“Rural education isn’t often talked about, but when it is, it’s usually negative. My group wanted to change that. I wanted to talk about the opportunities that I have in being a one person department.

For example, my ability to create a culture that values literacy in this school, and about the connections I’m able to make with the kids because there aren’t 30 of them in the room with me.”

Hoffmann presented with two other rural teachers in Montana. They talked in front of 30 teachers from across the country, relaying experiences and challenges of teaching in a rural setting.

“It can be rough, having to prep for seven classes, but at small schools, we have an amazing opportunity to work with students. That’s what I wanted Atlanta and the rest of NCTE to know.”

YWP wins grant to continue working in Savage

The Yellowstone Writing Project has won a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to continue their work in developing a K-12 Writing Curriculum in Savage.

The grant is worth \$30,000.

YWP made a pitch to the National Writing Project during NWP’s annual meeting in Atlanta. The group highlighted the work already being done in Savage to identify needs and to eventually develop a curriculum.

Representatives from YWP have made multiple trips to Savage and have worked with teachers during one PIR day. A meeting in December will help determine the next course of action.

In the meantime, a leadership team of four teachers at the school are assisting staff in using writing more in instruction.

Winter Concert set for Dec. 15

The Music Department is pleased to announce our winter concert. It will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30PM in the gymnasium. This concert will feature all grades K-12. There will be an in-school preview for the concert at 2:15PM. There will also be a free will donation dinner being served at 5:15PM in the cafeteria. Please come and support the senior class. This concert will be a main portion of your child's grade for music this quarter. If your child cannot attend, please let Ms. Becker know as soon as possible. Concert dress will be the same as the past concerts. K-4 students, please dress nicely. 5-12 band students please wear black pants and a nice shirt, or a dress. The students have worked incredibly hard to put this together for you. We look forward to seeing you there!

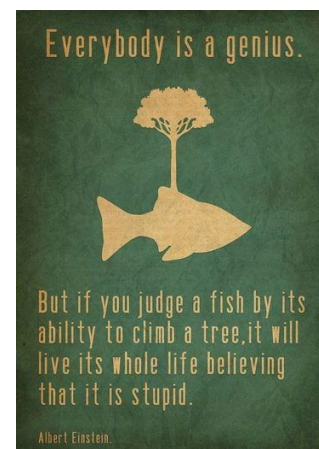
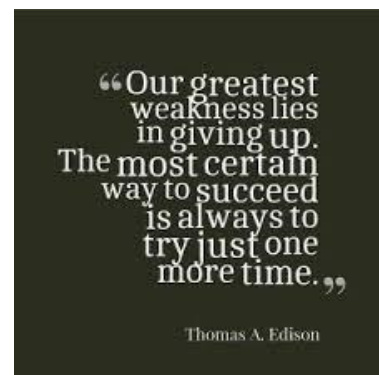
Five SHS Students participate in Honor Band

On November 22, the District 11 Honor Band Music Festival was held in Glendive. Ms. Becker is proud to say that we had five students representing our Savage High School band at the festival. Soda Rice (Alto Saxophone), Kayla Nelson (Alto Saxophone), Ashlind Conradsen (Alto Saxophone), Owen Nelson (Tenor Saxophone), and Jared Stonehocker (Baritone) have been working on the music for this festival for the past month and a half. It was really exciting for them to have the opportunity to play in a larger band and really get the full sound from having all of the different parts. The students each had to audition for chair placements within their sections as well. The concert was very well received and the students look forward to going again in the future.

Teacher Corner with Mrs. Nelson

Taking on a new position at the school has come with many challenges. The biggest challenge is managing my time effectively. As the new Principal at Savage School, I have high expectations for what is to come. I want communication to be the key building block. Communication with my staff, students, parents and community members is at the forefront of my list of things to accomplish. Please remember the chain of command in dealing with your concerns (Teacher, Principal, and Superintendent). However, please know that my door is always open and I encourage you to visit with me when something is concerning you. Remember, we all like to hear when you think things are going well!

My Special Education classroom is a busy place. It runs very smoothly in my absence due to my two trusted aides, Mrs. Sharbono and Mrs. Shaw. I feel that we are effectively serving our students in the best way possible. We continually strive to use the latest strategies to help our students be successful. If you are ever in the building stop by and say hi!



