

Helena Public Schools

2023-24 DISTRICT CALENDAR



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From the Superintendent

Dear Helena Public Schools Families, Staff and Community,

As we begin a new school year, we're taking a new approach with our annual district calendar.

In these pages you'll find the usual information your family needs for a smooth return to school. In addition, this year's calendar serves as a district update, reporting accomplishments from the 2022-23 school year and looking ahead at initiatives for 2023-24 and beyond.

Before you pin it in a handy spot, I encourage you to spend a few minutes with this publication to learn more about Helena Public Schools.

While there is much to look forward to in 2023-24, our district also faces challenges as we adjust to a significant shortfall in the district's General Fund. You'll find details on page 32.

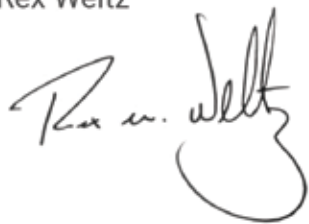
As I've said before, we will not let these challenges define us. In 2023-24, we will continue to build on last year's progress across our strategic priority areas, including academics, student mental health support, and facilities.

Always at the top of my priority list is school safety and security. Helena Public Schools was honored earlier this month to host the Jeremy Bullock Safe Schools Summit, bringing educators and safety experts from across Montana and beyond to Helena. Participants in this annual summit share my conviction that school safety is not about installing equipment, following protocols, holding drills, and calling it good. While each of those measures is vital, we must do more. We must be innovative, collaborative and relentless in our work to keep our students and staff safe. Visit pages 5 and 19 to learn more about the district's ongoing work in this area and how we can all play a role in school safety in 2023-24.

While the district looks quiet from the outside during the summer, we have been busy preparing for another great year. Our educators had the opportunity to participate in hundreds of professional development trainings on everything from mathematics teaching methods to classroom management. Meanwhile, our facilities, maintenance and custodial teams scrubbed, polished, repaired and painted throughout the summer to make our schools gleam on the first day of school. Now we're excited to welcome you.

Thank you for your trust and support of Helena Public Schools. Working together, we'll make 2023-24 a fun and rewarding school year for students, staff and families.

Rex Wertz



Superintendent, Helena Public Schools



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MISSION

Helena Public Schools foster dynamic educational experiences that prepare all students for life.

VISION

Helena Public Schools educate, engage, and empower each student to maximize his or her individual potential with the knowledge, skills and character essential to being a responsible citizen and lifelong learner.

This mission will be supported through the wise use of resources to meet students' needs, regardless of interests and talents. Students, families, educators and the community are committed to sharing the responsibility for creating a student-centered educational community that acknowledges learning as a lifelong process.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Each student enters school healthy and learns about and practices a healthy lifestyle.
- Each student learns in an intellectually challenging environment that is physically and emotionally safe for students and adults.
- Each student is actively engaged in learning and is connected to the school and broader community.
- Each student has access to personalized learning and to qualified, caring adults.
- Each graduate is prepared for success in college or further study and for employment in a global environment.



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Our Educators

Helena Public Schools educators are highly skilled professionals who go above and beyond to help students reach their full potential. Our educators are also lifelong learners, participating throughout the year in professional development opportunities in areas such as writing, reading, math, arts, social studies, media literacy and information technology, and science.

Helena Public Schools educators have the opportunity to participate in approximately **400** professional development courses a year.

Sixty-one percent of Helena Public Schools teachers hold master's degrees, and our district has the highest number of National Board Certified Teachers in Montana.

38

Helena Public Schools Teachers hold National Board Certification, the highest number in Montana.

61%

61 percent of Helena Public Schools Teachers hold Master's Degrees



Congratulations to our 2023 Helena Education Association Teacher of the Year & Para Professional of the Year!



HEA 2023 Para of the Year
Kari Skadberg

"A leader who goes above and beyond every day."

"Helps to solve school problems, thinks of new ideas ... and is such an excellent communicator."



HEA 2023 Teacher of the Year
Tony Napoletano

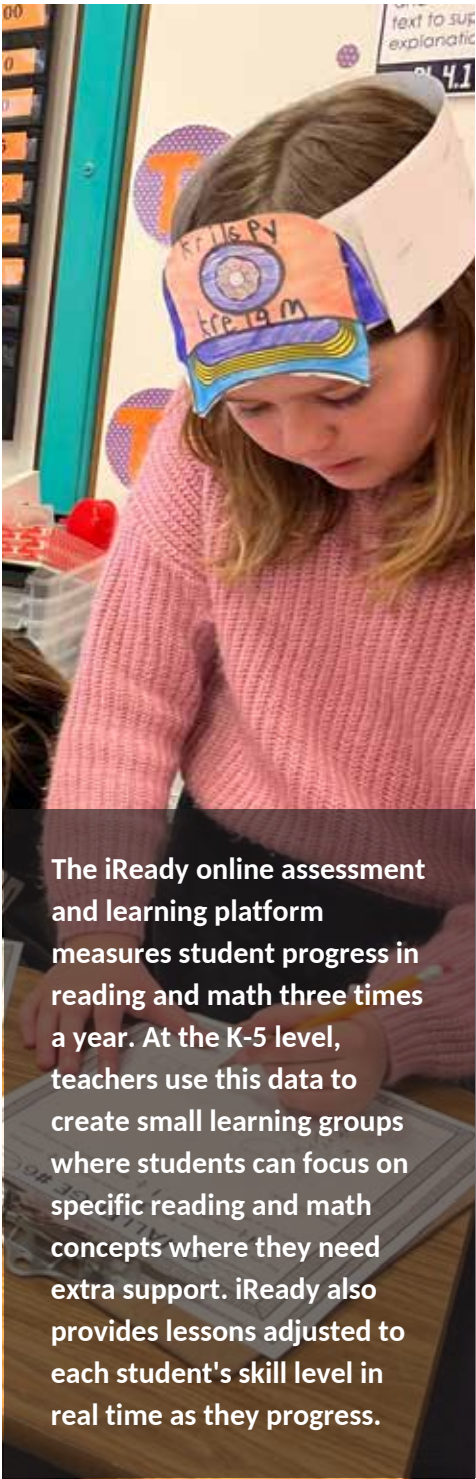
Academics & Student Success

Helena Public Schools students made solid academic gains last school year, and the district will continue to build on that momentum in 2023-24. Reading scores are up significantly across all grade levels and middle and high school students made gains in math. Elementary math is a focus area for the 2023-24 school year.

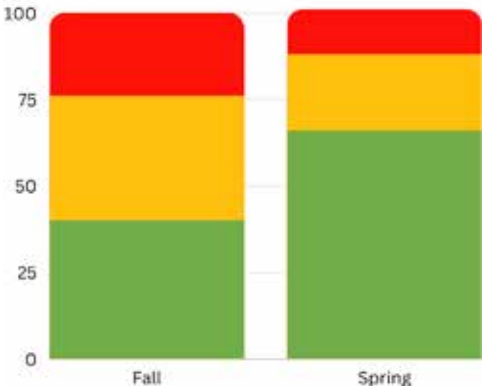
A major focus for teachers last year was an ongoing, districtwide effort to implement new instructional practices – research-based methods for supporting student success in the classroom. These efforts are paying off for students, and the district will continue to support our teachers in this work in 2023-24. This includes the use of sophisticated data assessment tools, such as iReady, that empower teachers to meet each student where they are. Teachers use this data, in combination with traditional testing and classroom observation, to create individual learning plans to help each student master grade-level standards.

At the district level, meanwhile, student assessment data is used to review and update curriculum to ensure that all students develop the skills they need for continued success at school and – someday – in their workplace.

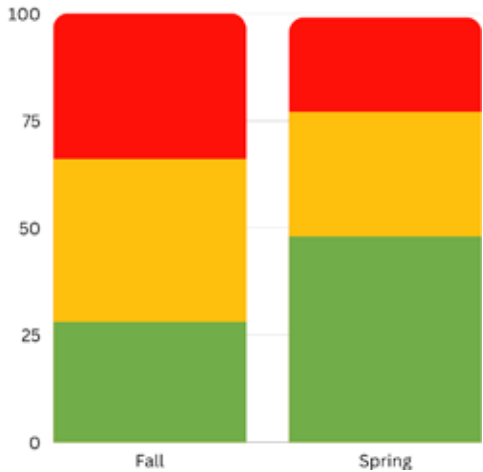
Percent of high school juniors meeting all four benchmarks in spring ACT testing



K-5 reading score improvement
Fall '22 to spring '23
iReady assessment



6-8 math score improvement
Fall '22 to spring '23
iReady assessment



Partners in School Safety

August

Your student's safety is our district's highest priority. We want you to feel confident that your student is safe and secure at school. Here's what to expect in the event of an emergency and how you can be a school safety partner.

Text notifications

As a Helena Public Schools parent, you will automatically receive emergency text alerts from Helena Public Schools unless you have opted out. If you opted out and would like to change your text alert status, **you can opt in by texting "YES" to 87569.**

Monitor district information sources

During an emergency, our administrators' priority is your student's immediate safety. Depending on the situation, this may include initiating the emergency response plan, communicating with law enforcement and first responders, and evacuating students.

We are committed to prompt communication with families, as soon as possible after these immediate safety steps are taken. In addition to text messages and emails, emergency communications will include posts to the district website and social media. Take a moment to bookmark our webpage or follow us on social media so you're prepared to receive the most accurate and timely information in the event of an emergency.

Remember that emergency situations often spark rumors and misinformation, especially on social media. Be sure you're getting your information from official sources such as the district and law enforcement.

Refrain from calling or visiting the school during a campus emergency

Our instinct as parents is to act when our children are in danger. We understand. However, we ask you to please refrain from calling or visiting your child's school during an emergency. Phone lines, staff and roads are needed for the emergency response, and parents will not be allowed on campus. Please also refrain from calling or texting your child so they can focus on following emergency instructions.

If you see something, say something

Safe schools are everyone's responsibility. If you become aware of a potential safety threat either online or in person, please report it immediately to a trusted adult, a school official, or law enforcement. School officials include teachers, school principals, secretaries, school resource officers (SROs) and counselors.

Learn more about safety and security work completed in 2022-23 on page 11



Helena High School Resource Officer (SRO) Brett Haux presents a student with a new bike after his previous bike was stolen. SROs work with their schools and community organizations to build positive relationships with students.

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August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09 HAW Parent Council, Noon	10 First day golf season	11 First day fall high school sports	12	13
14 HHS Booster Club: 5:30 pm: Library	15	16	17	18	19 HHS Bengal Booster Free BBQ 11 am – 1:30 pm, Outside HHS Gym	20
21	22 ROSS Kindergarten Jumpstart	23	24	25 HEF New Educator Event	26	27
28 Staff Orientation HAW Open House: 4:30-6 pm BRY Open House: 5-6 pm JEFF Open House: 5:30-6:30 pm CEN Open House: 5:30- 6:30 pm	29 Staff Orientation BRO Open House: 1-3:30 pm KESS Open House: 4:40-6 pm JD Open House: 5-6 pm 4Gs Open House & PTO Social: 5-6 pm SMI Open House: 5:30-6:30 ROSS Open House: 5:30-6:30 HMS 6th Gr Meet & Greet: 4-6 pm	30 First Day of School for Grades 1-5,6,9 and PAL CRA & HMS WEB Day CRA 6th Grade Open House: 6-7 pm CHS Bruin Beginnings HHS Bengal Beginnings	31 First Day of School for Grades 7-8 and 10-12	01 BRY Fabulous Firsts: 2:45 pm, Library CHS Class Assemblies HHS First Home FB Game vs. Billings West SMI Tailgate & BBQ: 5:30 pm, Vigilante Stadium	02	03



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Communications

September

Continuing meaningful, timely and open communications with our students, families, staff and the broader community is a top district priority for 2023-24.

