



News From The Middle

January 3rd, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Thursday, January 4th**
 - 7th Grade Girls Basketball - A & B - CANCELED
 - 7th Grade Girls Basketball - C & D @ Whittier MS 4:15 pm
 - V/JV Boys & Girls Wrestling Triangular @ Yankton HS 5:00 pm

- **Friday, January 5th**
 - 8th Grade Girls Basketball - A & B @ Whittier MS 4:15 pm
 - 8th Grade Girls Basketball - C & D - CANCELED
 - Varsity Girls Wrestling Dual vs Pierre @ Harrisburg HS 7:00 pm
 - **Last day to Drop or Add Choir or Band to your learners schedule**

- **Saturday, January 6th**
 - MS Wrestling Meet @ Mitchell 10:00 am
 - Varsity Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Milbank HS 10:00 am
 - Varsity Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Lyman County HS Time TBD

- **Monday, January 8th**
 - 7th Grade Girls Basketball - C & D vs Geo McGovern @ NMS 4:15 pm

- **Tuesday, January 9th**
 - PAWS meeting @ North MS Library @ 6:00 pm
 - 8th Grade Girls Basketball - C & D @ George McGovern @ 4:15

- **Wednesday, January 10th**
 - Boys Basketball - 1st practice
 - **8th Grade Focus on High School presentation for parents and students @ Freshman Academy Little Theatre 7- 8:00 pm**

- **Thursday, January 11th**
 - JV/V Boys Wrestling vs. Huron @ Harrisburg HS 5:00 & 6:00 pm

- Varsity Girls Wrestling vs. Huron @ Harrisburg HS 5:00 & 6:00 pm
 - **Friday, January 12th**
 - Varsity Girls Wrestling tournament @ Harrisburg HS 2:00
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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:

Add / Drop Band or Choir: The last day to add or drop band or choir from your learners schedule is Friday, January 5th. **Parent or guardian** must either call the office at 743-2567 ext 3008 or email bonnie.severson@k12.sd.us or the band/chorus teacher.

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. [Please take time to review our peanut / tree nut policy below in the Nurses message.](#)

From the Principal:

We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break! It is hard to believe but this semester is already coming to a close on Friday, January 12th. Please make sure that your learner has all of their incomplete standards and missing work completed. You can check their progress in Canvas.

Boy's basketball season will start next Wednesday, January 10th. Please make sure that your child has their physical forms completed and turned in to samantha.gonzalez@k12.sd.us. They will not be able to participate until it is turned in. If you aren't sure your child is signed up or you have any questions please contact their coach.

- 7th Grade Coach - Isaac vonFischer - isaac.vonfischer@k12.sd.us
- 8th Grade Coach - Kyler Howard - kyler.howard@k12.sd.us

Thank you,

Brian Hartwig, Principal, North MS

Brad Hartzler, Asst Principal, North MS

From the Nurse / Peanut Policy:

Please take a minute to review our Peanut Policy in full - [PEANUT/TREE NUT POLICY](#).

The school will make a reasonable effort to make sure that peanut/tree nut products will not be used by the school in the elementary and middle school lunchrooms, which includes products labeled "it may contain..." and will inform parents and students that food made with peanuts/tree nuts or products labeled "it may contain..." will not be permitted in student lunches brought in from outside the school lunch program. If you have any questions regarding our Peanut Policy please reach out to our school nurse, tara.erickson@k12.sd.us.

From PAWS:

Email - pawsnorthmiddleschool@gmail.com.

Follow on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisburgNorthMiddleSchoolPAWS>

PAWS Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month - The next meeting will be Jan 9th @ 6:00 pm in the NMS Library.

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.

