

**CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT #15**  
**SEPTEMBER 2023**  
[www.custerschools.org](http://www.custerschools.org)



**WELCOME NEW STAFF**

Mr. Lance Olson

I am really grateful to be given the opportunity to return to Custer as the Superintendent. After graduating from Custer in 1997. I started my education career teaching English as a second language in China. In the US I have taught at Geraldine, Lambert and Hardin. My wife and I have 4 kids. I want to thank the community for all of the support you have shown this school. I am excited about our staff, students, and the direction that we are going as a school!!!

Mrs. Randi Tunnell

Hello Custer! My name is Randi Tunnell and I am the new Band Director and Music/Guitar Teacher. Born and raised in Custer, I went to MSU-Billings for two years before transferring to the University of Akron in Ohio. While at UofA, I had the opportunity to work under Ed Zadrozny (trombone) and Dr. Laurie Lafferty (music education) and graduated with a BA in Music Education. I taught in Darby (2 years) but for the last 14 years in Bigfork. I have played trombone with the Glacier Symphony, worked with the Crown of the Continent Guitar Foundation and am currently finishing my masters degree from Grand Canyon University in Higher Level Student Affairs. I am excited to be back in Cougar land and carry on the music tradition that Custer holds. Thank you for supporting your children and the arts!

Mrs. Tiffany Iverson

Hello! I am Tiffany Iverson and starting my first year here at Custer School but my 8th year of teaching. I have been teaching first grade for the past 7 years at Huntley Project and have loved all of my student over the years. I am excited to be here at Custer teaching the 1st and 2nd grade combo class.

I am married to my husband Hal, and we have two children. Hannah is 15 and is a sophomore (Wow!!! Where has this time gone??) and our son Johnny is 13 and in the 8th grade. Our kids and are involved in FFA, cross country, football and wrestling for this year. I look forward to watching them grow in their sports and activities throughout the school year.

As a family, we have a small place outside of Ballantine where we have a few cows, horses and of course chickens to get those fresh farm eggs! We have two dogs, Lulu is a border collie and Chole is a jack russell who thinks she is a border collie. When we are not following the kids with their activities and sports, we enjoy the outdoors. Camping, hunting, and being unplugged are how we relax as a family. I look forward to getting to know the Custer students and community!

### Mr. Adam Tunnell

Hello! I am Adam Tunnell and I grew up in Sandusky Ohio, until attending The University of Akron where I studied Music Education and Trumpet Performance. Mrs. Tunnell brought me to Montana in 2006 where we both worked for the Darby School District. We then ventured back to Ohio, where I was the general manager of the African Safari Wildlife Park, and the Director of Food and Beverage for Summit Motorsports Park.

In 2010, life took us to Bigfork Montana where we have lived until the start of the school year in 2023. I worked in the non-profit sector until this year, when education called me back. I am excited to bring my love of sports and athleticism to the Custer Schools.

I am a huge Cleveland sports fan. (And an obvious glutton for punishment. The Browns are going to do something good someday!)

I am an overall sports fan, but football and wrestling are probably my favorite two. The Tunnell Family is excited to be a part of the Custer community. Fletcher (5th Grade), Phineas (3rd), Ferguson (1st) and Farlow (Miss Sara's pre school) are glad to be here in Custer and are excited to have Dad and Mom teaching at school.

SAY CHEESE!



### SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures for the 2023-2024 school year have been scheduled for Monday, September 18 beginning at 8:00 am.



### STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT CUSTER SCHOOL

Currently in grades K-12 we have a total of 89 students attending school. We welcome all of you to Custer School!

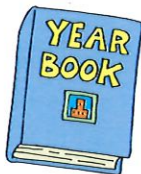
Grades K-6 has 42 students / Grades 7-8 has 17 students / Grades 9-12 has 30 students.

### ACTIVITY TICKETS

Activity Tickets are available at the school. The purchase prices for tickets are:

Grades K-8 are \$25.00 – Grades 9-12 are \$35.00

Students must have these if they are playing football, volleyball or basketball. Activity tickets must be purchased in Custer or in Hysham before the first home game of the school year. Adult tickets are \$60.00 and senior citizens (60 years of age) is \$30.00.



### 2022-2023 Yearbooks on Sale

The 2022-2023 yearbooks are on sale for \$30.00 each. We have a limited supply. If you would like to purchase a yearbook contact the school.

