



Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday September 26, 2017

- 1. Homecomings.** Once again, the annual tradition of homecoming is upon us. Homecoming activities promote school spirit for students, alumni and community members. Here's some general information:
 - a. GFHS:** This week, September 25-29; Theme: *The Bison Go Hollywood*; crosstown volleyball on Tuesday at CMR at 7 pm; Friday festivities include the parade @ 1:30 pm on Central Ave.; and football vs. Helena High at 7:30 pm at Memorial Stadium.
 - b. CMR:** October 2-6; Theme: *Discovering the Hero Within*; Friday festivities include the parade @ 2 pm on Central Ave.; soccer at 3 pm at Seibel Fields; and football vs. Billings Skyview at 7 pm at Memorial Stadium.
- 2. Truck Raffle.** The GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle is in full swing. The Toyota truck was donated by City Motors and all proceeds go to funding activities and programs for GFPS students. This year, there is also a 2nd place prize of a \$1000 gift certificate to North 40. For more information, click here: <http://www.gfpsfoundation.org/support-us/truck-raffle/>.
- 3. Congratulations and Good Luck, FFA!** The Electric City FFA has been named as a finalist to compete for the 2017 National Premier Chapter in the "Building Communities" category. To learn more about their "Grow Your Own Garden" project that made them eligible for this award, go to this website: <http://electriccityffa.theaet.com/aethome.aspx?ID=23722>. Click on the "Newsletter" banner and select September 2017.
- 4. New School Names Selected.** The Board met last night and after very passionate deliberation, named the school being built at 3117 5th Avenue North *Giant Springs Elementary School*. They also voted to maintain *Longfellow Elementary School* as the name of the school that will be built on the same site as the current Longfellow Elementary School. The Board thanked the committees and community members who provided input into the decision.
- 5. Scholarship Nights for Seniors.** Given the large amount of money awarded each year to graduates via a variety of scholarships, it behooves parents and students to understand the process. The GFPS Foundation and the High School Counselors will be hold scholarship information nights for seniors and their parents in October. They will cover such things as what reviewers are looking for, what documents are required, timelines and deadlines, and the dos and don'ts of applying. Please help spread the word about these important events:
 - a. GFHS:** October 5, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Great Falls High Auditorium
 - b. CMR:** October 12, 6:30-8:00 in the Bill Williamson Auditorium
- 6. 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.
 - CMR Football at Memorial Stadium, Friday, September 22, 7 pm, vs. Missoula Hellgate
 - CMR Volleyball at CMR, Thursday, September 28, 5:30 pm, vs Havre
 - GFH Volleyball at GFHS, Tuesday, October 3, 7 pm, vs Butte
 - GFH Football at Memorial Stadium, Friday, October 13, 7 pm, vs Butte
- 7. Federal Cards Sent and Due!** Each year GFPS is required to verify students and families that are federally connected via a survey form that is sent home to all families. This census allows us to receive federal Impact Aid funding in lieu of property taxes which are not assessed for federal properties. The allocation is based on a per pupil basis so it is absolutely important that every form is returned. Parents, please find that light green survey sent home on October 4 and return it ASAP!

- 8. It's Flu Season Already.** The City-County Health Department is hosting a Community Flu Shot Walk-In Clinic TODAY until 4:30 pm at the ExpoPark. Additionally, GFPS will be conducting flu shot clinics during the month of October at every GFPS site for its employees in an effort to keep staff members healthy. We are also partnering with the Health Department in a pilot project where students and families can get their flu shots at school. This is being done at Sacajawea and North Middle School this year.
- 9. Foreign Exchange Students.** High school students have a great opportunity to celebrate cultural diversity in our schools via the foreign exchange program. This year, 8 foreign students from 8 different countries (Andora, Brazil, France, Mexico, Russia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland) are being hosted by CMR and GFHS. They were recognized at the Board meeting on September 11.
- 10. Board Meetings:** There is only one Board meeting in October and it is on Monday, October 16 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on the afternoon of October 12 at this link: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board.

I hope you enjoyed my Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for October 10, 2017.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

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