

# CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

## NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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### THANKSGIVING VACATION

We will dismiss school on Tuesday, November 21 at 3:40 p.m. for our Thanksgiving break. Our buses will transport our students home at that time. There will be no school Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. School will resume on Monday, November 27. Have a great Thanksgiving weekend!

### BPA NEWS

Our BPA organization will be selling wreaths, cutlery and butter braids. These orders will be delivered the first week of December. We are getting ready for our first competition Monday, December 4th in Baker (Regionals).

I am looking forward to great things from our students. If you have any changes to the calendar, please let us know as soon as possible.

### NOVEMBER MUSIC NEWS

Tri-County Honor Band Try-Outs are November 14th in Joliet. After the live auditions, a select group of students will be chosen to practice and go on tour with the 2024 Tri-County Honor Band. This year the group will be traveling across south-central Montana and the Denver area. Many fun adventures are planned for the trip including college visits and tourist destinations. Anyone interested in auditioning needs to let Mrs. Tunnell know ASAP so she can get you on the list. Being involved in Tri-County has been a privilege that Custer musicians have been involved with since the 1970s. What an amazing opportunity!

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

On November 5, remember to change your clocks back one hour.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Our Students of the Month for September  
Elementary ~ Keatyn Strecker & Fletcher Tunnell  
7-12 ~ Natalee Yochum & Luke Ragland

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank those people for taking care of the chains and down box for our home football games and for our line judges at all of our home volleyball games. Also, we thank everyone who took gate tickets during the season.

You are so much appreciated for everything you do for our school.

We appreciate all of the different organizations that helped with the concessions at all of our home games.

A **big thank you** goes out to our parents and fans for supporting and encouraging our young people this season in volleyball and football. Your support of our students and school is greatly appreciated.

## **SCHOOL VISITORS**

ALL PARENTS and VISITORS to the Custer School **must** sign in at the front office desk each time they enter the school building. We are making every attempt to protect our students from any unknown visitor and to prevent interruption of the classes.

## **PHONE CALLS**

School telephones are business phones and should be used as such. Children will be permitted to use the phone **only when necessary**. Plans for after school activities should be made at home, before the child comes to school for the day. Parents may call the school anytime and messages will be delivered to the child or the teacher. Please do not ask teachers or children to come to the phone during the time that school is in session as this disrupts the learning process.

## **COLD WEATHER DRESS**

As we get later into the fall and the temperatures begin to drop, parents need to make sure their children are adequately dressed to travel on our buses. Students should have a coat, gloves/mittens and boots when riding our route and activity buses. It is also a good idea for our student athletes to carry a blanket with them when they travel on activity trips. We want to make sure our students are adequately prepared as they travel on our buses. Although we hope it never happens, should a bus become inoperable, they cool very quickly.

## **ATHLETIC GAME CHANGES**

Rebel athletic schedules are always changing. A great way to check our announcements everyday is by going into our website and looking under announcements or under athletics in our weekly bus schedule. There you will find out information better about what is happening everyday in our school. Our website is: [www.custerschools.org](http://www.custerschools.org)  
There you can also find other news and sports schedules.



## **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

This year's Halloween party will be Tuesday, October 31. The party will begin at 2:00 to 2:15 for preschool and kindergarten students. The other grades will join us in intervals of 10-15 minutes. So mark your calendars and join us for the Halloween fun!

## **SMORGASBORD DINNER AND BAZAAR**

The Custer Congregational Church Smorgasbord Dinner and Bazaar will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm. There will be a quilt raffle and prices are \$13 for Adults and \$7 for 6-12 and 5 and under is free. Please come join us for a wonderful meal.

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – PTO**

On December 10 from 10-3 the PTO is organizing a Christmas Bazaar at Custer School. Vendors need to contact Sara Stieg at 406-690-6269 if anyone is interested.

## **BUS TRANSPORTATION RULES & REGULATIONS**

**Drivers are not to text or talk on the phone while driving the school bus. Please don't attempt while drivers are on duty. Thank you.**

### **Prior to Boarding the School Bus**

1. Be on time and waiting for the bus at the approved school bus stop.
2. Stay out of the road while waiting for the bus.
3. Do not participate in horseplay or destroy surrounding property.
4. Wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before attempting to board the bus.
5. Do not run toward the bus in an effort to be the first to board the bus.

### **While Riding the School Bus**

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and students. Students will comply Promptly and cheerfully, with any request made by the driver.
2. At the discretion of the driver, students will observe classroom conduct while on the bus.
3. Students must be on time. The bus cannot wait for those who are tardy.
4. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited.
5. Outside of ordinary conversation, students will observe classroom conduct while on the bus.
6. Students will not throw waste paper or other debris on the floor of the bus.
7. Arms or heads will not be extended out of bus windows at any time.
8. Students will not get on or off, or move about within the bus while it is in motion.
9. Any damage to the bus will be reported to the driver at once.
10. Students may not reserve seats.
11. Students will adjust windows only when instructed to do so by the bus driver.
12. Students must be absolutely quiet while the bus is stopped at a railroad crossing.
13. Students may not board or depart the bus at a stop other than their own without parental permission.
14. Students will not eat any food or snacks or drink beverages on the bus unless permitted to do so by the driver. There will be no sunflower seeds at any time.
15. Students will not exit from the emergency exits.