### INSTRUMENT RENTALS

If your child in grades 7-12, rents an instrument, including drums, there is a rental fee of \$25.00 for the year. Please pay this amount before **Monday, October 2** as we are not letting our accounts go over a month due date on all activity accounts at Custer School. Thank you.

### HOMECOMING

Custer/Hysham Rebels Homecoming for the 2023 school year will be Friday, September 22 (VB) in Custer and Saturday, September 23 (FB) in Hysham. Have a great season REBELS! See poster included in the newsletter.



## **HOMECOMING CHILI COOK-OFF**

Dust off your chili pots and find your best recipes!

The CHS band program is holding a chili cook-off on Friday September 22nd at the Park before the bonfire. It is free to enter your famous pot of chili and our anonymous judging panel will pick the winner but we will have a crowd favorite prize too!

Dinner starts at 5:30pm so please plan to have your pot down to the park by 5:15pm.

Meal Prices include roll and drink

\$7 for a bowl of chili / \$25 for a family of 4

Come support your student musicians and enjoy the fun homecoming festivities!

## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Student Council is going to run a hat day fundraiser each day we have Friday school and a few random days if the month doesn't have a Friday school. Our first hat day is Friday, Sept. 8.

It's a dollar donation for students and staff to wear a hat for the day during school if they want. Teachers should collect money from your class at the start of the day. Hats should be school appropriate. NO drugs, alcohol, derogatory/defamatory statements.

## **FALL CONCERT**

Put Monday October 16th on the calendar for our Fall Music Concert.

Join us as the elementary students showcase what they have been learning in music class!

Enjoy our beginning band students as they show off their newly learned skills and finish the evening with our HS Band & Choir as they perform some fall favorites. There may even be a special guest performance!

7:00pm in the Old Gym, musicians need to be at school by 6:30pm

Carmel Apples for sale and a 50/50 raffle to support the music program!

More info to come!

## **STUDENT HANDBOOKS**

Every year we have parents claim they are unaware of an item in the Student Handbook. We make every effort to cover the handbook and any changes the first day of school with the students in grades 7-12. You should review the Handbook with your child to get a good understanding of our expectations and guidelines. Parents should be especially aware of the consequences for excessive tardies and absences.

## **BUS STUDENTS**

Parents, just a reminder to be sure your students riding the bus are ready and at their stop on time. We suggest a few minutes before the scheduled pickup time

## **NEWSLETTERS**

The school newsletter will be sent free by e-mail to the parents of students attending Custer School or to anyone in our community. Please contact the office if you would like an e-mail sent to you or anyone wishing to receive the newsletter in print may purchase a subscription for \$12.00 a year.

The newsletter is also available on our website at [www.custerschools.org](http://www.custerschools.org)

## **BOX TOPS for EDUCATION**

Earn Cash for our School! No more clipping! All you need is your smartphone. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state of the art technology to scan your store



receipt, find participation products add instantly and Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

In the past our school has earned approximately \$100-\$200 each year. This money is put into the Elementary Fund and is used for field trips and our annual Field Day. Please download your Box Tops app today and help us earn money for our school!

## **REBEL GAME SCHEDULES**

Please check our website to check on events and game changes daily. This will be our way to communicate to you what is happening at our school.

## **MEAL PROGRAM**

### **LUNCH**

Hot lunch is served each and every school day. Cost of lunch is \$2.70 for students in grades K – 6, \$3.10 for students in grades 7 – 12 and \$4.00 for adults/general public. Individual milk (extra) prices will be .40 per container. If you qualify under the reduced meals the cost for lunch is .40. Forms to apply for free or reduced lunch prices have been sent home and they are also available from Sharon Prokop in the school office.



### **BREAKFAST**

We have a breakfast program in the mornings before classes begin. Cost of breakfast for K-12 grades is \$1.45. Extra juice prices will be .25 per container. If you qualify for reduced the cost will be .30.

Students can grab and go with their breakfast to their first period class. We ask that students get breakfast 10 minutes before the 8:00 bell rings.

