



**Mountains** Connect Us; **Passion** Ignites Us; **Innovation** Drives Us

## NEWSLETTER

February 15th, 2021

- No School February 15th. This is a regular professional development day for the teaching staff.
- **COVID-19 Update:** Darby School is still committed to student and staff safety. Keeping school open and sporting programs going through the pandemic continues to be a challenge but your help and understanding makes that possible. Wearing masks is still mandatory but could be subject to change. Please contact the building principal or superintendent if you have any questions.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Parent teacher conferences are on Thursday the 25th from 1:00pm-7:00pm. This is a 1:00pm **EARLY RELEASE** for students. The format for conferences will be a scheduled phone call by your child's teacher(s). If you need a face-to-face meeting, please schedule that with the building principal and the teacher.

---

## **Athletics:**

- The high school basketball spectator requirements are as follows.
  - You must wear a mask at all times while in the gym. No exceptions.
  - Maintain a 6 foot spacing in the bleachers. There are red X's on the bleachers to help spectators.
  - After each game, we ask you to leave the gym quickly (do not linger and visit) and wait for your athlete in your vehicle.
  - Each player will be allowed 4 spectators except for seniors who will be allowed 6.
  - Away players will be allowed 2 spectators at games.
  - You can now watch the streamed games live from our high school gym on nfhsnetwork.com at <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/darby-high-school-darby-mt>.

### **Tuesday - February 16**

Wrestling in Darby starting at 4:30pm (Junior High Gym)

#### ***1st Round of District Playoffs (Loser out round)***

High School Girls Basketball in Drummond at 4:00pm

High School Boys Basketball in Darby at 6:00pm

### **Wednesday - February 17**

Wrestling in Hamilton at 5:00pm

### **Thursday - February 18**

#### ***2nd Round of District Playoffs (All teams will advance to Saturday)***

High School Girls Basketball in Philipsburg at 5:00pm

High School Boys Basketball in Valley Christian at 6:00pm

### **Saturday - February 19**

#### ***Consolation and Championship Rounds of District Basketball Tournament***

Location & Times to be determined by outcomes of Thursday's games.

- 
- Junior High basketball will be conducted in grade level cohorts and students will learn the fundamentals of the game while staying with their own classmates. Three on three games will be held in the high school gym and four parents or guardians will be allowed to watch. We will follow the same spectator expectations as above.

Please make sure to visit our website, follow us on Facebook and download our new app for current events, updates and emergency information.

Website: <https://www.darby.k12.mt.us/>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/darbyschooldistrict>

App:

- [Google Play Store](#)
- [Apple App Store](#)

---

## **Counseling Corner:**

### **Reducing Back Talk and a Bad Attitude**

All kids and parents have that moment where they just aren't on the same page. However, parents are always right...right? Right or wrong it is still the parent's job to be in control of the argument. Sometimes this means not arguing at all, and this can be hard. The best way to express our emotions, as an adult or child, is not during a heightened state.

How is this achieved? When in the heightened state, don't argue with your child (even though it is oh-so tempting). Try the following:

-Rather than listening to the anger coming from your child, focus on defusing the discussion by using one of the strategies below.

-Say: "I'll listen when your voice is calm like mine", "I love you too much to argue", or "thanks for sharing your opinion".

Dr. Fay, C. (30 July, 2020), Ending Back Talk and Bad Attitudes, Love and Logic

<https://www.loveandlogic.com/blogs/our-blog/ending-back-talk-and-bad-attitudes>

If your child needs a jacket, gloves, boots, hats, snow pants, etc. please contact us!

Kurt Kohn: [kkohn@darby.k12.mt.us](mailto:kkohn@darby.k12.mt.us) : (406) 821-1315

Alex Brown: [abrown@darby.k12.mt.us](mailto:abrown@darby.k12.mt.us) ; (406) 821-1313