



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2022

SUPERIOR JH/HS

Newsletter
Everyone Working Together for a Superior Education



NEW CLASS! Small Engines

Beginning with a lawnmower club on his own dime -from home- Matt Doughty just couldn't get any traction for the club to catch on. A certified mechanic, Matt has been wrenching for years outside of the Army and is full of enthusiasm and vision. One day opportunity knocked when he ran into Scott Kinney. Matt says Kinney's interest in introducing vocational training into Superior High school was the boost he needed and he was hired! Starting off as the school's bus maintenance man last year, he now does that part time (along with coaching football) and runs four small engines classes.

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*Too many plans,
not enough time!*

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Introducing CTE (career and technical) opportunities in the school is of great interest to Scott Kinney. "[This] Breaks the old paradigm of sitting in chairs, rather this is a learn by doing class. Remember finger painting and anything with clay?" He goes on

to point out the entrepreneurial lessons this provides our students because in general, "humans are good at reinventing, not inventing."

The first semester for the Small Engines class will be all about the text book before the "shenanigans and real fun can begin." By the end of this year, anyone taking the class will earn -see *ENGINES* pg. 4



OCTOBER

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School Board Meeting

20-21

NO SCHOOL - PIR

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End of 1st Quarter

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NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER

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NO SCHOOL

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Picture Retake Day

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School Board Meeting

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NO SCHOOL

14-18

Missoula Children's Theatre

23-25

NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Break

<https://www.ssd3.us/events>

for more information and sports schedules

For more school news:
<https://www.ssd3.us/>

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Follow us on social media:

Superior School District #3
 @superiorbobcats

HOME FOOTBALL GAMES



BPA has started fundraising and is selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the home football games.

"I am excited about this year and we already have more than 20 people signed up to participate," enthused BPA's advisor, Michael Cooper. "The National Leadership Conference is in Anaheim this year (aka Disneyland), enrollment is exceptionally high in every chapter in Montana."

The chapter is looking forward to a successful competitive year as well as a lot of fun in fundraising activities.



FINANCIAL AID HELP?

October is FAFSA completion month. FAFSA is a federal student aid application for financial aid for college. Since aid is limited, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications this month. Parents, please help your student complete this paperwork. Whether or not your student is planning to attend college, it's helpful to have this possible financial support locked in now while the aid is still available.

STUDENT MENTORS

High school students can sign up for a mentor through Student Success Agency to guide them through the year, answering general questions on school, postsecondary planning and etc. Mentors are older college and grad students and have been mentoring our students for three years now. Contact Toni Labbe for more information.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

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Perri Jasper

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COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

October 3-7

Apply to every Montana college, university or trade school for FREE!

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

THE LITTLE MERMAID

Tryouts will be after school on Monday, 11/14, and are open to 1st-12th grade students. Practices will be each night after school, times dependent on character parts.

2:00PM Friday, **11/18** (for the school kids)

7:00PM Friday, **11/18** (community performance)

\$7.00 adults, \$3.00 students, 5 & under is FREE

WE BEGIN THIS SCHOOL YEAR WITH:

43 Junior High Students
117 High School Students

Seventh Grade	17
Eighth Grade	26
Freshmen	39
Sophomore	25
Junior	28
Senior	25

Do you have an athlete or maybe a student in drama?
Join the Superior Booster Club and help brainstorm ways to support our kids!

CONTACT

Bridgett Kovalsky
or Toni Labbe for more
information or visit the
Facebook page
f Superior Booster Club

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ✓ Four new first aid kits for the sports teams
- ✓ Coolers for post season traveling teams
- ✓ A new shot clock

ROME & ATHENS

EF Tours is running all of the concessions for the school year. This is an amazing opportunity to help fundraise for 2024's adventure. Stop by for a hotdog and help a student see the world!

FUNDRAISER

Coming Soon!



ENGINES

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a basic Small Engines Technician Certificate and be Two-Stroke Technician Certified.

And how do you measure student success? Classes will convert push lawnmowers into motorized "Mario Carts" and set them loose on a Grand Prix racetrack. Racing around the parking lot and through the bus garage, carts will vie for a podium finish. Costumes strongly encouraged!

With visions of some sort of Technology Park behind the school some day, this could only be the beginning of bigger dreams to fulfill and longer racetracks to design.



FAMILIES & FANS PAINT THE TOWN (STREETS) FOR SPIRIT WEEK



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

NATALEE FAUPEL

Junior and High School Math teacher



How long have you been here?

Officially five days!! Just started :)

Where are you from?

Butte, Montana

Where did you go to college? What is your degree in?

MSU - Northern for my Bachelor's Degree in Health Promotion, Idaho State University for my Master's in Physical Education Athletic Administration, and Montana Western for my Teaching Certificate in Math and Health/PE.

Why do you love what you do?

I love getting to know my students on a deeper level. They are each so wonderful in their own ways and I always find myself learning and growing from the relationships that I build with them. I also have really enjoyed getting to know more staff

members which only emphasizes how great this place is!

What is your favorite thing about working here?

The smaller class sizes, my students' smiling faces, and the staff. This school honestly has it all! I am so blessed to be here and look forward to 8am every weekday!

What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?

I am a big sports fan, so I always enjoy watching or participating in some kind of athletic event. I also enjoy being at home with my fiancé, relaxing, and hanging out with our dog!

If you could leave one lasting impression on a student, what would it be?

You are loved, wanted, and appreciated. I hope our students feel that every day that they step into the school. And... Go Bobcats!!

SAMIJO FIRESTONE

Earth, Life, Wildlife and Forestry Sciences

How long have you been here?

This is my fourth year at Superior.

Where are you from?

I grew up on the Flathead Indian Reservation in the town of Charlo.

Where did you go to college? What is your degree in?

Graduated from the University of Montana (Go Griz!) with a Bachelors degree of arts in education. Currently working towards my masters of science in science education.

Why do you love what you do?

I love being a part of something bigger and continually supporting these young people to be the best version of themselves.

What is your favorite thing about working here?

My favorite part about Superior has been the staff. We truly care about the students here and are always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?

I love being outside, listening to live music/concerts and hanging with my family. We love a grand adventure!

If you could leave one lasting impression on a student, what would it be?

Finding a passion and striving to make yourself successful doing it is a sure way to enjoy life! You will have to make sacrifices along the way to pay the bills, but don't give up on your passion.

