



## Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday-Wednesday September 26, 2018

Due to technical difficulties, this edition of the Top Ten is coming out one day late. Our apologies.

- 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. CMR:** This week, September 24-28. Theme: *Rustlers...Oh, The Places You Will Go*. Events: Powderpuff football, Memorial Stadium, 7 pm on Monday; Crosstown Volleyball, Tuesday at GFHS, 7 pm; Thursday is the Coronation Assembly and Friday festivities include the parade, 2:00 pm on Central Ave., football vs. Helena Capital at 7:30 pm at Memorial Stadium followed by a dance.
  - b. GFHS:** October 1-5. Theme: *Magical, Mystical Bison*. Events: Powderpuff football at Memorial Stadium, 6:30 pm on Monday; Crosstown Soccer, Tuesday, Memorial Stadium at 5:30; Thursday are the Royalty Assemblies and Friday festivities include the parade, 1:30 pm on Central Ave., football vs. Glacier at 7 pm at Memorial Stadium followed by a dance.
- 2. National Merit Scholars:** GFPS is happy to announce that two GFPS students have been selected as semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented students will have the opportunity to compete for \$31M worth of scholarships to be awarded next spring. CMR's Andrew Houston is enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) English, AP Calculus and is also involved in Chamber Orchestra along with many extracurricular activities. GFHS's Joseph Guter recently finished an internship at McLaughlin Research Institute, is on the swim team and involved in National Honor Society. For more information about the program, go here: [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).
- 3. 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. There is also a 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize of a \$1000 gift certificate to North 40. For more information, click here: <http://www.gfpsfoundation.org/support-us/truck-raffle/>.
- 4. Midterm:** The end of this week marks midterm of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. It's hard to believe that 1/8 of the school year has already passed! The first quarter ends on November 2.
- 5. 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 except for at Siebel Fields. The announcement honoring military families will be made at crosstown soccer on October 2.
  - CMR Football at Memorial Stadium, Friday, October 12, 7 pm, vs. Kalispell Flathead
  - CMR Volleyball at CMR, Saturday, October 27, 1:00 pm, vs. Billings Skyview
  - CMR Soccer at Siebel Field, Friday, October 5, Girls-3 pm, Boys, 5 pm, vs. Bozeman
  - GFHS Soccer at Siebel Field, Friday, October 5, Girls-3 pm, Boys, 5 pm, vs. Billings West
  - GFH Football at Memorial Stadium, Thursday, October 18, 7 pm, vs. Bozeman
  - GFH Volleyball at GFHS, Saturday, October 27, 1:00 pm, vs. Billings West
- 6. 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 blue survey sent home on October 3 and return it ASAP!

- 7. Elementary School Hosts Author.** Children's author Ryan Acra will be at Giant Springs Elementary on Thursday, September 27 to encourage students to grow their creativity and celebrate their ideas. Ryan is the author of the series Sugarbeet Falls. The main character in his recent book has the ability to conjure up real-life superheroes to help with day-to-day life. Acra self-published the first book and placed the story in Sugarbeet Falls, a fictional Montana town that's inspired by the real towns he grew up in, Ekalaka and Wolf Point.
- 8. Science in Yellowstone Park.** GFHS students are spending this coming weekend in Yellowstone Park for their annual field investigation trip. They will focus on the topics of water chemistry, geology, fire ecology, and plant and animal ecosystems. Along with the Park, they visit the Grizzly Discovery Center, the IMAX Center, Quake Lake and the Lewis and Clark Caverns. GFPS has been granted research permits for the Park. These permits are usually restricted to university studies. This “real world” science experience is a highlight of for our students and is made possible through student fundraising and the GFPS Foundation. I look forward to the follow-up multi-media presentations where they demonstrate their learning.
- 9. National Construction Week.** October 1-5 is National Construction Week. We are celebrating this year as there are lots of construction happenings within GFPS. Besides all the facility work at CMR, GFHS, and North Middle School, our High School House builders are busy working at the 41<sup>st</sup> house and at the Veterans’ Grace Home. The week is being commemorated thanks to the Home Builders’ Association of Great Falls who “are proud to partner with the schools to build a strong community.” They have donated 900 tape measures that will be used in hands-on activities throughout GFPS.
- 10. Board Meetings:** There is only one Board meeting in October and it is on Monday, October 15 at 5:30 at the District Office Building, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. S. The agenda and supporting information will be posted on the afternoon of October 11 at this link: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board).

I hope you enjoyed my Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for October 9, 2018.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.  
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