

SWEET GRASS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

Fall 2023-2024

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Welcome back, Herders!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break. As your school counselor, I will be providing services such as, classroom guidance lessons, small group counseling, individual counseling, and supporting parents and teachers.

The first semester will wrap up on January 12th and the second semester will begin on January 16th. All students will take semester tests January 11th & 12th/at the end of the first semester. It is very important for students to be present to take their test during this time.

Please remember to swing by the counseling office if you have any questions or need help with anything. Have a wonderful 2023-2024 school year!



Attendance Matters

Attendance is a priority for student success. Chronic absenteeism, excused or unexcused, negatively affects students in reaching their potential and can affect their chances of graduating.



Important Dates:

9/18: College Fair
(1:30-3:00 in Livingston)

9/13 Financial Aid Meeting at
6:00 PM

10/2 - 10/13:
College Application Week

December: FASFA opens

10/19 & 10/20:
No School - Teachers
Convention

Parent Teacher Conference:
11/7 4:00 - 7:00
11/9 2:00 - 6:00



Montana College Application Week

OCTOBER 2-13, 2023

Apply during this two-week period for a waved application fee in most Montana schools. A new Central Application for the Montana University System was developed this year. It's a convenient, web-based application is designated for undergraduate students seeking to enroll at ANY campus in the MUS. For more information visit:

https://mus.edu/college_access/collegeappweek.html



HERDER HOMECOMING:
SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2023

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH: HERDER VOLLEYBALL VS PARK CITY - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH: HERDER FOOTBALL VS MANHATTAN - 7:00 PM

- FLOAT BUILDING
- LUNCH
- PEP ASSEMBLY
- LINE UP FOR PARADE
- HOMECOMING PARADE
- RETURN TO 7TH PERIOD FOR ATTENDANCE & CLEAN UP
- SCHOOL DISMISSED
- HERDER FOOTBALL VS MANHATTAN

Testing Dates:

10/11: PSAT (OPTIONAL FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS)

9/19: PRE ACT 8/9 (ALL FRESHMEN)

9/21: PRE ACT (ALL SOPHOMORES)

3/27: ACT (ALL JUNIORS)

ACT and SAT Test Dates Visit www.actstudent.org to register for the ACT and www.collegeboard.org to register for the SAT

All juniors will take the ACT free of charge on March 27, 2023

ACT: Oct. 28, 2023 - Register by Aug. 4, 2023
Dec. 9, 2023 - Register by Nov. 3, 2023
Feb. 10, 2024 - Register by Jan 5, 2024
April 13, 2024 - Register by March 8, 2024
June 8, 2024 - Register by May 3, 2024
July 13, 2024 - Register by June 7, 2024

SAT: Oct. 7, 2023 - Register by Sep. 7, 2023
Nov. 4, 2023 - Register by Oct. 5, 2023
Dec. 2, 2023 - Register by Nov. 2, 2023
Mar. 9, 2024 (Digital) - Register by Feb. 23, 2024
May 4, 2024 (Digital) - Register by Apr. 19, 2024
June 1, 2024 (Digital) - Register by May 16, 2024

Sweet Grass County High School Code: 270-075



Check out the PowerSchool mobile App:

- Download PowerSchool mobile from the iTunes or Google Play store.
- Parents must first create a parent account prior to this setup.
- The first time you launch the PowerSchool Mobile App you will need to associate your account with a specific server using a District Code

Sweet Grass County High School
District Code: RPWJ



Parents have access to student accounts!
(Contact Ms. Stewart if you need your username & password)

<https://herders.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

Senior To-Do List:

- o Narrow your list of college choices to two or three and schedule campus visits early in the school year.
- o Once you have narrowed down your choices, you can start college applications. Visit the counseling office if you need assistance.
- o Attend the Financial Aid Night on September 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm.
- o You will have access to your student's grades, assignments, attendance, and more.
- o Most local scholarships will become available January 1st. Keep an eye on the scholarship page!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OyFVi4liCS4cnvXEy_mveDTleAmRR3B01gIzBFVYdel/edit?usp=sharing

Mental Health Program

A new program is available to students and parents who are in need of behavioral health therapy, addiction counseling, psychiatric services, and/or pharmacological services. The Sweet Grass County Community Mental Health Worker can assist with obtaining mental health resources. If you are interested in this program, please contact the PMC, Ms. Stewart, or the Community Mental Health Worker @ 932-4135