

KNIGHTLINE

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Hellgate Community,

Happy Holidays! Like many of you, I will use the break to reflect on our work these past months and also plan ahead for the next 3 quarters of learning. I am very grateful that we get to share this amazing building with your students and so many great educators. It seems like we just started school – yet we are already planning for next year. This month we are transitioning to our winter sports and holiday concerts season. The performances in the auditorium and in the gym are a great way to get out of the cold and grey and watch our Knights do amazing work. We are also gearing up for the semester change in late January. I will provide more detailed information on the process right after winter break. In the meantime, thank you all so much for your participation this school year!



Judson Miller



HELLGATE ALTHETIC HALL OF FAME

Know an outstanding Hellgate Athlete? We are accepting nominations for inductees into the Hellgate Athletic Hall of Fame. Fill out the information for your nominee on the Nomination Form

Want to donate to the creation and support of the new Athletic Hall of Fame? Your contribution is very appreciated and tax-deductible using Tax ID: 82-5195439. Contributions can be made by check (made out to HKBC/HOF) or credit card and mailed to Hellgate Hall of Fame, Attn: Hellgate Knights Booster Club, 900 S. Higgins Ave., Missoula, MT 59801. Please see HOF Donation Form if using credit card.

STAFF PICK OF THE MONTH



A good series is the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan. His books combine mythology with real, 21st century relationships that readers of all ages can relate to. I asked my son why he likes the series. He said: "There are some really deep, heavy questions that the book asks and sometimes the answers can be found in the characters' dreams when they are sleeping. But the answers aren't clear. We have to think."

The series doesn't get boring either. There's always an interesting new character or shift in plot that keeps the reader engaged.

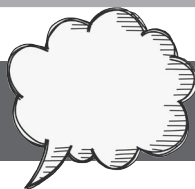
Caroline Lurgio, English

Check out our new arrivals every month in the library!

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POETRY OUT LOUD



The 12th consecutive year of Hellgate's involvement in the national Poetry Out Loud (POL) competition happens on THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH, AT 6:30PM in the Rothwell Auditorium.

Students memorize a published poem they find on the POL website, recite the poem, and are judged on accuracy, physical presence, and dramatic appropriateness, among other criteria.

Outstanding performers move on to the regionals (Feb 4-7), state (March 7 in Helena) and national rounds (late April in Washington, DC). Ultimately Hellgate students may compete for a \$200 state prize and a \$20,000 national championship prize.

Thanks to Laramie Dean, Shaun Gant, and Lew Procacci for helping to plan this competition.

DECEMBER

- 2 MONDAY**
First Night Spotlight
3:30pm - Rothwell Theater
- 4 WEDNESDAY**
MYS Concert
6:30pm - Rothwell Theater
- 9 MONDAY**
Hellgate Choir Concert
7:00pm - Rothwell Theater
- 11 WEDNESDAY**
Hellgate Orchestra Concert
7:00pm - Rothwell Theater
- 18 WEDNESDAY**
Holiday Band Concert
6:30pm - Rothwell Theater
- 20 FRIDAY**
Holiday Assembly
9:27am - Upper Gym
- 23 MONDAY**
NO SCHOOL
- 24 TUESDAY**
Christmas Eve - NO SCHOOL
- 25 WEDNESDAY**
Christmas Day - NO SCHOOL
- 26 THURSDAY**
NO SCHOOL
- 27 FRIDAY**
NO SCHOOL
- 30 MONDAY**
NO SCHOOL
- 31 TUESDAY**
New Year's Eve - NO SCHOOL
- 1 WEDNESDAY**
New Year's Day - NO SCHOOL
- 2 THURSDAY**
NO SCHOOL
- 3 FRIDAY**
NO SCHOOL

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Meeting student and family needs is our main focus, especially during the Holiday Season.

What's Happening:

- Garden City Church has once again gifted Holiday meal boxes for some of our families to be distributed before the Thanksgiving break.
- Student Government has also chosen to organize and donate some Holiday food boxes for our families.

How Can You Help:

- We are accepting monetary and gift card donations to start preparing for Christmas/Winter Holiday help.
 - It has been a longstanding tradition for Hellgate Staff to nominate students they would like to give a special "Happy Holiday" to. On average, we give 150 students gift cards to spend on themselves, but typically they use it to purchase small things for their family.
 - Students are nominated based on many factors; some could really use the extra means and some have had some tough things to deal with this year. It is an extra way to show that Hellgate Cares!!
- If you are interested, donations can be made to Hellgate Cares and given to Jeanie Hughes. We are a 501-C3 so tax receipts are available.
- Gift cards to Walmart and Target are the most widely used!

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable break. Please take care of yourselves!
With Gratitude - Tracy

How to contact me: School social worker/FRC coordinator Tracy Ledyard at 728-2400 ext 6062. taledyard@mcps.k12.mt.us



Tracy Ledyard



FEATURED PROGRAM *Educators Rising*

Educators rising cultivates highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession. This organization is powered by PDK International and is transforming how America develops aspiring teachers.

