



# News From The Middle

March 13th, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Thursday, March 14th
    - **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break**
  - Friday, March 15th
    - **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break**
  - Monday, March 18th
    - Girl's Track - 1st practice
    - Varsity Track & Field meet vs. Vermillion @ Dakota Dome 11:30 am
  - Tuesday, March 19th
    - Boy's Track - 1st practice
    - 7th/8th Grade Choralation Concert Festival featuring all 3 Middle Schools @ NMS Gym 4:00 pm
  - Thursday, March 21st
    - '25 Panama Trip informational meeting @ NMS PAC 6 - 7:00 pm
      - Please use the sign up link in the announcement below
  - Monday, March 25th
    - Girl's golf - 1st practice
  - Thursday, March 28th
    - JV Track & Field Invitational @ Centerville HS 4:00 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](mailto: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.

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## **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.](#)

**Check out this Week's lunch [menu](#).**

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## **From the Principals:**

Greetings:

As we enter the Fourth Quarter, there are a couple of dates to put on your radar as we look to end the year strongly. Our learners have been working hard to continue to learn content, grow, and continue to work toward North Middle School being the best school in the state and nation.

**A Reminder:** starting on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the road work on Western Ave south of Harrisburg North Middle School's 95th St intersection will begin. Please plan accordingly for pick-ups, drop offs, and your subsequent routines.

**Key Dates to Know:**

1. **NWEA testing in ELA and Math - Week of March 12th**
  - a. Learners have completed the District Assessment for us to measure growth compared to their Fall Results.
  - b. Advisory teachers will be sending their results home the week of 3/18.
  
2. **Middle School Track and Field starts on March 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - a. See the information sent from Coach—and check your learner's CANVAS Course.
  - b. With any additional questions, please contact Coach Cramblit @ [jj.cramblit@k12.sd.us](mailto:jj.cramblit@k12.sd.us)
  
3. **April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - a. ELA South Dakota State Testing (6,7,8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - b. Learners will need to have wired headphones as there is a listening portion to the assessment.
  - c. There will be an adjusted schedule run this day.
  - d. If learners want to bring a quiet snack and water, that is encouraged.
  
4. **April 9<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**
  - a. Math South Dakota State Testing (6,7,8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - b. Learners will need to have wired headphones as there is a listening portion to the assessment.
  - c. There will be an adjusted schedule run this day to accommodate a longer test block.
  - d. If learners want to bring a quiet snack and water, that is encouraged.
  
5. **April 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - a. Science South Dakota State Testing (ONLY 8th Grade)
  - b. Learners will need to have wired headphones as there is a listening portion to the assessment.
  - c. There will be an adjusted schedule run this day to accommodate a longer test block.
  - d. If learners want to bring a quiet snack and water, that is encouraged.

Our learners and facilitators have been putting in the daily work to grow, develop, and learn. Thanks for your partnership with our school.

Mr. Hartwig and Mr. Hartzler

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:tara.erickson@k12.sd.us).

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## **From the Yearbook Advisor:**

### **23-24 Yearbook Sales!**

Dear HNMS Families

The 2023-2024 Yearbooks are on sale now and will be ONLY available through online sales. The site works best if you can order from an actual computer vs your phone.

1. [Click on this Link to order the 2023-2024 Yearbook](#)
2. Find My School Page: **Enter this code instead of searching for the school: 718266**
3. Click on the box that says “Purchase Yearbook”
4. Enter your child’s name and select their Grade/Advisory Teacher and then “Add to Cart”
5. Complete your order

Orders must be completed by Wednesday, April 3rd. Please contact Mrs. Weidenbach at [nancy.weidenbach@k12.sd.us](mailto:nancy.weidenbach@k12.sd.us) if you have any questions.

**Nancy Weidenbach**  
**6th, 7th & 8th Grade Computer Teacher**  
605-743-2567 Ext: 5125

## **From PAWS:**

Email - [pawsnorthmiddleschool@gmail.com](mailto:pawsnorthmiddleschool@gmail.com).

Follow on Facebook

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

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

**Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful Pie (Pi) Day for the staff!**

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## **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 Choral Dept:**

NMS is hosting the **2<sup>nd</sup> annual Choralation Festival**, which is a festival that includes 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir students from NMS, EMS, and SMS so they can sing together and get to know each other before heading to 9<sup>th</sup> grade! This year the festival is taking place Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and is open to anyone who would like to attend. It will be held at 4:00pm in the NMS gym.



NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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# SPRING CLUBS



Club Sign-Up



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## 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



We're going to...

# Ireland and Scotland

Summer 2026



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am so excited to invite your student on this upcoming educational travel opportunity! Learn more about this exciting tour at an information session where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)

Please register for the meeting by Monday, February 19

I look forward to seeing you there!  
Randi Murphy

P.S. Can't make the meeting but want more information?  
Register using the QR code or link below and select "No but send info."

