

# STUDENT SERVICES

## Newsletter

### Term 2 Events

**November 6th-9th** - Class Meetings for grades 9th-12th

**November 13th-17th** - Registration Sheet hand out for 24-25 school year to 9th-11th grade students

**November 16th** - CHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 5pm-9pm & Spring Dual Credit Info Session @ 7pm in the CHS Theater

**November 21st** - Deadline for Seniors to submit Senior Pics & Baby Pics for the Yearbook

**November 29th** - ASVAB Exam for Juniors & Seniors

**November 30th** - End of SD College Access Campaign

**December 1st** - Deadline for 9th-11th grade students to turn in their 24-25 Course Registration Sheets

**December 6th** - NCRC Exam for Seniors

**December 15th** - Deadline for Senior Conference completion

**December 22nd** - End of Term 2 & Senior Checkout Day for Early Grads

### Reminders:

**PARENTS:** Be sure to sign up with the CHS Parent Email Listservs, so you can stay in the know of information and opportunities for your student.

Links to the 9th-12th grade parent email listservs can be found on the **Student Services Webpage.**





# AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM



## HOME INTERNET ACCESS IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERY STUDENT'S SUCCESS.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides eligible households with up to a \$30 discount off their monthly internet bill or a \$75 per month discount on Tribal lands. It also provides one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider when the eligible household contributes at least \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase.

### **YOU MAY QUALIFY IF YOUR STUDENT RECEIVES FREE OR REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH OR BREAKFAST!**

*Does your student participate in the Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision?*

### **IF THE ANSWER IS YES, YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM.**

You may also qualify if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or a member of the household participates in certain federal assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI or WIC, or Tribal assistance programs.

Lifeline program participants also automatically qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

## TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

1. Go to [GetInternet.gov](https://www.GetInternet.gov) to submit an application or print a mail-in application
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

*Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.*

**Contact us**



605-698-7654 X 122



[olivia@growsd.org](mailto:olivia@growsd.org)



# SENIOR NEWS



## SENIORS: DON'T FORGET ABOUT SENIOR CONFERENCES!

Seniors still have one more term to get their required Senior Conference scheduled through Mrs. Teply to meet with their assigned School Counselor. **The deadline to have this completed is Friday, December 15th.** Students are responsible for scheduling their own conference that can be held during Advisory or during an open block; students will not be allowed to miss class for a conference. This is a student led conference, parents/guardians are not expected to attend.

During these conferences we will go over post-secondary plans, information on the ACT, FAFSA, the post-secondary education application process and much more. This is an excellent opportunity for seniors to get their questions answered and to make plans for a successful and productive senior year.

## SD COLLEGE ACCESS CAMPAIGN

South Dakota seniors have one more month to apply to any South Dakota post-secondary institution for FREE. The SD College Access Campaign will end on November 30th. Seniors if you have not submitted your applications, be sure to do so before November 30th to save some money!

Remember, once a college application is submitted, be sure to fill out the online Transcript Request Form, found on the **Student Services Webpage**, so that your official transcript is sent to that college. College applications cannot be processed without your high school transcript!

Be sure to see your assigned School Counselor if you have questions.

## COLLEGE SWAG DRAWING

**SENIORS:** Be sure to let your Advocate know when you have applied to post-secondary schools through November 30th to have your name put in the drawing for a chance to win some fun College Swag from Student Services!



# MORE SENIOR NEWS

## 24-25 FAFSA

Reminder that the online application for the NEW and IMPROVED 24-25 FAFSA will open sometime in late December.

There is a recording of the CHS Financial Aid Night that was held back in September, and the PowerPoint they went over, on the [Student Services Webpage](#).

One thing that seniors and parents/guardians can do now, in preparation for filing, is create an FSA ID. Anyone who is providing information on the FAFSA **MUST** create an FSA ID. To create your FSA ID just [CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to the website and follow the instructions.

## REMEMBER!

Graduation Caps and Gowns can be ordered through Jostens.com.

[CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to ordering just a Cap & Gown for \$37.95.

If you need assistance in getting a cap and gown, please reach out to your assigned School Counselor.

# 2024



## SCHOLARSHIPS!



We want all students who graduate from CHS to have a plan for a successful future and the means to achieve it. One way that we can help them with that is by STRONGLY encouraging our students to apply for scholarships.

There are billions of dollars out there for students to access to help pay for their future education and endeavors, they just have to be willing to take the time to find those opportunities.

Here are just a few of the ways that students can find scholarship opportunities:

- [CHS Scholarship Page](#)
  - Weekly or Bi-Weekly emails will go out to the senior class highlighting scholarships that are due in the current week and the following week.
  - A link to the CHS Scholarship page can also be found on the CHS [Student Services Webpage](#)
- Scholarship Search Engines – a link to a list of these sites can be found on the Scholarships Webpage
- Contact the post-secondary schools that the student has applied to, each school has scholarship opportunities of their own



# EVEN MORE SENIOR NEWS

## NCRC EXAM

ALL seniors will take the NCRC Exam on **Wednesday, December 6th**. Students must earn a Silver certificate or higher on this exam as one of the requirements to earn the Advanced Career Endorsement on their final transcript.

The ACT National Career Readiness Certificate is an assessment-based credential powered by ACT WorkKeys. Issued at four levels, the ACT NCRC measures and certifies the essential work skills needed for success in jobs across industries and occupations. The ACT NCRC is widely used by employers, educators, workforce developers, and others with a stake in the success of the economy. More than 2.8 million ACT NCRCs have been issued nationwide since the credential was introduced in 2006.

This exam is a great addition to the student's resume, and is also a part of the Build Dakota Scholarship application. The Build Dakota Scholarship is a FULL RIDE scholarship to a South Dakota Technical School, if the student enrolls in one of the high need programs identified at that institution. One of the questions on the scholarship specifically asks if the student has taken the NCRC exam.

**CLICK HERE** for more information on this exam and what it entails.

## EARLY GRADS!

Senior Checkout for Semester One Early Grads will be on Friday, December 22nd.

Early Grads can pick up their Senior Checkout Form from Mrs. Teply in Student Services beginning that morning.

An email with instructions on the Early Grad Senior Checkout Process will be sent out at the beginning of December. Be sure to check your school email so you can be sure that you get everything completed.





## OUR DAKOTA DREAMS ONLINE TUTORING PROGRAMS

OUR DAKOTA DREAMS OFFERS FREE  
ONLINE TUTORING FOR ALL K-12  
SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENTS THROUGH  
TWO UNIQUE PROGRAMS.

Students and Parents,

I'm excited to tell you about an addition to our Dakota Dream's Online Tutoring Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Dakota Dreams is now offering two amazing learning opportunities, Tutor Tracks and Homework Help.

### TUTOR TRACKS (1ST-8TH GRADE)

Tutor Tracks is a seven-week, guided tutoring program, available for students in grades 1-8, designed to firm up your student's foundations in Reading, Grammar or Math. These sessions are scheduled for 30 minutes, twice a week, with tutor-led lesson plans.

### HOMEWORK HELP (K-12TH GRADE)

Dakota Dreams offers online tutoring for homework help on an as-needed basis for K-12 students. Sessions can be scheduled ahead of time or accessed on-demand during program hours as students need help or have questions on schoolwork.

These two programs are staffed with university students pursuing education degrees at Black Hills State University and Northern State University.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT  
[OURDAKOTADREAMS.COM/ONLINE-TUTORING](https://www.ourdakotadreams.com/online-tutoring)

OR SCAN  
THE QR CODE



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# ***SPRING 2024 DUAL CREDIT REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1ST***

Dual Credit is an amazing opportunity for high school juniors and seniors who meet admission requirements, to enroll in public post-secondary school in South Dakota, and earn BOTH high school credit and college credit. Students can take Dual Credit courses for the LOW price of \$48.33 per credit hour.