Warrior Athletics December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 JH Bball @ Froid 4/5	3 JH Bball @ R/L 10/11 am
4	5	6 JH Bball vs Mondak 4/5	7	8	9 HS Bball vs R/L @ Lambert 3:00	10 HS Bball vs Wibaux, @ Lambert 3:00 JH Bball @ Wi-
11	12 JH Boys- Richey JH Girls- Lam-	13	14	15	16 HS Bball @ Circle 6:00	17 HS Bball vs MonDak 4:00 JH Final 4 @
18	19	20 HS Bball vs Fairview 4:00	21	22 HS Bball @ Frazier 4:00	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Junior High Basketball

Dec. 3 @ R/L 10:00/11:00
 Dec. 6 vs. Mondak 4:00/5:00
 Dec. 10 @ Wibaux 10:00/11:00
 Dec. 12 Boys @ Richey
 Dec. 12 Girls @ Lambert
 Dec. 17 Final 4 @ Fairview

**Please note: Savage Public
 Schools will no longer be
 selling Season Passes.**

High School Basketball

Dec. 9-10 @ Lambert Invite
 Dec. 16 @ Circle 6:00
 Dec. 17 vs MonDak 4:00
 Dec. 20 vs Fairview 4:00
 Dec. 22 @ Frazier 4:00
 Jan. 6 @ R/L 6:00
 Jan. 7 vs Brocketon 4:00

Start times dependent on JV games.

December Menus

Breakfast

Dec. 1 Omelet
Dec. 2 Breakfast Bar
Dec. 5 Cereal
Dec. 6 Coffee Cake
Dec. 7 Hot and Cold Cereal
Dec. 8 Scrambled Eggs
Dec. 9 Pancakes
Dec. 12 Cereal
Dec. 13 French Toast
Dec. 14 Hot and Cold Cereal
Dec. 15 Breakfast Casserole
Dec. 16 English Muffin
Dec. 19 Cereal
Dec. 20 Maple Bar
Dec. 21-Jan 3 WINTER BREAK
Jan. 4 Hot and Cold Cereal
Jan. 5 Cinnamon Rolls
Jan. 6 Breakfast Pizza
Jan. 9 Cereal
Jan. 10 Waffles
Jan. 11 Hot and Cold Cereal
Jan. 12 Breakfast Burrito

Lunch

Dec. 1 Chicken Drumsticks
Dec. 2 Sub Sandwiches
Dec. 5 Tacos
Dec. 6 Tater Tot Casserole
Dec. 7 Hot Ham and Cheese
Dec. 8 Sweet and Sour Chicken
Dec. 9 Corn Dogs
Dec. 12 Scalloped Potatoes and Ham
Dec. 13 Christmas Dinner
Dec. 14 Hamburgers
Dec. 15 French Dip
Dec. 16 Super Nachos
Dec. 19 Sloppy Joes
Dec. 20 Chili
Dec. 21-Jan 3 WINTER BREAK
Jan. 4 Polish Dog
Jan. 5 Italian Bake
Jan. 6 Chicken Patty
Jan. 9 Croissants
Jan. 10 Hamburger Gravy
Jan. 11 Turkey Pot Pie
Jan. 12 Tostados

Reminder: You can check your child's lunch account balance on Power School. Please make sure your child has enough money for their meals!

Art Supply Gift Ideas

Below are a few gift giving recommendations for the creative type in your house!

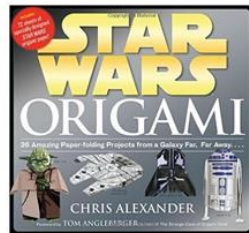
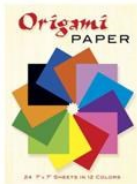
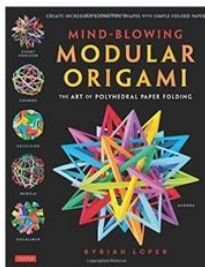


Mechanical Eraser

Who doesn't love a bit of help from technology? Students may enjoy using a mechanical eraser to help them eliminate those pesky unwanted lines. Though don't forget to add in some extra batteries so they can use this over and over again or an eraser refill pack!

Artistic Games

There are TONS of creative games out there for young artists and their families! No matter your artistic abilities there are games to encourage creation, drawing, conversation, memory and more!



Origami Materials

Kids of all ages love to make three-dimensional artwork! Origami, or paper folding, is an inexpensive way for anyone to transform a flat piece of paper into something with dimension. There are books and kits out there for anyone's tastes or abilities from easy beginners to advanced.

Don't forget to buy a variety of beautiful pre-cut paper to go along with your books!

Books

For those who like a good book, or two, or three, there are plenty of book options and series that highlight artist lives, styles, and ideas for students of all reading levels. PLUS, most of the books have beautiful illustrations and photos that are pieces of artwork themselves.

