



# November



November Patron Letter

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Dear Parents and Students;

The first quarter has come and gone so quickly it seems. Time is just flying by and Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. Our current enrollment at this time is 145.

The entrance to the gymnasium **for practice only** (volleyball, basketball) will be through the old elementary school main entrance. Coaches will unlock that door for practice. The elementary main entrance is the set of black doors to the left of the playground. For games and other events please use the new entrance into the gym. The door is marked with a red sign. During regular school hours 7:30AM-4:30PM, entrance to the school district is through the main entrance. You must ring the doorbell on right and you will be buzzed in and can enter the office. All other doors are locked during the school day. Our new security system is designed to keep everyone safe and secure in the school building.

Parents and students can monitor their grades by using Infinite Campus. You can log in using a computer at <https://sis3.ddncampus.net/campus/bison.jsp> or you can log in on your phone using an app for iPhone and android phones for the Infinite Campus portal. Check on iTunes or Google apps, or Amazon for this free app. You can download it to your phone, iPad, or iPod. Our school code is **XWQZFD**. For either of these methods, you will also need a log in for Infinite Campus which can be obtained through Nina or Bristol in the office. Students themselves also have access to Infinite Campus and can check their own grades anytime as well.

Please read the following notice regarding Junior High athletic events: If a Junior High athletic event is scheduled before a Junior Varsity and Varsity game, admission will be charged for all 3 events. Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults or \$3.00 for students. Season passes can also be purchased for \$40.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. There is no charge for Junior High events that are not aligned with a Junior Varsity or Varsity event.

Bison School is once again collecting Our Family UPC codes, and Box Tops for Education. Please keep saving these items and send them to the school with your child. If you would like your items donated to a certain class or child, or if you do not have an elementary student, please let Mrs. Collins know how you would like them distributed. This is an opportunity to earn money for supplies that comes directly to the school.

Regional Girls Varsity Volleyball will be held on Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> first round, Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup> is second round, and Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup> is the finals. We will announce more information as it becomes available.

Oral Interp. season is here and we have quite a lineup of pieces and participants. The team will be attending the District Competition in Mobridge on November 5<sup>th</sup> with the following students: Katie Kvale with a serious piece and duet, Roni Voller with a duet, Rawlin Smith with a humorous piece, and Levi Krautschen with Poetry and Story Telling. We also have an all-star cast for Readers Theater with Jale Yalowizer, Morgan McKinstry, Abby Thompson, Roni Voller, Levi Krautschen and Rawlin Smith. Should any of the students earn a superior score, they will advance to the Regional Competition in Pierre, on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The final competition will be at the State level in Watertown, November 30<sup>th</sup> -December 1<sup>st</sup>. The team is coached by Stacy Kvale.

Our Veterans Day program will be held on Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:30PM in the school gym. This event showcases our students at all grade levels. As always, the entire Bison community is invited to attend and honor our veterans. We are also hoping to have our flag pole dedication ceremony on that day. I will provide more information when it becomes available.

The next school board meeting will be Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

Elementary boys' basketball practices began on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Most practices will take place at the Bentley Building afterschool and at the school gym on Friday mornings. Coach Kopren is the coach for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys. Coach Holmes is the coach for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys. Student eligibility requirements are followed for this activity and a permission slip is required. Scheduled games are found on the enclosed calendar and on the Rschool website.

JH girls' basketball will be coached by Mrs. Seim and they have already begun their season with practices. Scheduled games are found on the enclosed calendar and on our Rschool website, <https://www.littlemoreauconference.org/public/genie/311/school/10/>.

Just a reminder! In November, we have no school on November 21<sup>st</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Eligibility policy check dates are as follows: Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, and May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Students in grades 3-12, who are receiving a failing grade are ineligible to participate in sports and extra-curricular activities. They will become eligible if they are passing at the next check point date.

Just a reminder; payments for lunch tickets need to be made every 5 weeks. Lunch tickets cost \$70 for 20 meals (which is approx. 5 (4 day) weeks). Milk tickets are \$8.00. Be sure to send payment in with your students to keep their lunch account up to date. If your child is behind on lunch tickets, a notice will be sent home with your student. November 1<sup>st</sup> will be the next time lunch/milk tickets should be purchased as it is the 40<sup>th</sup> day of school.

Reminder that in the student handbook is the attendance policy for the Bison School District on page 6. The policy states that students in grades 7-12 missing in excess of 9 days per semester will make-up the days missed after school. They will stay after school for 1 hour for 4 days for each classroom day missed in excess of 9 days. The office retains the right to require a note from a physician for extended or chronic illness. The 10<sup>th</sup> day may be waived if a medical excuse is brought to the administration. So, if your child is visiting the doctor, it would be helpful to obtain a doctor's note before leaving the appointment. This can be used to verify medically excused days so we can better track student's attendance and monitor the nine days per semester that are allowable in the attendance policy. Our semester does not end until December 20<sup>th</sup> this year.

Thank you all for your cooperation and support! Happy Thanksgiving!

Marilyn L. Azevedo

Superintendent/Principal