**This trip is privately sponsored and funded.**  
The Harrisburg School District neither endorses nor sponsors this trip. Privately sponsored trips are not the responsibility of any HSD school or by the Harrisburg School District.

**Register below & join us for more details!**

**Meeting date & time:**  
Tuesday, February 20  
@ 6:30 PM

**Location:**  
The Little Theater

**Contact information:**  
Randi.Murphy@k12.sd.us

Register with this QR code  
to attend the meeting!



<https://bit.ly/3ufW8TD>

We're going to...

# Central Europe

Summer 2027



Dear Travelers,

I am so excited to invite you and your friends on this upcoming educational travel opportunity! Learn more about this exciting tour at an information session where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)

Please register for the meeting by March 9th

I look forward to seeing you there!  
Geoff Place

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## Register below & join us for more details!

### Meeting date & time:

March 10, 2024

@ 6:30 PM

### Location:

The Small Theater @ Freshman Academy

### Contact information:

geoffrey.place@k12.sd.us

Register with this QR code  
to attend the meeting!





We're going to...

# Japan

## Summer 2027



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- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)

I look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs. Petersen

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**Join us at the meeting for more details!**

Register with this QR code  
to attend the meeting!



For more information contact me: [megan.petersen@k12.sd.us](mailto:megan.petersen@k12.sd.us)

<https://bit.ly/47UR2KA>

## **From the Spanish Department:**

Big news, Harrisburg North Middle School students! You can travel to Panama with me in Summer 2025! Register for the information meeting to be held on March 21st from 6-7:00 pm in the NMS PAC to learn more about this exciting opportunity here: <https://bit.ly/3P6YawG>



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## **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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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>

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**From HHS Fall Sideline & Competitive Cheer:**

Thinking about joining the HHS Cheer Program? Save these try-out dates & we'll see you soon! Registration and information can be found here: [HARRISBURG CHEER 🐅📣 | Linktree](#)



**2024-2025**  
*HHS Fall Sideline & Competitive*  
*Cheer Team*  
**TRYOUTS**

**MARCH** TRYOUT PRACTICE  
25th, 26th, & 27th 5:00-7:00  
📍 HS AUX GYM

**MARCH** '24-'25 TRYOUTS  
28th 3:30  
📍 HS AUX GYM

**REGISTRATION & FAQ**  
**LINK IN BIO**



# 2024 HNMS TRACK SIGN UP



<https://forms.gle/sLqGjPwwF5mqprE17>

## IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th COACH/PARENT MEETING  
@ HNMS PAC 6:45 p.m.

FIRST PRACTICE— MONDAY, MARCH 18th -GIRLS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19th— BOYS

FIRST MEET— FRIDAY, APRIL 5th



# HARRISBURG GIRLS GOLF

Twitter/X-@TigersGirlsGolf  
Instagram-@hhstigersgolf

ANY 7TH-12TH GRADE GIRL IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE GOLF TEAM. COME TALK TO EITHER  
COACH DOYEN OR COACH MAYER OR EMAIL US AT ROBERT.DOYEN@K12.SD.US OR  
NICK.MAYER@K12.SD.US

GOOGLE INTEREST FORM

MEETINGS AFTER SCHOOL:

NORTH MS ON 3/11

SOUTH MS ON 3/12

EAST MS ON 3/13

HIGH SCHOOL ON 3/8

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 (1<sup>ST</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> 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-12<sup>TH</sup> 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](https://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  
**[OURDAKOTADREAMS.COM/ONLINE-TUTORING](https://ourdakotadreams.com/online-tutoring)**

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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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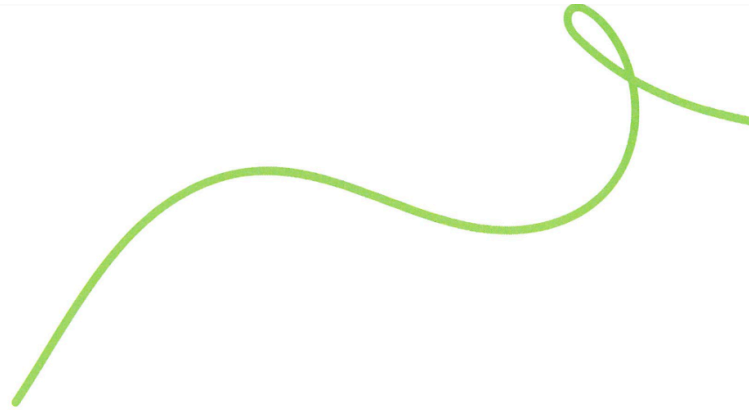
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