



News From The Middle

Sept 20th, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS...

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

- **Thursday, September 21st**
 - MS/JV/V 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
 - JV/V Boys & Girls Soccer @ Harrisburg HS 5:00 & 7:00 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
 - Boys JV Golf Invitational @ Country Club of Sioux Falls 4:00 pm

- **Saturday, September 23rd**
 - Competitive Cheer Varsity Invitational @ Harrisburg HS 10:00 am
 - Competitive Dance Varsity Invitational @ Harrisburg HS 10:00 am

- **Monday, September 25th**
 - 8th Girls Volleyball A-B @ O’Gorman Jr. 4:15 pm
 - 8th Girls Volleyball C-D vs. O’Gorman @ NMS 4:15 pm
 - Varsity Boys Golf @ Fox Run Golf Course Yankton 10:00 am
 - Varsity Girls Tennis @ Pierre HS 2:00 pm
 - **Homecoming Dress Up Days - Road Trip - Colorado the Great Outdoors**

- **Tuesday, September 26th**
 - 7th Grade Football @ O’Gorman Jr. High 4:15 pm
 - 8th Grade Football vs. O’Gorman @ NMS 4:15 pm
 - Competitive Cheer Varsity Invitational @ O’Gorman HS 5:00 pm
 - Competitive Dance Varsity Invitational @ O’Gorman HS 5:00 pm
 - JV/V Boys & Girls Soccer @ Harrisburg HS 5:00 & 7:00 pm
 - **Homecoming Dress Up Days - Road Trip - Texas Western Wear**

- **Wednesday, September 27th**
 - 7th/8th Grade Cross Country @ Yankton Trail Park 4:15 pm
 - **Homecoming Dress Up Days - Road Trip - California - Wear Pink**

 - **Thursday, September 28th**
 - MS Cross Country @ Watertown Cattail Crossing 4:00 pm
 - 8th Girls Volleyball A-B vs. Brookings @ NMS 4:15 pm
 - 7th Girls Volleyball A-B vs. Brookings @ Endeavor Elem 4:15
 - **Homecoming Dress Up Days - Road Trip - Washington DC -
Wear Red, White and Blue**

 - **Friday, September 29th**
 - Homecoming - Dismiss @ 11:36 am
 - **Homecoming Dress Up Days - Tiger Wear**
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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:

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

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

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.

Fall Club Opportunities:

North Middle School students and families,

We have several teachers and staff who have organized fall clubs that have started to meet. 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.

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

Location: Ms. Rupe's Room C105

****Best Buddies will have its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 26th** during your child's lunch period. Reach out to Mrs. Groeneweg (krista.groeneweg@k12.sd.us) or Mrs. Rupe (molly.rupe@k12.sd.us) to get your child registered or for more information.

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 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:

The NMS PAWS Group will be selling Homecoming Spirit Items on Wednesday, September 27th during lunch time [click here](#) to view the items and prices. We are still looking for some parent volunteers to help. Please contact PAWS via the contact information below if you'd like to help!

PAWS contact information

Email - pawsnorthmiddleschool@gmail.com.

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

PAWS Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month - Next Meeting is October 10th at 6PM

From the History Department:

