

News From the Middle



October 31st, 2023

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Important Dates

10/30-11/3 Red Ribbon Week (Dress Up Days Flyer Below)
10/30-11/10 Zero Hour (Flyer Below)
11/2/2023 Girls' and Boys' Basketball Pre-Season Meeting @ 6:45 at South Middle School
11/2/2023 Girls' and Boys' Wrestling Pre-Season Meeting @ 6:30 at Harrisburg High School PAC
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
11/14/2023 Help! I'm A Middle School Parent! 6-8:30 PM at South Middle School (Flyer Below)
11/15/2023 Girls' and Boys' Wrestling First Practice
11/22-11/24 No School
12/20/2023 8th 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 8th Grade Focus on High School Presentation 7-8 PM at Freshman Academy Little Theater (Flyer Below)

Tiger Athletics

11/2/2023 8th Grade Football **5:30 PM** vs. Ben Reifel Middle School @ Harrisburg High School Stadium *** **RESCHEDULED FROM 10/31**

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11/2/2023 Girls' and Boys' Wrestling Pre-Season Meeting @ **6:30 at Harrisburg High School PAC**

11/6/2023 Girls' Basketball First Practice

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

1/10/2024 Boys' Basketball First Practice

Quarter 1-Grades

Your learner's first quarter grades are now available to view on Canvas by accessing your parent Canvas account. Please take a moment with your learner to review his/her grades. Each course assesses learner progress on the standards of learning for that course. If you have questions about your learner's progress, please communicate those with the classroom teacher.

Grades are as up-to-date as possible to serve as a snapshot of your learner's progress in Harrisburg Middle School's year-long, standard-based grading policy. As a reminder, a learner has a grade for each standard, and each learner is held accountable for each standard in each class. Please know that any standard that is not 70% or higher may result in zero hour.

Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher regarding failing standards and ways learners can recover their grades. It is important that learners work hard and give school their very best to recover any failing grades or to maintain passing grades.

If you would prefer a paper copy of your learner's grades, please contact the HSMS Administrative Assistant (Kristin Krueger), by calling 743.2567 ext. 3007. If you have not yet set up a Canvas account, I encourage you to do so.

General reminder about MS grades:

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 Canvas website: <https://harrisburgsd.instructure.com/>

Options for how to view grades for MS Students:

1. Login to Canvas in a browser using a parent/observer account ([Video Walkthrough](#))
2. Login to Canvas from the Parent app ([Video Walkthrough](#))
3. Ask your student to login to Canvas on a browser and show you their grades ([Video walkthrough](#))

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in your learner's growth and development.

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.**



Giving Tree

The holiday season can be difficult for some households. The Harrisburg School District Giving Tree program offers assistance during the holidays with food and/or gifts for families. All schools in the District have teamed up to offer this program for families in need. If your immediate family would benefit from gift-giving assistance, please complete the information below. Due to the time it takes to organize the program, we are asking that this form be received no later than Friday, November 17th.

<https://www.jotform.com/232835364951058>

Lost and Found Items

Please click [here](#) to view the lost and found items at South Middle School. **This link is updated daily!** We currently have over 100 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**

Teens Against Tobacco Use

7th Grade students interested in a student leadership role for T.A.T.U. (Teens Against Tobacco Use) should scan the QR code on the flyers throughout the school to sign up. TATU is a student leadership group focused on tobacco use prevention. It is a small group, consisting of 8 students in 7th grade. Applications are due by November 3rd at 3:30. Mr. Peckenpaugh will choose 8 students from the applicants to be part of TATU.



HELP!

I'M A MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT!

Tuesday, Nov. 14th 6-8:30 pm

Harrisburg South Middle School

600 S. Cliff Ave, Harrisburg, SD 57032

SESSION TOPICS

FACILITATED BY LOCAL EXPERTS

- Mental Health Strategies
 - Suicide Prevention & Awareness
 - Evolving Relationships
- Family Fun
 - Activities for Families
 - Teen Trends
- Health & Wellness
 - Supporting your Athlete
 - Nutrition for Teens
 - Vaping Q & A
- District Technology & Communications
 - Managing Messages
 - Canvas Tips & Tricks
- Teens & Technology
 - AI
 - Cyber Safety
- Many more!



FREE

**Informative &
Interactive**

**Judgement
Free**

**Door
Prizes**

All Harrisburg Middle School Parents,
Guardians, & Educators are welcome!

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

Red Ribbon Week 10/30-11/3

Red Ribbon Week

10/30-11/3

MONDAY

WAKE UP DRUG FREE (PJS)

TUESDAY

HOPE SQUAD COSTUMES FOR A CAUSE

WEDNESDAY

**OUR FUTURE IS TOO BRIGHT FOR DRUGS
(NEON, HATS, SUNGLASSES)**

THURSDAY

DRUGS CAN'T FIND US (CAMO)





FRIDAY

**RED OUT (WEAR AS MUCH RED AS
YOU CAN BUT NOT ON YOUR FACE)**



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**



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 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)