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**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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# DeSmet Public School



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- ❖ **No school** on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day!
- ❖ **School Spelling Bee** for the 4-8 grade students will be at 2:00 pm on January 20<sup>th</sup> in the school gym. Parents are welcome to come and watch their student compete. Gym doors will open at 1:45 pm.
- ❖ **DeSmet School** has been accepted into the Read 2 Ride program with Silverwood! This reading challenge is open to all students from EK to 6th grade. Students need to read and document 10 hours of reading between now and March 25. Parent packets with more information were sent home this week. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Ms. Aho.
- ❖ **8<sup>th</sup> grade students** who are planning on attending Big Sky Highschool in the fall are invited to an open house on January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm at Big Sky Highschool.
- ❖ **7th Grade Immunization Requirement**  
This is a reminder for all incoming 7th-grade students beginning in the fall of 2026. Please provide a copy of your student's updated immunization records as soon as they have received their Tdap and meningococcal vaccines.
- ❖ **Please ensure that your child's name** is written on their coats and snow pants. Since many families shop at the same stores, students often have similar outerwear. Labeling these items helps students and staff ensure that belongings are returned to the correct owner.

## Up Coming Events:

- ❖ **January 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 4-8 grade School Spelling Bee**
- ❖ **January 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Girls BB Home Game against MIS @ 4:00**
- ❖ **January 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**
- ❖ **January 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Girls BB Away Game against Potomac @ 4:00**
- ❖ **January 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Girls BB Away Game against Bonner @ 4:00**
- ❖ **February 5<sup>th</sup> ~ School gets out @ 12:30 for Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- ❖ **February 6<sup>th</sup> ~ No School**
- ❖ **February 16<sup>th</sup> ~ No School**

# YOUTH FOOTBALL

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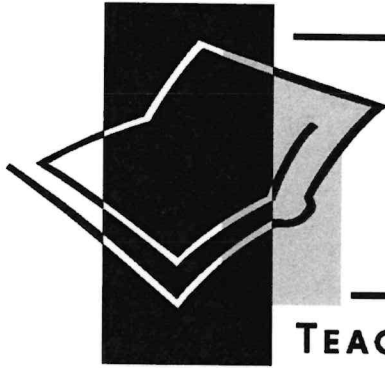
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January 15th, 2026

**RE: Required 7th Grade Immunizations for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Upcoming 7th Grade Students in Montana Schools: State law requires students in all grades in Montana schools to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. In addition to vaccines your child has already received, state law requires one dose of the meningococcal conjugate (MCV4) vaccine and a dose of the tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine for students in 7th-12th grades.

The full vaccine requirements for 7th grade students can be found on the DPHHS Immunization Unit website at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/Immunization>. We also want to remind you to get your child's vaccinations early— before the busy back-to-school season. Getting your child vaccinated not only protects your child's health, but also that of the community. Without the proper documentation of required vaccinations or a valid medical or conscientious exemption, students will not be allowed to attend school. Should you have any questions about vaccines, please consult your healthcare provider.

Once your child has been vaccinated, please either email, fax, or drop records of immunizations directly off at the school. Please feel free to call us with any other questions or you can also visit the DPHHS Immunization Unit website at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/Immunization>. Thank you for keeping your child immunized and free from vaccine-preventable diseases. Please see the attached flyer for our schools vaccination clinic in May - it will be directly after the spring concert! We wish you a rewarding and productive 2025-2026 school year!

Sincerely,

Ellie Michels - Health Aide Professional (406)-549-4994 ext.218

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SAVE THE DATE

# WELCOME CLASS OF 2030!

Come check out all Big Sky has to offer:

- Meet the teachers and administrators
- Meet your coaches, counselors and support staff
- Tour the building
- Learn about clubs & organizations
- Log into Infinite Campus

**JAN. 26, 2026  
6:00 PM**

Principal Jennifer Courtney  
at Big Sky High School  
3100 South Avenue West,  
Missoula, MT 59804



This is Open House Style, so feel free to stop by anytime between 6-8pm!

