

# News From the Middle



September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## Important Dates

9/18-9/22 Fall Clubs Start Meeting (Flyer Below)  
9/20/2023 2 Hour Early Release-Teacher Inservice  
9/21/2023 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC/NYC Trip Livestream Meeting 6:30 PM (Information Below)  
9/22/2023 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Performing Uma Turman at Halftime at Varsity Football Game  
9/25-9/29 Homecoming Week (Flyer Below)  
9/29/2023 Color Run  
**9/29/2023 Homecoming Early Release @ 11:36 for Middle School**  
10/3/2023 SMS Picture Retake Day  
10/6/2023 No School- Teacher Inservice  
10/9/2023 No School  
10/9/2023 PAWS Meeting 5:30 PM at SMS  
10/23/2023 K-8th Grade Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30  
10/25/2023 K-8th Grade Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30  
10/27/2023 No School  
11/8/2023 2 Hour Early Release – Teacher Inservice  
11/13/2023 PAWS Meeting 5:30 PM at SMS

## Tiger Athletics

9/13/2023 7th and 8th Grade Cross Country **4:15 PM** vs. Multiple Schools @ **Harrisburg High School North Field**

9/14/2023 7<sup>th</sup> (A-B) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **Patrick Henry Middle School**

9/14/2023 7<sup>th</sup> (C-D) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **South Middle School**

9/15/2023 8<sup>th</sup> (C-D) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **Patrick Henry Middle School**

9/15/2023 8<sup>th</sup> (A-B) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **South Middle School**

9/16/2023 8<sup>th</sup> (A-B) Volleyball **10:00 AM** vs. Multiple Schools @ **Brandon Valley Jamboree**

## Harrisburg DC/NYC Trip Meeting

Dear Parents of Current 8<sup>th</sup> Graders,

This morning I met with all 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and I am very excited to announce that I will be leading a group of students and parents on an educational tour to Washington D.C., and New York City on June 5-9, 2024.

Join us on: Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 PM via Livestream for a short informational meeting where each traveler will be eligible for an Early Bird Scholarship of \$500!

RSVP now, click here: [Harrisburg RSVP Link](#)

To join the meeting later, follow this link: <https://schooltrip.us/HarrisburgSD24>

Click [here](#) for additional information on the meeting, itinerary, scholarship and more! Check out this awesome [video](#) to see for yourself why I am excited about this opportunity!

For any other questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Don't miss out!

*Matthew Dick*

*@techeducation*

*Technology Integrationist Extraordinaire*

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach*

*Middle School Cross Country Coach*

*Washington DC/NYC Trip Coordinator*

*Extension - 5183*

## Harrisburg Youth Wrestling Fan Gear

The Harrisburg Youth Wrestling Fan Gear Online Store is now open! Click [here](#) to take a look at what they have to offer! The gear was made as generic as possible to be able to use for all Harrisburg related sports.... well except for maybe the two wrestling singlets 😊! The gear store closes on October 14<sup>th</sup> and the gear will ship directly to your address so there is no need to hassle with a pick up night. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mike Smit at [Michael.Smit@k12.sd.us](mailto:Michael.Smit@k12.sd.us) . Thank you all for your support!



## 2023 Color Run-Volunteers Needed!

South Families,

Come join us with our biggest Color Run 2023 fundraiser of the year on 9/29!! Students will run/walk to earn donations for the school.

Please wear something you don't mind getting dirty. The color does wash out, but it will get messy.

Volunteer with us and have a great time cheering the students on!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448AEA72AA3FC1-color>

Thank you,  
PAWS Leadership Team

# Harrisburg School District

# COVID

## Guidelines



We are seeing a few cases of Covid popping up in the community. Currently the HSD is recommending families follow the current CDC guidelines regarding Covid absences.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html>

When in question whether you should have your child attend school, please call or email the office for direction. Thank you!

SMS phone number: 605-743-2567 ext. 3007

SMS Attendance: [smsattendance@harrisburg.k12.sd.us](mailto:smsattendance@harrisburg.k12.sd.us)

## School Picture Ordering Information- Link Reopens 9/1/2023

It is easy to prepay your student's school day pictures online! Visit [www.schoolphotosbymark.com](http://www.schoolphotosbymark.com).

### How To Order Picture Day Photos Online:

1. Go to [www.schoolphotosbymark.com](http://www.schoolphotosbymark.com)
2. Click on "Order Here"
3. Enter "**HASD**" for the event name, click "search."
4. Click on your school district.
5. Click on your student's school.
6. Enter your email address and click "login". All orders are tracked with the email address you enter.
7. You should now see a page with our photo packages. Choose from any of our packages and/or order ala-carte items.
8. Once you are done shopping, click on the "shopping cart" icon. You will be prompted for your student's information as well as yours. That is, it!