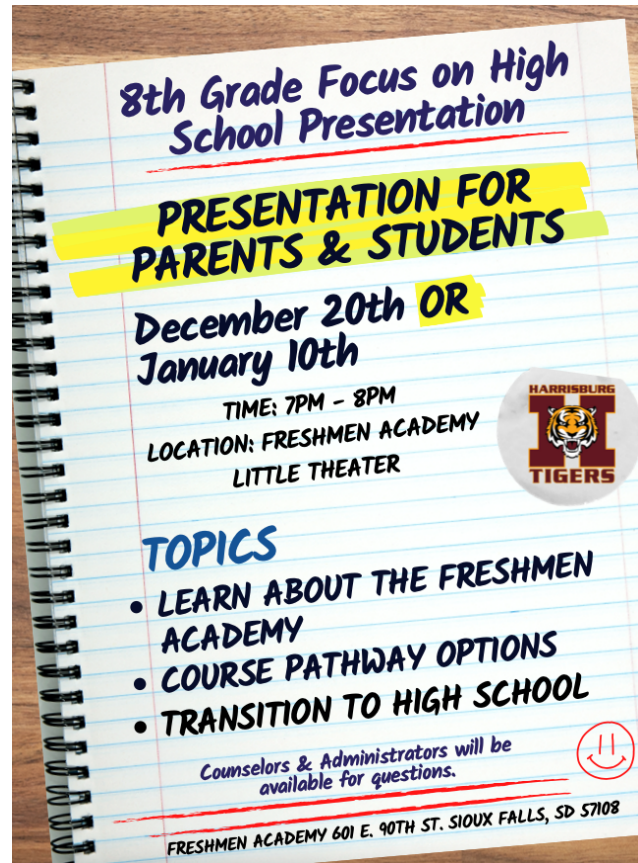
<https://hopesquad.com>

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

<https://988lifeline.org>

Please email or call with additional questions.

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



From the Fine Arts Department:

HHS Drama is hosting Kids Camp in January!

WHEN: January 20, 9AM-4PM

WHO: Grades 2-8

WHERE: Harrisburg High School Performing Arts Center

COST: \$40, collected at camp check-in (includes workshops, t-shirt, snack, & lunch) **TIMELINE:** Registration 8:30-9:00, Camp 9:00-3:30, Public Performance 3:30-4

NOTE: Please do not register unless you **KNOW** that your student can attend, as we buy supplies in advance based off of registration numbers. **ALSO**, please note that this camp is performance-based. Students who attend will all participate in the public performance.

TO BRING/WEAR: Please bring a water bottle and have your student wear all black and closed toed shoes.

REGISTRATION: Open until we reach capacity.

QUESTIONS: KAMRIN.RASMUSSON@K12.SD.US

If you would like to sign your student up, please visit: [HHS Drama Kid](#)

From the Encore Department:

Are you interested in traveling to Panama with us in 2025 but couldn't make it to the informational meetings? If so, please contact kylie.lavoy@k12.sd.us for more information.



From the History Department:

There is still plenty of room to join our trip to Washington, DC to witness the Presidential Inauguration! It is for CURRENT 7th and 8th grade students and their families: January 18 - 21, 2025

We will visit all of the National Memorials in Washington, DC, Holocaust Museum, Smithsonian Museums, tours of the White House and Capitol (pending), Mount Vernon, and participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

On JANUARY 20th, 2025 we will witness our 47th President taking the Oath of Office, and the inaugural address. We will end the evening with a dinner cruise and dance on the Potomac. We will get a chance to meet other middle schoolers from across the country!

For more information contact: tamra.huffman@k12.sd.us
Ms. Tamra Jo Huffman, M.A. Ed.
8th Grade American History
Harrisburg North Middle School
2022-2024 Ford's Theatre National Oratory Fellow
2021 Gilder Lehrman South Dakota History Teacher of the Year
2019 - 2020 Harrisburg School District Teacher of the Year
<http://huffmanhistory.weebly.com>

From Athletic Department:

BOYS BASKETBALL - First practice on January 10th

If your child plans to participate in sports, 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.



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://ourdakotadreams.com/online-tutoring)

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www.OurDakotaDreams.com



FREE ONLINE TUTORING PROGRAMS

Our Dakota Dreams offers free online tutoring for all K-12 South Dakota students through two unique programs. Developed to support individual student learning needs, one-on-one tutors help with homework, specific subjects and broader educational concepts.

