



News From The Middle

February 14th, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Wednesday, February 14th
 - 8th Grade High School course requests due!

- Thursday, February 15th
 - Orders for Neurodiversity T-shirts are due by 4:00 pm - please see flier and link below

- Friday, February 16th
 - **NO SCHOOL**
 - Varsity Boys Wrestling SDHSAA Region @ Brandon Valley HS 2:00pm

- Monday, February 19th
 - **NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day**
 - **Spring Sports informational meeting at Harrisburg HS PAC 6:30 pm**
 - Girl's Golf
 - Boy's Tennis
 - Girl's Softball

- Thursday, February 22nd
 - 8th Grade Boys Basketball A-B vs. East MS @ NMS 4:15 pm
 - 8th Grade Boys Basketball C-D @ East MS 4:15 pm
 - Varsity Boys & Girls State Wrestling @ Denny Sanford 10:00 am
 - **8th Grade High School class registration**

- Friday, February 23rd
 - Varsity Boys & Girls State Wrestling @ Denny Sanford 9:30 am

- Saturday, February 24th
 - Varsity Boys & Girls State Wrestling @ Denny Sanford 10:00 am

- **Monday, February 26th**
 - 7th Grade Boys Basketball A-B @ East MS 4:15 pm
 - 7th Grade Boys Basketball C-D vs. East @ NMS 4:15 pm
 - **Tuesday, February 27th**
 - 8th Grade Boys Basketball A-B @ Tea Area Intermediate 4:15 pm
 - 8th Grade Boys Basketball C-D vs. Tea Area Intermediate @ NMS 4:15 pm
 - **Thursday, February 29th**
 - 7th Grade Boys Basketball A-B vs. Tea Area @ NMS 4:15 pm
 - 7th Grade Boys Basketball C-D @ Tea Area Middle 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:

Snow Day Make Up:

The 2023 – 2024 Harrisburg School District calendar, approved by the Board of Education, included a no school day on April 26th unless a third snow day occurred by March 1st. **With our recent snow day, April 26th will now be a school day.** You may view the new 24/25 District calendar [here](#).

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 Nurse / Flu Season / Peanut Policy:

With cold and flu season underway, please review our exclusion guidelines here -<https://www.harrisburgdistrict41-2.org/page/health-information>

Influenza and Influenza-like illness – students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication prior to returning to school.

COVID positive – please reference the CDC guidelines, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html> or reach out to our nurse, Tara Erickson, at ext. 5133 or tara.erickson@k12.sd.us.

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 March 12th @ 6:00 pm in the NMS Library.

March Staff Appreciation Event - We love our teachers and staff. To celebrate Pi Day (March 14th - 3.14), PAWS is coordinating a staff appreciation event on March 12th including PIES!! We need some help to make this happen. If you would like to provide a pie, we will include a Sign Up Link in next week's News From The Middle issue.

Want to help but don't have time to bake or shop? If you would like to donate, PAWS will gladly do the shopping. Donations for staff appreciation can be made at [Donate](#) or using QR code below. Please contact Shelley Miller at smiller7501@gmail.com with any questions.



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



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8th Grade Course Requests due February 14th

Course requests should be turned into Middle School counselors or to the North Middle School office staff by Wednesday, February 14th.

High School Class Registration - Thursday, February 22nd

Middle School learners will register for high school classes on their course request form with the high school counselors.

Please contact the Freshmen Academy counselors with any questions. Thank you!

Sophie Pettinger - sophie.pettinger@k12.sd.us

Aryca Lothrop - aryca.lothrop@k12.sd.us

Advanced Course Criteria:

Advanced Classes are available in all three middle schools for learners who meet criteria for participation. See attached document for details. Parents can refer learners who they feel need an additional academic challenge by completing this [Google](#) form by February 15th.

[Harrisburg Middle School Advanced Course Expectations & Criteria for 23/24](#)

Email additional questions to laurie.wenger@k12.sd.us

From the SPED Dept - DEADLINE to order T-Shirts is Thurs 2/15:

EMBRACE NEURODIVERSITY T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!



Pastel Design



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<https://ancellsattic.com/products/embrace-neurodiversity-t-shirt>



Vibrant Design

Harrisburg Middle Schools will be hosting a **NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION** throughout the month of April. We will be celebrating with dress up days, advisory activities, an inclusivity wall, a daily fun fact about a neurodiversity area, and so much more!

We have "Embrace Neurodiversity" t-shirts for sale if you're interested in purchasing one. Staff plan on wearing theirs throughout our celebration, and we'd love to see students showing their support as well.

Shirts cost \$20 each. All orders will be placed through Ancell's Attic using the link or QR code above.
At checkout, you will be given the option to have the shirt shipped to you or to pick up in the office.

All orders will be due by February 15th.

Please contact Katie Osmanski at katie.osmanski@k12.sd.us if you have any questions.

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPRING CLUBS



Club Sign-Up



Best Buddies \$10

Best Buddies is a peer mentoring program, to build friendships and support all students at HNMS.

Meeting times TBD

Chess Club \$10

Come to the library Thursdays mornings if you would like to play chess with your friends! You can bring your breakfast if you would like. Thursdays till the end of the school year. 7:40 through advisory. You can leave at 8:05 if you want or need to for advisory!

Book Club \$10

Get off the bus grab your breakfast if you want and come to the library! You will find a comfortable spot to relax, listen to our book club book and work on a book mark craft if you would like.

Tuesday's 7:40am through advisory. You can leave at 8:05 if you want or need to for advisory!

Garden Club \$15

In Garden Club we will be organizing and planting our six garden beds. On days that we are not watering and weeding the garden beds, we will doing other garden-themed activities. Meet in in room C105-specific dates will be shared closer to the Spring planting season. (Most likely a couple of times in March and April, and then more in May from 3:15-3:45

From Oral Interp - There's still time to sign up!

THERE'S ONE THING PEOPLE FEAR WORSE THAN DEATH

and we do it for fun

It's that time of year again...

What: North MS Oral Interp

Who: 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders

Where: North Middle School

When: Mondays & Wednesdays

from 3:15-4:30



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:

ATTENTION 7th & 8th Grade Girls Softball Players!



If you are **planning** to play or **thinking** about playing softball for Harrisburg HS **this Spring**, please scan this QR Code BY Friday, February 23, 2024.



Spring Athletic Meeting Monday, February 19th:

If your learner is interested in playing any of the following, please attend the parent/athlete meeting on Monday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Harrisburg High School in the PAC. This is for BOTH the parent and athlete to attend.

- 1. Girls' Golf**
- 2. Boys' Tennis**
- 3. Girls' Softball**

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

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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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