### Some Things You Should Know:

- All Picture Packages are on sale through Picture Day!
- A valid email address is required to place an order.
- You will receive a confirmation email once an order is placed.
- All orders placed through Picture Day will be processed and delivered to the student's school 2-3 weeks following Picture Day.
- If you are ordering for multiple students, **you will need to complete an order for each student you are ordering photos of.**
- If you are ordering a Class Picture for an elementary student, the **Class Picture will be delivered to the school after Makeup/Retake Day.**
- All portrait orders will be delivered to your student's school.

### Retake

- If you are doing retakes just bring the original picture packet with you to Makeup/Retake Day and we will reorder with the new picture taken that day.

For more information, please visit our website [www.schoolphotosbymark.com](http://www.schoolphotosbymark.com)

Feel free to call or email us with any questions!

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[office@schoolphotosbymark.co](mailto:office@schoolphotosbymark.co)

## Add Funds to Lunch Account

[My School Bucks](#) is an online service that allows parents to do any of the following:

- Ask to be alerted when a child's meal account balance runs below an amount the parent sets.
- Apply money to student meal accounts using a credit/debit card or electronic check.

If you are new to the district or have not created a lunch account, click on the blue link above to create an account.

## Tutor Program and Student Help

At South Middle School, we offer a variety of different programs to help learners who struggle or need more work time to complete assignments. These programs include:

### Power Hour

Power Hour is held every afternoon from 3:05pm-4:00pm and every morning from 7:30am-8:00am.

### Success Advisory and Success Directed Study

We assign learners to Success Advisory and Success Directed Study, where they develop study skills and plan to get and stay caught up in school.

## Attendance

If your learner is going to be absent or late for school, call the school office at 605-743-2567 ext. 3007 **before 9:00AM daily**. Or email [smsattendance@harrisburg.k12.sd.us](mailto:smsattendance@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.

• **Safety Policy**-- Please be aware that a safety plan has been put into place by the Harrisburg School District. Whether you are visiting or signing out a student, you will need to show identification and sign them out in the office. If parents arrange for someone other than themselves to pick up their student, please make them aware of our policy and inform the office of whom will be coming. Thank you.

# JOIN FALL CLUBS!

## PAID

### CRAFT CLUB

**\$10 - every other Thursday 3:05-3:50pm - D133**  
**hosted by Mrs. Markley**

As a Craft Club member, you will have designated space and time every other week to create projects including (but not limited to) the following: macrame, acrylic painting, watercolors, drawings, crochet, sewing, and others. As always, you can bring your own crafts from home too!

### DRONE CLUB

**\$10 - Time TBD - Library**  
**hosted by Mr. Ellwein & Mr. Peckenpaugh**

You will be able to fly a drone from our fleet, use Sphero Bolts, and drive or fly other types of drones.

### NINTENDO CLUB

**\$10 - (7/8) WED 3:05-4:00pm, (6) FRI 3:10-4:00pm**  
**Cafeteria Stage - hosted by Mr. Uthe**

Come hang out and play games like Wii Sports, Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, and Super Mario Bros!

## FREE

### KINDNESS CLUB

**FREE - Fridays 7:35-7:55am - D133**  
**hosted by Mrs. Markley**

Help HSMS spread kindness to others within our school and community!

## HOW TO JOIN

Learners will be able to sign up for clubs in their Advisory on **Friday, September 8th**.

If a learner is absent that day, they may reach out to Mr. Uthe ([James.Uthe@k12.sd.us](mailto:James.Uthe@k12.sd.us)) for the sign-up link.

## HOW TO PAY

Learners can pay their club dues with **cash** or a **check written out to "HSMS PAWS."**

\*Pay only \$10 once for the whole semester for each club!\*

**Please have learners bring their club dues to the FIRST CLUB MEETING.**

## WHEN DO CLUBS START?

Clubs will begin meeting the week of **9/18-9/22** unless a club leader communicates otherwise.

## CREATE YOUR OWN CLUB!

### HAVE A GREAT IDEA FOR A CLUB?

Email **Mr. Uthe** ([James.Uthe@k12.sd.us](mailto:James.Uthe@k12.sd.us)), so he can help you make it happen!

