

Bengal Happenings

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A Note on Halloween Costumes

As we make our way to Halloween this week, we encourage students and staff to engage in having fun and dressing up. With that, though, we do expect the following to be adhered to:

- Costumes must be school appropriate and follow dress code expectations
- No weapons or weapon facsimiles are allowed (no fake knives, guns, reaper staffs, etc.)
- No full-face masks are allowed – we need to be able to identify a student’s face
- No drug, alcohol, or sexual references are allowed

If a costume does not meet the expectations or there is a question as to the appropriateness of a costume, an administrator will work with the student to remedy the issue.

End of the Quarter

As we find ourselves closing out the first quarter this coming week, there have been some amazing learning opportunities for students so far this year. Teachers will be finalizing grades through next week. Once grades are stored, our amazing registrar, Mrs. Neary, will be finalizing the storing of grades on her end and preparing report cards to be sent out. Report Cards will be emailed home to parents on Monday, November 11.

If you have questions on your child’s grades, please talk about the grade with your child first, then reach out to their teacher to help with any clarification needed. We look forward to continuing to build these partnerships, while helping your students grow at the same time.

What’s Happening in Class?

This week we check in on the following classes:

[Fine Arts](#)

[Special Services](#)

[CTE \(Career and Technical Education\)](#)

[World Languages](#)

Mental Health Resources Available

Through great partnerships within the Helena Community, we are fortunate to have quality School Based Outpatient Therapists (SBOT) in our school. Our SBOTs, Marty Verrill and Sam Martin, who just recently joined our staff, are able to provide quality services for our students and school. If you are interested in hearing more about the therapy opportunities

available, please contact your child's counselor or administrator, or reach out to Marty at mverrill@hia-mt.org

Picture Retakes – November 1

If you missed our original picture day in September, you have a second chance at capturing those 2024-2025 school year memories! On Friday, November 1, Jostens will be here again to do retakes for those who would like them, or to take original school photos for those that missed the original day. We will use the following time schedule for students to go down and get their pictures:

- 8:30-8:50 – Freshmen
- 8:50-9:10 – Sophomores
- 9:20-9:40 – Juniors
- 9:40-10:00 – Seniors
- 10:20-10:30 – Any final students who need a picture

Spirit Week October 28-November 1

Our Student Council has put together a fun week for us! We highly encourage everyone to participate and have some fun with the last week of the quarter!

Monday – Spooky/Crazy Socks

Tuesday – Tired Tuesday – Wear School Appropriate Pajamas

Wednesday – Class Colors

Thursday – Halloween

Friday – Freaky Flip Flop Friday – Dress like a friend or teacher, or wear socks and flip flops!

Counseling Center News

11/01 - Reach Higher Sticker Scholarship Opens.

11/13 - FSA ID Night- Library 5:30-7PM- Pizza is provided.

11/18 - Montana State University College Visit – 1:15-1:45- Counseling office

12/01 - MUS Honors Scholarship Opens

Carroll College is offering a Pell Promise scholarship for Montana residents who will be first-time, in-state freshmen enrolling for Fall 2025. To qualify, students must complete the FAFSA and be eligible for a federal Pell Grant. Additionally, they are required to accept the maximum subsidized Stafford Loan as part of their financial aid package. Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and enroll in at least 12 credits per semester. The scholarship covers tuition, with funding provided through a combination of federal aid, Carroll College merit aid, and need-based gift aid. External scholarships can also be applied toward room and board expenses. For more details, please contact Carroll College's Financial Aid Office.

Upcoming Bengal Activities

10/26 - Cross Country @ State – Missoula; Girl's Soccer @ Gallatin – Soccer Quarterfinals; VB @ Sentinel; Frosh FB vs Big Sky – 12 pm

10/28 - Orchestra Concert – 6 pm – HHS Little Theatre

10/29 - VB vs Butte – 4/5:30/7 pm

10/31 - VB @ Big Sky

11/1 - Football First Round vs CMR – 7 pm

Upcoming Dates – [Complete Year at a Glance](#) (This document will be updated as dates are changed)

November 2024

- 1 – Picture Retakes, End of 1st Quarter
- 13 – FAFSA Night – 5:15-7 pm, Black Lab in the Library
- 14 – Indian Education for All Immersion Day – Assessment Schedule
- 15 – Rock Your Mocks Day – Assembly Schedule, Pow Wow Demonstration
- 21 – First Day Basketball, Cheer, Dance, Swimming, Wrestling
- 22 – Shakespeare in the School – AM Performance
- 27-29 – No School, Thanksgiving Break

From Last Week

What is being covered this month?

As we work our way into the month of October, it is evident that classes, clubs, and activities are in full swing at HHS. As we pop in and out of classes, it is great to listen to the conversations happening about the recent books that were read, drafts of papers being written and revised with the help of instructors, and excitement in the air as we make our way to the post season in fall sports. This week, we will hear more from our English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and PE Departments on what is on the agenda for the next four weeks! Go Bengals!

[English](#)

[Math](#)

[Science](#)

[Social Studies](#)

[Physical Education and Health](#)

Bengal Buddies – Mentoring

For the past couple of years, Mrs. Preshinger’s Gothic Lit classes have partnered with Bryant Elementary to visit their classroom roughly once a month to build relationships and provide support in building needed skills for those students. The students who participate in this event are able to build a strong foundation of empathy, perseverance, and help establish a quality legacy for years to come. Below are a few pictures from their visit this past week.





(Caption – HHS students work alongside Bryant students, reading, writing, and working on skills. Photos courtesy of Mrs. Preshinger)

Earthquake Awareness

Each October, the State of Montana works to bring awareness to the lingering potential of earthquakes in our area. In schools, one of the drills we complete each year is an earthquake drill, helping remind students and staff of the actions they should take in case an earthquake was to happen. To do this, we traditionally participate in the Great Montana Shakeout, a statewide approach to earthquake awareness and preparedness. While the shakeout this year is scheduled for 10/17, a day we do not have school, we will do our drill on October 16 in the morning.

Below are some great resources and helpful reminders when it comes to earthquake preparedness. All of these were found courtesy of the [Great Montana Shakeout](#) website.

[Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety](#) [Drop, Cover, and Hold](#)

They have also added two new videos on the history of Earthquakes in Montana that are fairly interesting if you have time.

[Video 1](#) [Video 2](#)

Students Traveling to Japan!

Over the past few years, a concerted effort has been made to establish a strong connection between Helena High School and the Senshu University Kumamoto – Tamana High School. Tamana High, located in the Kumamoto Prefecture has had a yearly graduation speech from Mr. Thennis, who also visited the school last year, establishing a commitment to build a strong relationship there. While our future goals are to build a relationship where members of our student body are able to visit, and vice versa, we continue to make progress each year to allow this to happen.

The next step in this journey is an exciting one! Due to the growing relationship, the Japanese government has invited our students to participate in the World Tsunami Awareness Day Conference held October 20-24 in Kumamoto, Japan. While there, students will participate in learning sessions on disaster response and be part of discussions on how we can work collectively as a world to help with disaster mitigation

and awareness. As one of only two states to be represented at this conference, it will be an exciting opportunity for our students to engage with others around the world. While there, each group is also tasked with presenting information on a natural disaster from their area and discussing what changed due to that. Our group of Evelyn Callery, Kenzie Criswell, and Eva Skibicki will be highlighting the devastating Mann Gulch Fire and how that event changed wildfire, and disaster, response for the entire nation. Good luck everyone, we look forward to hearing about your experience!

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