

# Great Falls High School

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Dear BISON Parents and Students:

Welcome to Great Falls High School 2022-2023! We are so excited for this school year, and we cannot wait to see and hear the sounds of a full building again. We are looking forward to meeting all of our new students and welcoming back all of our familiar faces!

Brokering Hope and Opportunity for all students is Superintendent Moore's message to the community this year, and we have been working diligently to create the best version of Great Falls High School we can in order to fulfill that promise. Through our core values of "*Treat others the way you want to be treated, Do what's right, and Do the best you can*" we are building a better school culture that values each student as an aspiring young adult deserving of a safe, nurturing environment in which to learn. We look forward to working with parents and guardians as advocates for their student's pathway to their future!

Great Falls High administration, faculty, and staff have identified two barriers to a quality education that we will be focusing heavily on this year.

- **Attendance:** Research continues to show that attendance at school matters. Missing just ten percent of the school year has negative effects on a student's academic performance. Improved attendance means improved academic performance. Both GFH and CMR will be implementing a no more than 12 day absence procedure per semester this year. (Details in the student handbook.) School related and medical absences will not count against the 12 days.
- **Cell phones:** We value the importance of safety and technology at GFH. We also recognize that cell phones have become a major distractor in our student's daily lives. Especially during instruction time in classrooms. When students are focused on their phones they are not focused on their academic content. Our goal this year is to build better professional use habits for cell phones. We consider GFH a professional workplace. We expect professional use of phones. Teachers will have a cell phone plan in their classrooms that will support proper cell phone use. We ask for your support in helping us teach proper professional use for our students. (Details in student handbook.)

Thank you for working with us to make the experience of GFH the best it can be. We look forward to working alongside each of you over the course of this year.

We have a number of places where you will be able to learn information about GFH. Throughout the year please continue to visit our website at: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/GFHS> We also ask that you join us on Facebook @gfhbison. We will be sharing more information over the coming days, weeks

and throughout the year regarding Great Falls High School happenings and other important information. Of course, you can always call us at: 406-268-6250.

**Our first day of school is on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. We will once again start the year with a Bison welcome to our Freshmen and new students to GFH.** Freshmen and new students will begin their day on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. We are asking these students to report to the Fieldhouse at 8:00 a.m. Returning upperclassmen can arrive at 10:30 a.m. if they would like to eat lunch on campus. At 11:00am all freshmen and those new to GFH will go to lunch. All sophomores will report to the Fieldhouse, all juniors will report to the Old Gym and all seniors to the Auditorium.

**ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Paul Culbertson: A – G                      Tami O’Neill: H – N                      Shianne Currey: O – Z

**COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS**

Chad Getten: A-C                      Carie Magers: D-G                      Joe Ferda: H-L  
 Kathy VanTighem: M-R                      Bridgette Pence: S-Z

We want to officially welcome you all to Great Falls High School. More information will be shared as we go throughout the next few weeks and begin our year. We look forward to being a part of many more hopes and dreams, and we are extremely excited to have students roaming our hallways once again!

Sincerely,

Geoffry Habel  
Principal

Paul Culbertson  
Associate Principal

Shianne Currey  
Associate Principal

Tamera O’Neill  
Associate Principal

**BELL SCHEDULE: GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL: 2022-2023**

REGULAR			PLCT			EARLY OUT 12:10			ASSEMBLY (40 MIN)		
	START	END		START	END		START	END		START	END
0	7:00	7:54	0	7:07	7:55	0	7:24	7:55	0	7:05	7:55
1	8:00	8:53	1	8:00	8:48	1	8:00	8:31	1	8:00	8:48
2	8:59	9:52	2	8:54	9:47	2	8:36	9:07	2	8:53	9:41
3	9:58	10:51	3	9:53	10:40	3	9:12	9:43	ASSEMBLY	9:46	10:26
"A" Lunch 4	10:51 11:26	11:21 12:19	"A" Lunch 4	10:40 11:16	11:10 12:03	4	9:48	10:19	3	10:31	11:18
4	10:56	11:49	4	10:46	11:33	5	10:24	10:56	"A" Lunch 4	11:18 11:53	11:48 12:40
"B" Lunch	11:49	12:19	"B" Lunch	11:33	12:03	6	11:01	11:33	"B" Lunch 4	12:10 12:40	12:10 12:40
5	12:25	1:18	5	12:09	12:57	7	11:38	12:10	5	12:45	1:32
6	1:24	2:17	6	1:03	1:51	Early Out Dates: 10/1 Homecoming 4/20 Music 6/2 Last Day			6	1:37	2:24
7	2:23	3:15	7	1:57	2:45				7	2:29	3:15

**\*\*Please note: We will have Open House for all parents and students on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm. Please come over for a meet and greet with your teachers!!**