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### Winter Newsletter



#### The “Marvelous Wonders” of the Savage Community and School

I want to express my thoughts of the “marvelous wonders” that I see everyday as member of the community and superintendent of the school.

The “marvelous wonders” I see in our small town and community are:

- The “marvelous wonders” where everyone knows and cares about their friends and neighbors.
- The “marvelous wonders” of a community and school that stick together and support each other, even when differences occur.
- The “marvelous wonders” where respect is given freely and goodwill is expressed to all.
- The “marvelous wonders” of families and extended families that are proud of their children and do their best to instill values and morals that are important to mankind.
- The “marvelous wonders” of loyalty and pride in our community, school, state, and country.
- The “marvelous wonders” of charity and support to our school fundraisers and events.
- The “marvelous wonders” of kindness, empathy, understanding, financial support, and prayer when a tragedy or hard times occurs.
- The “marvelous wonders” of hope for the future of our children and world in a time of global uncertainty.
- The “marvelous wonders” of learning and knowledge that is given to our children through teachers, parents, and other community members.
- The “marvelous wonders” of being in a small school where every child is truly missed if they are absent for a day.
- The “marvelous wonders” of where every child is treasured and needed in our school and community.

#### General Information Update:

##### Sick Students

- Please **DO NOT** send your child to school sick.
- If your child becomes ill at school, we will be sure to call you right away.
- A child **MUST** stay home 24 hours free of fever, diarrhea, or vomiting.
- Students with a fever over 99°F will be sent home.
- Coughing and a runny nose usually are signs that a student should be checked by parents before coming to school, as they may be contagious with a virus or infection and are better off resting at home for the day.

**School Board Meetings:** January 6, 2021 is a special meeting about the water repair. Regularly scheduled board meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Should there be any change to times or dates an official notice of the meeting will be posted.

#### Informational Inserts:

- **Activities and Menus Calendar**
- **Teachers’ Tidbits and Information**

Shawn Conradsen, Chair  
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## **SAVE MONEY ON YOUR 2022 TAX BILL!**

The Savage Public School wants you to be aware of a great opportunity to support your local public schools and the great things we are doing to enhance the experiences and opportunities for each student. As you may know, the 2021 Legislature authorized enhanced tax credit opportunities for Montanans to support their local public schools through HB 279.

Did you know that you can make cash donations directly to our public-school starting **JANUARY 3, 2022**, and get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your state tax bill starting in 2022? What this means is that you can help us expand our innovative educational programs that benefit our students through enhanced:

- transformational and advanced learning opportunities for our students;
- programs, services and equipment for students with disabilities;
- work-based learning partnership for our students;
- post-secondary credit or career certifications for our students; and
- technologies that improve student experiences and opportunities.

## **MAKE A DONATION EARLY!**

Time is critical as this dollar-for-dollar tax credit is on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS** so we are encouraging you to act quickly and consider a cash donation to your local public school in January of 2022. Here are some important caps to be aware of:

- Individuals or corporations can donate up to \$200,000 per year for our school's innovative educational programs; and
- The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be claimed statewide in 2022 is \$1,000,000.

## **HERE IS HOW IT WORKS!**

- ⇒ The District is registered on the Montana Department of Revenue's (DOR) Education Donations Portal.
- ⇒ When you make a cash donation to our District, make sure you tell us in writing that it is for "innovative educational programs."
- ⇒ You will need to provide the District with the following information:
  - Your Name
  - The last four digits of the Social Security Number (SSN) or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)
  - Your mailing address
  - Your physical address
  - Your Email address
- ⇒ The District will enter this information together with the amount donated in the DOR Education Donations Portal
- ⇒ Once the District records the donation in the DOR Portal, the DOR will preapprove the donation (so long as the individual and statewide thresholds noted above have not been exceeded) and you will receive a confirmation number and receipt that you will include when you file your 2022 taxes.

The statewide aggregate threshold of \$1,000,000 is tracked on the DOR Education Donations Portal homepage. You can view how much of the credit has been reserved, how much is available, and how much is pending.

If you have any questions on this great way to support our local public schools, please contact the Michelle Miller, Clerk of the District at 406-776-2317 or Dona Losett, MT DOR at 406-444-1991 or [\*\*dona.losett@mt.gov\*\*](mailto:dona.losett@mt.gov).

# Savage Public School

Activities and Meal Menu: (Meals may change pending deliveries!)