## **SEMESTER TWO REGISTRATION PROCESS**

- An email has been sent out to all junior and senior students explaining the registration process as well, so be sure to check your school email.
- **How students register for Dual Credit with a 4-year college/university depends on if they are currently taking a Dual Credit course this semester or not.**
  - Students who are currently taking a dual credit course this semester and are planning to continue to take dual credit courses next semester.
    - **Click Here**, scroll down to “Method #2: Continuing Registration Form,” click on the link for the college you are planning to take a Dual Credit course through, and follow the instructions.
  - Students who have NEVER taken a dual credit course before, OR are currently NOT enrolled in a Dual Credit course for this current semester, the application process is the same as always
    - **Click Here** for the CHS Dual Credit Packet
    - This packet can also be downloaded from the **Student Services Webpage**
- **How students register for Dual Credit with a Technical College is a slightly different process, and they need to check their school email and follow the instructions from there.**

Classes do fill up, so the sooner students turn their Dual Credit applications in, the better chance students have of getting into the class they want.

Deadline to turn applications in to the student’s assigned School Counselor is Friday, December 15th.

Reminder that Students/Parents/Guardians are responsible for the cost of the class, as well as any books associated with the course. The Aberdeen Schools Foundation does offer a reimbursement for up to \$50 per class for book purchases, this form can be found on the **Student Services Webpage**.

For more information on Dual Credit and what courses are being offered, please go the **Dual Credit page on SDMyLife**.

**CLICK HERE** to see what classes are available to take via Dual Credit.

**CLICK HERE** to see what the requirements are to be eligible to take Dual Credit courses.



# NORTHERN ACADEMY

at Northern State University

The **Northern Academy** provides students with an early college experience—including **on-campus** courses, a personalized educational pathway and access to campus support services.

## ELIGIBILITY

The Northern Academy is a college readiness program open to high school juniors and seniors who:

- Are nominated by their high school
- Meet academic criteria for High School Dual Credit (HSDC) established by the S.D. Department of Education and S.D. Board of Regents
- Attend an Aberdeen-area high school

## ACADEMIC AND CAREER BENEFITS

Northern Academy students will take their dual credit courses **on-campus**, taught by full-time Northern faculty. They will also develop personalized, guided pathways to college and career with the support of the Northern Academy Director, the Career Pathways Coordinator and Student Success Center.

## FINANCIAL BENEFITS

Northern Academy students will save money with the reduced HSDC tuition rate of \$48.33 per credit. Students who take two classes per semester their junior and senior years of high school, for example, will save approximately \$5,000 in tuition rates.

**Other financial benefits include:**

- Free on-campus parking at the Barnett Center.
- All Northern Academy students who complete at least nine credits (three courses) of HSDC and enroll as full-time, degree seeking students at Northern after high school will receive the \$1,000 Dual Credit Scholarship.
- If income-qualified, students will receive a full scholarship for tuition and books from the South Dakota Education Access Foundation for up to nine credits per semester.

If you're interested in learning more, please contact Northern Academy Director, Eric Kline at [eric.kline@northern.edu](mailto:eric.kline@northern.edu) or 605-626-2719.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

Northern Academy students have access to a full range of campus support services, including:

**Tutoring**, supplemental instruction, and study tables

**Student Success Coaching** with the Northern Academy Director

**Career advising** with the Northern Academy Pathways Coordinator

**Professional advising** with Northern's HSDC advisor

**Student Success Workshops**

**Excused absences** for high school activities approved by the principal

**Financial Aid** and Scholarship workshops

**Accessibility Services** support for accommodations



**Northern State University**  
1200 S. Jay St. | Aberdeen, SD 57401

# FINCANCIAL AID FOR DUAL CREDIT!

South Dakota State University offers the Jackrabbit ACE Scholarship to eligible students who want to take Dual Credit courses through SDSU.

Students who qualify for this scholarship will receive a scholarship that funds one dual credit course (up to five credits) each semester of their junior and senior year of high school and the summer between their junior and senior year. Textbooks and/or course materials are the responsibility of the student.