### **After Leaving the School Bus**

1. Do not rush or push while unloading from the bus.
2. When crossing in front of the bus, always watch for the driver to give the "all clear" signal before crossing.
3. Students should go directly from their bus stop to their home.

### **What Can Parents Do?**

The interest and assistance of each parent is a valued asset to the Transportation Program. Your interest on safety and your emphasis on proper behavior while riding a school bus are appreciated by your school bus driver. The following suggestions are ways in which you can assist the Transportation Program.

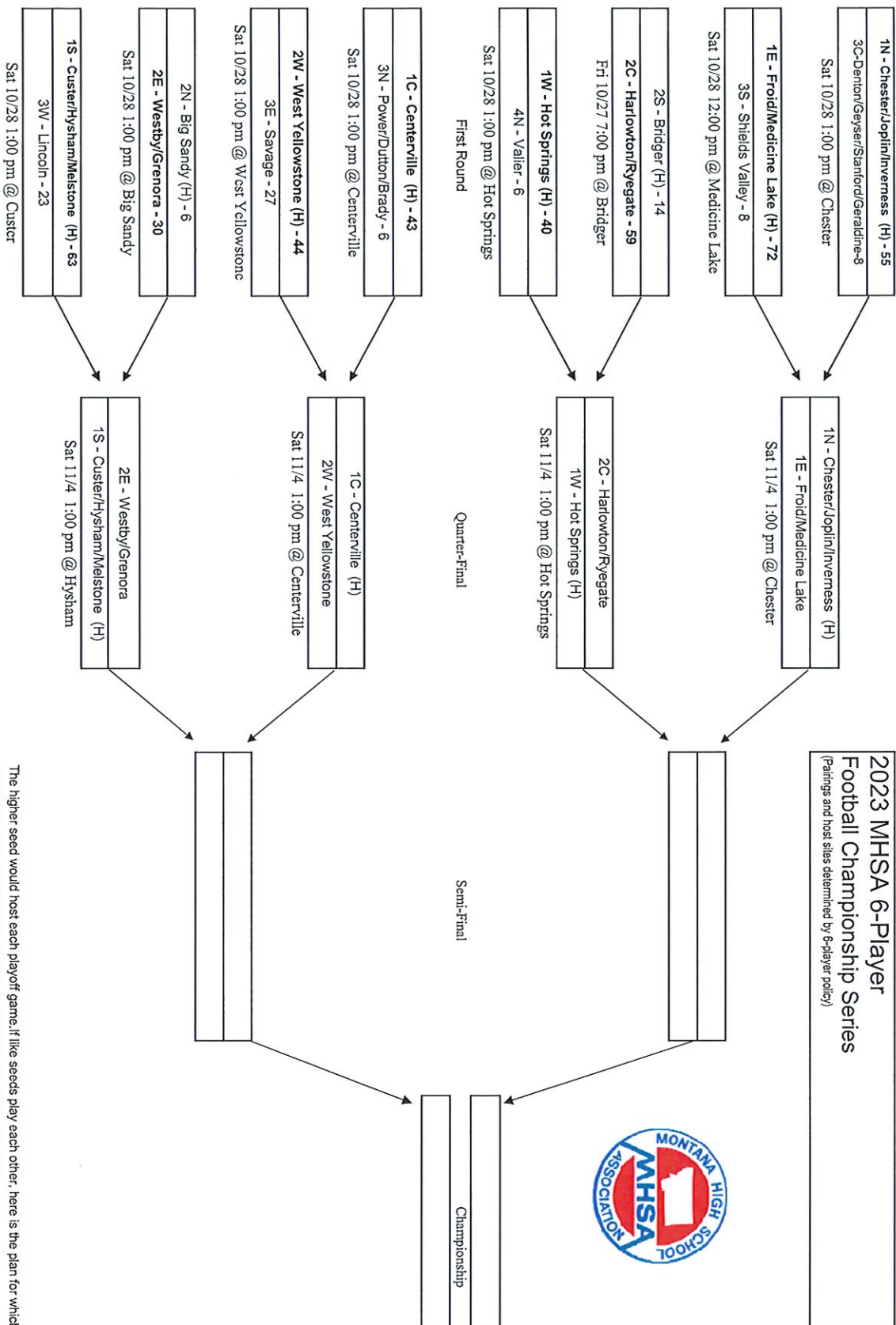
1. Assist your student in planning a route to and from the bus stop, what the student should do at the stop until the bus arrives, and what to do if the bus does not arrive.
2. Be sure that your student is at the bus stop five minutes before the bus arrives and appropriately dressed for weather conditions. Consider severe weather conditions if the bus is stalled or delayed.
3. Inform the school personnel if you plan to pick up your student at school or wish to have your student leave the bus at a point other than the regular stop.
4. Encourage your students to go directly to the bus stop and come home immediately after getting off the bus. An unusual delay should be immediately investigated with a phone call to the person in charge of school transportation.
5. Encourage your student to behave properly on the bus and respect the driver; begin by knowing the driver. The driver of the bus is knowledgeable and skilled in bus operation. Safe bus operation is dependent on the behavior of those being transported.
6. In case of illness of your student, the driver or school official will notify you.

