

News From the Middle



October 11th, 2023

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Important Dates

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

10/23/2023 Gymnastics Pre-Season Meeting @7:30 at Harrisburg High School Little Theater

10/26/2023 Girls' and Boys' Wrestling Pre-Season Meeting @ 6:30 at Harrisburg High School PAC

10/27/2023 No School

11/2/2023 Girls' and Boys' Basketball Pre-Season Meeting @ 6:45 at South Middle School

11/6/2023 Girls' Basketball First Practice

11/8/2023 2 Hour Early Release – Teacher Inservice

11/10/2023 Veterans Day Program and Lunch Served 11:30-12:30 (Sign Up Below)

11/13/2023 PAWS Meeting 5:30 PM at SMS

11/15/2023 Girls' and Boys' Wrestling First Practice

1/10/2024 Boys' Basketball First Practice

Tiger Athletics

10/12/2023 7th and 8th Grade Metro Cross Country Conference Meet **4:00 PM** vs. Multiple Schools
@ Yankton Trail Park

10/12/2023 8th Grade Football **4:15 PM** vs. Brandon Valley Middle School **@ Brandon Valley Middle School**

10/12/2023 7th Grade Football **4:15 PM** vs. Brandon Valley Middle School **@ Harrisburg High School Lighted Grass Field**

10/12/2023 7th (C-D) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Brandon Valley Middle School **@ Freedom Elementary**

10/12/2023 7th (A-B) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Brandon Valley Middle School **@ Brandon Valley Middle School**

10/13/2023 8th (C-D) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Brandon Valley Middle School **@ Brandon Valley Middle School**

10/13/2023 8th (A-B) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Brandon Valley Middle School **@ South Middle School**

10/14/2023 7th (A-B) Volleyball Jamboree **10:00 AM** vs. Multiple Schools **@ Harrisburg High School**

10/17/2023 8th Grade Football **4:15 PM** vs. Harrisburg North Middle School **@ Harrisburg High School Lighted Grass Field**

10/17/2023 7th Grade Football **4:15 PM** vs. Harrisburg North Middle School **@ Harrisburg North Middle School**

Lost and Found Items





Please click [here](#) to view the lost and found items at South Middle School. We currently have over 80 unclaimed items. If you see an item attached that belongs to your student, please have them pick up their item in the commons. If they need assistance or you have questions call Kristin at 605-743-2567 ext 3007 or email kristin.krueger@k12.sd.us.

**South Middle School
Lost and Found**



Introducing **ZERO HOUR**

ZERO HOUR IS A QUARTERLY OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNERS TO RECOVER THEIR STANDARDS THAT WON'T BE ADDRESSED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

-  **Step 1: Teachers/Teams will contact you if your learner is eligible for Zero Hour**
-  **Step 2: Eligible Learners will attend Zero Hour from either 7:30am-8:24a or 3:04pm-4:00pm**
-  **Step 3: Learners will attend Zero Hour for up to 2 weeks or until they have recovered their standards**
-  **Step 4: Attendance and completion will be communicated by administration**



Yearbook Photo Submissions

Hit me with
your best



SHOT!



SMS Year book Photo Submissions

Have an incredible photo
of your student and their
friends from a school
event this year?

Submit your picture(s) using
the QR Code or [link](#)
and it may just make it
into the year book!

If you do not have a Google Drive account please email
pictures and direct questions to Jennifer.Esser@k12.sd.us.

Veterans Day Lunch-RSVP Below!

South Middle School Families –

On Friday, November 10th, SMS will be observing Veterans Day with a short program in the morning followed later with a lunch with students. Veterans in the Harrisburg community are invited to join us for the morning program AND/OR the free school lunch (please wear your respective uniform - the kids love seeing this!) Lunch with the veterans will be held from 11:30-12:30!

Please RSVP to Paige Wright (paige.wright@k12.sd.us) by completing this interest QR code below or click [here](#). Note there needs to be one form per veteran! **Deadline is November 1st.**



Still need a CLASS SHIRT?

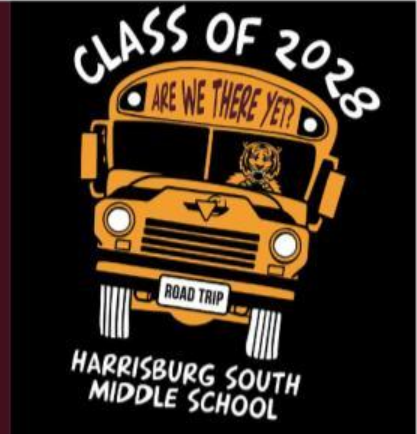
The following sizes are available:

6th Grade: M

7th Grade: S, M, XL, XXL

8th Grade: M, L, XL

If interested, have
your student stop
by C-122 with \$15 cash
or check to purchase
a class shirt!



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 14th 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 . Thank you all for your support!



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. 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.

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



Students and faculty should be excluded from school and School activities for the following conditions:

- ☐ **Diarrhea/vomiting:** exclude if occurs 2 or more times in 24 hours or accompanied by a fever. Exceptions for vomiting that is caused by a non-communicable condition if child is not at risk for dehydration.
- ☐ **Influenza and Influenza-like illness:** exclude until fever has been absent for 24 hours in an unmedicated state. Additional exclusions may be necessary for documented novel strain or pandemic influenza based on SD Department of Health and CDC guidance. [\[7\]](#)
- ☐ **Strep throat and Streptococcal skin infections:** exclude until after 12 hours of antibiotic treatment.
- ☐ **Rash:** undiagnosed rash should be evaluated by a provider. Open sores and a suspicious contagious condition should be cleared by a provider.
- ☐ **COVID-19:** the HSD recommends following the guidance provided by the CDC and SD Department of Health at doh.sd.gov. To report a student with a positive Covid test result contact your school attendance office at 743-2567 ext. 3007.
- ☐ **Fever of 100.0 or greater:** exclude until fever has been absent for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication.
- ☐ **Persistent abdominal pain:** (continues for >2 hours) or intermittent abdominal pain associated with fever, dehydration, or other systemic symptoms.

For a complete list of exclusions see doh.sd.gov

2018 Red Book, American Academy of Pediatrics, 31st Edition; 2020 Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools, A Quick Reference Guide, American Academy of Pediatrics, 5th Edition; 2015 Control of Communicable Diseases Manual, American Public Health Association, 20th Edition.

If you have questions about whether or not your child should attend school, please contact Nurse Deb at 743-2567 ext. 5205.

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: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

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
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INCOMPLETE MATERIAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ENTIRE PACKET IS COMPLETE.

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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: _____



6th GRADE REQUIREMENTS

South Dakota law requires all 6th grade students to get:

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

One dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine on or after the 11th 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

Parents
Aligned
With
Students



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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Coalition



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.



HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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- 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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[Change Notification](#)
[Settings & Set Up Alerts](#)



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



CANVAS

Harrisburg School District 41-2

2023-2024

Revised 04-20-2023

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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)