**Click Here** for more information on who is eligible and to apply for this scholarship opportunity.



## ASD Foundation Dual Credit Book Reimbursement

The Aberdeen Public School Foundation offers Book Reimbursement to all CHS students who take Dual Credit courses.

Students just need to save the receipts from their book purchases and turn them in to Mrs. Sutton in the Main Office, along with the completed Book Reimbursement form to receive up to \$50 back per class.

**CLICK HERE** to access the Book Reimbursement Form.

# OPPORTUNITY FOR SOPHOMORES!

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY) is a nationally recognized program that has been in operation since 1958. Each year, more than 130,000 sophomore students across the nation attend these seminars over the summer to meet local, state and national business leaders and to learn more about how to acquire great leadership skills themselves.

This is an opportunity available only to high school sophomores. HOBY for South Dakota will take place in June. Selected sophomores from across the State of South Dakota will attend the seminar to be held at Dakota State University in Madison. Central High School will cover the application cost, which covers room and board as well, for TWO sophomores to represent Central High School at the state event. The only thing the student/parents/guardians are responsible for is the transportation to and from Madison.

This is an excellent opportunity for sophomore students and will be a great addition to their resume as they look to apply for scholarships and post secondary admission in the near future.

**CLICK HERE** to download the application from the **Student Services Webpage**.  
The deadline to apply is Tuesday, November 21st.







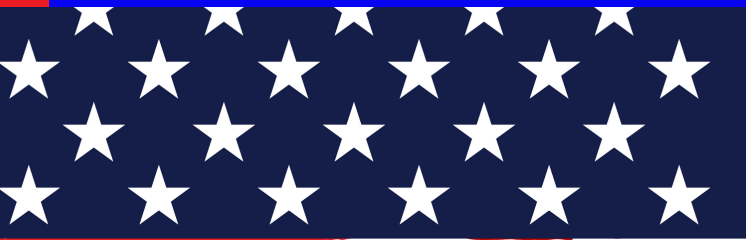
## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is an excellent opportunity for girls who are juniors in high school, which brings together girls from all over South Dakota to experience a week of "training in citizenship and government." It opens up future scholarship opportunities and is an excellent addition to a student's resume.

According to the ALA Girls State website, "In essence, ALA Girls State is a laboratory of political science. Each participant takes an active part in the week's activities and learns that her government is just what she makes it. As future voters and office holders, ALA Girls Staters' gain a thorough understanding of the workings of government."

For more information on this program, please go to the **Student Services Webpage** for a link to the website, that is found under "Programs."

Junior girls who are interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity just need to fill out the "Statement of Interest" form, that will be uploaded on the **Student Services Webpage** sometime in the first week of November, and turn the form in to Mrs. Cooper in Student Services by January 15th, 2024.



## AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

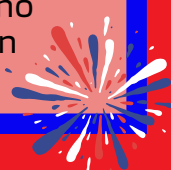
American Legion Boys State is an excellent opportunity for boys who are juniors or seniors in high school, which brings together boys from all over South Dakota to experience a week of learning, collaborating, and engaging in various government and political systems. It opens up future scholarship opportunities and is an excellent addition to a student's resume.

According to the American Legion Boys State website, "American Legion Boys State of South Dakota is the premier summer program for enabling South Dakota youth's understanding of the system of government in South Dakota and the United States. In addition to a program that includes sessions led by South Dakota government leaders, the citizens of Boys State create and operate their own mythical state government."

For more information on this program, and to apply online, please go to the **Student Services Webpage** for a link to the website, which is found under "Programs." Boys in their Junior or Senior year can attend, but can only attend one of those years.

The deadline to apply for Boys State is April 1st.

Application spots are limited and are granted on a first come, first serve basis. Students who submit an application should to inform their assigned School Counselor of their application submission.



# VISIT COLLEGES!!

\*VISITS CAN BE SCHEDULED ONLINE THROUGH THE COLLEGES WEBSITES. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ATTEND A LARGE GROUP VISIT DAY YOU CAN SCHEDULE YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL VISIT TOO.