As a career and technical student organization (CTSO), Educators Rising offers resources and opportunities that integrate directly into the academic programs of "teacher academy" career and technical education courses at the high school level. The organization offers national conferences, competitions and competitions.

- Do you have any interest in education as a future career?
- Would you like to get to know peers that have similar interests to you?
- Want to get more active in the community?
- Interested in earning scholarships?

Upcoming Meeting: **THURSDAY 12/5 @ LUNCH in room 386 Culinary Room | Includes a waffle bar**

COUNSELOR UPDATE

2nd Semester Schedules

Encourage your student(s) to check their schedule for spring semester. They can do this by clicking the "Show All" button on Q. If your student is not scheduled for a class period during 2nd semester, December is a great time to make a plan. Students are encouraged to stop into Counseling during lunch (students can tell yellow-line attendants that they need to make a 2nd semester schedule change), 10 minute break or before or after school to add classes. If a longer conversation is necessary, students can complete a Counselor Appointment Request form found in the hallway outside the Counseling Center.



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KORT Presentation - December 18th, 6pm

Counseling presents to KORT monthly meeting. Please join your parent organization as they learn about spring happenings and engage in dialogue to support students!

PSAT Scores - December 10th - online

PSAT scores will be available to Montana students on December 10th online. Your student will receive an email with instructions for creating a College Board account and to view the online score report if they entered an email at registration time. Please encourage them to save this information for later (senior college applications). Counselors will pass out the hard-copy score reports after we receive them, which will be after this date. We will send out a Blackboard notice with a date and time students can pick them up. Have additional ??'s: <https://www.nationalmerit.org/s/1758/interior.aspx?sid=1758&gid=2&pgid=434>

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SENIOR



Aidan is a warm, caring student who does an impressive job of completing assignments with thoroughness and high quality. He is someone who adds positivity and great role modeling to the classroom environment. His teachers are lucky to have him!

Aidan Gilham

SENIOR



Eliana is a standout student. She is ready and willing to work and enjoys a challenge. She works well with her peers and is driven to succeed.

Eliana Lambros

JUNIOR



I feel like she started the year on the wrong foot but is really working to turn that around. I am seeing her confidence build in class. She is participating more and more.

Sierra McBride

JUNIOR



This is my 2nd year working with Bastion and it has been a pleasure. He is curious and asks thoughtful questions. We truly wants to understand at a deeper level. He is smiling more this year and that is great to see!

Bastion Deyo-Brown

SOPHOMORE



Emma is punctual to class, respectful, polite, always asks for work when she misses class, and completes all her assignments on time. She gives one hundred percent effort every day. She is also fun and engaging. What makes Emma even more of an outstanding Knight is that she always wants to support the larger school community. She just loves being a Hellgate Knight and it shows. She sets the bar high for everyone.

Emma Hixson

SOPHOMORE



Hazel is super kind to all of her classmates and works exceptionally hard to get the best grades possible.

Hazel Attard

FRESHMAN



Devan works hard in class and he even spends time helping his classmates out with their projects. Knights work hard and they help people out which makes Devan a true Knight.

Devan Tripp

FRESHMAN



Thalia is involved in Dance Team while maintaining all As. She works diligently every Office Hours and is polite and smiley whenever I see her around school.

Thalia Lambros

WELLNESS CORNER

This month is all about resources. The following links are meant to help you manage social media influences for your teens:

- How Using Social Media Affects Teenagers: <https://childmind.org/article/how-using-social-media-affects-teenagers/>
- Social Media Guidelines: <https://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents/guides-and-tips/social-media-guidelines>
- 18 Apps & Sites Parents Should Know: <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/16-apps-and-websites-kids-are-heading-to-after-facebook>
- Social Media Breaks: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/happiness-is-state-mind/201907/social-media-breaks-and-why-they-are-necessary>
- Social Media and Self-Doubt: <https://childmind.org/article/social-media-and-self-doubt/>
- Managing Social Media Stress with Mindfulness: <https://childmind.org/article/social-media-stress-mindfulness/>

CELL PHONE USE

While cell phones can be used as learning tools, it is a challenge to make sure students are using them for school-related tasks. A cell phone can easily turn from a classroom learning tool into a classroom disruption.

When students use their cell phones to check social media or text their friends, it leads to distractions for themselves, their peers and the instructor.

Cell phones can also lead to increased problems with bullying. It can be harder to see than other forms of bullying, making it difficult to identify and see what is happening.

While cell phones can be helpful learning tools, they can also contribute to cheating when students use them to access information while testing.

Finally, students often miss opportunities to learn important interpersonal skills that will help them be successful later.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Parents and their children should know teacher's cell phone policy
- Consider the urgency of your need for contact. Consider waiting until a break in their day to reach out.