Helena Public Schools uses a variety of communication channels to connect with these diverse stakeholders. District communications are distributed via the following tools:

- Email: Weekly district updates from Superintendent Wertz are emailed to staff, families and a distribution list of more than 1,700 community members. At the school level, principals communicate with families via weekly email newsletters. You will receive these automatically as a district parent or legal guardian.
- Text Alerts: Urgent and emergency information is shared with families via text alerts. See details on page 6.
- Social media: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- District website: helenaschools.org
- Local media: Print, TV and Radio
- Community Engagement via board meetings and participation in community forums such as Hometown Helena, the "Soapbox Series" and speaking engagements with community service clubs and organizations.

Not an HPS parent? No problem. Sign up to receive the weekly update from Superintendent Wertz. A great way for family members, friends and community to stay informed on what's happening at Helena Public Schools!



Oct. 1

is the deadline to update your student's information in PowerSchool. If you haven't already, please make sure we have current information for your child, including contact information to notify you in the event of an emergency. Questions? Please contact your school secretary.

1,605 Instagram Followers

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3,130 Facebook Followers

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September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
04 Labor Day - No School	05 Kindergarten First Day of School JD PTO: 6:30 pm	06 CHS Picture Day HHS-Jostens Senior ordering assembly HEF Grant Writing Workshop: 3:45 pm LIN CTR	07 PAL Picture Day Warren PTO- 6 pm CRA Open House: 7th Grade - 6 pm 8th Grade - 7 pm HMS 7th & 8th Grade Open House: 7 pm HHS iReady testing	08 JD Picture Day HHS iReady testing	09	10 HEF Carnival Classic Sunday, Sept. 10 11 am - 3 pm Memorial Park
11 Hawthorne Picture Day WAR Picture Day CHS Homecoming Week - GO BRU! HHS Booster Club: 5:30 pm, Library	12 BRO Fabulous Firsts: 2:30 pm KESS Fabulous Firsts: 2:45 pm JEFF Picture Day HMS Picture Day	13 HAW Parent Council - Noon HHS Picture Day	14 CEN Picture Day CRA Picture Day KESS Picture Day CEN Fabulous Firsts: 2:45 pm 4Gs PTO: 6 pm ROSS Parent Council: 6 pm PAL Info Night: 4 pm	15 SMI Picture Day JD Fabulous Firsts: 2:40 pm SMI Fabulous Firsts: 2:30 pm CHS Homecoming Dance	16	17
18 BRY Picture Day HAW Fabulous Firsts: 2-2:30 pm WAR Fabulous Firsts: 2-2:30 pm	19 4Gs Picture Day Parents for Smith: 5:30 pm	20 ROSS Picture Day ROSS Fabulous Firsts: 2:30 pm JEFF Fabulous Firsts: 2:45 pm	21 JEFF Literacy Night: 6-7 pm AA Divisional Golf tournament	22 4Gs Fabulous Firsts: 2:45, Library HHS vs. CHS Crosstown Football Vigilante Stadium AA Divisional Golf	23	24
25 HHS Homecoming Week Sept. 25-29	26 CRA Great Beginnings/6th Grade HMS Great Beginnings/6th Grade PAL Info Night: 4 pm	27	28 State AA Golf Billings	29 State AA Golf - Billings Great Beginnings Orchestra HMS/CRA - HMS 6 pm HHS Homecoming Football - Flathead	30	01



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Food Services & Nutrition

October

Helena Public Schools offers meal payment options for every family because every student needs delicious, nutritious food to learn and grow.

If you plan to buy school lunch or breakfast this school year, please visit helenaschools.org and click on the Food Services icon to find menus (or use the QR codes below). Don't forget to use My Mealtime to add funds to your student's account.

If you're concerned about covering meal costs, the Free & Reduced Lunch program can help. Your application is confidential and will not be seen by your school principal or other school staff. Families across a wide range of income levels may qualify based on a variety of factors, including the number of people in your household.



Creating a Hunger-Free Community

34,894

The number of take-home Kid Packs our Community Partners at Helena Food Share deliver to schools each week to support kids with food over the weekend

Meals served in 2022-23

Helena Public Schools' Food Services contractor, Sodexo, served more than 777,335 meals over the course of last summer and the 2022-23 school year, including meals through our Free & Reduced Lunch program.

211,584 Breakfasts

455,352 Lunches

48,246 Munchtana Summer Food Truck Meals

2023-24 School Lunch Prices

Breakfast

K-12 Student Breakfast: \$2

Adult Breakfast: \$3.50

Lunch

K-12 Student Lunch: \$2.90

6-12 Student Lunch: \$3

Adult Lunch: \$5



mymealtime.com
Add money to your child's meal account.



Helena Public Schools Food Services
Sign up for Free & Reduced Lunch.



Menus
See daily school lunch and breakfast menus.

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03 JD PTO: 6:30 pm HEF Great Ideas and Spark grants due	04 Smith Walk to School Day CRA Parent/Teacher Conferences	05 CRA Parent/Teacher Conferences HHS Open House: 6 pm	06	07	08
09 HHS Booster Club: 5:30 pm, Library CHS Choir Concert: 7 pm, CHS Auditorium	10	11 HAW Parent Council: Noon	12 ROSS Parent Council: 6 pm 4Gs PTO: 6 pm PSAT/NMSQT Exam: Delta Hotel	13	14	15
16 CHS Band Concert: 7 pm, CHS Auditorium	17 BRO Parent/Teacher Conferences Parents for Smith: 5:30 pm First Round Soccer Playoffs - Class AA CHS & HHS Fall Orchestra Concert - CHS Auditorium	18 CHS Picture Retakes PAL Picture Retakes BRO Parent/Teacher Conferences Countywide Earthquake Drill	19 Educator Conferences - No School MMEA All-State Music Festival (Orchestra) - Missoula	20 Educator Conferences - No School MMEA All-State Music Festival (Orchestra) - Missoula	21 State Cross Country Quarter-final Soccer Playoffs - Class AA	22
23 WAR Picture Retakes HAW Picture Retakes HHS Picture Retakes SMI Healthy Choice & Book Fair Week	24 CRA & HMS Picture Retakes Parent Teacher Conferences: BRY, CEN, 4Gs, HAW, JEFF, JD, KESS, SMI, WAR HHS Fall Choir Concert, 7 pm, HMS Auditorium	25 ROSS Parent Teacher Conferences	26 SMI Picture Retakes ROSS Picture Retakes Parent Teacher Conferences: BRY, CEN, 4Gs, HAW, JEFF, JD, KESS, SMI, ROSS, WAR	27 4Gs: Bootastic Bingo: 6-7 pm	28 State Championship Soccer	29
30	31 BRO Trick or Treating at Carroll College					



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Indian Education for All

November

Montana's Constitution requires all public schools to teach curriculum on the history and cultural heritage of Montana's First People.

Helena Public Schools embraces this constitutional duty – known as Indian Education for All (IEFA) – in many ways. Lessons and activities throughout the K-12 curriculum are infused with opportunities to learn about Native American cultures, from singing traditional songs in music class to playing traditional games in PE. District IEFA Coordinator and Instructional Coach Amanda Walking Child and IEFA staff support teachers so they can deliver IEFA curriculum in the classroom. IEFA tutors work with Native American students in the classroom to ensure academic success.

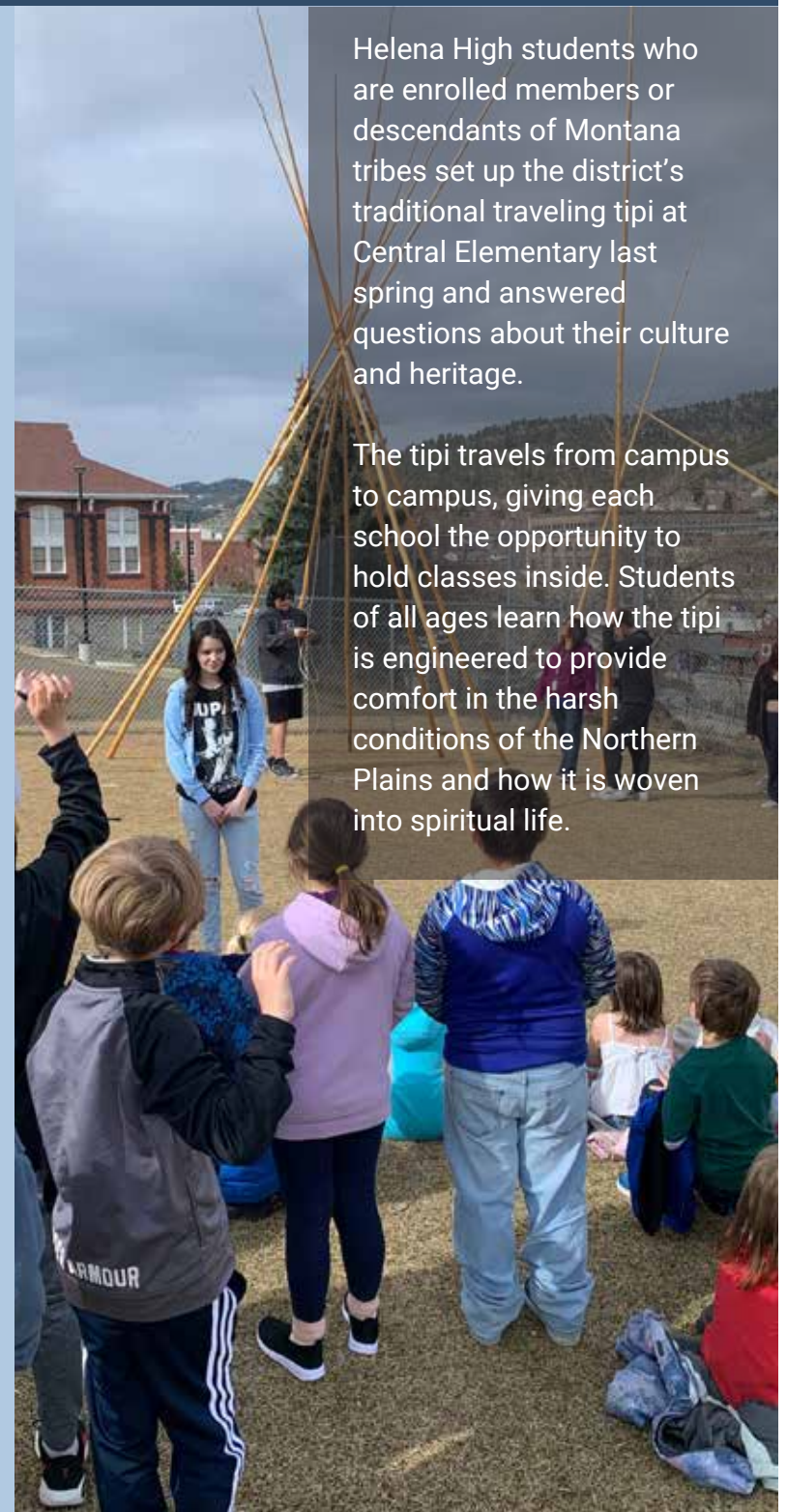


During the 2022-23 year, Indian Education for All (IEFA) activities included everything from book readings with Montana poet and author M.L. Smoker, a member of the Assiniboiné and Sioux tribes, to a family storytelling night at Central Elementary with traditional Crow storyteller Peggy Well Known Buffalo, to traditional games at various schools led by Capital High School IEFA Tutor Joseph Picardo.

