



MAY/SUMMER 2023

SUPERIOR JH/HS

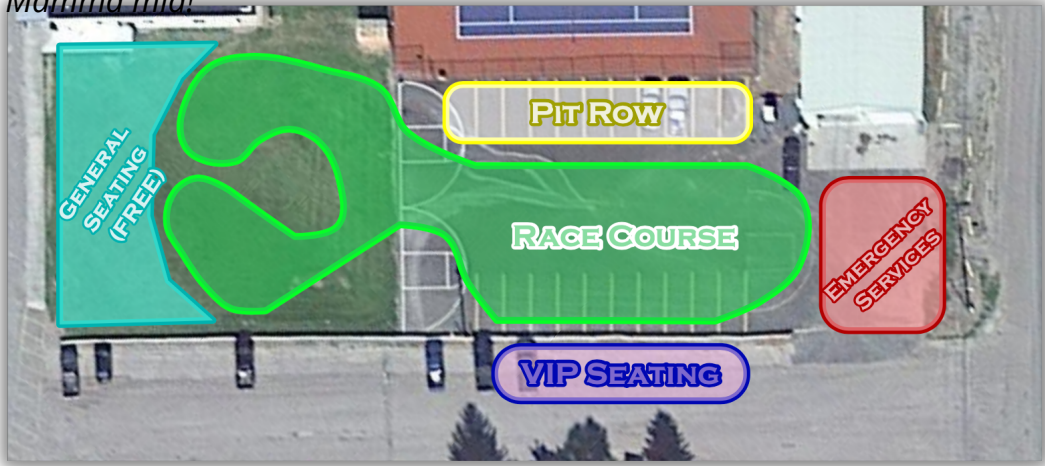
Everyone Working Together for a Superior Education

Newsletter

MARIO GRAND PRIX-HERE WE GO!

Mark your calendars for SHS's Mario Kart Day! This will be an all-day event open to the public starting with a Kart show in the morning and the Kart races in the afternoon. Like any car show, come out to admire the many different kart creations and wager the kart most likely to *be number one*.

This all-inclusive classroom assignment has the students refurbishing their race karts, designing the race course and establishing the rules. The course will include the Pit Lane and Emergency Services Section where the fire department and ambulance will stand by for assistance. A VIP section is available, possibly for a nominal fee and maybe even a chance at an interactive role in the race. Bleacher seating will be available for those more interested in just observing the race and all of its shenanigans. All proceeds support the Small Engines program. *Mamma mia!*



Remember:
NO Friday Classes in May

MAY

5

NO SCHOOL

7-8

Senior Trip

7-13

Teacher Appreciation

8

Mass Band Concert w/ Alberton

10

Drivers Ed Parent Meeting

10

School Board Meeting

10-12

Montana History Tour

12

NO SCHOOL

15

Student Council Speeches/Elections

16

JH/HS Spring Concert

18

Junior/Senior BBQ

18

Academic Awards Assembly

19

NO SCHOOL

21

Senior Graduation

26

NO SCHOOL

29

NO SCHOOL

31

8th Grade Graduation

6/1

LAST DAY!

6/1

Mario Kart Race

DUAL ENROLLMENT & AP

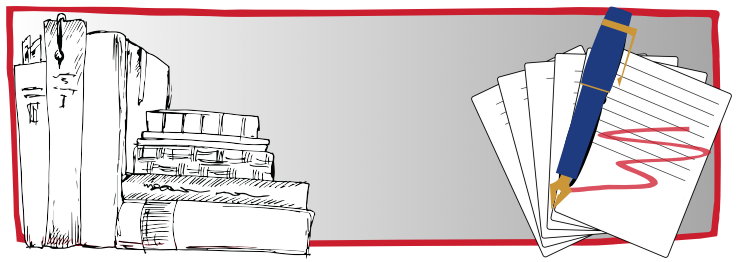
Superior High School partners with Flathead Valley Community College to offer dual enrollment courses. Dual enrollment courses allow high school students to earn both high school and college credits. Most of the dual enrollment courses offered to Superior High School students are delivered through an online platform called Eagle Online. However, we do offer three in-person dual enrollment courses:

- American History 101B and 102B with Ms. Nytes
- Intro to Business BGEN 204 (1st semester) and Marketing BMKT 225 (2nd semester) with Mr. Cooper
- Welding Tech 111 and 185 with Mr. Schultz

We are able to provide this opportunity through the One-Two-Free program launched in 2018 by the Montana University System. This program offers students up to two courses for free. Superior's GEAR UP program will then pick up the tab for any additional courses taken. Dual enrollment courses have course numbers that correspond with all in-state colleges. In other words, any dual enrollment credits accrued while in high school will be recognized and accepted as college credit at all Montana University System institutions.

We also offer two AP courses, AP Literature and Composition, and AP Language and Composition. These courses are taught by Mrs. Keiser. Students enrolled in these courses are eligible to take the national AP exam at the end of the year. If they score high enough, they have the potential to earn college credits as well.