STAFF KNIGHTS OF HONOR



Rob Jensen

"For working hard every day in supporting his students to achieve their best."



Camille Barraclough

"Camille is a team player and a great resource. She always makes time for discussion which is appreciated, and consistently puts students first looking for ways to make life better."

"Thank you for tackling the overwhelming task for moving our mailboxes. As always, you acted with grace and positivity."

"Thank you for your hard work moving our mailboxes into the teacher lounge. That space makes so much more sense!"

Knight of Honor nominees are staff members recognized by their colleagues each month. The first two nominees drawn at the staff meeting receive prizes. However, all receive recognition for their contributions to making Hellgate great!

NOMINEES

- Andrea Smith
- The Art Department
- Shane McCorkle
- Staff Room Workers
- Maureen Ojala
- Freshman Science & English Teachers
- Alan Pfister
- Chris Wolstad
- Velita Rholl
- Tyson Warner
- Rhiann Clark
- Brian Hoover
- Julia Schonbachler
- Ellen McKenzie
- Linda Cordial
- Katie Wyskyver
- Cory Lind
- Chip Rinehart
- Jim Johnson
- Margie Allen
- Jason Van Hynning
- Jeff Dohn
- Debbie Hendricks
- Lindsay Thompson
- Jill Derryberry
- Heather Cheney
- Laurie Mitzalis

FLAGSHIP

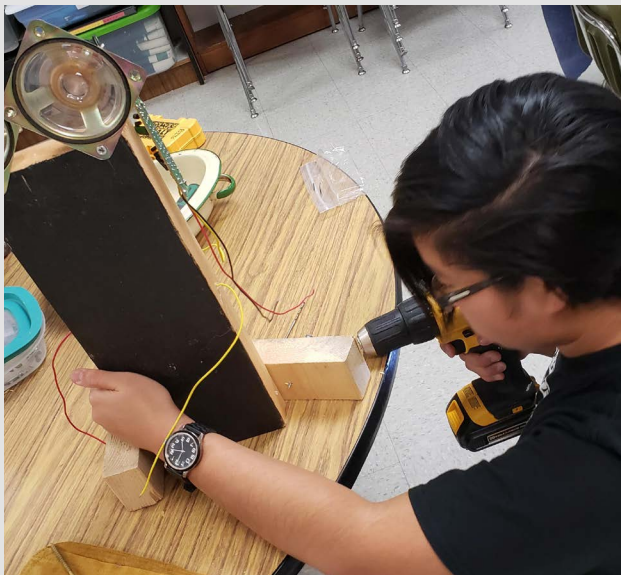
Flagship programs had a fun and eventful autumn of 2019. Here are a few highlights:

Many students took advantage of the rock climbing program at Freestone Climbing Gym on Missoula's Westside. For several kids, it was their first time climbing, and the laid back atmosphere was the perfect space to learn climbing and belaying skills.

Dungeons and Dragons Role Playing Games has been an extremely popular program. A couple students took leadership roles and created their own campaigns as Dungeon Masters!

Local artist Jen Bardsley helped students create a plethora of different kinds of art, often utilizing "up-cycled" materials that would otherwise have been thrown away. Come check out the art in the Flagship Room (171)!

If you have any program ideas or interests for next semester, talk to the Flagship Coordinator, Arza, in the Flagship Room.



Lin Harrington shows off her power tool skills by creating a monster robot



Art created by Flagship students



Art created by Flagship students



Rock Climbing at Freestone Climbing Gym



Rock Climbing at Freestone Climbing Gym

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

AA Choral Festival

On Nov 11-12, Chamber Choir participated in AA Choral Festival along with choirs from Belgrade and Big Sky. All three choirs rehearsed together for two full school days here at Hellgate. On Monday night, students were treated to a performance by UM's Chamber Chorale. On Tuesday night, each school performed two pieces individually, and then combined to form five pieces together. The combined choir included 160 singers! This was a great way to get to know singers from other schools, and make some great music together.



Hellgate AA Chamber Choir



Hellgate AA Choir

Hellgate High School

MBI TARGET BEHAVIORS

BE SAFE | BE RESPECTFUL | BE RESPONSIBLE | BE A GRADUATE | BE A KNIGHT

DECEMBER

WHAT A CARING TEACHER SAYS AND DOES

My Voice Survey

This month's MBI lesson was a continuation of showing students that staff cares. Our December focus is to solicit more feedback from students using the student MY VOICE survey. The MY VOICE survey is a tool we've used for several years to measure school climate. In addition to the MY VOICE survey, we run student focus groups to clarify student perspective. We value student input and actively work to improve every student's school experience.



BULLETIN BOARD

Check out the latest clothing styles from the Booster Club!

You can buy Booster Club items Wednesday during lunch in the Knight Hall!