Meal bills are mailed home at the end of each month if you owe money. Parents may send money in advance and your account will be credited. **PLEASE KEEP LUNCH MONEY PAYMENTS SEPARATE FROM OTHER SCHOOL PAYMENTS!** Our auditors have informed us we need to keep the lunch account separate from other accounts and there has to be a very clear accounting of all funds received into this account. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **SCHOOL BILLS**

We are asking all parents/guardians to make sure your child's bills are kept up to date. The District does not have the option of carrying past due bills. Our hot lunch program is not intended to make a profit and we have made every effort to keep the lunch and milk prices as affordable as possible. As a government agency we do not have the capacity to operate in the red. When unpaid bills become delinquent, we need to make efforts to collect on them. If parents/guardians refuse to pay the bills we have to balance funds by taking money from the General fund. This is essentially taking money from every student in the District to pay for someone else's obligation.

Parents that have not paid your activity accounts in full, please note that this year we will be requiring payment prior to allowing your students to participate in activities or prior to you receiving any orders through the school. This includes payments for band instrument rentals, goods ordered through our school groups, and any other fees associated with school activities. Please get these paid up by the start of school so that your students are able to participate in all activities.





Custer  
High School

# Homecoming Week

SEPTEMBER 18-22

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Join us for all the  
Homecoming  
Fun!

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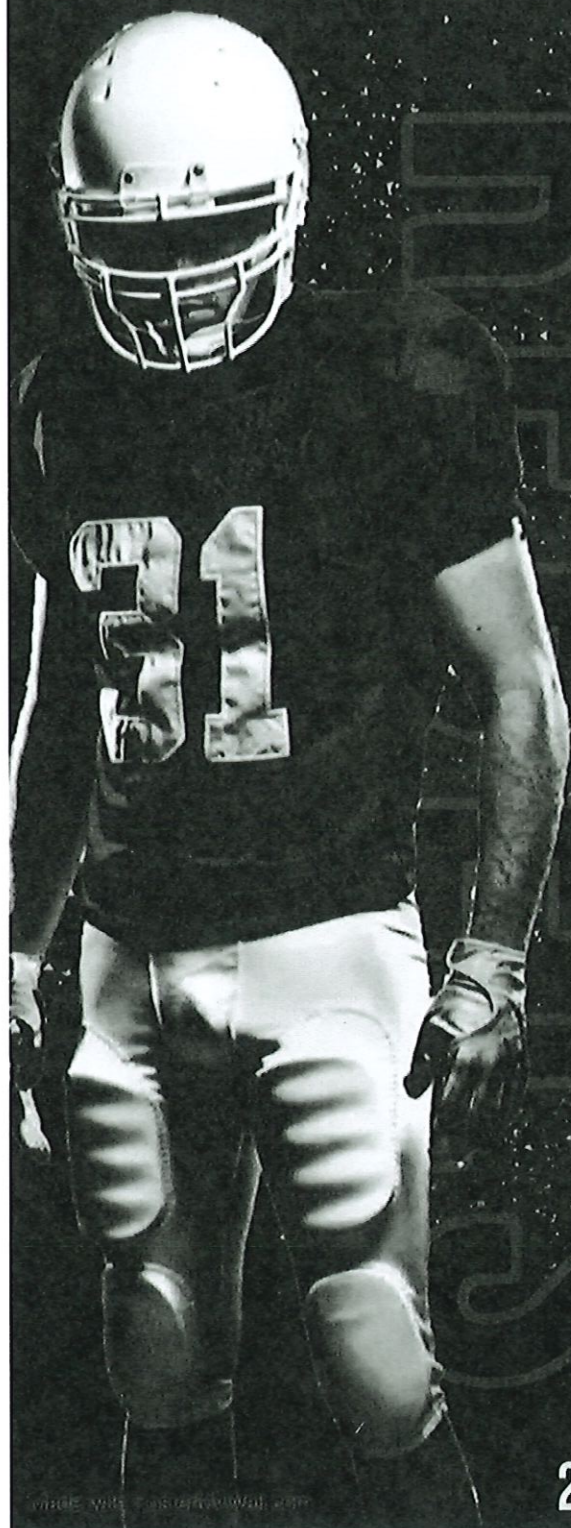
<h3>Friday Afternoon</h3>	<h3>Friday Evening 5:30-Sundown</h3>
Volleyball Game at 4:00 PM in Custer	Chili Cook-Off at the Park! Bring your famous pot of chili for a chance to WIN a prize! This band fundraiser will include fun games and family time.
<h3>Friday Night</h3>	<h3>Saturday</h3>
Bonfire at the football field after the chili cook-off!	Football Game at 1:00 PM in Hysham

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More info to come including spirit dress-up days and activities.