## South Dakota State University

- Honor Visit Day – November 3rd
- Yellow & Blue Discovery Days – November 18th
- Jackrabbit Preview Day
  - November 17th
  - December 1st

## Augustana University

- Explore Augustana Day – November 3rd
- Science Day – November 18th
- Educators Rising – November 30th

## University of South Dakota

- Coyote Visit Days
  - November 3rd
  - November 17th
  - December 1st

## Southeast Technical College

- Campus Visit Day – November 3rd

## Mitchell Technical College

- Exploration Day – November 1st

## Dakota State University

- DSU Discover Day
  - November 4th
  - December 1st

## South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

- Go To Mines Open House
  - November 4th

## Northern State University

- Students can schedule visits through NSU website.

## Black Hills State University

- BHSU Preview Day – November 17th

## Dakota Wesleyan University

- Tiger Preview Days – March 22nd

## Mount Marty University

- Theater Visit Day – November 10th
- Educators Rising – November 17th

## Lake Area Technical College

- Senior Tech Day – November 1st

## University of Sioux Falls

- Campus Preview Day – November 10th

## Western Dakota Technical College

- Students can schedule visits through WDT's website.

# ASVAB EXAM

The ASVAB Exam is the largest career aptitude test in the nation. It is mostly known for being the exam students must take in order to gain admittance into the military, but it is so much more than that.

Students who take the ASVAB can gain an idea of how they would perform on the ACT or SAT, based off of their AFQT score on the ASVAB.

Students will get connected to an amazing career research tool that allows them to research careers all across the country, looking at job growth, potential salary, educational requirements, and so much more.

This exam will be offered to interested junior and senior students on **Wednesday, November 29th at 8am** here at Central High School. This exam is FREE to any junior or senior student who wants to take it.

Sign up can be completed online. An email has been sent out to the junior and senior class with registration instructions and the link to sign up.



# ACT EXAM

Senior students who still need to take the ACT or need to retake it for a higher score, are strongly encouraged to register for the December ACT exam. Juniors are encouraged to take the ACT in April, but there are a couple test dates prior to April that some juniors opt to take.

**CLICK HERE** more information and to register.

- December 9th ACT Exam – Registration Deadline: November 3rd
  - Late Fee Registration – November 4th – November 17th
- February 10th ACT Exam – Registration Deadline: January 5th

Students who are on Free/Reduced Lunch are eligible for an exam fee waiver, just see your child's School Counselor for more information.

Students should prepare for this exam! SDMyLife has an excellent FREE test prep tool called **Method Test Prep**, that all students have access too.

There are also links to other free ACT practice resources on the **Student Services Webpage**.

# TECHNICAL SCHOOL CAMPS

Open to students in grades 9th-12th

## Lake Area Technical College

**December 6th** - Weld Off  
(Open to students in grades  
10th-12th)

[CLICK HERE](#) for more  
information!



## Western Dakota Technical College

**November 7th** - SCRUBS Camp

[CLICK HERE](#)  
for more information!



## Southeast Technical College

**December 13th** - Career  
Exploration Day

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information!



## Mitchell Technical College

**November 16th** - High Tech  
Camp

**November 16th** - SCRUBS Camp

[CLICK HERE](#)  
for more information!



# ABERDEEN AREA FOOD RESOURCES

## **SALVATION ARMY**

Casework hours at The Salvation Army are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to Noon and 2 pm to 4 pm in the afternoon. No appointment necessary. They just need to bring a photo id. 1003 SW 6th AVE, 225 1223 or Call Tony if you can be a volunteer, 225 7410. Donations of nonperishable food is always welcome.

Free noon meal, M-F, 12-12:30

College Day is Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. with current student ID.

**FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA**, Aberdeen (there are other locations across the state)

Freedom Church, 516 Production St; 11am - 1pm CST; <https://www.feedingsouthdakota.org/mobile>

## **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Food Pantry 1429 N. Dakota St., 2nd Tuesday, 4-6

<https://goodshepherdaberdeen.org/ministries/>

## **BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

Wednesday night meal, 5-6:15 p.m.