November is National Native American Heritage Month. Watch your school's newsletter for upcoming events celebrating the unique history, heritage and cultures of Montana's tribes.

Helena High students who are enrolled members or descendants of Montana tribes set up the district's traditional traveling tipi at Central Elementary last spring and answered questions about their culture and heritage.

The tipi travels from campus to campus, giving each school the opportunity to hold classes inside. Students of all ages learn how the tipi is engineered to provide comfort in the harsh conditions of the Northern Plains and how it is woven into spiritual life.



November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	31	01	02 4Gs Picture Retakes JD Picture Retakes KESS Picture Retakes Divisional Volleyball, Butte	03 Divisional Volleyball, Butte	04 Divisional Volleyball, Butte	05 Daylight Savings Time Ends
06 2nd Quarter Begins	07 JEFF Picture Retakes CEN Picture Retakes JD PTO: 6:30 pm	08 Hawthorne Parent Council: Noon	09 HMS Choir Concert 4Gs PTO: 6 pm ROSS PTO: 6 pm WAR PTO: 6 pm State Volleyball - Bozeman	10 State Volleyball - Bozeman	11 State Volleyball - Bozeman	12
13 HHS Booster Club: 5:30 pm, Library AA Choir Festival (CHS) - Bozeman	14 HMS Parent/Teacher Conferences AA Choir Festival (CHS) - Bozeman	15 HEF Great Conversations: Great Northern Conference Center, 5:30 pm	16 CRA Choir Concerts (HMS Auditorium): 6th Grade - 6 pm 7th Grade - 7 pm 8th Grade - 8 pm CRA Parent/Teacher Conferences Winter sports begin	17 State Championship Football	18	19
20	21 PAL Thanksgiving Meal: 12:15 pm	22 Thanksgiving Break - No School	23 Thanksgiving Break - No School District Closed	24 Thanksgiving Break - No School District Closed	25	26
27	28 CRA Orchestra Concerts (HMS Auditorium): 6th Grade: 6 pm 7th Grade: 7 pm PAL Info Night: 4 pm	29	30 HMS Orchestra Concert: 6:30 pm, HMS Auditorium	01	02	03



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Student Mental Health

Helena Public Schools is expanding mental health support for students as the need continues to grow for young people in Montana and nationwide. By linking students with care for mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression, we enable them to thrive in the classroom and in life.

In 2022-23, Helena Public Schools created a grant-funded “school health grant facilitator” position to expand student health services through community partnerships and grant funding. Several exciting new services and partnerships are already underway:

- In the 2022-23 school year, the district launched the Rural Behavioral Health Initiative Mental Health Screening process for grades 6-12. This program includes same-day mental health care for students with urgent mental health needs.
- We are excited to have the Helena Indian Alliance and PureView Health Center as our newest partners. Both clinics will provide school-based behavioral health services, starting in 2023-2024.
- The district has formed a partnership with Carroll College to serve students through the college’s new Licensed Clinical Social Worker program in 2023-24.

As we roll out these new services, the district continues to find innovative ways to support healthy students and healthy schools.

Help is available 24 hours a day at the national suicide prevention hotline. Dial 988

Helena Public Schools’ team of eight school nurses work in many ways to keep students and staff safe and healthy, everything from health education, to responding to medical emergencies, to working with parents to help students manage chronic diseases such as diabetes and asthma.

If your student needs mental health support, please contact your school nurse, counselor or principal, who can connect your family with help.



December



Students participate in a W.E.B. Day back-to-school assembly at Helena Middle School.

Feelings of inclusion and belonging are essential to good mental health, especially as we get used to new environments. To ease the transition from elementary to middle school, sixth grade students participate in W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs) Day.

Eighth graders who volunteer as student leaders serve as mentors to small groups of sixth graders, showing them around and helping them learn the ropes of middle school - things like opening a combination lock and juggling multiple classes. Mentors check in with their sixth graders throughout the year, sharing tips and sometimes just lending an ear.

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	28	29	30	01 Early Dismissal for Grades K-5 Full Day of School for Grades 6-12	02	03
	04 CHS Choir Concert: 7 pm, CHS Auditorium	05 JD PTO: 6:30 pm HHS Band Concert: 7 pm, HMS Auditorium HEF Spark Grants due PAL Info Night: 4 pm	06	07 JEFF Winter Performance 1:30 pm HMS Concert Band, HMS Aud: 6 pm: 6th Grade 7 pm: Jazz Band, 7th & 8th Grade	08 BRO Winter Performance: 1pm at Helena Middle School Auditorium JEFF Winter Performance: 10:30 am & 1:30 pm	09
10	11 HHS Booster Club: Library, 5:30 pm CHS Band Concert: 7 pm, CHS Auditorium	12 KESS Winter Program: 10 am, Helena Middle School Auditorium CRA 8th Grade Jazz & Concert Band: 7 pm, CHS Auditorium CRA 8th Grade WinterInformances: 12:30 pm at The Myrna Loy HHS Winter Choir Concert: 7 pm, HMS Auditorium	13 HAW Parent Council: Noon	14 SMI Winter Performance: 9:30 am, Helena Middle School Auditorium ROSS Parent Council: 6pm CRA Band, CRA Upper Gym: 6th Grade: 4 pm 7th Grade: 7 pm CHS/HHS Advanced Orchestra Concert: 6 pm, Capitol Rotunda	15 HAW Winter Performance: 9:30 am, Helena Middle School Auditorium	16
17	18 CRA, HMS, CHS, HHS Capitol Rotunda Choir Concert: 12:30 pm	19 Parents for Smith: 5:30 pm CHS/HHS Winter Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, CHS Auditorium	20 WAR Winter Performance: 10 am, Helena Middle School Auditorium 4Gs Winter Performance: 10:30 am & 1:30 pm	21 HMS Choir Concert, 9 am & 11 am, HMS Auditorum	22 Winter Break - No School	23 Winter Break - No School
24 Winter Break - No School	25 Winter Break No School	26 Winter Break No School District Closed	27 Winter Break No School District Closed	28 Winter Break - No School	29 Winter Break - No School	30 Winter Break
31 Winter Break						



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Get Involved

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Family involvement in school and learning is a strong indicator of student success. Making time to visit your child's classroom or volunteer for an event is a powerful way to boost your child's engagement in school. You'll also gain insights into how your student is doing socially and academically.

Even a little time goes a long way. You can volunteer to read a story to your child's class or whip up your favorite treat for a bake sale. Whether they're big or small, and whether they show it or not, your child loves seeing you involved with their school.

Here are a few more ideas:

Do lunch: Parents are welcome to have school breakfast or lunch with their child for free once a month. This is a great way to see how your student is interacting with their peers. You can also see who has the best milk mustache!

Pitch in from home: Check in with your student's teacher or Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to see how you can help out from home. Your PTO may need assistance with sending emails, designing a flier, cooking food for a teacher appreciation event or many other tasks you can do from home when it works for your schedule.

Be a judge: Community members are always needed to serve as judges for speech and debate, spelling bees, mock trial and other learning events. Contact your school principal to get connected.

Chaperone: Schools of all grade levels need chaperones for field trips and sports events. Contact your child's teacher or school secretary to learn more.

Stay connected: Be sure to check your school newsletter for upcoming events. Evening school events like read-ins and book sales are a good way to spend family time. Kids love showing mom or dad around their school! For older students, career fairs and college information nights offer a chance to explore and plan your student's future together.

Share your expertise

Helena Public Schools engages professionals from our community to help students explore future careers. Opportunities include career fairs, class projects exploring various vocations and events such as the annual Ag Days demonstration at Jim Darcy Elementary, which draws agricultural producers from across Montana.

If you would like to help students explore future careers in your field, please contact a school principal.



January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
01 Winter Break - No School	02 JD PTO: 6:30 pm	03	04	05	06	07
08 HHS Booster Club: Library, 5:30 pm	09 CRA 8th Grade Orchestra Movie Screening	10 HAW Parent Council: Noon HEF Grant Writing Workshop 3:45 pm, LIN CTR	11 4Gs PTO: 6 pm ROSS Parent Council: 6 pm Warren PTO: 6 pm	12	13	14
15 Martin Luther King Day - No School District Closed	16 Parents for Smith 5:30 pm	17 High School Semester Testing CRA Ski Day PAL Reviews	18 High School Semester Testing PAL Reviews	19 High School Semester Testing Grades 6-8 Early Dismissal at Noon Grades K-5 - Full School Day PAL Reviews	20 HS Staff In-Service Records day	21
22 No School - Grades K-12 High School Staff In-Service and Records Day	23 KESS Parent/Teacher Conferences	24 CRA Ski Day	25 JEFF Literacy Night: 6-7 pm KESS Parent/Teacher Conferences BRY STARBASE STEM Night: 5-6 pm	26 State AA Speech - Missoula	27 State AA Speech - Missoula	28
29	30 4Gs Parent/Teacher Conferences HEF Great Ideas & Spark grants due	31 4Gs Parent/Teacher Conferences CRA Ski Day	01	02	03	



Brooke Glennon

Montana's 2023 Children's Miracle Network Champion

Butte High School Senior Brooke Glennon is this year's Children's Miracle Network Champion for Montana. Brooke openly shares her story about finding hope with the help of Shodair Children's Hospital after a difficult struggle with her mental health.

To find out more about Brooke's story visit <https://shodair.org/cmn-2023-champion/>



"No matter how much you're in the dark, you can always find the light."
~Brooke Glennon

Special Education

February

Everything we do at Helena Public Schools is based on the belief that all children deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential. As our community's public school system, it is our responsibility to meet the educational needs of all in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Programs serve students with a diverse range of needs, beginning at age 3:

Special Education Pre-School

Special Education Pre-School serves children ages 3-5. To qualify, children must be significantly delayed in one of more areas, such as speech and language, physical, cognitive, social, or behavioral, as established by state guidelines. Children are served according to their age and individual needs. Special education pre-school classes are located at Jefferson and Rossiter elementary schools.

Trailhead

Located at Bryant Elementary, Trailhead serves students in need of additional behavioral, communication and academic support.

Therapeutic Learning Center

The Therapeutic Learning Center (TLC) is a partnership with Shodair Children's Hospital for students needing intensive emotional and behavioral support. TLC is located at Bryant School.

Helena Public Schools therapists work throughout the district to give every child the opportunity to learn and thrive.

- 16 Speech Language Pathologists
- 2 Occupational Therapists
- 2 Physical Therapists
- 10 School Psychologists
- 46 Resource Teachers

Child Find Developmental Screening Clinics for Preschoolers

Helena Public Schools holds regularly scheduled clinics to identify preschool students ages 3-5 who may have special needs or developmental delays. This year's screenings will begin in October.

Please note that the clinics are intended to screen for areas of multiple concern. If you have concerns about your child's speech and language development only, please contact your neighborhood school.

Use the QR code to learn more about Special Education and Child Find.



Each winter, Helena Pubic Schools elementary students try their hand at ice fishing through Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks' "Hooked on Fishing" program.



