



HIGHWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

November 21, 2024



BREAKFAST

LUNCH

Friday, November 22:

Cold Cereal

Spaghetti

Monday, November 25:

Corned Beef Hash

Creamy Tomato Tortellini Soup

Tuesday, November 26:

Breakfast Sandwich

French Onion Beef & Noodles

Wednesday, November 27:

French Toast & Bacon

Mashed Potatoes, Turkey Gravy

Thursday, November 28:

NO SCHOOL

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SCHOOL EVENTS:

- No Piano/Voice Lessons: November 26th & 27th, December 3rd & 4th
- Early Out: Wednesday, November 27th @ 2:15 PM
- No School: Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th

HIGHWOOD HS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

- FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE: Thursday, November 21, 2024

The Highwood Mountaineer Boys Basketball Schedule, and the Fort Benton-Highwood Co-Op Girls Basketball Schedule are available now on the Highwood School Website at highwood.k12.mt.us under "Athletics."

Please note that game schedules are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information please check the school website: highwood.k12.mt.us.

Highwood Profile of a Graduate Survey: Please Fill Out by November 30th

Calling all Highwood Community Members, Parents, Alumni, Business Owners, Families, and More! Highwood School is working to create our Profile of a Graduate/Profile of a Learner.


The Office of Public Instruction has asked all Montana schools to create a Profile that is unique to each school and community. This Profile is meant to represent our school district's vision for the skills, character traits, and social-emotional skills that we believe students should learn during their time here at Highwood and will need to be successful in their adult lives. Our Committee has identified 21 traits, but we need your help narrowing this list down. Please complete the survey by November 30th. The link to the survey can be found on our school website (highwood.k12.mt.us), on our school Facebook Page, or at the link:

<https://forms.gle/E1asaR3iBYs69Shm6>. Thank you in advance for your feedback and for helping us create our Profile of a Graduate.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Brawl of the Wild!

The Highwood Student Council Thanksgiving Food Drive wrapped up today-Thursday, November 21st! Thank you to all that participated. All contributions will be donated to the Highwood Community Food Bank, helping provide meals to local families in need this holiday season. We will be announcing what team was the ultimate winner next week! Stay tuned! Thank you for your generous support of the Highwood Student Council and the Highwood Community Food Bank! Let's Go Cats! Let's Go Griz! Let's Go Mountaineers!





Thanksgiving Break: November 27th-29th

Please note that there will be an early release at 2:15 on Wednesday, November 27th. There will be no school on Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th. The school will resume on Monday, December 2nd. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break. We are thankful for our students, staff, families, and the Highwood community!

Highwood Student Council 23rd Annual Remembrance Tree: Friday, December 6th

The Highwood Student Council invites you to join us in celebrating the lives and memories of our loved ones at the 23rd Annual Remembrance Tree Program. This cherished tradition offers an opportunity to honor those we miss, by lighting bulbs on our community trees. This year's Remembrance Tree Ceremony will be held as part of the Christmas in the Highwoods event on Friday, December 6, at 5:30 PM. The ceremony will take place alongside the lighting of the community Christmas tree, bringing warmth and light to the holiday season.

To purchase a bulb for the Remembrance Tree, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office by Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Additional Forms are also available at the school office. Your contribution will help make this ceremony meaningful for all who gather to remember and celebrate. Join us for this heartfelt occasion as we keep our loved ones close through the glow of the season.

School Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 10th

The December School Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at 5:30 PM in the school library.

The 2023-2024 Yearbooks Have Arrived!

Capture last year's memories with the new 2023-2024 Highwood Yearbooks! These beautifully crafted books are now available for purchase. Each yearbook is \$40.00, and quantities are limited, so don't miss out on owning a piece of Highwood history. Yearbooks can be purchased at the school office. Get yours today before they're gone!

Community Calendars Are Here!

The 2024-2025 Highwood Community Calendars have arrived! They are available at the school office for \$10.00 each. Proceeds from the calendar sales go towards raising money for our high school students who will be attending the Smithsonian Trip in 2026. Thank you to all of our calendar advertisement sponsors for their contribution to our community calendar. Reach out to the school office, or stop by to purchase your calendar.

Piano or Voice Lessons Available

Every Tuesday & Wednesday Cynthia Stevens has been providing great piano and voice lessons. There aren't many spots left available for lessons, so if you are interested, please contact Michal Gondeiro at mgondeiro@highwood.k12.mt.us. Lessons will be 30 min., during the day at a rate of \$25/lesson. **For the holiday season, there will be no lessons on November 26th and 27th, as well as on December 3rd and 4th.**

Mountaineer Pride Day

Every Friday is Mountaineer Pride/Highwood STRONG Day at Highwood School. Students and staff are encouraged to show their school spirit on Fridays by wearing blue and gold, Mountaineer wear, or STRONG shirts!

Chess Club!

