

# News From the Middle



November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## Important Dates

10/30-11/10 Zero Hour (Flyer Below)  
11/6-11/21 Thanksgiving Food Drive (Flyer Below)  
11/8/2023 2 Hour Early Release – Teacher Inservice (1:04)  
11/9/2023 Information Session for Panama Trip in Summer 2025 (Info Below)  
11/10/2023 Veterans Day Program and Lunch Served 11:30-12:30  
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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Focus on High School Presentation 7-8 PM at Freshman Academy Little Theater (Flyer Below)  
12/22/2023 2 Hour Early Release (1:04)  
12/25-1/2 No School Holiday Break  
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

11/14/2023 8<sup>th</sup> Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:00 PM** vs. Mitchell Middle School @ **Mitchell Middle School**  
 11/14/2023 7<sup>th</sup> Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:00 PM** vs. Mitchell Middle School @ **Mitchell Middle School**  
 11/15/2023 Girls' and Boys' Wrestling First Practice  
 11/17/2023 8<sup>th</sup> Girls (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Tea Area Intermediate School @ **Harrisburg South Middle School**  
 11/17/2023 8<sup>th</sup> Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Tea Area Intermediate School @ **Tea Area Middle School**  
 11/20/2023 7<sup>th</sup> Girls (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Tea Area Intermediate School @ **Tea Area Middle School**  
 11/20/2023 7<sup>th</sup> Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Tea Area Intermediate School @ **Harrisburg South Middle School**  
 11/21/2023 8<sup>th</sup> Girls (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **Patrick Henry Middle School Main Gymnasium – B105**  
 11/21/2023 8<sup>th</sup> Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **Harrisburg South Middle School**

## Congratulations October Top Tiger!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Alivia C.  
Kinley G.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Kinley N.  
Noah W.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lilyanna S.  
Artavis B.

### Advanced

Colette B.  
Aubrey R.

## 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.

## 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>

## Information Session Panama Trip

Dear Families,

We're going to Panama in Summer 2025, and you're invited!

We're excited to tell you more about the trip we're planning with EF Tours, our educational travel partner. Please be sure to register for this info session to be considered for this opportunity: <https://bit.ly/46OjRs0>

The info session/meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be at South Middle School in Mrs. Frank's room (C131).

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and we would love to have your student join us on this adventure.

In this info session, we'll talk about:

- How this opportunity will benefit your student
- What we'll see and do on our trip
- Everything that's included in this experience
- How your child can earn academic credit
- How we're keeping this safe and affordable
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!) during EF's risk-free enrollment period

There are limited spots on this trip, so we would love to have you attend this meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

Thanks,  
Mrs. Frank  
Spanish Teacher SMS/EMS

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

**South Middle School  
Lost and Found**



HARRISBURG SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Thanksgiving*

# Food Drive

Let's Share  
& Care

*Join us in helping our  
community!*

**November  
6-21**

**All non-perishable items due to  
your child's advisory at HSMS by  
November 21.**

Contact [Danielle.Markley@harrisburg.k12.sd.us](mailto:Danielle.Markley@harrisburg.k12.sd.us) with any questions



# 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



# *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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Help support Harrisburg South Middle School's 8th graders achieve their goal of traveling to Washington, D.C. and New York City in June. Students will be bussing tables to earn funds for their class trip. A portion of the sales will go toward these students' adventure!



**Pizza Ranch**  
**2717 West 41st**  
**Street**  
**Sioux Falls, SD**

**Wednesday**  
**November 15th**  
**5:00 - 8:00pm**

**SPRIT  
BLANKET  
FUNDRAISER  
ORDER FORM**

Brandi Fleming  
@FundraisingHR



**venmo**

**OPTION #1**



**\$35**

**SIZE 60" X 70"**

**OPTION #2**



**Please support  
our school trip  
by buying a  
blanket.**

Return the form below with cash or submit Venmo payment with QR code above. Limited supplies only! (100 each design)  
**Delivery date estimated 12/14/2023!**

## 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 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)