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT MR. UTHE ([JAMES.UTHE@K12.SD.US](mailto:JAMES.UTHE@K12.SD.US))**



HARRISBURG HOMECOMING WEEK

# Road Trip to...

- 9/25 - MON: HOLLYWOOD**  
DRESS UP AS SOMEONE FAMOUS
- 9/26 - TUES: MAUI**  
DRESS IN HAWAIIAN ATTIRE
- 9/27 - WED: THE BIG GAME**  
WEAR A JERSEY
- 9/28 - THURS: NASHVILLE**  
DRESS IN WESTERN ATTIRE
- 9/29 - FRI: HARRISBURG**  
WEAR YOUR HARRISBURG GEAR

**SEPT 25-29**





## HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT Transportation Registration Form



Family/Household Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence of: ☐ Father/Mother ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Guardian

Household Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Students to be Transported:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Information: ☐ Father/Mother ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: ☐ Father/Mother ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by Bus Coordinator:

Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus #: \_\_\_\_\_

AM Pick-up Time: \_\_\_\_\_ PM Pick-up/Drop Off Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Household Contact Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023-2024 Activities Participation

For Parents and Athletes entering Grades 7-12 as well as those entering Grade 6 who plan to participate in Cross Country or Wrestling:

The ***South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) and the Harrisburg School District*** require certification as to the adequacy of a student's health for athletic participation.

- This certification shall be restricted to a duly licensed Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy, Doctor of Chiropractic, licensed physician's assistant, or licensed nurse practitioner.
- All exams must be signed by authorized medical personnel as listed above.
- Stamping the name of a medical clinic or a medical association as a substitute for the Doctor's signature is unacceptable.
- **Physicals taken in the spring for the ensuing school term shall be taken after April 1.**
  - For example, a physical taken on or after April 1, 2023, is valid for the 2023-24 school year.
  - A physical taken on March 1, 2023, expires on July 1, 2023, and is **NOT** valid for the 2023-24 school year.

To meet the requirements of the SDHSAA and the District, please follow the steps below. **Once all steps are complete you are cleared to participate. Again, this process MUST be completed, and forms MUST be submitted to the HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OFFICE prior to the first day of your sport's season.**

**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR SEASON START DATES AND MEETING DATES!!**

***Please complete these steps prior to the first day of practice to be cleared to participate in your activity!***

**Step 1: Athletes** fill out the [Pre-participation Physical Evaluation HISTORY FORM](#). Take the **HISTORY FORM** and the **SDHSAA PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM** to an authorized medical provider (listed above) for a physical exam.

**Step 2: Athletes and Parents** fill out the [Parental and Student Medical Consent and Concussion Awareness Forms](#) required by the SDHSAA and the District.

**Step 3:** Once you have you have completed **Steps 1 & 2**, you may submit the forms in one of two ways:

- Turn in ALL forms to the Harrisburg High School Office. **(DO NOT turn forms in at any Middle School or Elementary School Office!)**
- E-mail an electronic copy of ALL forms to [Samantha.Gonzalez@harrisburg.k12.sd.us](mailto:Samantha.Gonzalez@harrisburg.k12.sd.us)
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**INCOMPLETE MATERIAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ENTIRE PACKET IS COMPLETE.**

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## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE REQUIREMENTS

South Dakota law requires all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to get:

One dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine on or after the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday

One dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine on or after the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday

Please provide your child's immunization record to the nurse no later than October 1, 2022. Your child may be denied entry to school if these immunizations are not completed. If you are in need of an exemption form, please contact Deb Backman, at 743-2567 ext. 5205.

# Harrisburg South Middle School

# PAWS

**P**arents  
**A**ligned  
**W**ith  
**S**tudents



## PAWS Meeting Dates:

9-11-23 @5:30pm

10-9-23 @5:30pm

11-13-23 @5:30pm

12-11-23 @5:30pm

1-8-24 @5:30pm

2-12-24 @5:30pm

3-11-24 @5:30pm

4-15-24 @5:30pm

5-13-24 @5:30pm

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# for Parents

## What is Canvas?

Think of Canvas LMS (Learning Management System) as your student's digital classroom. It's a simple, supportive system where schools provide lessons and communication to 6-12 students and parents to keep the learning going strong—both in the classroom and online.



## Get Connected

For parents to "connect" with their student's account, the student must generate a Pairing Code. Codes are for one "observer", (parent/guardian) only. **If a second parent wants to access, a second pairing code must be generated by the student.**

### For Students:

GENERATED  
CODES ARE  
VALID FOR  
SEVEN DAYS



[Generate a Pairing Code from my Laptop Browser](#)



[Generate a Pairing Code from my iPad](#)



## Create a Parent Account with Your Laptop Browser



[Harrisburg School District Canvas Platform](#)

[Watch a How To Video](#)



- Use the unique Harrisburg School District platform link above, then click **Parent of a Canvas User Click Here for an Account** in the top, right-corner of the screen.



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## Overview



What is  
Canvas?