## **JOURNEY HOME**

The Journey Home food box program serves all families and individuals experiencing a food crisis. We offer a food box to each household once a month. These food boxes include canned vegetables, fruits, cereal, rice, pasta, and soups. Each household is allowed a maximum of three food boxes. Once they receive their third food box, we require that they meet with our team to talk about what is going on and if we can offer them any of our other services. Will need an ID.

Contact the office 605-725-7031, 9-2 M-F to make arrangements.

<https://www.journeyhomesd.org/foodboxprogram.html>

## **St. Mary's Catholic Church**

Call the church office 229-4422 to request assistance. Your

name will be put on a food box which can be picked up at the church, 409 2nd Ave NE.

**BROWN COUNTY PET RESCUE LEAGUE**, pet food bank: <https://www.browncountypetrescueleague.org/pet-food-bank>

## **ZION LUTHERAN**

Table of Plenty is a free community meal served at Zion from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month. Guests are welcomed, seated, and served by community volunteers who have provided the meal for the evening.

Area IV Senior Nutrition

405 8th Ave NW Suite 203A

Aberdeen, SD

[www.members.nvc.net](http://www.members.nvc.net)

605.229.4741

## **City of Aberdeen Area Senior Center – Meals on Wheels**

1303 7th Ave SE, Aberdeen

[www.aberdeen.sd.us](http://www.aberdeen.sd.us)

605.626.3330

(SNAP can be used to pay for MOWs)

## **SAFE HARBOR**

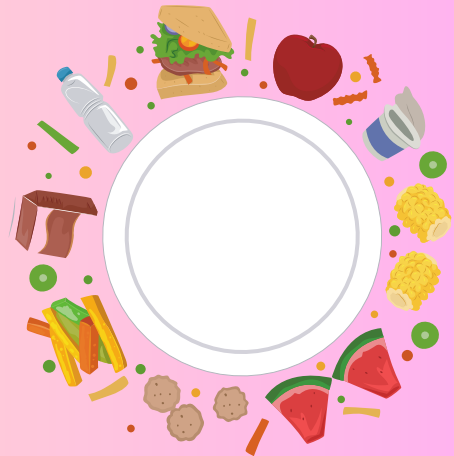
Safe Harbor serves women, children, and men and provides many services; shelter, crisis line, support groups, rape/assault task force, resources, community and public education, food pantry, assistance with protection order paperwork, and a Kids Konnection Visitation and Exchange Center. For more information, please call (605) 226-1212.

## **The Pantry**

109 N 3rd St, Groton, SD

Must reside within the Groton Area School District

Mondays 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesdays 4 p.m.-8 p.m.





## Term 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, November 16th, from 5pm-9pm.

This is the perfect opportunity for parents/guardians to meet with student's teachers, learn more about student progress, and get specific questions answered.

We strongly encourage parents/guardians to plan to attend. Here at Central High School, we are a team striving for student success, and parents/guardians are a vital part of this team!

**"Good communication between parents and teachers is essential for the success of our children."**

## DUAL CREDIT INFO SESSION DURING CONFERENCES!

There will be a Dual Credit information session at 7pm during Parent/Teacher Conferences, on Thursday, November 16th for Junior & Senior parents whose students are taking or interested in taking Dual Credits this Spring semester.

We will be going over how to search for what classes are being offered, the registration process and CHS paperwork that is required.

Eric Kline with the NSU Academy will also be here to discuss what the Academy can offer our students.

## REMEMBER!

Be sure to get registered with parent portal on Infinite Campus. Here you can check your child's attendance, grades, fees, daily announcements, and much more.

**\*\*Click the link below to log in.\*\***

<https://sis1.ddncampus.net/campus/portal/aberdeen.jsp>

**\*\*\*If you do not have your Parent Portal log in set up yet, please click the link below and follow the instructions.\*\*\***

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