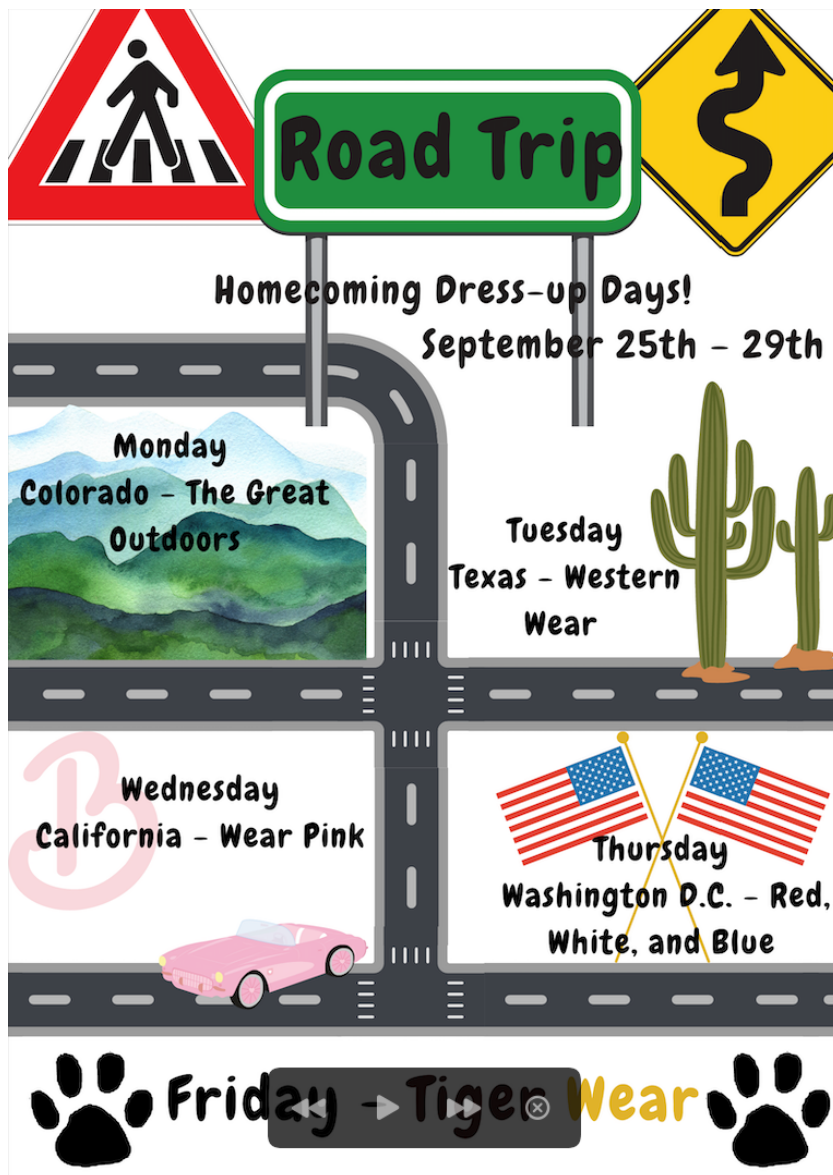
Did you miss the Washington, DC trip meeting? This Presidential Inauguration Trip: January 18 - 21, 2025 is being offered to 7th and 8th grade students and their families. Please refer to the Spoken Word Club up above for information on how your learner can win an all-expense paid trip to Washington 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!



Community Service Day:

Dear HNMS Parents,

As this school year begins, we would like to thank you for the positive spirit your middle-school student has shared with us. It has been a great year thus far!

One of the ongoing goals of Harrisburg North Middle School is to provide opportunities for our students to practice responsibility, respect, and acts of good citizenship. As our community and nation faces new challenges, we believe that it is essential to instill in our students the desire to help each other in any way possible. As such, we are excited to announce the 15th Annual Harrisburg Middle School

Community Service Day on September 28th, 2023. Groups will be volunteering in the afternoon between 12:30 - 2:30 at various locations. Please check with your child's advisory teacher to see your child's assigned placement.

We have been working on planning a day in which our students have the opportunity to go out into Harrisburg, Sioux Falls, and the surrounding area to give a little back. We will be working with groups such as the Banquet, Make a Wish, Harrisburg elementary schools, and many more to not only serve our community, but to also teach our students the importance of helping out a neighbor.

As you can imagine, a day such as this requires patience, planning, and, most importantly, parents. With over 500 students in the middle school, we are actively seeking parental volunteers to join us on September 28th. We would like to have a minimum of two parental volunteers for each advisory, but we will gladly welcome any that would like to join us.

If you are interested, please take a moment to email your child's Advisory Teacher. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks for everything you do to make our school a successful place for the students of Harrisburg!

HNMS Staff

Calling all 7th & 8th Grade Bowlers!

The HHS Bowling team is hosting tryouts for the upcoming season for 7th and 8th graders! The team is looking to add boys and girls on the back of a state championship last season. The 2-day tryouts will be [Oct. 2nd and 3rd at 4pm](#) at Eastway Bowl. The cost is \$15 and you should sign up using this QR code or on the flyer in the office!

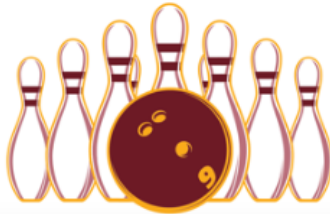
HHS VARSITY AND JV BOWLING TEAM TRYOUT FORM



**Must complete to be
considered for the team.**

Dates are Oct. 2nd and 3rd, 4pm, Eastway Bowl.

Cost: 15 dollars



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 and consent 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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