February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	30	31	01 ROSS Parent Council 6pm	02 AA Divisional Wrestling HEF Nominations for Distinguished Achievers due	03 AA Divisional Wrestling	04
05 CRA/CHS Concert Band, CHS Auditorium, 7 pm AA Orchestra Festival - Helena	06 Parent/Teacher Conferences: BRO, BRY, CEN HAW, JEFF, JD, SMI, WAR JD PTO: 6:30 pm WAR 100th Day Sundae Celebration: 2:30 pm JEFF Book Fair (During Parent/Teacher Conferences) AA Orchestra Festival - Helena	07 HAW Parent Council, Noon ROSS Parent Teacher Conferences CRA Ski Day CRA 6th & 7th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences AA Orchestra Festival - Helena	08 Parent/Teacher Conferences: BRO, BRY, CEN, HAW, JEFF, JD, ROSS, SMI, WAR CRA Ski Day	09 State Swim - Great Falls State Wrestling - Billings	10 State SwimGreat Falls State Wrestling Billings	11
12 HHS Booster Club: Library, 5:30 pm	13	14 HAW Parent Council, Noon CRA Ski Day CRA 6th & 7th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences	15 CRA 6th & 7th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences	16	17	18
19 Presidents Day - No School District Closed	20 Parents for Smith: 5:30 pm HMS Choir Concert Informances (During school day) PAL Info Night: 4 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 HMS Parent/Teacher Conferences	28	29 HMS Parent/Teacher Conferences CRA 6th & 7th Grade Spring Informances: CRA Orch Room. (During school day)	01 CRA 6th & 7th Grade Spring Informances, CRA Orch Room. (During school day)	02	03

Have a great school year.
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Focus on School Safety

March

The 2022-23 school year saw safety and security enhancements across multiple fronts. Additional cameras, security electronics and software were installed to control access, identify potential threats and facilitate a quick response. Meanwhile, the district coordinated with the Helena Police Department to conduct staff trainings and testing of emergency response systems. Here's a look:

- Exterior doors in K-8 schools were equipped with electronic keyless entry fobs that can be activated or deactivated at a moment's notice.
- K-8 schools were equipped with exterior door alarms that sound loudly if an exterior door is left open or not secured.
- Additional cameras were installed at K-8 schools to eliminate blind spots and ensure that all exterior entrances are monitored.
- Five active shooter trainings were conducted in coordination with the Helena Police Department with more than 60 staff participating. Additional staff will be trained in 2023-24.
- Building location signage was enhanced to enable students and staff to communicate their exact location during an emergency.
- At the high school level, secure entry vestibules were installed as well as new software to allow staff to initiate an emergency response from any location.
- Software was purchased to enable all staff to receive emergency notifications on mobile devices from any location. The software will be online by the start of the 2023-24 school year and staff will be trained in September.
- An enhanced safety system testing schedule was introduced in coordination with Helena Police dispatch to ensure that safety technology will perform as needed during an emergency. This will continue in 2023-24.
- In 2022-23, the district strengthened and enhanced its student threat assessment protocol and provided staff training to consistently implement the changes districtwide. Training was led by Dr. Melissa Reeves, a nationally certified school psychologist, licensed professional counselor and licensed special education teacher who has coauthored multiple books and publications focusing on school safety and trauma.
- Earlier this month, Helena Public Schools hosted the Jeremy Bullock Safe Schools Summit, which brought together educators, administrators and school security experts from across Montana and beyond.

As we begin a new school year, student and staff safety and security will continue to be the district's first priority as we work with our community partners to keep our schools and our community safe and secure.



Capital High School Resource Officer (SRO) Jon Pulsifer.

In partnership with the Angel Fund, SROs present dozens of pairs of athletic shoes to students in need each year through the "Running for Montana's Future" program, helping make a positive connection with students.

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY



March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26 		28	29	01 CRA 6th & 7th Grade Spring Informances, CRA Orch Room.(During school day)	02	03 AA Band Festival - Great Falls
04 AA Band Festival - Great Falls	05 JD PTO: 6:30 pm	06 SMI Book Bingo Family Event 5:45-6:45 pm	07 AA State Basketball-Missoula WAR PTO: 6 pm	08 KESS Carnival: 4:30 - 7 pm AA State Basketball- Missoula	09 AA State Basketball- Missoula	10 Daylight Savings Time begins
11 CHS Choir Concert, 7 pm, CHS Auditorium	12 HHS Pre-Festival Choir Concert: 7 pm, HMS Auditorium	13 HAW Parent Council: Noon HMS 7th Grade Band Festival: 4 pm, Civic Center Spring Sports Begin: Softball, Track & Field, Tennis	14 4Gs PTO: 6 pm ROSS Parent Council: 6 pm CRA Band at Buddy DeFranco event, Missoula (tentative) CRA, HMS, CHS, HHS 8th & 9th Grade Orchestra Festival Concert: 6 pm, HMS Auditorium	15 CRA Band at Buddy DeFranco event, Missoula (tentative)	16	17
18 CRA 7th Grade/CHS Concert Band Festival: 7 pm HMS 8th Grade Choir/HHS Choir Concert, 6:30 pm, HMS Auditorium	19 Parents for Smith: 5:30 pm CRA 8th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences CRA 8th Grade /CHS Symphonic Band Festival, 7 pm HHS Pre-Festival Band Concert: 7 pm, HHS Gym	20	21	22	23	24
25 Spring Break - No School	26 Spring Break - No School	27 Spring Break - No School	28 Spring Break - No School	29 Spring Break - No School,	30	31 Easter Sunday

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Facilities

April

Facilities are central to everything we do as a public school system. From classrooms to cafeterias, Helena Public Schools relies on facilities to keep our students learning, active and safe. The district's facilities & maintenance team cares for more than 1.3 million square feet of building space year round. With the average age of our buildings at 62 years, that's a lot of reroofing, painting, plumbing and patching!

Our school facilities also serve our community. Over the course of the 2022-23 school year, more than 330 community organizations held events in Helena Public Schools facilities, including Girl Scout meetings, Boy Scout meetings, youth sports club games and practice, adult sports clubs, theater troupe performances, and special events.

This fall, the district will complete a comprehensive Master Facilities Planning Process. The resulting plan will help prioritize maintenance of existing buildings and plan for future construction to serve students five, ten and twenty years into the future.



Oldest School Building
1920

Hawthorne Elementary as it stood before the top story was removed following the earthquake of 1935



Newest School Buildings
2019

Bryant Elementary
Central Elementary
Jim Darcy Elementary



Recent Major Facilities Projects

Four Georgians Elementary
Reroofing

Jefferson Elementary Boiler
Replacement and Air
Conditioning Installation

Upgrades to Vigilante Stadium

CRA Middle School LED
Lighting Upgrade

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
01	02 JD PTO: 6:30 pm AA Band Festival: Location TBD HEF Spark Grants due	03	04 BRY Kindergarten Jumpstart Literacy Night: 4-6 pm	05	06	07
08 HHS Booster Club: 5:30 pm, Library	09	10 HAW Parent Council: Noon	11 ROSS Parent Council: 6 pm Large Ensemble District Music Festival at HMS & HHS	12 Large Ensemble District Music Festival at HMS & HHS	13 Solo/Small Ensembles District Music Festival - Bozeman	14
15	16 Parents for Smith 5:30 pm	17	18 JEFF Literacy Night: 6-7 pm	19 CRA Solo Festival, Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church 6th Grade: 8:30 am 7th Grade: 10:30 am HMS Solo Festival, Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church 6th Grade: 8:30 am 7th Grade: 10:30 am	20	21
22	23	24	25 PAL Info Night: 4 pm	26 CRA & HMS 6th & 7th Grade Orchestra, Solo and Ensemble Festival, 8:30 am -1 pm, Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church	27	28
29	30 PAL Info Night: 4 pm	01	02	03	04	



VOTED BEST INTERNET, AGAIN!

Thank you, Helena! We love you back!



MONTANA INTERNET.

Helena Public Schools is a national leader in school bus safety, working together with our transportation vendor First Student. Our district was among the first in the nation to require seatbelts and, more recently, among the first to implement an electronic tablet system that helps bus drivers stay focused.

The Edulog tablets replace paper maps and paper lists once used to check students on and off the bus. The tablets can be used only when the bus is stopped, reducing the potential for distracted driving. Synced with bus-mounted GPS systems, the tablets give drivers turn-by-turn route instructions, an especially important feature for new and substitute drivers.

Other safety features include:

- Bus swipe cards that enable parents to confirm that their student got on and off the bus. Parents can follow the bus online as it moves along its route.
- Each bus in the district’s fleet is equipped with eight high-definition cameras with night vision, including two external cameras to monitor traffic stop arms. The cameras can capture clear images of license plates if a driver runs a stop arm. The cameras also provide visual monitoring of the entire bus interior.
- The school bus dispatch center can monitor routes in real time and quickly respond to emergencies.

Visit our Transportation page

- Register for bus service
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- Replace a lost swipe card
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41 regular bus routes

19 special education routes

2,176 daily bus stops

391,680 bus stops per year

4,031 school bus miles driven per day

725,652 school bus miles driven in 2022-23

253 field trips and sports events with bus service in 2022-23

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 	30	01 JEFF Kindergarten Orientation 3:45-4:30 pm	02	03 Vigilante Day - No School Grades 9-12 11 AM Dismissal Grades K-8 State Music Festival (Band, Choir & Orchestra)- Helena	04	05
06	07 JD PTO: 6:30 pm	08 BRO Kindergarten Roundup HAW Parent Council: Noon	09 JD Art Show: 5-7pm 4Gs PTO: 6 pm ROSS Parent Council: 6 pm WAR PTO: 6 pm CRA Choir 6th Grade Concert	10	11	12
13 HHS Booster Club: 5:30 pm, Library HEF Celebration of Excellence, Great Northern Conference Center: 5:30 pm	14 CRA Orchestra Concert (HMS Auditorium) 6 pm: 6th Grade 7 pm: 7th & 8th Grade	15 HMS Orchestra Concert: 6:30 pm, HMS Auditorium	16 CRA 7th Grade/CHS Choir Concert: 1:30 pm, HMS Auditorium FGs Spring Fling and Fun Run: 6 pm	17 JD Agriculture Day	18	19
20 WAR Kindergarten Roundup CHS Dessert Show Choir Concert: 6 pm, CHS Gym HHS Spring Band Concert: 7 pm, HMS Aud	21 Parents for Smith: 5:30 pm CHS Band Concert: 7 pm, CHS Auditorium HHS Spring Choir Concert: 7 pm, HMS Auditorium	22	23 HMS Band Concert, HMS Auditorium 6th Grade & Jazz Band: 6 pm 7th & 8th Grades: 7 pm State Track - Great Falls State Tennis - Bozeman State Softball - Belgrade	24 State Track - Great Falls State Tennis - Bozeman State Softball - Belgrade	25	26
27 Memorial Day - No School District Closed	28 CHS/HHS Spring Orchestra Concert: 6 pm, CHS Aud	29 WAR BBQ: Noon HMS Choir Concert. (During school day) PAL Senior Speeches: 9 am	30 CEN BBQ: 11:30 am CRA All Bands Concert: 7 pm, Civic Center CRA 8th Grade Choir Concert	31 JD Field Day & Picnic: Picnic starts at 11:50 am KESS BBQ: Noon HMS Choir Concert (During school day) Access Commencement PAL Commencement	01	02

June 1
HHS & CHS
Commencement



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At any given time on a typical school day, about 4,000 students are logged in on Helena Public Schools' Clever portal – an online, one-stop-shop for students and staff to access school resources.

In fact, most learning resources used in the classroom today, whether it's literature for reading or lab tools for a physics class, are accessed via technology. This makes perfect sense when you consider how much technology impacts our daily lives. In fact, more than 70 percent of American jobs now require medium or high technology skills, according to the Brookings Institution.

