
Thursday, September 11th, 2025

DeSmet Public School



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- ❖ **Missing Child Photo Repository OPT-IN Form** is attached. Please read and complete form if you would like your students photograph to be included in the repository. This is important information.
- ❖ **We are excited to announce our upcoming Bingo Night** on Wednesday, October 29th. Attached to this Thursday Thoughts is a letter with more details about the event and how you can assist your student's classroom in filling a basket. Each classroom will have a different basket theme, so if you have more than one student in different grades, please check their Thursday Thoughts for information on their classroom theme. This is a fundraiser for our 8th grade students journey to Washington, D.C.
- ❖ **Mr. Driessen would like to remind all** parents and guardians that soda is not allowed at school for students during school hours. We have milk, juice, and water available at every meal. Per health department rules.
- ❖ **The Boys & Girls Club** afterschool program is available for students aged 5-12. For more information, call 406-542-3116 or bgcmissoula.org.
- ❖ **Congratulations to the DeSmet Girls Volleyball team** on their victory against Potomac on Tuesday! What a great way to start the season. GO SMOKEJUMPERS!

Up Coming Events:

- ❖ **September 15th ~ Girls Volleyball Home Game against St. Joes @4:00**
- ❖ **September 16th ~ Girls Volleyball Home Game against Bonner @4:00**
- ❖ **September 25th ~ Early release for all students @ 12:30**
- ❖ **September 26th ~ No School**
- ❖ **October 8th ~ Math Night**
- ❖ **October 9th ~ Picture Retake**

MISSING CHILD PHOTO REPOSITORY OPT-IN FORM

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) maintains an electronic directory photograph repository of all Montana students for the exclusive purpose of locating missing school-age children. The repository provides immediate and 24/7 year-round access to a child's school directory photograph to law enforcement should a child be reported missing. It uses students' current school photos that most schools take annually for school directories, ID cards, year books, etc.

Complete and sign this form and return it to your school if you want your student's photograph included in the repository

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Important Information for Parents & Guardians:

- **Information about the electronic photograph repository:** The repository is authorized by Montana Code Annotated ([20-7-1317](#), MCA) and requires the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) to create and maintain an electronic directory photograph repository of all Montana students for the exclusive purpose of locating missing school-age children. The repository provides immediate and 24/7 year-round access to a child's school directory photograph to law enforcement should a child be reported missing. Annually, districts must provide parents and guardians notice of the repository and a form to opt-in their student(s).
- **Who will have access to my child's photograph in the photo repository?** Your child's photograph will only be used by law enforcement for the express purpose of locating your child should he/she be reported to law enforcement as missing. No other use by OPI or law enforcement is permitted. Access by OPI staff will be strictly limited and controlled to staff or contractors creating and maintaining the repository.
- **How do I remove my child's photograph from the photograph repository?** A parent can opt-out at any time. Contact your school/district to request your child's photograph be removed.
- **How long will my child's photograph be in the repository?** Photos will be updated annually; if the photo is not updated and the parent doesn't opt-out, the photos will be purged from the repository after two years.
- Please visit <https://dojmt.gov/missing-persons/> to find more information about missing school-age children.