

# News From the Middle



October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## Important Dates

10/20/2023 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
10/20/2023 Educators Rising: Room C115 @7:40 AM (Information Below)  
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  
10/30-11/10 Zero Hour (Flyer Below)  
10/30/2023 Encore Rotation  
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  
11/22-11/24 No School  
12/20/2023 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Focus on High School Presentation 7-8 PM at Freshman Academy Little Theater (Flyer Below)  
1/10/2024 Boys' Basketball First Practice  
1/10/2023 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Focus on High School Presentation 7-8 PM at Freshman Academy Little Theater (Flyer Below)

## Tiger Athletics

10/19/2023 8<sup>th</sup> (C-D) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Harrisburg North Middle School @ **Harrisburg South Middle School**

10/19/2023 8<sup>th</sup> (A-B) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Harrisburg North Middle School @ **Harrisburg North Middle School**

10/20/2023 7<sup>th</sup> (C-D) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Harrisburg East Middle School @ **Freedom Elementary**

10/20/2023 7<sup>th</sup> (A-B) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Harrisburg East Middle School @ **Harrisburg East Middle School**

10/24/2023 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football **4:15 PM** vs. Harrisburg East Middle School @ **Harrisburg High School Lighted Grass Field**

10/24/2023 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football **6:00 PM** vs. Harrisburg East Middle School @ **Harrisburg High School Stadium**

10/24/2023 8<sup>th</sup> (C-D) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Harrisburg East Middle School @ **Harrisburg East Middle School**

10/24/2023 8<sup>th</sup> (A-B) Volleyball **4:15 PM** vs. Harrisburg East Middle School @ **Harrisburg South Middle School**

## Veterans Day Lunch-RSVP Below!

South Middle School Families –

On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>.**



# 8th Grade Focus on High School Presentation

## PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

December 20th OR  
January 10th

TIME: 7PM - 8PM

LOCATION: FRESHMEN ACADEMY  
LITTLE THEATER



## TOPICS

- LEARN ABOUT THE FRESHMEN ACADEMY
- COURSE PATHWAY OPTIONS
- TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Counselors & Administrators will be  
available for questions.



FRESHMEN ACADEMY 601 E. 90TH ST. SIOUX FALLS, SD 57108

## Educators Rising

### Educators Rising

**Who?** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at South Middle School Interested in The Teaching Profession

**What?** Educators Rising is an organization for those interested in the profession of teaching.

**When?** First Meeting is Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> @7:40 AM

**Where?** Room C115 At Harrisburg South Middle School



**Why?** This club is to look at the world of education from a different perspective and allow for opportunities to experience a possible career path and to contribute to your school.






**How?** Fill out this form and show up to the meeting this Friday. Hope to see you there!





# *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**
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## Still need a CLASS SHIRT?

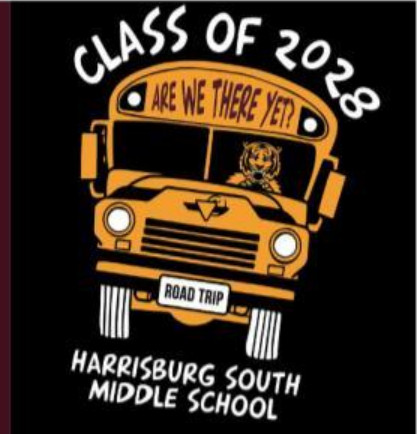
The following sizes are available:

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!



## 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](mailto:Jennifer.Esser@k12.sd.us).

## 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](mailto:kristin.krueger@k12.sd.us).



## 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.

# 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)



## 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](https://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](https://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.



## 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.

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## 2023-2024

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| July 23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| August 23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| September 23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| October 23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| November 23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| December 23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| January 24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| March 24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| April 24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| May 24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| June 24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| July 24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| August 24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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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)                       |