That's why our Technology Department strives to provide students with the technology skills and experience they need to be competitive in today's emerging job market and prepared for higher education.

However, this is increasingly challenging, as funding levels for school technology have not changed since the district passed its last technology levy in 2004, the same year Google and Myspace were launched. As you can imagine, the district's technology needs have changed dramatically over the past two decades. At that time, the district didn't even have reliable Wi-Fi in all facilities.

Another huge new technology demand is software licensing. Consider safety and security technology. The district now has 300 "managed" doors, meaning they are either accessed with an electronically controlled key fob, or with a digital sensor to sound an alarm if the door is left open, or both. Each of these requires a software license. And it's not just doors. Cameras, gradebooks, software tools – everything is now licensed, and maintaining and updating those licenses is a significant expense.

This spring the district will propose an updated technology levy to bring funding closer to today's needs, from academics to communication to school safety. In a world where access to technology is a foundation of academic and career success.

Helena Public Schools' Career and Technical Education programs are laser-focused on adopting the new technologies reshaping the way we work and play.

Middle and high school CTE students are learning to use plasma cutters, 3D printers, software-controlled milling machines and other high-tech equipment, thanks in large part to support from the Helena Education Foundation and private employers, including Boeing.

These investments in today's students are building the workforce of tomorrow, giving students the chance to master the same equipment they will use in the workplace.



The Boeing Company awarded two grants to the Helena Education Foundation in 2023 totaling \$100,000 to support the development of a comprehensive manufacturing training center at Helena High School.

Boeing is proud to help bring training to Helena students that reflects real-world experiences," said Gina Breukelman, senior manager, Northwest Region Boeing Global Engagement. "Growing a robust talent pipeline locally is key to the Helena region's economic growth and supports workforce development opportunities in the aerospace and manufacturing industries and beyond."

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
		PAL Senior Speeches: 9 am	CRA All Bands Concert: 7 pm, Civic Center	JD Field Day & Picnic: Picnic starts at 11:50 am KESS BBQ: Noon Access to Success Commencement PAL Commencement	Capital High School Commencement Helena High School Commencement	
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
JEFF BBQ & Field Day	BRO BBQ: Time TBD HAW Field Day: Time TBD SMI Field Day: 9 am JD PTO: 6:30 pm PAL Reviews PAL BBQ: Noon High School Semester Testing	HAW BBQ: 11:45 am PAL Reviews High School Semester Testing	Last Day of School - Grades K-11 Noon Dismissal for Grades K-8 High School Semester Testing Last Day for K-8 Staff PAL Reviews	High School Staff In-Service Day Last Day for 9-12 Staff		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
HHS Booster Club: 5:30 pm, Library						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Helena Education Foundation

Helena Public Schools is grateful for two decades of community support through the Helena Education Foundation (HEF). HEF engages its supporters around the guiding principle that excellent public schools forge healthy communities. Their support enables our students to experience dozens of innovative learning opportunities each year beyond what is included in the district budget.

Last year alone, HEF awarded 47 "Spark" and "Great Ideas" grants totaling more than \$55,000, putting funds directly in the hands of teachers for innovative learning opportunities. Teachers apply for the competitive grants, which are awarded by a review committee made up of community members. Each grant is sponsored by an individual or business, and sponsors often enjoy surprising teachers with the awards in person in their classrooms.

2022-23 grant projects included everything from "Opera Under the Big Sky" at CR Anderson Middle School, a fusion of opera and discussions about tribal nations and their cultures, to "Cheep, Cheep Chicks," a grant to hatch and grow chicks at Warren Elementary School.

Learn more about HEF's exceptional service to
our community:

Visit hefmt.org for details

**Carnival Classic is Sunday,
September 10
11 am – 3 pm
Memorial Park**

Helena Education Foundation events bring our community together for a good cause – our Helena Public Schools. A favorite is Carnival Classic - a fun-filled back-to-school festival with games galore, prizes galore, face-painting, a dunk tank, youth performances and more.



Angel Fund

For 32 years, the Angel Fund has supported Helena Public Schools students with back-to-school clothes, shoes, winter coats, scholarships and more.

Founder Marcia Wall got the idea for the Angel Fund when she was working as a counselor at Helena Middle School and discovered that some kids didn't go on a field trip because they couldn't afford the small participation fee. Decades later, the nonprofit continues to help bridge the gap for families so all kids can come to school with pride in their appearance and participate to the fullest.

Last year, the Angel Fund assisted almost 900 students with school clothes and awarded 17 graduates scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 to help with expenses to attend colleges within the Montana University System. That's in addition to thousands of dollars worth of school supplies through the Fund's "Stuff the Bus" campaign and athletic shoes through the organization's "Running for Montana's Future" program in coordination with school resource officers.

Thank you, Angel Fund, for helping all students come to school feeling good about themselves and ready to participate to the fullest.

Get help with back-to-School shopping

Application period begins Oct. 1 for Fall 2023

Approved Angel Fund applicants receive a voucher of up to \$150 per elementary student and \$200 per middle or high school student to purchase back-to-school clothes. Participating retailers: Target, TJ Maxx, Walmart, Old Navy



Helena Public Schools at a Glance

7,600 **Students**

1,079 **Full- and part-time employees**

11 **Elementary Schools**

2 **Middle Schools**

2 **High Schools**

Project for Alternative Learning

1 **Adult Learning Center (at Helena College)**

1866 **Year Founded**

\$67.7 million **Wages paid into our local economy**

College & Career Ready

Helena Public Schools' mission is to foster dynamic educational experiences that prepare all students for life. Our juniors consistently score among the highest in Montana in assessment testing across reading, English, math and science – ready to succeed whether they're planning four-year college, military service or a career in the trades.

In addition to preparing students for success through the district's established curriculum, our high school teachers serve as advisors for club activities that give students real-world experience. Helena Public Schools students shone at state- and national-level club competitions during the 2022-23 school year. To share just a few:

- Helena High School's Business Professionals of America (BPA) Software Engineering Team earned second place nationwide in BPA's Software Engineering Virtual Event.
- A total of 16 Capital High students earned gold medals at the HOSA Future Health Professionals state event.
- The Helena High Mock Trial Team earned its fourth state championship and members earned multiple "outstanding" awards at the Mock Trial National Championship in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Capital High School's Personal Finance Challenge Team won first place in the statewide Personal Finance Challenge Competition held by the Montana Council for Economic Education (MCEE), qualifying to compete at the national level.



The Project for Alternative Learning (PAL) offers a pathway to high school graduation to students who are not thriving in a traditional high school setting. PAL graduated 23 seniors in 2022-23. An additional 36 students earned their diplomas through the district's Access to Success program.

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NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies, these exceptional scholars represent less than one percent of high school juniors nationwide.

46

VALEDICTORIANS

Students who maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school.

12

SALUTATORIANS

Students who earned one B, but otherwise maintained all As throughout high school.

28

HELENA EDUCATION FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

To qualify for nomination as a Distinguished Scholar, students must have a minimum of 14 credit hours of honors, AP, accelerated or college-level classes. They must also have a 3.7 GPA at the end of the 7th semester, among other requirements.

151

2023 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

The National Honor Society invites students to apply in the spring of their junior year based on a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Members participate in community service projects and other activities during their senior year.

College & Career Ready



Education and workforce development go hand-in-hand as we prepare today's students to drive tomorrow's economy.

Helena Public Schools offers a diverse range of Career and Technical Training (CTE) options, from machining to computer science to culinary arts.

In fact, in 2022 Helena Public School became the first district in Montana to have a paid internship program with the Boeing Company through Capital High. And in 2023, Boeing awarded the Helena Education Foundation a grant to bring a state-of-the-art machining mill to Helena High.

In addition to good-paying jobs right out of high school, Boeing covers the full cost of college tuition, as do other potential employers in the skilled trades.

Our district will continue working with our business partners in Helena and beyond to prepare students for the jobs of today and tomorrow.



Business Professionals of America | DECA | Mock Trial | Skills USA | HOSA | FCCLA | American Welding Society

Tip # 1: Save time and money on college

Whether your student is pursuing a two-year or four-year degree, Dual Enrollment can help them get there faster, for less.

The Montana University System's Dual Enrollment program allows high school students to earn college credit for free. Ask your school counselor for details.

Tip # 2: Get Certs

High school students enrolled in CTE courses can graduate with certificates in fork-lift operation, welding, OSHA 10 safety requirements and more, making them competitive for good-paying jobs right out of the gate.

Tip # 3: Join the Club

CTE-focused school clubs or "Career and Technical Student Organizations" such as BPA (Business Professionals of America), SkillsUSA, and DECA (focused on emerging business leaders and entrepreneurs) give students the edge when applying for college and the job market.

Thank you, Helena!



Helena Public Schools is grateful to our Helena community for passage of the 2023 General Fund and Building Reserve Levies. We deeply value not only your trust, but also your partnership in educating our community's next generation.

Your passage of the 10-Year Building Reserve Levy protects your investment, and that of generations before you, in Helena's public school facilities. We will use these funds wisely and responsibly over the next decade to care for our community's school buildings. The Master Facilities Plan now nearing completion (see page 12) will serve as our guide.

Your passage of the General Fund Levy helps buffer the impacts to students and staff as we adjust to new financial realities for Montana's AA school districts. While these realities are challenging us, they will not deter us from our mission to provide an excellent education to tomorrow's community leaders, teachers, doctors, parents, builders, business owners and so many others who will lead Helena into a healthy and prosperous future.

Thank you, Helena!

How Your Building Reserve Levy Dollars Will be Used

HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Improvements to school fire alarm and fire suppression systems.
- Ongoing maintenance and replacement of deteriorating plumbing, heating and ventilation systems to provide students with clean air and water.
- Resurfacing of walkways, parking lots and playgrounds to prevent ice buildup and aid snow removal.

ACCESSIBILITY

- Accessibility improvements to entries and exits, playgrounds, classrooms and bathrooms to ensure that students with disabilities and/or mobility issues have equal opportunity to learn and thrive.

EFFICIENCY

- Replacement of roofs and building exteriors to keep indoor spaces dry, prevent damage and preserve facilities for the long term.
- Replacement of old windows and doors with new, energy-efficient glass and frames.
- Retrofits of school lighting to safer, more energy-efficient LED systems.

Did you know?

Last spring, Helena voters approved two essential levies to help fund Helena Public Schools – a 10-year building reserve levy and a general fund operational levy. These voter-approved levies are capped at a certain percentage of the school district's budget and are based on the assessed value of your home, which is being finalized by the county this month.

This means that even as Helena property values continue to rise, the dollar amount you will pay for the school levies passed in the spring will not increase.

District Finances

Helena Public Schools is funded by local, state and federal sources, as well as grants and awards, all of which combine for an annual operating budget of approximately \$120 million (elementary and high school districts combined).

The vast majority of this funding is directed to specific funds which must be used for specific purposes such as facilities, technology, transportation, retirement and other categories. The biggest of these is the General Fund, which accounts for approximately 53 percent of the district's overall budget.

The General Fund pays for salaries, books and school supplies, and basic operational expenses such as water and electricity. However, salaries are by far the biggest expense, accounting for approximately 90 percent of the General Fund. And the General Fund is where Helena Public Schools faces a significant funding shortfall. Other AA school districts in Montana face similar budget deficits, as state and federal funding fail to keep up with today's educational expenses.

