

News From the Middle



November 14th, 2023

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Important Dates

11/6-11/21 Thanksgiving Food Drive (Flyer Below)
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)
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 8th Grade Focus on High School Presentation 7-8 PM at Freshman Academy Little Theater (Flyer Below)

Tiger Athletics

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

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**

South Dakota Junior Honor Choir

Congratulations to **Josie Burkett** for being selected to participate in South Dakota Junior Honor Choir! This was a highly competitive process -- over 500 auditions were submitted. Josie will begin preparing the music for the event in January.

Patriot's Pen Finalists

Congratulations to South Middle Schools Patriot's Pen finalists! This year's essay theme "*What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?*" was judged and scored by District Staff. The finalists received their Patriot Pen Award on Friday and the High School Veterans Day Assembly. The finalists are **Sophia Hofmaier** and **Brynn Stearns**.



Pictured: Brynn Stearns



Pictured: Sofia Hofmaier

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Harrisburg South Middle School
Presents:

The Day the Internet Died



What will you do
when there's nothing to
do?

December 1st & 2nd
7:00 PM
Harrisburg South
Middle School



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 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



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

SPIRIT 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. 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)