## Happy New Year: January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Quarter 3 Begins Elem. BB Starts  B: Turnovers L: Chicken Strips	4  B: Cereal L: Lasagna	5  B: Egg Bake L: Ham it up Spaghetti	6  B: Cereal L: Corn Dogs	7 School for Grades 4-12  B: Coffee Cake L: Chicken Fajita	8 HS BB v R/L
9	10  B: Pancakes L: Tator Kickers	11  B: Cereal L: Chicken Fried Steak	12  B: Mini Long John L: Chicken Ala King	13  B: Cereal L: Chicken Burger	14 HS BB @ Brockton	15 HS BB v Culbertson Elem. BB v Sidney
16	17 School Board Meeting (7:00 pm)  B: Bagel L: Chicken Alfredo Lasagna	18  B: Cereal L: Hamburger Gravy	19  B: Waffle L: Spaghetti	20  B: Cereal L: Sub Sandwich/Soup	21 HS BB v MonDak	22 HS BB @ Fairview Elem BB @ Fairview
23	24  B: Pancake Muffins L: Chicken Strips	25  B: Cereal L: Stroganoff	26  B: Carmel Roll L: Tostados	27  B: Cereal L: Hamburger	28 HS BB v F/L	29 HS BB @ Bainville Elem BB @ R/L
30	31  B: French Toast L: Tacos					

## February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  B: Cereal L: Chicken Enchiladas	2  B: Eggs & Bacon L: Grilled cheese & Tomato soup	3  B: Cereal L: Chili & Cinnamon Roll	4 HS BB v Circle	5 HS BB @ Plentywood Elem BB @ Bainville
6	7  B: Waffle L: Hot Dogs	8  B: Cereal L: Chicken Cordon Bleu	9 JH Music Concert  B: Egg Bake L: Chicken Noodle Soup	10  B: Cereal L: Hot Ham & Cheese	11 HS BB @ Lambert	12 HS BB v Brockton - Senior Night Elem BB @ Brockton
13	14 Happy Valentine's Day!  2:00 Release Possible District Basketball →  B: Bagels L: Ravioli Lasagna	15 2:00 Release Possible District Basketball  B: Cereal L: ribs	16 District Basketball  B: Mini Doughnuts L: Barber Poles	17 District Basketball  B: Cereal L: Grilled cheese & Tomato soup	18  District Basketball	19  District Basketball
20	21 School Board Meeting (7:00 pm)  District BB Play off Game if Needed  B: Yogurt Bar L: Spaghetti	22  B: Cereal L: Pork Steak	23  B: Cinnamon Roll L: Chicken Alfredo	24 SCHOOL ALL DAY! FLEX DAY MOVED TO MARCH 3  B: Cereal L: Pizza	25  Divisional BB Play-In Game if Needed	26
27	28  B: Eggs & Cheese L: Stroganoff					

## RESOURCE ROOM

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Resource Room.

In Mrs. Sharbono's classes we have implemented Little House on the Prairie into all our subject areas.

In Reading, of course we are reading the book. What an awesome book, which the kids are totally loving. This is the second book we have read in the series. We have done journaling everyday as one of the Ingalls family which the kids have really enjoyed.

In English, we have taken words from the book and turned them into vocabulary words. We are doing comparing and contrasting as we read a chapter and watch that part of the movie. So far, we all agree we like the book better.

In Math, we have built log cabins, and have had to research what it would cost to actually build one. We have taken a look at what things cost then and now. We also have been looking at bartering and trading. We might be trying a little of this in the classroom.

In Social Studies and Science, we have been researching the different Native American tribes. We have looked at their way of life, hunting, homes, cultures, and how they got along with the Ingalls family.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Time is flying by and I'm sure you are feeling it too. I would like to take a minute to commend you, the parents; on how well behaved the students are at Savage School. Our students are mannerly, caring and helpful. That in itself makes our job so enjoyable. I would like to remind you that my door is always open and I am here to help make sure your child is successful at Savage School. Feel free to stop by with your concerns or just to say hi! As we head into the New Year, I would like to thank you for all you do for our students and staff here at school. Your kindness does not go unnoticed. From coaching, volunteering, to treats that are dropped off we thank you. I wish you and yours the best in the year to come.

Mrs. Nelson

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

"We had very well received holiday concerts in the music department and now we are into pep band and festival preparation season! The students are working hard on perfecting their solos and group numbers and we are so excited to finally be participating in a live and in-person festival! The music department will be running a raffle for the month of February to raise money for their trip to Rapid City in the Spring. Please be on the lookout for more announcements from us and finally, "like" and "follow" the Savage Public School Music Department on Facebook for more information!"

## FROM THE JANITORIAL STAFF

Happy New Year!

Tom and I are working hard to get the school in tip-top shape for the start of the New Year, and we continue to run our UV lights on a daily basis to help disinfect the school.

Just for an FYI for parents, there is a lost and found box located in the commons area, if you get a chance, please take a look through there at the next home games if your child is missing something.

Also, a reminder as the winter weather shares its joy with us as you enter the school, please make sure to wipe your feet to prevent slips and falls as the floors have a tendency to get slippery when wet.

## PRE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



The Preschool class used their imagination and creativity to make Gingerbread Houses.

LIBRARY NEWS

# BOOK FAIR

COMING SOON!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon and we will turn the school commons into our very own bookstore. Find hundreds of books from new and favorite authors, popular series, cool posters and school supplies, not to mention fun! The Scholastic Book Fair will be here from January 28 to February 4 and everyone is invited! The new books! Thank you all for your support and we hope to see you all again this year. Book fair will be open during our home basketball games January 28 and February 4 and during school hours. This book fair is a fantastic way to earn money for new books in our library. Scholastic gives fifty percent of book fair profits back to our school. Because of the communities support last year, we were able to buy \$1, 608.00 worth of new books! Thank you all for your support and we hope to see you all again this year.