The district is in the midst of a two-phase process to close the gap between expenses and available dollars in the General Fund:

Phase 1 (Complete)

Phase 1 of the budgeting process reduced expenditures by approximately \$3 million to keep the district solvent for the 2023-24 school year. This included elimination of some non-tenured positions; increased class sizes; and relocation of programs formerly housed on the Ray Bjork Learning Center campus. Phase I is complete, and there will be no additional closures of schools or reductions in staff for the duration of the 2023-24 school year.

Phase 2 (Underway)

A 40-member Budget Consensus Committee is currently working on recommendations to balance the budget for the 2024-25 school year. In late winter 2024, their recommendations will be presented to the Board of Trustees, which must then decide on a course of action.

Helena Public Schools believes that fiscal transparency is essential to maintaining the public's trust, especially as we undertake significant budget reductions. Please watch for continued budget updates throughout the 2023-24 school year.

Want to know how your taxpayer dollars are spent? See the "Citizen's Guide to the Helena Public Schools Budget" for a primer on school funding.



Finding common ground on tough decisions

In spring 2023, the district established the Budget Recommendation Consensus Committee. As the name implies, the Committee will develop agreed-upon recommendations for substantial reductions to the 2024-25 school year budget.

The 40-member committee consists of representatives of various stakeholder groups. Some committee members were selected after stepping forward to volunteer, while others were invited because of their roles with a Parent Teacher Organization, the Helena Education Association, the local business community, or other groups.

The committee is co-facilitated by Dr. Rob Watson, Executive Director of School Administrators of Montana (SAM) and Helena Public Schools Educator Melissa Romano. Dr. Watson is experienced in leading groups through a consensus-building process that is widely used by organizations to find resolution on complex and contentious issues.

The resulting budget reduction recommendations will be the result of a process designed to represent and involve stakeholders.

Join Our Team!

If you're interested in fulfilling work serving your community, consider a position with Helena Public Schools. From substitute teaching to facilities and maintenance, there are so many ways to put your skills to work for Helena's kids. Please visit our website to learn more about job opportunities including:

- Custodial & Maintenance Staff
- Para Professionals
- Substitute Teachers

If you're interested in sharing your time and talents with Helena Public Schools as a coach, a volunteer, a para professional or in other roles, please contact our Human Resources Department.



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- Option to participate in PERS or TRS Retirement plans

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Superintendent	Rex Weltz 324-2001
Assistant Superintendent	Josh McKay 324-2004
Chief of Staff	Barbara Ridgway 324-2006
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Business Services Director	Janelle Mickelson 324-2007
Curriculum & Instruction Director	Joslyn Davidson 324-2037
Federal Programs/Data & Assessment	Kaitlyn Hess 324-2027
Substitute Teacher Office	Deanna Tolman 324-2011
Health Benefits Manager	Rich Franco 324-2008
Payroll System Coordinator	Angie Ford 324-2009
Special Education Director	Sean Maharg 324-2005
Communications	Karen Ogden 324-2002
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Front Street Learning Center – 815 Front St.

Activities/Athletics Director	Tim McMahon 324-2107
Traffic Education	Tim McMahon 324-2107

Transportation Services

Transportation Manager	Drew VanFossen 324-2100
Bus Delay Line	324-2057

Other Services

Adult Learning Center/Access to Success	Josh McKay 447-6937
Facilities Manager	Rob Brewer 324-1702
Copy Center/Warehouse	Virginia Thom 324-2943
Director of Support Services	Todd Verrill 324-1720
Food Services Director	Robert Worthy 324-2512
Helena Education Foundation	Lisa Cordingley 443-2545
Technology Support	324-2114
School Age Child Care (SACC)	Kristen Roush 324-1260
Educational Technology Director	Gary Myers 324-2114

Schools/Principals

Capital High School	100 Valley Dr. Attendance: 324-2499
Principal	Brett Zanto 324-2500
Assistant Principal	Mick Morris 324-2500
Assistant Principal	Kathy Kidder 324-2500
Helena High School	300 Billings Ave. Attendance: 324-2211
Principal	Steve Thennis 324-2200
Assistant Principal	Willie Schlepp 324-2200
Assistant Principal	Julie TeNyenhuis 324-2200
Project for Alternative Learning	815 Front St. Attendance: 324-1630
Principal	Matt Carey 324-1630
C.R. Anderson Middle School	1200 Knight St. Attendance: 324-2802
Principal	Kathleen Prody 324-2800
Assistant Principal	Sol Jones 324-2800
Assistant Principal	Eric Peterson 324-2800
Helena Middle School	1025 N. Rodney Attendance: 324-1008
Principal	Cal Boyle 324-1000
Assistant Principal	Dawn Rowling 324-1000
Broadwater Elementary School	900 Hollins Ave.
Principal	Kellie Boedecker 324-1130
Bryant Elementary School	1529 Livingston Ave.
Principal	Erin Maxwell 324-1200
Central Elementary School	402 N. Warren
Principal	Nick Radley 324-1230
Four Georgians Elementary School	555 Custer Ave.
Principal	Carrie Shinkle 324-1300
Hawthorne Elementary School	430 Madison
Principal	Trish Klock 324-1370
Jefferson Elementary School	1023 Broadway
Principal	Brice Burton 324-2060
Jim Darcy Elementary School	990 Lincoln Rd. W.
Principal	Jill Nyman 324-1410
Kessler Elementary School	900 Hollins Ave.
Principal	Riley Thatcher 324-1700
Rossiter Elementary School	1497 Sierra Rd. W.
Principal	Dr. Wynn Randall 324-1500
Smith Elementary School	2320 5 th Ave.
Principal	Sarah Simpson 324-1530
Warren Elementary School	2690 York Rd.
Principal	Tia Wilkins 324-1600

Capital High School Sports Schedules

Capital High Varsity Football

Date	Team	H/A	Time
Aug. 25	Gallatin	Home	7:00 PM
Aug. 31	Skyview	Away	7:00 PM
Sept. 8	Sentinel	Home	7:00 PM
Sept. 15	Hellgate	Home	7:00 PM
Sept. 22	Helena High	Home	7:00 PM
Sept. 29	Glacier	Away	7:00 PM
Oct. 6	Big Sky	Home	7:00 PM
Oct. 13	Flathead	Away	7:00 PM
Oct. 19	Butte	Away	7:00 PM
Oct. 27	1st Round Playoff		
Nov. 3	2nd Round Playoff		
Nov. 10	3rd Round Playoff		
Nov. 17	State Championship		

Capital High Boys Soccer

Date	Team	H/A	Var Boys	JV Boys
Aug. 26	Big Sky	Home	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
Aug. 31	Butte	Away	5:30 PM	1:00 PM
Sept. 8	Glacier	Home	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Sept. 9	Flathead	Home	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
Sept. 14	Hellgate	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Sept. 16	Sentinel	Home	2:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sept. 18	Helena High	Away		4:00 PM
Sept. 19	Helena High	Away	3:00 PM	
Sept. 21	Sentinel	Away	3:30 PM	5:30 PM
Sept. 26	Big Sky	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Sept. 28	Butte	Home	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Oct. 6	Flathead	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Oct. 7	Glacier	Away	11:00 AM	9:00 AM
Oct. 9	Helena High	Home		4:00 PM
Oct. 10	Helena High	Home	5:00 PM	
Oct. 12	Hellgate	Home	5:00 PM	3:00 PM

Capital High Softball

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV
Mar. 23	West	Home	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 23	Skyview	Home	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Bozeman	Home	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 30	Belgrade	Away	12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 2	CMR	Away	3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Apr. 2	GFH	Away	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 4	Butte	Away	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 9	Hellgate	Away	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 13	Flathead	Home	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.
Apr. 13	Glacier	Home	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 16	Big Sky	Away	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 20	Sentinel	Home	11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 25	Helena High	Home	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 27	Crossover	Great Falls		
May. 2	Butte	Home	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
May. 4	Glacier	Away	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.
May. 4	Flathead	Away	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
May. 7	Hellgate	Home	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
May. 11	Helena High	Home	11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
May. 14	Sentinel	Away	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
May. 16	Big Sky	Home	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
May. 23-25	State	Belgrade		

Capital High JV Football

Date	Team	H/A	Time
Aug. 25	Gallatin	Home	3:00 PM
Aug. 31	Skyview	Away	3:00 PM
Sept. 8	Sentinel	Home	3:00 PM
Sept. 15	Hellgate	Home	3:00 PM
Sept. 22	Helena High	Home	3:00 PM
Sept. 29	Glacier	Away	3:00 PM
Oct. 6	Big Sky	Home	3:00 PM
Oct. 13	Flathead	Away	3:00 PM
Oct. 19	Butte	Away	3:00 PM



Capital High Girls Soccer

Date	Team	H/A	Var Girls	JV Girls
Aug. 26	Big Sky	Home	1:00 PM	11:00 AM
Aug. 31	Butte	Away	3:30 PM	1:00 PM
Sept. 8	Glacier	Home	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Sept. 9	Flathead	Home	1:00 PM	11:00 AM
Sept. 14	Hellgate	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Sept. 16	Sentinel	Home	12:00 PM	2:00 PM
Sept. 18	Helena High	Away		4:00 PM
Sept. 19	Helena High	Away	5:00 PM	
Sept. 21	Sentinel	Away	5:30 PM	3:30 PM
Sept. 26	Big Sky	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Sept. 28	Butte	Home	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Oct. 6	Flathead	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Oct. 7	Glacier	Away	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Oct. 9	Helena High	Home		4:00 PM
Oct. 10	Helena High	Home	3:00 PM	
Oct. 12	Hellgate	Home	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Oct. 17	Round 1 Playoff			
Oct. 21	Quarter Final			
Oct. 24	Semi Final			
Oct. 28	State Championship			

Capital High Tennis

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV
Mar. 30	Flathead/Glacier	Away	12:00 PM	
Apr. 6	CMR/GFH	Away	10:30 AM	
Apr. 6	CMR/GFH	Home		10:30 AM
Apr. 10	Crosstown	Home		4:00 PM
Apr. 11	Crosstown	Home	4:00 PM	
Apr. 13	Bozeman/Gallatin	Home	10:00 AM	
Apr. 20	Western Div	Missoula	10:00 AM	
Apr. 27	West/Skyview	Home	11:00 AM	
Apr. 30	Crosstown	Home	4:00 PM	
May. 1	Crosstown	Home		4:00 PM
May. 4	Sentinel/Hellgate	Away	10:00 AM	
May. 10	Butte/Big Sky	Home	10:00 AM	
May. 16-17	Divisional	Home		
May. 23-24	State	Bozeman		

Capital High Swim

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity
Dec. 8	Butte	Away	4:00 PM
Dec. 16	Missoula	Away	11:00 AM
Jan. 6	Butte	Away	12:00 PM
Jan. 13	Great Falls Multi Team	Away	12:00 PM
Jan. 20	Stacey Frey Great Falls	Away	12:00 PM
Jan. 26	Butte Inv	Away	12:00 PM
Jan. 27	Missoula Invite	Away	11:00 AM
Jan. 30	Helena High		4:30 PM
Feb. 9-10	State Great Falls		

Capital High Golf

Date	Teams	Site
Aug. 14	Great Falls Inv	1:00 PM Meadowlark
Aug. 15	Great Falls Inv	9:00 AM Eagle Falls
Aug. 21	JV Inv.	9:30 AM GMCC - Helena
Aug. 21	Missoula	3:00 PM Larchmont
Aug. 22	Missoula	8:30 AM - Canyon River
Aug. 28	Belgrade	9:00 AM Riverside
Aug. 29	Belgrade	9:00 AM Cottonwood
Sept. 7	Helena Inv.	10:30 AM GMCC
Sept. 8	Helena Inv.	8:30 AM BRGC
Sept. 12	Belgrade JV	2:00 PM
Sept. 13	Kalispell	10:00 AM Northern Pines
Sept. 14	Kalispell	10:00 AM Buffalo Hills
Sept. 20	Divisional	10 AM BRGC
Sept. 21	Divisional	10 AM BRGC
Sept. 28	State	Lake Hills Billings
Sept. 29	State	Lake Hills Billings

