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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday January 9, 2018

1. **Halfway There!** January 19 marks the end of the first semester and first half of the school year. High school students will have semester exams Tuesday through Thursday of that week with altered schedules. There is an early out for all students on that Friday so teachers can prepare report cards that will go out the following week. For those keeping track, the end of the 3rd quarter is Friday, March 23. The last day of school is Friday, June 1.
2. **Martin Luther King Day.** There will be no school for students on this day of celebration on Monday, January 15. District offices will be open, however. MLK believed in civil rights for all and service to one's community. The latter is the reason the day is set aside as the MLK Day of Service. For those of you who take advantage of the day to serve others, I thank you.
3. **GFHS Architects to Host a Community Forum.** NE45 Architects and their partners (Bassetti Architects, TD& H Engineering and GPD Consulting Engineers) have been working with a steering committee to determine what the addition at GFHS will entail. The community is invited to a Community Forum to see the preliminary plans on Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 pm at GFHS in the library.
4. **State Speech Meet Needs Volunteers.** On behalf of our speech and debate coaches and competitors, we are requesting help in judging at the *Montana State Speech and Debate Tournament* to be held at CMR January 26-27. See this Tribune article for more information and to sign up to help: <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/life/2018/01/05/volunteers-see-student-speakers-action/1008748001/>. This is a great way to hang out with some of the state's most talented orators!
5. **Community Budget Meetings Set.** As the Board continues its efforts to make the general fund budget setting process a transparent and community-based effort, they have scheduled the following meetings at Paris Gibson Education Center, 2400 Central Avenue at 5:30 pm:
 - January 23, 2018 (Tuesday): How Much Money GFPS Gets, Where It Comes From, and How It's Spent, How Salaries and Benefits Impact the Budget, How Technology is Paid For, and Current Needs
 - February 20, 2018 (Tuesday): Student Enrollment and Revenue Projections. Budget Committee Deliberation and Recommendations

For more information, see www.gfps.k12.mt.us.

6. **Dahl Gallery Exhibit.** This GFHS gallery will welcome the New Year with a group exhibition of works by members of the Arts Association of Montana (AAM), a Great Falls based visual arts organization. The show will be installed January 11th and the GFHS Art Department will host a reception on January 25th from 3:15-4:45 with artist talks at 3:45. The show will remain on display until March 6th. If you visit during the school day please stop in the office for a visitor's pass on your way to the Dahl Gallery which is right outside the entrance to the Auditorium. The exhibit promises to be exciting with a variety of artists working in diverse media from fiber to oils.
7. **Military Appreciation.** As a way to honor our community military members and their families, GFPS is sponsoring free admittance to any community member with a military ID at the events below. A special announcement is made during the game to recognize military contributions to our great country.

- GFH GBB, Friday, January 19, 2018, 7:30 p.m., vs. Billings Skyview
 - CMR & GFH Wrestling Crosstown, Friday, January 26, 2018, 6:30 p.m., at GFH-Old Gym
 - CMR & GFH Swimming Crosstown, Thursday, February 1, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
 - CMR BBB, Friday, February 2, 2018, 5:45 p.m., vs Billings Senior
 - CMR GBB, Friday, February 23, 2018, 7:30 p.m., vs Billings West
8. **Crosstown Competitions.** Great Falls enjoys a healthy rivalry between our two high schools. They will be going head to head in these upcoming events:
- Boys' Basketball: tonight Tuesday, January 9, GFHS, MAIN GYM, 7:30
 - Girls' Basketball: Thursday, January 11, CMR, 7:30
 - Wrestling: Friday, January 26, GFHS-Old Gym, 6:30
 - Swimming: Thursday, February 1, GFHS, 6:00
9. **Facility Update.** Please see this website to view pictures of various projects underway:
<http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/facility-project-update-pictures>
10. **Board Meetings.** The next Board meeting is on Monday, January 22 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted the afternoon of Thursday, January 18 at this link: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/meeting-agendas>.

I hope you enjoyed this week's Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for January 23, 2018.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.
 Tammy L. Lacey
 Superintendent

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