Get  
Connected



Create an  
Account



Personalize  
Your  
Notification  
Settings



## for Middle School Parents

### About Standards-Based Grading

MS uses standards-based grading. This means students receive multiple grades for each course, one grade for each district standard. Any standard below 70%, is "Standard Not Met" and needs to be addressed in order to pass the course. Grades can be viewed through Canvas by logging into the [District's Canvas site](#).



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### Ways to View Grades

- Login to Canvas in a browser using a parent/observer account



[View Walkthrough Tutorial](#)

- Login to Canvas from the Parent app



[View Walkthrough Tutorial](#)

- Ask your child to login to Canvas on a browser and show you their grades



[View Walkthrough Tutorial](#)

### Additional Resources



[MS Standards Based Grading Handbook](#)



[Canvas Observer Guide](#)



[Canvas Parent iOS Guide](#)



[Canvas Parent Android Guide](#)

## CANVAS FOR PARENTS

## HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

- In the pop-up window, enter your first and last name, email address, password, and the Student Pairing code.
- Click **Start Participating**.
- You now have a Canvas parent account and are connected to your student. If you have additional students you would like to connect to, after logging in:
  - Click on **Account > Observing > Enter a Student Pairing Code** for that 6-12 student.



## Create a Parent Account with the App



[Canvas for Parents for iPad/iPhone](#)

Watch a How To Video



- Open the **Canvas for Parents** app and click **Find School**
- Choose **Harrisburg School District**.
- Click **Create Account**.
  - In the pop-up window, enter your first and last name, email address, password, and the Student Pairing code.
  - Click **Start Participating**.
  - You now have a Canvas parent account and are connected to your student.
  - Click on the **Menu** button in the upper left-hand corner.
  - Click on **Manage Students > Plus Sign icon** to add another student.

## Getting Too Many Notifications?

- You can personalize your notification preferences through the [Harrisburg School District Canvas](#) platform. We strongly recommend you limit your notifications to a weekly summary email of your student's progress in their classes.
- In your computer browser, log into Canvas, click **Account > Notifications** to set your notification preferences.
- Choose an observed student's name. Check the box for **Show Name of Observed Students in Notifications**.

[Set Notification Preferences](#)  
[Set Alerts for a Student](#)



**WATCH:**  
[Change Notification Settings & Set Up Alerts](#)



### Personalize Your Notification Preferences

#### Receive Notifications on

Individual Activities  
(NOT RECOMMENDED)

Daily

Weekly  
(RECOMMENDED)

Turn Off Notifications

#### Choose



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# CANVAS

# Harrisburg School District 41-2

## 2023-2024

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### SNOW MAKE-UP DATES:

The first and second snow days will not be made up. If a third snow day occurs by March 1st, the third snow day will be made up on April 26th. The fourth snow day will be made up on May 23rd and the fifth snow day will be made up on May 24th.

If a third snow day occurs after March 1st, the third snow day will be made up May 23rd and the fourth snow day will be made up on May 24th.

Any additional snow days will be up to the discretion of the Harrisburg School Board.



## Events

Aug 14		New Teacher In-Service
Aug 15		New Staff In-Service
Aug 16		All Staff In-Service
Aug 17		Instructional Staff In-Service
Aug 21		Orientation Day Kg-8th Grade
Aug 22		Teacher Flex Work Day (.5)
Aug 23		Orientation Day 9th - 12th Grade
Aug 24		First day of classes
Sep 4		No School
Sep 20		2 Hour Early Release - PLC In-Service
Sep 29		Homecoming- Early Release
Oct 3		P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30pm- 9th-12th Grade
Oct 6		In-Service/PLC Day- No School
Oct 9		No School
Oct 23		P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30pm- K-8th Grade
Oct 25		P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30pm- K-8th Grade
Oct 20		End of the 1st Quarter
Oct 27		No School- Comp Day
Nov 8		2 Hour Early Release - PLC In-Service
Nov 22		No School
Nov 23		No School
Nov 24		No School
Dec 22		2 Hour Early Release for Christmas Break
Dec 25-31		No School
Jan 1		No School
Jan 2		In-Service/PLC Day- No School
Jan 3		Classes resume
Jan 12		End of the 1st Semester
Jan 15		In-Service/PLC Day- No School
Feb 12		P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30pm- 9th-12th Grade
Feb 16		No School
Feb 19		No School
Feb 28		2 Hour Early Release - PLC In-Service
Mar 13		End of the 3rd Quarter
Mar 14		No School
Mar 15		No School
Mar 29		No School
Apr 1		No School
Apr 26		No School
May 12		Graduation
May 22		Last day of School
May 23		Teacher Work Day (.5)