



APRIL 2023

# SUPERIOR JH/HS

Newsletter  
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## GAP CLOSURE



After Covid-19 hit, academic growth slowed, but now the academic gap is closing. This progress is thanks to Response to Intervention or RTI. To give a little background, RTI is a data-driven system that places students in appropriate classes for reading and math. There are three levels in RTI that measure a school's progress in math and reading. Tier 1 is when a student is at grade level in reading and math and does not require any academic interventions. Tier 2 is when a student is one grade level below their current grade and therefore needs a little extra help. Tier 3 is when a student's math or reading skills are two or more grade levels below their grade and needs additional resources for interventions. The measurable improvement is with the junior high students whose academic

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## COUNCIL NEWS



Photo by The Climate Reality Project on Unsplash

Congratulations to the freshmen class, they showed the most spirit during Spirit Week with the highest percentage of student participation and won the ice cream party!

There are few community service ideas the council hopes to launch but will wait for enough member votes to go forward.

Campaigns for the 2023-2024 student council and officers begin in April. Selections will take place in early May, securing officers in place for the next school year. Eligible candidates are Students in Good Standing for 4th Quarter and are currently in the 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grades. Speeches for those who successfully complete and turn in petitions will be prior to the final student council meeting of this school year.

## APRIL

- 6 High School Drama Production
- 11 ACT -All Juniors
- 12 PreACT 8th Grade
- 12 School Board Meeting
- 12-14 Glacier National Park Freshman
- 13 PreACT 10th Grade
- UPDATE** 14 **NO SCHOOL**
- 14-15 District Music Festival
- 15 MSU STEAM Day
- 24 **NO SCHOOL - PIR**
- 26 Quarter 4 Midterm
- 26 Admin Appreciation Day

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 for more information and sports schedules

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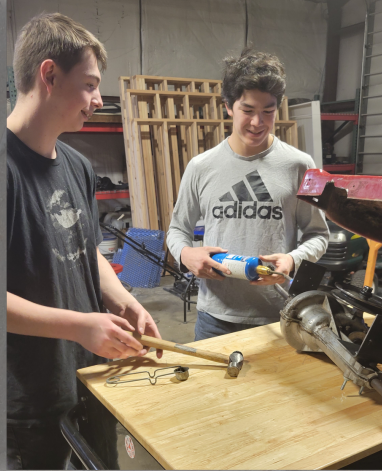
GEAR UP Liaison: Toni Labbe

# GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNIN'

The Small Engines class is on their way to a showdown Superior has never seen when the Grand Prix comes to Arizona Avenue in May. Students have been modifying and melding and patch working various machine parts together to create functioning racing go-karts for Mario Kart Day. This event will be open to the community, look for more info in May's newsletter.



Lane DiGiando and Garret Oday have a four-decade parts Kart. None of the individual parts were intended to work together, but they have managed to meld parts from the 60's, 80's, 90's and 2000's into a functioning machine.



Lucas Kovalsky and Austin Seward adapt a riding mower transaxle to fit their push mower.



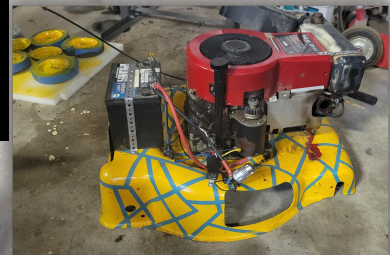
Sam Doughty and Logan's snow thrower axle and transmission with rebar as an axle extender.



Logan Merrill demonstrates his race intimidation.



It's alive! Tucker Donaldson and Wyatt Post had a non-running engine that they did a diagnostic and a carburetor cleaning on. This was their first time starting it which brings the class out to gather for.



The Frankenstein mower. Wyatt Haworth and Chandon Vulles made a custom wiring harness for their electric start mower and adapted a log splitter fuel tank to fit.

## PLEASE BE PATIENT STUDENT DRIVER

The drivers ed announcement comes out this month. If you wish to have your student take drivers ed this summer, you must sign up in advance in order to attend the meeting. This advance sign up is crucial and gives the instructors an accurate count to create the driving schedule with. Once you're signed up, you will receive an email with all of the pertinent information. The cost is \$225 for Superior Students and \$325 for kids out of district. Anyone born before December 2, 2008 are eligible to participate.

# GIRLS ONLY EVENT

The 7th and 8th grade girls will attend the girls-only MSU STEAM Day event in Bozeman this month. There are nearly 40 workshop topics covering the STEAM fields of science, technology, engineering, art and math. These unique workshops are led by MSU department heads or assistant professors and include all learning levels. This is a GEAR UP sponsored event.



Wonder Park MDR.com

Students will choose four STEAM-based workshops to attend. Examples of the workshops are:

**A Day In The Life Of A Jeweler-** Ever wonder how jewelry is made? Step into the metalsmithing studio on the MSU campus for the workshop and learn how to make your own personalized stamped and textured jewelry.

**Nanofabrication-** How the Things You Use Every Day Are Made. Have you ever looked at your phone and wondered how so much functionality is packed into such a small device? Have you ever wondered how a solar cell is made? Come learn the basics of nanofabrication and how this field could make for an exciting fulfilling career.

You can learn more about MSU STEAM Day and workshop topics by visiting the website. <https://ato.montana.edu/steam/>

## BPA DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS



## GAP

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...progress is marked three times a year through iReady. The number of JH students who have reached Tier 1 in reading has increased by 6.7% and 7.8% in math. High school students are tested using MAP twice a year. Nearly 70% of the freshmen are currently at Tier 1 in both math and reading and over 75% of the sophomores are at Tier 1 in math with 100% meeting Tier 1 in reading.

happy  
**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROFESSIONALS DAY**

Kate, thank you for all the Big and Little Behind-the-Scene things you do that make our school better.

# THE ARTS



Jordan Hoagland



Landon Richards



Natalie Billette

Junior high students work on one and two point birds eye perspective.



Tyler Mellen builds a toolbox.



Candlesticks by Lucas Kovalsky and Donovan Barnes



Wizards by Allen Ryan and Jaxson Green. Snails by Chase Woodson, Owen Doyle and Christian Maertens