



News From The Middle

Sept 13th, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Wednesday, September 13th
 - 7th/8th Cross Country Meet @ Harrisburg HS 4:15 pm

- Thursday, September 14th
 - 7th Girls Volleyball C-D @ Edison MS 4:15 pm
 - 7th Girls Volleyball A-B vs Edison @ Endeavor Elem 4:15 pm
 - Tennis @ Brookings 12:00 pm
 - Soccer @ Sioux Falls Roosevelt 4:00 pm

- Friday, September 15th
 - 8th Girls Volleyball A-B @ Edison 4:15 pm
 - 8th Girls Volleyball C-D vs. Edison @ NMS 4:15 pm

- Saturday, September 16th
 - 8th Girls Volleyball A-B Only @ Brandon Valley Jamboree 10:00 am
 - Competitive Cheer Varsity Invitational @ Brookings Swiftel 11:00 am
 - Competitive Dance Varsity Invitational @ Brookings Swiftel 11:00 am

- Monday, September 18th
 - 7th Girls Volleyball A-B @ Memorial MS 4:15 pm
 - 7th Girls Volleyball C-D vs. Memorial @ Endeavor Elem 4:15 pm

- Tuesday, September 19th
 - 7th Football vs. Memorial MS @ NMS 4:15 pm
 - 8th Football @ Memorial MS 4:15 pm

- Wednesday, September 20th
 - 7th/8th Cross Country @ Harrisburg HS 4:15 pm
 - **2 Hour Early Release**

- Thursday, September 21st
 - MS Cross Country @ Brookings Edgebrook Golf Course 4:00 pm
 - 8th Girls Volleyball A-B vs Memorial MS @ NMS 4:15 pm
 - 8th Girls Volleyball C-D @ Memorial MS 4:15 pm

- **Friday, September 22nd**
 - 7th Girls Volleyball A-B vs. O’Gorman Jr. @ Endeavor Elem 4:15 pm
 - 7th Girls Volleyball C-D @ O’Gorman Jr. High 4:15 pm
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Attendance:

When your learner is going to be absent, late for school, or has an appointment that will require them to leave school; make sure to call the school office at 605.743.2567 ext. 3008 before 9:00 AM daily or email NMSAttendance@harrisburg.k12.sd.us.

If your learner is going to be out for an extended period of time and/or you would like classwork for the day, please let the office know about attendance and contact your learner’s advisory teacher for missing work.

From the Office:

School Lunch Policy Change: In the past, North Middle School has not allowed student lunches to contain food from outside vendors or to have their lunches be delivered by outside vendors. Starting immediately, students may now have food prepared by outside vendors, but it **MUST** be delivered by the parent. The office will not accept any deliveries from DoorDash, GrubHub etc... Lunch prepared at home is always welcome. Please remember that soft drinks, coffees, and energy drinks are not allowed and we are a nut free school.

From the Principal:

NWEA results will be sent home with your learner this Friday the 15th. Please make sure that you receive them.

Power Hour has started. Please contact Rodel Bagunu or Lauren Schnetter at:

- Lauren.schnetter@k12.sd.us
- Rodel.bagunu@k12.sd.us

This week Mrs. Groeneweg met with all our North Learners, to share information about the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Support System) at NMS.

Taken from the PBIS Website: “Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a framework for supporting whole school practices (schoolwide) to promote a safe school setting.”

Please encourage your learner to show you the PBIS tab on their iPad.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact
Krista.Groeneweg@k12.sd.us

From the Nurse:

6th grade parents: It's the rule, shots before school!

South Dakota State Law requires one dose of Tdap and one dose of Meningococcal prior to school entry. If your student has not gotten these over the summer or since turning 11 years old, please schedule an appointment with your family doctor to get these completed as soon as possible. If you have any questions, reach out to our school nurse, Tara Erickson, at ext 5133 or tara.erickson@k12.sd.us.

From the Library:

Do you still have library books from last year? You can still turn them in. Any unreturned books will need to be replaced or paid for.



From the Tech Department:

Student tech fees are now overdue. The \$30 Usage Fee for iPads must be paid in order for students to take their iPads home after school. Payments may be made to the school via MySchoolBucks, cash, or by check. Please

make checks payable to Harrisburg School District. We do not accept credit cards.

Link to MySchoolBucks:

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

Fall Club Opportunities:

North Middle School students and families,

We have several teachers and staff who are organizing fall clubs that will start meeting very soon. Clubs are a great opportunity to spend time with old friends and make some new ones. If you are interested in joining any of the clubs listed below there is a sign up QR code in the office or reach out to the club organizer for more details and start times.

Best Buddies

Club Organizer: Ms. Groeneweg Krista.Groeneweg@k12.sd.us & Ms. Rupe molly.rupe@k12.sd.us

Description: Best Buddies International is a dynamic and growing organization. Everyone on the Best Buddies team shares their energy and enthusiasm as they work to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dues: \$10

Date & Time: TBD

Location: Ms. Rupe's Room C105

Crochet Club

Club Organizer: Ms. Foster abigail.foster@k12.sd.us

Description: In the crochet club we will learn how to make various items by crocheting. Students will be able to purchase a kit to make their own crochet figure or can make other items of their choosing by just having a ball of yarn and a crochet hook! Students will also be able to socialize and help each other with their projects!

Dues: The entry cost for the crochet club will be \$10 along with these two options:

Wobbles - Students can choose a pattern to crochet throughout the club meeting times.