TUTOR TRACKS: SUBJECT-SPECIFIC TUTORING

Tutor Tracks is a seven-week, guided tutoring program designed to help firm up your student's foundations in Reading, Grammar or Math.

- Available for students in grades 1-8
- Three Tutor Tracks available:
 - **Reading track:** morphology and spelling (grades 1-8)
 - **Grammar track:** parts of speech and writing (grades 3-8)
 - **Math track:** focus on fractions (grades 3-8)
- Tutor-led instruction – all students have to do is show up
- Recurring 30-minute sessions, twice per week, over a seven-week period

ON-DEMAND HOMEWORK HELP

Your student can also access free homework help anytime with on-demand sessions. Schedule an appointment in advance or get help with no appointment necessary during program hours.

- Available for students in grades K-12
- Four tutoring subjects: Math, English, Science or Social Studies
- Students bring homework or questions for tutor assistance
- Scheduled or on-demand sessions
- Tutors available during program hours

Parents or guardians can register students using our simple and secure online platform.

LEARN MORE AT
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This opportunity is being administered by the South Dakota Board of Regents with federal dollars available to the South Dakota Department of Education through the American Rescue Plan.



EVENT INFO

Free To Attend!

We're thrilled to invite 8th-12th grade girls to the iNSPIRE event by Omnitech! Discover exciting engineering careers and network with industry pros in engaging workshops. Join us for an unforgettable experience!

Young students have the chance to explore various engineering industry opportunities and potential paths to college.

We will provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks during the event. Additionally, there will be swag and prizes available to give away!

Registration opens January 1, 2024!

YEAR 2024

Save The Date

MARCH 8, 2024

Sioux Falls, SD

8 AM - 2 PM

USD For Sioux Falls
4801 N Career Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
- 110 Capacity

APRIL 11, 2024

Rapid City, SD

8 AM - 2 PM

South Dakota Mines
Surbeck Center
501 E St Joseph St
Rapid City, SD 57701
- 90 Capacity

* Give Us A Follow  



STEM events are so helpful for discovering new pathways of both scientific and artistic worlds.

Reese LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT



iNSPIRE is an incredible opportunity for girls to experience the wide array of careers in STEM.

Amy WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER



There are paths just waiting to be explored. Attending STEM events allows women to try new things.

Peyton ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

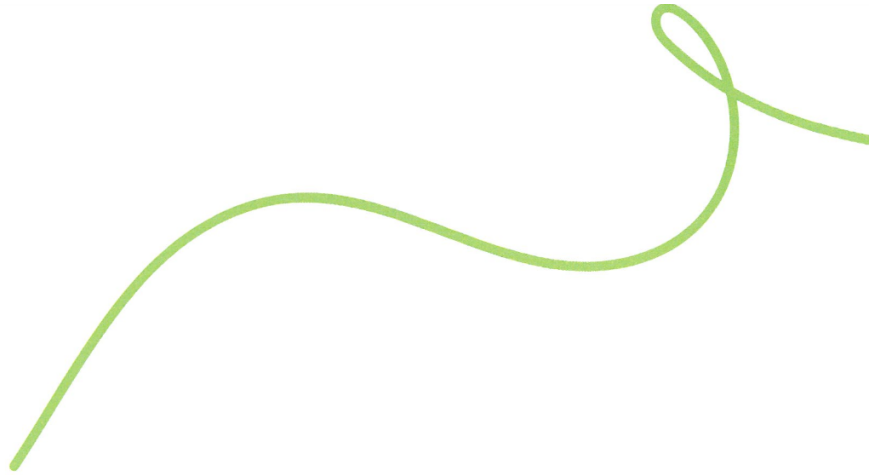
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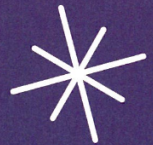
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Twitter: Check us out at @H_M_S and #HNMS Pride!