2023 Southern C Divisional Volleyball Tournament  
November 2nd-4th  
Montana High School Association  
Eight Team Volleyball Bracket  
Bridger, MT



# 2023 MHSAA 6-Player Football Championship Series

(Pairings and host sites determined by B-player policy)



The higher seed would host each playoff game, if like seeds play each other, here is the plan for which team hosts:  
Like Seeds Home Field Rotation: North hosts South, East, West, Central  
South hosts East, West, Central, East hosts West, Central, West hosts Central

# Smithsonian Club Soup Supper



**When:** December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Where:** Custer School Cafeteria

**Time:** 11:00-3:00

**Price:** \$ 7.00 includes soup, roll and dessert

All proceeds go toward helping the Custer Smithsonian Club pay for their trip to Washington DC/NYC

# THEATRE CLUB

Interested in learning about acting and stage performances? What to star in a show or learn to be a stage hand? Join theatre club!

**Who:** 5th-12th graders  
**When:** Monday November 6th right after school

**Where:** Mrs. Torralba's classroom

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE MEETING, BUT ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE TALK TO MRS. T BEFORE THE FIRST MEETING.



you are invited to the  
**CUSTER COMMUNITY & SCHOOL  
SUPPLY FOUNDATION**

## *Harvest Dinner & Dance*



**Saturday November 25, 2023**

Social Hour 6:00pm

Prime Rib Dinner 7:00pm

Dancing, Silent Auction

\$65/Person

♪ Music by The Hellroaring Band ♪

MUSIC | FOOD | DRINK



Lake Hills Golf Course

Billings Montana

Call/Text Kathy Ruff for Reservations by  
November 10th at 856-4129 or 749-6063

Custer Congregational Church

## SMORGASBORD

*& Bazaar*

12 NOVEMBER

12pm-4pm /

Adults \$13

Kids 6-12 \$7

5 & Under Free

DINNER

CRAFT BAZAAR

QUILT RAFFLE

Dinners To-Go!

Contact Marynell

(406)698-4996

# New Year 2024

## Junior High Basketball Tournament

5 on 5

CUSTER, MONTANA

December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

### Event Information

Location: Custer Public School, 304 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

Details: Each team will be guaranteed 3 games

December 30<sup>th</sup>

December 31<sup>st</sup>

Boys: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division

Boys: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Division

Girls: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division

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5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade divisions will be combine

Registration Fee: \$200/team

Registration Deadline: December 24<sup>th</sup> or until a bracket is full

Forms can be submitted by mail or email

### Contact Information:

Brady Ruff (brady.ruff@rockyedu)

PO Box 22, Custer MT, 59024

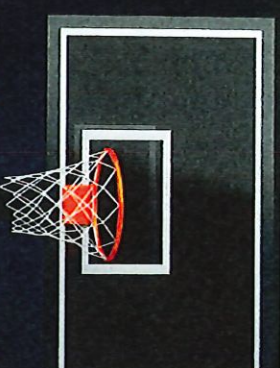
Phone: 406-855-0454

All proceeds will benefit the

Custer-Hysham Rebels

Booster Club

## SAVE THE DATES



MARCH 23, 2024- 3-3 TOURNAMENT  
3RD-8TH GRADE

APRIL 12-13, 2024- MONTE MEREDITH  
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT (MENS)

JUNE 14-15, 2024 HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT  
9TH-12TH GRADE BOYS-GIRLS

JULY 8-10, 2024 MEREDITH BASKETBALL CAMP  
K-8TH GRADE





# November Lunch Menu

2023

| SUN | MON                      | TUE                                | WED                    | THU                       | FRI              | SAT |
|-----|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----|
|     |                          |                                    | 1<br>Chicken<br>Fillet | 2<br>Steak<br>Strips      | 3                | 4   |
| 5   | 6<br>Sloppy Joes         | 7<br>Spaghetti                     | 8<br>Stir Fry          | 9<br>Pigs in<br>a Blanket | 10               | 11  |
| 12  | 13<br>Soup &<br>Such     | 14<br>Thanksgiving<br>Dinner       | 15<br>Hamburger        | 16<br>Pizza               | 17<br>French Dip | 18  |
| 19  | 20<br>Chicken<br>Nuggets | 21<br>Country<br>Fried Steak       | 22<br>No<br>School     | 23<br>No<br>School        | 24               | 25  |
| 26  | 27<br>Ravioli            | 28<br>Chili'n<br>Cinnamon<br>Rolls | 29<br>Stir Fry         | 30<br>Pork<br>Fritter     |                  |     |