Royalty will be crowned at half-time of the football game on  
Saturday.





# FOOTBALL

- 8/26--Centerville @ Hysham  
12:00
- 9/1--Burlington @ Custer  
4:00/7:00
- 9/5--Forsyth @ Forsyth  
4:00 JV ONLY
- 9/9--R/L @ Lambert  
4:30/7:00
- 9/15--Bridger @ Custer  
4:00/7:00
- 9/19--Jordan @ Jordan  
6:00 JV ONLY
- 9/23--Fromberg @ Hysham  
Homecoming  
10:00/1:00
- 9/26--RPR @ Hysham  
4:30 JH ONLY
- 9/30--S. Valley @ Wilsall  
4:00/7:00
- 10/3--Absarokee @ Absarokee  
3:00/5:00 JH/JV
- 10/6--Broad/Lav. @ Lavina  
4:00/7:00
- 10/13--RPR @ Custer  
7:00
- 10/20--Absarokee @ Absarokee  
7:00

2023



# 2023 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE



<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>	<b><u>Opponent:</u></b>	<b><u>Location:</u></b>
Friday, August 11th	TBD	FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE	TBD
Thursday, August 24th	4:00/5:15	Roy/Winifred	Hysham
Saturday, August 26th	TBD	Broadview Tourney	TBD
Saturday, September 2nd	3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30	Absarokee	Hysham
Tuesday, September 5th	3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30	Park City	Park City
Thursday, September 7th	3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30	Bridger	Custer
Saturday, September 9th	12:15(JH)/1:30(HS)	Fromberg	Custer
Tuesday, September 12th	5:00 (JHB)/6:00 (JHA)	St.Charles/Bridger	Custer
Thursday, September 14th	5:00/6:00 JH ONLY	Forsyth	Hysham
Saturday, September 16	5:15(JH)/6:30 (HS)	Plenty Coups	Hysham
Tuesday, September 19th	4:00/5:15(JH only)	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart
Thursday, September 21st	5:15 (JH)/6:30(HS)	RPR	Rapelje
Friday, September 22nd	1:30/2:45/4:00	Roberts	Custer (Homecoming)
Thursday, September 28th	4:00/5:15/6:30	Melstone	Hysham (Senior Night)
Saturday, September 30th	12:15(JH)/1:30 (HS)	Fromberg	Fromberg
Tuesday, October 3rd	4:00/5:15 (JH ONLY)	Sacred Heart	Hysham
Thursday, October 5th	5:15(JH)/6:30(HS)	Plenty Coups	Plenty Coups
Saturday, October 7th	TBD	Bridger Tournament	Bridger
Thursday, October 12th	5:15/6:30	Roberts	Roberts
Friday, October 13th	5:15	RPR	Custer (Senior Night)
Saturday, October 14th	2:45/4:00	Bridger	Bridger
Tuesday, October 17th	5:30/6:30	Melstone	Melstone
Friday, October 20th	3:30/5:00	Absarokee	Absarokee
October 26th-28th	TBD	DISTRICTS	Absarokee
November 2nd-4th	TBD	Divisional	Bridger



EASTERN YELLOWSTONE SPECIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE

& CUSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CHILD FIND SCREENING

*Do you have questions about your child's development?*

Children ages 3-5 are eligible for a Free screening

You Know Your Child Best

**AGE 3**

Drools or has unclear speech

Difficulty walking or using stairs

Doesn't make eye contact

Loses skills once had

**AGE 4**

Resists dressing, sleeping, and/or using the toilet

Doesn't follow directions

Doesn't play pretend or make-believe

**AGE 5**

Doesn't draw pictures

Is easily distracted, trouble concentrating

Can't give first or last name

Doesn't talk about daily activities or experiences

**DATE:** Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**TIME:** 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

**WHERE:** Custer School  
Gymnasium

Call Shari for an Appointment  
406-856-4117

**Child Find** screens children ages 3-5 with ***suspected disabilities.***

Qualified personnel conduct screening within the areas of:

Hearing, Vision, Motor Skills,  
Speech, Language, and  
Thinking Skills