- The wobbles are \$30 for the pattern, yarn, crochet hook, and a video to help guide the student while making their figure

You can also opt to get a crochet hook and 1-2 balls of yarn

- This allows your learner to make whatever they want with their ball(s) of yarn
- This will be \$5 for a crochet hook and \$8 per ball of yarn

Wobble route (\$40 total cost)
Crochet hook 1 ball of yarn (\$23)
Crochet hook 2 balls of yarn (\$31)

Date & Time: Tuesdays (**starting 9/19**) 3:05 - 4:00

Location: Room E120

Capacity: 20 Students Max

Spoken Word Club (8th Grade ONLY)

Club Organizer: Ms. Huffman tamra.huffman@k12.sd.us

Description: Students interested in performing and public speaking will have an opportunity to work one-on-one with Ms. Huffman on a piece of their choice. In December/January, students in this club will have an opportunity to participate in an Oratory Festival here at NMS. The top two performances will be given an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC in May with Ms. Huffman. While in DC, you will perform your piece on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and Ford's Theatre. You will also get the opportunity to meet other middle school students from across the country. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Dues: \$10

Date & Time: Ms. Huffman understands that students have busy schedules. Any student interested in this club will schedule their individual time with Ms. Huffman. This could be before or after school or during directed studies.

Location: E 110

D & D Club

Club Organizer: Ms. Sackett joanne.sackett@k12.sd.us

Description: Students will be placed into groups where they will play the popular role-playing game, Dungeons and Dragons.

Dues: \$10

Date & Time: Wednesdays 3:05-4:15 pm

Location: 8th grade Hub and room E118

NFL Pick'Em

Club Organizer: Ms. Leach bridget.leach@k12.sd.us & Mr. Hartzler bradley.hartzler@k12.sd.us

Description: Would you like to test your luck and see if you can pick which NFL team will come out on top each week? Join our NFL Pick'em club where we will look at predictions from the experts and make your best selection. We will hold a weekly contest to see who was the best quarterback for the week. Which running back ran the

most yards? Which defense team was the best? Etc. Your picks must be submitted before Thursday to be entered into the weekly contest! Come test your luck with Mr. Hartzler and Mrs. Leach...both reigning pick'em champions! All are welcome, no limit!

Dues: \$10

Date & Time: Wednesdays 3:05-4:00

Location: Ms. Leach's Classroom C107

From the Counselor:

HNMS Families, this year we will be partnering with the Helpline, to bring a program to our school known as Hope Squad. Hope Squad is a peer-to-peer mentoring suicide prevention program.

<https://hopesquad.com>

988 is a national suicide and crisis lifeline. A trained professional will answer calls 24 hours a day.

<https://988lifeline.org>

Last night The Helpline hosted a viewing of My Ascension, a story about a 16-year-old, named Emma who attempted to end her life but thankfully survived. "The film My Ascension is a story of the day that changed Emma's life, and everything that happened since". Emma shares that she struggled with anxiety and depression but was too ashamed to ask for help. PBS will also be showing Emma's Story:

<https://www.myascension.us/pbs>

Please email or call with additional questions.

Mrs. Groeneweg

Krista Groeneweg NCSC, NCC, LPC, RPT, LPC-MH Supervisee
Licensed School Counselor
Harrisburg North Middle School
605-743-2567 ext. 5178

From PAWS:

PAWS Parent Support Group:

Hello HNMS families,

We are looking for volunteers for the 2023/2024 HNMS school year. Our parent groups support our NMS dance concessions, organize the Tiger Wear, support our after-school clubs, monthly staff appreciation and Giving over the holiday season. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing group, please contact Kandice Marquardt at 605-351-8092 or email, Krista.Groeneweg@k12.sd.us

PAWS contact information

Email - pawsnorthmiddleschool@gmail.com.

Follow on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HarrisburgNorthMiddleSchoolPAWS>

PAWS Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month Sign Up to Help!

Would you or your business like to show NMS some love? Click the links to learn how you can do just that!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_SAycA3yjyXCM5N83kkzudFyRQncONhs/view?usp=sharing

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOuL4J8zGaZ-ROBRBLxFiCWxr_VrL5K1UzhJw--6H_PYiwQ/viewform

From the History Department:

Did you miss the Washington, DC trip meeting? This Presidential Inauguration Trip: January 18 - 21, 2025 is being offered to 7th and 8th grade students and their families.

Please refer to the Spoken Word Club up above for information on how your learner can win an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC in May.

Please reach out to Tamra Huffman at: tamra.huffman@k12.sd.us to obtain information on how you are able to go! Do not miss this once-in-a-lifetime event!

From Student Council:

HNMS Student Council invites all students and staff to participate in homecoming activities the week of September 25th - 29th. We will have daily dress-up days, our annual community service day, and a fun Tiger Olympics day of activities.

Dress-up Days: Tickets will be handed out to those (students AND staff) deemed best dressed! They should be turned into the office for a chance at winning daily prizes!



Road Trip



Homecoming Dress-up Days!
September 25th - 29th

Monday
Colorado - The Great
Outdoors

Tuesday
Texas - Western
Wear

Wednesday
California - Wear Pink

Thursday
Washington D.C. - Red,
White, and Blue

Friday → Tiger Wear

From Athletic Department:

If your child plans to be in sports this fall, remember they will need a physical on file with the High School. [Visit here](#) to access the physical forms that need to be filled out. There are TWO steps and ALL forms should be turned in together to either the High School or to your Learner's Middle School.

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