If you are interested in dual enrollment or AP courses, please reach out to Mr. Quinlan.



8TH GRADE PORTFOLIO

Mr. Durovey's 8th grade class will create portfolios that capture the writings they have done throughout their middle school years. The focus is on their writing development through a collection of narrative essays, poetry, short fiction, and various works they want to include from across their classes.

They will be customized to include elements of original artwork, photographs, homemade covers, and more. "These portfolios are something each student can treasure and look back on their time in junior high to see how much they've grown as people and as writers."

2023-2024

school calendar at a glance:

NO school on Fridays

following Thanksgiving

8TH GRADE PROMOTION

6:00 PM in the JH/HS gym

Eighth grade promotion is the awards ceremony for both seventh and eighth grade students, recognizing academic achievement, athletic participation and promoting the eighth grade students to high school. The (FREE) junior high dance will follow the ceremony in the Multi-Purpose room. All junior high students are invited. Check out and last day of school for 8th grade students is May 31.

Next Stop:

HIGH SCHOOL!



SEE YOU LATER, CHRISTIAN IT WAS NICE TO MEET YOU!

Sitting down with Christian Maertens to reflect upon his year abroad, this personable young man is all smiles and full of great memories to return to Germany with. When he was first told where he was coming, google maps showed him a place surrounded by mountains; he did not expect to come to such a rural place. Then school started and everything about *school* surprised him. "The whole day is surrounded around school, getting home at 6 PM. In Germany, we get home around 2, then go back for sports later in the early evening." Fully embracing the school schedule, he went out for football, wrestling and golf. Football was difficult to understand so it was not as enjoyable. He recalls the day he was late to football practice and the entire team was rewarded with burpees for his tardiness. These burpees were punctuated by the team yelling, "I love Germany." Making it authentic, Christian taught them the German translation and the burpees were finished with the team yelling, "Ich liebe Deutschland!"

He did love wrestling and found golf to be pretty cool and relaxing. Germany does not have wrestling or football, instead he plays water polo and handball. When asked what he will miss the most, he says he'll miss wrestling, "the pain of wrestling, the relief after practice that you did something."

Wrestling isn't the only thing he'll miss, he will also miss his wonderful host family, the Ackers. They were always busy with trips to Missoula and "always hunting." This was his first time hunting and elk burgers became his favorite American cuisine. He was also fortunate to see a few sights with a visit to Glacier, skiing in Whitefish and a road trip down to the San Francisco via Moab.

Fabrications was his favorite class. "They don't have fabrications in Germany. That's why it's so awesome, we're making knives at the moment and it's so satisfying when it turns out and you can keep it and say I did that knife!" When he returns to Germany, he plans to get a welder. "Since I took it here and got certified, I'm going to keep it going and maybe make stuff for the neighborhood. The fabrication machine is too much!!"

This has been a short and relaxed stay away from home. His school in Germany is grades 5-13; one extra year beyond our senior year, so when he returns, he will have two more years left to complete his schooling. Relaxation over! When asked what message he would leave for anyone considering becoming an exchange student, he says, "Skip a year of school in your home country so you can do whatever you want without the pressure of good grades - try to do as much with your host family as you can and do sports!"

Wrapping up his "year as a Montanan", he will take one last road trip with his mom and godmother to the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas before flying back to Deutschland. As he begins his next chapter, *California Dreaming* will likely be the song that reminds him of his chapter in Montana. And one last myth he'd like to dispel: Germans eat more than potatoes!



Christian and the Ackers

MONTANA STATE HISTORY TOUR

Chris Clairmont has designed a Montana State History trip showcasing what he taught over the past school year. They learned a great deal about Montana's mining history, which will lead them to the Berkeley Pit in Butte, formerly an open-pit copper mine. This trip focuses on the more recent portions of Montana's history. Other stops on the tour will include visiting the Old Montana Prison Museum in Deer Lodge, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, the CM Russell Museum, and the Capitol. "My hope is that it will be an annual trip as it is one that I have wanted to do since I began teaching." This trip is sponsored by GEAR UP.

SENIOR CLASS TRIP

The senior trip this year will consist of one day at Silverwood Theme Park and one day in Missoula, finishing the trip with a class dinner Monday night. Ordinarily, the senior class takes a more educational tour which is funded by the school. This year's trip is more unique with this class deciding to apply their remaining class funds into their last hurrah. Kudos to their first real world planning!

✓ Budgeting ✓ Negotiations

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 1st, students will ride the bus to school at normal time and head to class. ALL grades (except the graduated seniors and eighth grade students) will be given a check out time for returning books and materials. Letters will be mailed out in advance informing parents of their students' outstanding fines. **We kindly request you pay any outstanding fines in advance to help the last day of school check out process go smoother.** Once check out is complete, students are free to head home or wait for the bus and 1:00 dismissal.

