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NEWSLETTER

January 18th, 2021

- **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** The new release time for students is **2:50pm**. The buses will leave school at 3:00pm. Please make sure to adjust your after school bus pickup time by a half hour.
- COVID-19 Update: We are still in phase 2 and continue to take strict precautions to keep everyone safe. Masks are still mandatory for staff and students and visitors are limited.

Upcoming Events:

- The annual Child Find will be held at Darby School on February 8th from 9:00-12:00. This developmental screening is for all children ages birth through five years old. Please bring your child to this FREE screening and help them prepare for their education.
- Picture retakes will be held on February 27th.

Athletics:

- The high school basketball season is underway and the coaches are working hard to prepare the athletes. It is important for everyone to adhere to our spectator requirements this year.
 - 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 will soon be able to watch the streamed games live from our high school gym on nfhsnetwork.com The cameras are scheduled to be installed this week.
- Home basketball games
 - Friday 1/22/2021 Girls vs Drummond
 - Saturday 1/23/2021 Boys vs Victor
 - Friday 1/29/2021 Boys vs Lincoln
 - Saturday 1/30/2021 Girls vs Granite
- 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 junior high gym and two 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:

Hello Darby Parents and Community!

A friendly reminder that Darby School has two counselors this year! Kurt Kohn is the 8th-12th counselor and Alex Brown is the TK-7th grade counselor. That being said, we are a team and happy to help students/parents at any grade level. The “Counseling Corner” will provide things such as parenting tips, counseling updates, and other various resources, just to name a few.

Using a Common Language

It is always ideal to use similar words, ideas, and phrases when helping kids understand rules and expectations. One benefit of being in a small school is that much of the same language is used starting in TK all the way through senior year! The goal of this week’s article is to share and remind you of one specific phrase that you can use at home as well! As a student at Darby School you will consistently hear the “Darby PRRS”:

“Darby Tigers are POSITIVE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE, and WE GRADUATE.”

Which could easily be changed to:

“At home we are POSITIVE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE, and WE GRADUATE.”

As teachers and counselors we use these keywords to create the environment and expectations students should strive for.

Since your child should be familiar with this phrase, it should be easy for them to follow the same expectations at home. Children love boundaries and consistency after all!

New Semester!

We have started a new semester at Darby Schools. Schedules have changed for many students in grades 7-12. Students in grades 9-12 have received their transcript that shows their current credits completed in high school. A reminder that Montana High School Students need a minimum of 24 credits to graduate from a Montana High School. Students in grades 11 and 12 that are credit deficient and in danger of not graduating have been contacted for a credit review. These students have been given a list of courses that they must complete before graduation.

We are always working toward the goal of 100% of the students graduating at Darby Schools!

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

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