Capital High Cross Country

Date	Team	H/A	Time
Aug. 25	Boulder	Away	TBD
Sept. 1	Kalispell	Away	12:00 PM
Sept. 9	Bozeman	Away	4:00 PM
Sept. 15	Butte Inv	Away	12:00 PM
Sept. 23	Mountain West	Away	9:30 AM
Sept. 29	Great Falls Inv	Away	3:00 PM
Oct. 5	7 of 7	Home	12:00 PM
Oct. 11	Helena High	Home	4:00 PM
Oct. 21	State	Kalispell	Rebecca Farms

Capital High Track

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity
Mar. 29	Glacier	Home	1:00 PM
Apr. 4	Big Sky	Away	3:30 PM
Apr. 9	Butte	Home	3:30 PM
Apr. 13	MPCS Inv.	Away	9:30 AM
Apr. 18	Frosh Inv.	Home	3:30 PM
Apr. 19	Dahlberg	Away	12:00 PM
Apr. 20	Great Falls Inv.	Away	11:00 AM
Apr. 23	Top 10 Missoula	Away	3:45 PM
Apr. 25	Small Schools	Home	3:30 PM
Apr. 27	Skor DeKam Inv.	Home	9:30 AM
Apr. 27	Missoula Frosh Inv.	Away	10:00 AM
May. 2	Great Falls Frosh Inv.	Away	4:00 PM
May. 4	CMR	Away	10:00 AM
May. 9	Helena High	Home	3:30 PM
May 17-18	Divisional	Kalispell	
May 23-25	State	Great Falls	



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Capital High School Sports Schedules

Capital High Girls Basketball

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV	Soph	Fresh
Dec. 9	Gallatin	Home	8:30 PM	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM
Dec. 15	Skyview	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	3:30 PM
Dec. 16	West	Away	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Dec. 19	Belgrade	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 PM Jim Darcy
Jan. 5	Glacier	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Jim Darcy
Jan. 6	Flathead	Home	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Jan. 9	Sentinel	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Jim Darcy
Jan. 11	Hellgate	Away	7:15 PM	5:45 PM	4:15 PM	5:00 PM
Jan. 15	Helena High	Home			5:00 PM	2:00 PM
Jan. 19	Helena High	Home	5:30 PM	2:30 PM		
Jan. 23	Big Sky	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Jan. 25	Butte	Away	5:30 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
Jan. 30	Helena High	Away			7:30 PM	7:30 Bryant
Feb. 1	Helena High	Away	7:00 PM	4:00 PM		
Feb. 8	Sentinel	Away	7:15 PM	5:45 PM	4:15 PM	5:00 PM
Feb. 10	Hellgate	Home	9:30 PM	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM
Feb. 16	Flathead	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Feb. 17	Glacier	Away	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Feb. 22	Big Sky	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Jim Darcy
Feb. 24	Butte	Home	3:30 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	2:00 PM
Feb. 29-Mar. 2	Divisional Missoula					
Mar. 7-9	State Missoula					



Capital High Boys Basketball

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV	Soph	Fresh
Dec. 9	Gallatin	Away	4:00 PM	2:30 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
Dec. 15	Skyview	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Jim Darcy
Dec. 16	West	Home	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Dec. 19	Belgrade	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Jan. 5	Glacier	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Jan. 6	Flathead	Away	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Jan. 9	Sentinel	Away	7:15 PM	5:45 PM	4:15 PM	5:45 PM
Jan. 11	Hellgate	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Jim Darcy
Jan. 15	Helena High	Home			6:30 PM	3:30 PM
Jan. 19	Helena High	Home	7:00 PM	4:00 PM		
Jan. 23	Big Sky	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Jim Darcy
Jan. 25	Butte	Away	7:00 PM	4:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM
Jan. 30	Helena High	Away			6:00 PM	6:00 pm Bryant
Feb. 1	Helena High	Away	5:30 PM	2:30 PM		
Feb. 8	Sentinel	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Jim Darcy
Feb. 10	Hellgate	Away	4:15 PM	2:30 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
Feb. 16	Flathead	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Jim Darcy
Feb. 17	Glacier	Home	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Feb. 22	Big Sky	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	16:00
Feb. 24	Butte	Home	2:00 PM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	3:30 PM
Feb. 29-Mar. 2	Divisional Missoula					
Mar. 7-9	State Missoula					



Capital High Wrestling

Date	Team	H/A	Boys	Girls	JV
Dec. 2	Skyview	Away	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
	West	Away	3:30 PM	5:30 PM	9:30 PM
Dec. 5	Helena High	Away	7:30 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 PM
Dec. 8-9	Butte Duals	Away at BHS	10/3 am		
Dec. 10	Flathead Inv.	Away		9:00 AM	
Dec. 9-10	Whitehall	Away			10/10 am
Dec. 15-16	CMR Holiday Inv.	Away	11/10 am	11/10 am	
Dec. 16	GFH Inv.	Away			9:00 AM
Dec. 21	Hellgate	Away	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Dec. 21	Big Sky	Away	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM
Jan. 2	Butte	Home	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Jan. 2	Sentinel	Home	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM
Jan. 5-6	LaBrosse Inv. Bortman Girls	Away	11/10 am	11/10 am	
Jan. 6	Bortman Inv.	Away			10/10 am
Jan. 9	GFH	Away	5:00 PM	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
Jan. 9	CMR	Away	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Jan. 13-14	Rocky Inv.	Away	10/5:30 am		
Jan. 13-14	Wils. Girls Inv.	Hellgate		10/10 am	
Jan. 14	Fisher Inv.	Away			5:00 AM
Jan. 20	AA Duals Great Falls		10:00 AM		
Jan. 20	Lewistown	Away		9:00 AM	
Jan. 26	Glacier	Away	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
	Flathead	Away	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Jan. 27	Helena High	Home	7:30 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 PM
Feb. 2-3	Seeding Helena		2 PM/5 AM	2 PM/5 AM	
Feb. 9-10	State Billings Helena				



Capital High Volleyball

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV	Soph	Fresh
Aug. 26	Skyview	Away	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM
	West	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Sept. 2	East vs West	Great Falls	11/12:15/2:30/3:45			
Sept. 8	Glacier	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 pm
Sept. 9	Flathead	Away	1:00 PM	11:30 AM	10:00 AM	10/11:30 am
Sept. 12	Sentinel	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 pm
Sept. 16	Hellgate	Away	4:00 PM	2:30 PM	1:00 PM	1/2:30 pm
Sept. 19	Butte	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 pm
Sept. 21	Big Sky	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 pm
Sept. 26	Helena High	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 pm
			10/11:15/1:30/2:45 pm			
Sept. 30	East vs West	Home				
Oct. 6	Flathead	Home	4:00 PM	2:30 PM	1:00 PM	1/2:30 pm
Oct. 7	Glacier	Home	1:00 PM	11:30 AM	10:00am	10/11:30 am
Oct. 12	Helena High	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 pm
Oct. 17	Sentinel	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 pm
Oct. 19	Hellgate	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 pm
Oct. 24	Butte	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 pm
Oct. 26	Big Sky	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 pm
Nov. 2-4	Divisional Butte					
Nov. 9-11	State MSU Boz					



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Helena High School Sports Schedules

Helena High Varsity Football

Date	Team	H/A	Time
Aug. 25	Bozeman	Away	7:00 PM
Sept. 1	West	Home	7:00 PM
Sept. 8	Hellgate	Away	7:00 PM
Sept. 15	Glacier	Away	7:00 PM
Sept. 22	Capital High	Away	7:00 PM
Sept. 29	Flathead	Home	7:00 PM
Oct. 6	Sentinel	Away	7:00 PM
Oct. 13	Butte	Home	7:00 PM
Oct. 20	Big Sky	Home	7:00 PM
Oct. 27	1st Round Playoff		
Nov. 3	2nd Round Playoff		
Nov. 10	3rd Round Playoff		
Nov. 17	Championship		

Helena High JV Football

Date	Team	H/A	Time
Aug. 25	Bozeman	Away	3:00 PM
Sept. 1	West	Home	3:00 PM
Sept. 8	Hellgate	Away	3:00 PM
Sept. 15	Glacier	Away	3:00 PM
Sept. 22	Capital High	Away	3:00 PM
Sept. 29	Flathead	Home	3:00 PM
Oct. 6	Sentinel	Away	3:00 PM
Oct. 13	Butte	Home	3:00 PM
Oct. 20	Big Sky	Home	3:00 PM

Helena High Frosh Football

Date	Team	H/A	Time
Aug. 26	Jamboree	Home	11:00 AM
Sept. 2	GFH	Home	10:00 AM
Sept. 9	Hellgate	Home	10:30 AM
Sept. 16	Glacier	Home	12:00 PM
Sept. 23	Capital High	Away	10:30 AM
Sept. 28	Flathead	Away	3:00 PM
Oct. 7	Sentinel	Home	10:30 AM
Oct. 12	Butte	Away	5:00 PM
Oct. 19	Big Sky	Away	4:00 PM

Helena High Swim

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity
Dec. 8	Butte	Away	4:00 PM
Dec. 16	Missoula	Away	11:00 AM
Jan. 6	Butte	Away	12:00 PM
Jan. 13	Great Falls Multi Team	Away	12:00 PM
Jan. 20	Stacey Frey Great Falls	Away	12:00 PM
Jan. 26	Butte Inv	Away	12:00 PM
Jan. 27	Missoula Invite	Away	11:00 AM
Jan. 30	Capital High		4:30 PM
Feb. 9-10	State Great Falls		

Helena High Boys Soccer

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV
Aug. 26	Butte	Home	3:30 PM	1:30 PM
Aug. 31	Big Sky	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Sept. 8	Flathead	Home	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Sept. 9	Glacier	Home	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sept. 12	Sentinel	Away	3:30 PM	5:30 PM
Sept. 16	Hellgate	Home	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
Sept. 18	Capital High	Home		4:00 PM
Sept. 19	Capital High	Home	3:00 PM	
Sept. 21	Hellgate	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Sept. 26	Butte	Away	3:30 PM	1:00 PM
				Varsity East Jr High JV Bullock Fields
Sept. 28	Big Sky	Home	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Oct. 6	Glacier	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Oct. 7	Flathead	Away	11:00 AM	9:00 AM
Oct. 9	Capital High	Away	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Oct. 10	Capital High	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Oct. 12	Sentinel	Home	5:00 PM	3:00 PM

Helena High Girls Soccer

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV
Aug. 26	Butte	Home	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Aug. 31	Big Sky	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Sept. 8	Flathead	Home	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Sept. 9	Glacier	Home	11:00 AM	9:00 AM
Sept. 12	Sentinel	Away	5:30 PM	3:30 PM
Sept. 16	Hellgate	Home	12:00 PM	10:00 AM
Sept. 18	Capital High	Home		4:00 PM
Sept. 19	Capital High	Home	5:00 PM	
Sept. 21	Hellgate	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Sept. 26	Butte	Away	5:30 PM	1:00 PM
				Varsity East Jr High JV Bullock Fields
Sept. 28	Big Sky	Home	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Oct. 6	Glacier	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Oct. 7	Flathead	Away	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Oct. 9	Capital High	Away		4:00 PM
Oct. 10	Capital High	Away	3:00 PM	
Oct. 12	Sentinel	Home	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Oct. 17	1st Round			
Oct. 21	Quarter Final			
Oct. 24	Semi Final			
Oct. 28	Championship			