MASS BAND CONCERT

5:30 PM FREE to the Public

Similar to the Mission Valley Music Festival hosted in November by Ronan, Superior's band will head to Alberton for a smaller scale experience. This is a really great opportunity for small schools to have a real band experience with more players and all of the instruments they are usually missing. This concert is focussing on the smaller schools with very few band kids or no program at all, like Plains and Lincoln. At the end of the day, there will be a concert available for the community to attend, FREE of charge. This event is May 8th, separate from the spring concerts later in the month.

**-2 NIGHTS-
SPRING
MUSIC
CONCERTS**

ART SHOWCASE AND DESSERT SALES
BEGIN AT 6PM EACH EVENING

2023 PERFORMANCES BY:
HIGH SCHOOL MAY 16 AT 6:30PM
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAY 17 AT 6:30PM

SUPERIOR HIGH SCHOOL GYM

CUPPA JOE?

MUCH MORE THAN JUST A COFFEE

The coffee cart has been up and running for a little over a month, offering service twice a week to staff and students. It's a big hit! At face value, the students are bringing their customers a delicious product. But what is not in the forefront is the great value this opportunity is providing the students running the cart. These students are learning customer service in a familiar environment, they're learning money handling skills and figuring out how much each

coffee is at cost and how much profit is made with each sale. This is a full circle learning experience not generally offered to the average employee. This critical life skills opportunity is funded through a vocational grant that Bridgett Kovalsky receives for her students to gain these types of functional skills. Cart earnings go toward restocking inventory.

2023-2024 JH/HS CLASSROOM SUPPLY LIST

The following teachers have submitted what is needed for their classrooms:

C. Clairmont-

College-ruled notebook, pencils/pens, Non-marking gym shoes

C. Crabb-

non-marking shoes and gym clothes

M. Doughty-

2 Sharpie markers, glass jar with lid

J. Durovey-

College-ruled notebooks, composition journals, pencils, red pens

N. Faupel-

notebook, folder, pencils

S. Firestone-

notebook, folder, pencils, markers or colored pencils, black sharpie

**7th- 3-subject notebook, pencils, markers or colored pencils, highlighters, glue sticks

B. Keyser-

2 notebooks, 1 for reading and 1 for writing and 2 different colored pens

D. Merrill-

black erase markers, reeds, oil

V. Nytes-

3-ring binder with paper, dividers/folders, pencils/pens

C. Quinlivan-

College-ruled notebooks, Pencils, 3x5 Notecards

C. Randall-

4 college-ruled single-subject notebooks (1 for each quarter)

J. Schultz-

Notebook and pencil

A. Smith-

1-inch 3-ring binder, dividers, college-ruled paper, pencils/pens, + highlighters and sticky notes if they want their own instead of class set

C. Reich -

notebook, #2 pencils, erasers, pens, highlighters, planner

P. Wheeler-

#2 pencils

SHS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR 2026 IS:

BOARDING PASS



Interested 6th - 10th Grade students

<<Parents and community members welcome, too>>

EDI
to SCOTLAND
LHR
to ENGLAND
DUB
to IRELAND

"The escargot is not that bad!"

"The Eiffel Tower is the coolest thing I have ever seen!"

-Student observations 2023

SHS DEPARTINGspring break 2026...

WE END THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH:

42 Junior High Students
112 High School Students

Seventh Grade	17
Eighth Grade	25
Freshmen	37
Sophomore	23
Junior	26
Senior	26

GEAR UP SUMMER CAMPS

AHEC MedStart Summer Camps

Various dates

Students entering grades 11-12 in the fall

MSU Explore Earth & Space Science Camp

6/11-16, 2023

Students entering grades 7-9 in the fall

Carroll College Preserving the Planet and Environment

6/18-24, 2023

Students entering grades 7-9 in the fall

Yellowstone Wildlife Ecology Field Program

6/21-25, 2023

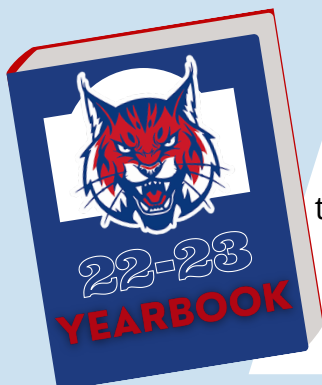
Students entering grades 8-11 in the fall

University of Montana Summer Exploration

7/15-28, 2023

Students entering grades 10-12 in the fall

To learn more, visit: <https://mus.edu/gearup/>



YEARBOOK PURCHASE

You can now order the 2022-2023 yearbook directly through the publisher. You will need to create an account to do so, orders will be delivered to the school this fall.

~\$40/ea.

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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 8, 2023 - MAY 12, 2023



*A good education can change anything.
A good teacher can change everything!*

THANK YOU, TEACHERS

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH JANUARY

Considerate of Others

Lanie Crabb and Gannon Quinlan

FEBRUARY

Academic Improvement

Chandon Vulles and Cami Quick

SCHOOL'S

OUT!



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

♥ *Your Superior Staff*