The Mountaineer Chess Team is off to a great start! The Chess Club has practices after school on Tuesdays until 4:30. There's no need to worry about conflicts with sports, as you can participate in both! Players of all skill levels are welcome to join! Contact Ms. Mathews with questions: kmathews@highwood.k12.mt.us



HIGHWOOD COMMUNITY NEWS

Highwood Senior Center

The senior center is open for business! Come on down any Monday or Thursday at noon for a great meal. Anyone of any age is welcome for a suggested donation of \$6.00. We are right down the street from the school at 147 Main Street. We would love to have you join us for lunch!

2024 Highwood Angel Tree Sponsored by Arrowhead 4-H Club

The Arrowhead 4-H Club is sponsoring a Highwood Angel Tree so every child in our area may experience the joy of opening a gift at Christmas! Applications for this program are available at Highwood School or at the Highwood Senior Center. **Applications must be completed and returned to the drop box at the school or the senior center by December 4th.** Applications and their family members will remain anonymous!

The Angel Tree will be set up at The Christmas in the Highwoods event on December 6th. Community members may choose one or more tags from the tree and purchase appropriate gifts for the individual described on the tag. **Gifts must be purchased and dropped off by December 21st at either Bunkhouse Branding in Highwood, or at Zanto Medical Center in Fort Benton.**

Highwood Booster Club: January 17th, 2025

Are you looking to contribute to the community and connect with others? The Highwood Booster Club is open to anyone who wants to join! By becoming a member, you will be a part of a team that supports our local school and various community events, helping to create a positive environment for everyone. If you are interested, please reach out to Tabitha Geda at (406) 209-3410. Join us and make a difference in our community! Please join us at our next Booster Club meeting is January 17th @ 6 PM at Amy Stong's House.

Third Annual "Keep the Chill Off" Cook-Off: Friday, January 24th, 2025

Mark your calendars and start making plans for Friday, January 24th for the third annual "Keep the Chill Off" Cook-Off. This year the Foundation Board has decided to make this event a **CHILI AND SOUP COOK-OFF.** Along with the cook-off competition, there will also be a silent auction with many great items available to bid on! The Highwood Public School Foundation invites all chili and soup enthusiasts to participate and join in on this great event being held at the Highwood Hall! More information will be made available as the date gets closer!

Highwood Community Hall/Commercial Club

The Commercial Club has completed the Remodel Project at the Highwood Community Hall! Thank you to everyone who supported this project. The club is looking for someone to oversee the maintenance of the Highwood Pedestrian Trail. Please reach out to the elected directors- Lisa Semansky (President), Dave Crowder (Vice President), Kim Kotthoff (Treasurer), and Kirsten Brady (Secretary)-if you have any questions.

Highwood County Water and Sewer District: Seeking Board Members

The Highwood County Water and Sewer District is seeking members to join the board of directors. Please contact Patricia Hammill for more information at (208)249-8802 or at highwoodcountyandsewer@outlook.com.

Community Youth Group and Good News Club

Good News Club meets on Wednesdays at the Highwood Hall right after school until 5:00 P.M. **There will be no Good News Club on Wednesday, November 27th, 2024. It will resume on December 4th, 2024.** If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Gondeiro at 406-781-1703 or Mrs. Brady at 406-231-9399.

The High School Youth Group and Middle School Youth Group meets on Wednesdays. The 1st Wednesday of every month will be a combined MS/HS Youth Group from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Dinner will be provided. For the remaining Wednesdays, the M.S. Youth Group will be held from 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and the H.S. Youth Group will meet from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Bart Diekhans at (406)788-8494 or Jacque Diekhans at (406)564-7589.

THE HIGHWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB
INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

Christmas IN THE Highwoods



Friday
DEC. 6TH

5-9 PM
HIGHWOOD
COMMUNITY HALL

PLEASE JOIN THE WOMEN'S CLUB FOR AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS EVENT, COMPLETE WITH **REINDEER GAMES**, HAYRIDES, CAROLING, CHRISTMAS COOKIES, CRAFTS FOR THE KIDS, **SANTA**, FOOD, MUSIC, VENDORS AND MORE!!!

IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIGHWOOD SCHOOL'S STUDENT COUNCIL REMEMBRANCE TREE LIGHTING

23rd ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE TREES 2024

The Highwood Student Council will be sponsoring the 23rd Annual Remembrance Tree Program to honor and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who are no longer with us. Lighted Christmas trees to honor these individuals will be on display in front of the school from Friday, December 06, until New Year's Day.

Bulbs, in memory of friends or loved ones, may be purchased for \$5.00. *Orders for bulbs must be received by Wednesday, December 04. **The Remembrance Tree Ceremony will be held in conjunction with Christmas in the Highwoods and the lighting of the community Christmas tree on Friday, December 06, at 5:30 P.M.*** Those who purchase bulbs will be invited to add their bulbs to the tree when the names of their loved ones are read during the ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside.

To purchase a bulb, complete the form below. Please return the form and the payment to the school office by Wednesday, December 04. You may also call the school office (733-2081) to place an order. Checks should be made payable to Highwood School. *Proceeds from the Remembrance Trees are used to purchase Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in Chouteau County.*

REMEMBRANCE TREE ORDER FORM

Name of Purchaser: _____ Number of Bulbs: _____

In memory of the following loved ones:

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Total Due: \$ _____