Helena High Softball

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV
Mar. 23	Skyview	Home	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
Mar. 23	West	Home	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
Mar. 29	Belgrade	Home	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Mar. 30	Gallatin	Away	12:00 PM	2:00 PM
Apr. 2	GFH	Away	3:00 PM	3:00 PM
Apr. 2	CMR	Away	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
Apr. 6	Butte	Home	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
Apr. 9	Sentinel	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Apr. 13	Glacier	Home	12:00 PM	12:00 PM
Apr. 13	Flathead	Home	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
Apr. 16	Hellgate	Home	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Apr. 20	Big Sky	Home	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
Apr. 25	Capital High	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Apr. 27	Crossover	Great Falls		
Apr. 30	Butte	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
May. 4	Flathead	Away	12:00 PM	12:00 PM
May. 4	Glacier	Away	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
May. 9	Hellgate	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
May. 11	Capital High	Home	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
May. 14	Big Sky	Away	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
May. 16	Sentinel	Home	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
May 23-27	State	Belgrade		

Helena High Tennis

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV
Mar. 30	Flathead/Glacier	Away	12:00 PM	
Apr. 6	CMR/GFH	Away	10:30 AM	
Apr. 6	CMR/GFH	Home		10:30 AM
Apr. 10	Crosstown			4:00 PM
Apr. 11	Crosstown	Home	4:00 PM	
Apr. 13	Bozeman/Gallatin	Home	10:00 AM	
Apr. 20	Western Div	Missoula	10:00 AM	
Apr. 27	West/Skyview	Home	11:00 AM	
Apr. 30	Crosstown	Home	4:00 PM	
May. 1	Crosstown	Home		4:00 PM
May. 4	Sentinel/Hellgate	Away	10:00 AM	
May. 10	Butte/Big Sky	Home	10:00 AM	
May. 15-17	Divisional	Home		
May. 23-24	State	Bozeman		

Helena High Golf

Date	Team	Site
Aug. 14	Great Falls Inv	1:00 PM Meadowlark
Aug. 15	Great Falls Inv	9:00 AM Eagle Falls
Aug. 21	JV Inv.	9:30 AM GMCC- Helena
Aug. 21	Missoula	3:00 PM Larchmont
Aug. 22	Missoula	8:30 AM Canyon River
Aug. 28	Belgrade	9:00 AM Riverside
Aug. 29	Belgrade	9:00 AM Cottonwood
Sept. 7	Helena Inv.	10:30 AM GMCC
Sept. 8	Helena Inv.	8:30 AM BRGC
Sept. 12	Belgrade JV	2:00 PM
Sept. 13	Kalispell	10:00 AM Northern Pines
Sept. 14	Kalispell	10:00 AM Buffalo Hills
Sept. 20	Divisional	10:00 AM BRGC Helena
Sept. 21	Divisional	10:00 AM BRGC Helena
Sept. 28	State	10:00 AM Lake Hills Billings
Sept. 29	State	10:00 AM Lake Hills Billings

Helena High Cross Country

Date	Team	H/A	Time
Aug. 26	TBD		
Sept. 1	Kalispell	Away	12:00 PM
Sept. 9	Bozeman	Away	4:00 PM
Sept. 15	Butte Inv	Away	12:00 PM
Sept. 23	Mountain West	Away	9:30 AM
Sept. 29	Great Falls Inv	Away	3:00 PM
Oct. 5	7 of 7	Home	12:00 PM
Oct. 11	Capital High	Home	4:00 PM
Oct. 21	State	Kalispell	Rebecca Farms

Helena High Track

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity
Mar. 29	Senior	Away	12:00 PM
Apr. 4	Sentinel	Home	3:30 PM
Apr. 9	Big Sky	Away	3:30 PM
Apr. 13	MPCS Inv.	Away	9:30 AM
Apr. 18	Frosh Inv.	Home	3:30 PM
Apr. 19	Dahlberg	Away	12:00 PM
Apr. 20	Great Falls Inv	Away	11:00 AM
Apr. 23	Top 10 Missoula	Away	3:45 PM
Apr. 25	Small Schools	Home	3:30 PM
Apr. 27	Skor DeCam Inv.	Home	9:30 AM
Apr. 27	Missoula Frosh Inv.	Away	10:00 AM
May. 2	Great Falls Frosh Inv	Away	4:00 PM
May. 4	Great Falls High	Home	10:30 AM
May. 9	Capital High	Home	3:30 PM
May. 17-18	Divisional	Kalispell	
May. 23-25	State	Great Falls	

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Helena High School Sports Schedules

Helena High Girls Basketball

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV	Soph	Frosh
Dec. 9	Bozeman	Home	3:30 PM	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM
Dec. 15	West	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	2:30 PM
Dec. 16	Skyview	Away	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Dec. 19	Gallatin	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Jan. 5	Flathead	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Jan. 6	Glacier	Home	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Jan. 9	Hellgate	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Jan. 11	Sentinel	Away	7:15 PM	5:45 PM	4:15 PM	5:00 PM
Jan. 15	Capital High	Away			5:00 PM	2:00 PM
Jan. 19	Capital High	Away	5:30 PM	2:30 PM		
Jan. 25	Big Sky	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Jan. 27	Butte	Home	3:30 PM	12:30 PM	11 AM Bryant	2:00 Bryant
Jan. 30	Capital High	Home			7:30 PM	7:30 Bryant
Feb. 1	Capital High	Home	7:00 PM	4:00 PM		
Feb. 6	Sentinel	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Feb. 8	Hellgate	Away	7:15 PM	5:45 PM	4:15 PM	5:00 PM
Feb. 16	Glacier	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Feb. 17	Flathead	Away	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Feb. 20	Big Sky	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Feb. 22	Butte	Away	5:30 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
Feb. 29-Mar 2	Divisional	Butte				
Mar. 7-9	State Missoula					



Helena High Wrestling

Date	Team	H/A	Boys	Girls	JV
Dec. 2	Senior	Away	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
	Skyview	Away	3:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM
Dec. 5	Capital High	Home	7:30 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 PM
Dec. 8-9	Butte Duals	Away at BHS	10/9 AM		
Dec. 8-9	Whitehall	Away			10/10 AM
Dec. 9	Flathead			9:00 AM	
Dec. 15-16	CMR Holiday Inv.	Away	11/10 AM	11/10 AM	
Dec. 16	GFH Inv.	Away			9:00 AM
Dec. 21	Frenchtown	Away	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Dec. 21	Hellgate	Away	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM
Jan. 2	Sentinel	Home	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Jan. 2	Butte	Home	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM
Jan. 5-6	LaBrowse Inv. Bozeman Girls	Away	11/10 AM	11/10 AM	
Jan. 6	Bozeman Inv.	Away			10/10 AM
Jan. 9	CMR	Away	5:00 PM	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
Jan. 9	GFH	Away	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Jan. 13-14	Rocky Inv.	Away	10/9:30 AM		
Jan. 13-14	Miss. Girls Inv.	Hellgate		10/9:30 AM	
Jan. 14	Fisher Inv.	Away			9:00 AM
Jan. 20	AA Duals Great Falls		10:00 AM		
Jan. 20	Lewistown	Away		9:00 AM	
Jan. 26	Flathead	Away	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
	Glacier	Away	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Jan. 27	Capital High	Away	7:30 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 PM
Feb. 2-3	Seeding Helena		2 PM/9 AM	2 PM/9 AM	
Feb. 9-10	State Billings Metra				

Helena High Boys Basketball

Date	Team	H/A	Varsity	JV	Soph	Frosh
Dec. 9	Bozeman	Away	4:00 PM	2:30 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
Dec. 15	West	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Dec. 16	Skyview	Home	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Dec. 19	Gallatin	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:15 PM
Jan. 5	Flathead	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Jan. 6	Glacier	Away	1:00 PM	11:30 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Jan. 9	Hellgate	Away	7:15 PM	5:45 PM	4:15 PM	4:00 PM
Jan. 11	Sentinel	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Jan. 15	Capital High	Away			6:30 PM	3:30 PM
Jan. 19	Capital High	Away	7:00 PM	4:00 PM		
Jan. 25	Big Sky	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Jan. 27	Butte	Home	2:00 PM	11:00 AM	12:30 Bryant	3:30 Bryant
Jan. 30	Capital High	Home			6:00 PM	6:00 Bryant
Feb. 1	Capital High	Home	5:30 PM	2:30 PM		
Feb. 6	Sentinel	Away	7:15 PM	5:45 PM	4:15 PM	5:00 PM
Feb. 8	Hellgate	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Feb. 16	Glacier	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Feb. 17	Flathead	Home	2:00 PM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM
Feb. 20	Big Sky	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 Bryant
Feb. 22	Butte	Away	7:00 PM	4:00 PM	2:30 PM	5:30 PM
Feb. 29-Mar. 2	Divisional	Missoula				
Mar. 7-9	State Missoula					

Helena High Volleyball

Date	Team	H/A	VARSITY	J.V.	SOPH	FROSH
Aug. 26	Senior	Away	12:30 PM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	11:00 AM
	Skyview	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Sept. 2	East vs West	Great Falls	11/12:15/2:30/3:45			
Sept. 8	Flathead	Away	4:00 PM	2:30 PM	1:00 PM	1/2:30 PM
Sept. 9	Glacier	Away	1:00 PM	11:30 AM	10:00 AM	10/11:30 AM
Sept. 14	Hellgate	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 PM
Sept. 16	Sentinel	Away	1:00 PM	11:30 AM	10:00 AM	10/11:30 AM
Sept. 19	Big Sky	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 PM
Sept. 21	Butte	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 PM
Sept. 26	Capital High	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 PM
Sept. 30	East vs West	Home	10/11:15/1:30/2:45			
Oct. 6	Glacier	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 PM
Oct. 7	Flathead	Home	1:00 PM	11:30 AM	10:00 AM	10/11:30 AM
Oct. 12	Capital High	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 PM
Oct. 17	Hellgate	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 PM
Oct. 19	Sentinel	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 PM
Oct. 24	Big Sky	Home	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 PM
Oct. 26	Butte	Away	7:00 PM	5:30 PM	4:00 PM	4/5:30 PM
Nov. 2-4	Divisional	Butte				
Nov. 9-11	State MSUBozone					



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Brooke Glennon

Montana's 2023 Children's Miracle Network Champion

Brooke Glennon is an energetic 17-year-old about to enter her senior year at Butte High School. She is kind, humble, and warm who is looking forward to attending college next year. She is still deciding on where but says it will be in Montana.

Unable to process the death of her father, who died many years ago when she a little girl, Brooke, found herself in a dark depression that led her attempt to "unlife" herself. Through the hard work internally, support from her family, and the professional treatment team at Shodair Children's Hospital, Brooke was able to heal and find hope and joy she had lost.

Brooke is this year's champion from Montana for the Children's Miracle Network. She is passionate about serving as a mental health advocate by sharing her message to school groups, partner events, and fundraisers. To find out more about Brooke, visit Shodair.org



"No matter how much you're in the dark,
you can always find the light."
~Brooke Glennon

**If you know a child who is
struggling like Brooke,
Shodair is there to help.**

