

News From the Middle



December 12th, 2023

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Important Dates

12/14/2023 Winter Band Concert-HHS PAC 6-8 PM
12/15/2023 Giving Tree Donations Due to SMS Office
12/19/2023 Help Create Tie Blankets for Donation 3:05 PM-4:00 PM (Flyer Below)
12/20/2023 Help Create Tie Blankets for Donation 7:00 AM-8:04 AM (Flyer Below)
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
1/3/2024 Classes Resume
1/5/2024 Add/Drop Band and Choir Forms Due in Office
1/10/2024 Boys' Basketball First Practice
1/10/2024 8th Grade Focus on High School Presentation 7-8 PM at Freshman Academy Little Theater (Flyer Below)
1/12/2024 End of Quarter 2 / End of 1st Semester
1/15/2024 No School- Teacher In-Service
1/20/2024 HHS Drama Club Camp (Information Below)
2/16/2024 No School
2/19/2024 No School
2/28/2024 2 Hour Early Release (1:04)

Tiger Athletics

12/14/2023 8th Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Brandon Valley Middle School @ **South Middle School**

12/15/2023 7th Girls (C) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. O’Gorman Middle School @ **O’Gorman Middle School**

12/16/2023 Girls’ and Boys’ Wrestling Meet **8:00 AM** vs. George McGovern Middle School @ **George McGovern Middle School**

12/16/2023 7th Girls (A-B) Basketball Jamboree **10:00 AM** vs. Multiple Middle School @ **Harrisburg High School**

12/18/2023 8th Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Harrisburg North Middle School @ **North Middle School**

12/18/2023 Girls’ and Boys’ Wrestling Meet **5:00 PM** vs. McCook Central/Montrose School @ **McCook Central High School**

12/19/2023 7th Girls (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Brandon Valley Middle School @ **South Middle School**

12/19/2023 7th Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:15 AM** vs. Brandon Valley Middle School @ **Brandon Valley Middle School**

12/21/2023 7th Girls (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. North Middle School @ **North Middle School**

12/21/2023 7th Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:15 AM** vs. North Middle School @ **South Middle School**

Congratulations November Top Tiger!

6th Grade

Katherine L.
Aaron W.

7th Grade

Ben M.
Sophia M.

8th Grade

Kenslee D.
Mason G.

Advanced

Elena O.
Hudson N.

Add/Drop Forms Due January 5th

Add/drop forms for Choir and Band are due in the office on January 5th, 2023 for 2nd semester. Forms can be picked up in the office and must have a **parent signature** when returned. Parents can also email the office at Kristin.krueger@k12.sd.us to add or drop band or choir.

Please include the following information in your emails:

- Student First and Last Name
- Grade
- Drop Band or Drop Choir
- Add Band or Add Choir

Schedule changes will be effective at the start of 2nd Semester on January 15th.

Advisory Change Wars

Welcome to Advisory Change Wars! All money raised in Change Wars will go to help local families provide gifts for their children this holiday season and help families in need throughout the year.

[How Does It Work?](#)

All change in your advisory bucket will count TOWARDS you. All the dollars in your advisory bucket will counts AGAINST you. The name of the game is sabotage! Save up your dollars to sabotage other advisory classes.

[Where Does It Happen?](#)

The buckets will start in your advisory class but will move to the library soon.

[When?](#)

Monday, December 11th - Friday, December 15th

[What's our goal?](#)

We'd like to raise at least \$2,000 to help local families this holiday season.

[What's in it for you?](#)

- Pizza: A pizza party for the winning advisory.
- If we meet the goal of \$2000 there will be a pizza party for the top three earning advisories!
- Trophy: The advisory that wins school-wide will receive custody of the Change War Trophy for the next year.

*****The Change War supports the HSMS Giving Tree*****

Giving Tree

South Middle School is accepting donations to the Giving Tree to help Harrisburg families in need this Holiday Season. If you would like to donate, please fill out and submit the Signup Genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AAAA822AAFF2-46420493-south>

Donations are asked to be received by Friday, December 15th. Donations can be dropped off at South Middle School. We ask that gifts be dropped off unwrapped. If you are donating a gift card, please put it in an envelope with "Giving Tree" on the outside of it.

If you have any questions or need assistance with gifts this holiday season- please contact Ms. Junker, South's school counselor at 605-7432567 ext. 3109 or andrea.junker@k12.sd.us.

Winter Band Concert

Where - Harrisburg HS Performing Arts Center, report to the band room

When - December 14th

6th grade - 6:00pm, report 5:45pm

7th grade - 7:00pm, report 6:45pm

Jazz/8th grade - 8:00pm, report 7:45pm

What to wear - Solid black pants, dress, shirt with a splash of holiday color (socks, tie, etc.). School Dress Code applies!

What to bring - You, your instrument, your music, accessories (reeds, oil, etc.), audience members.

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 150 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**

HHS Drama Kid Camp

The Harrisburg High School is hosting a Drama Kid Camp in January. Students planning to attend fill out the [HHS Drama Kid](#) google form!

WHEN: January 20, 9AM-4PM

WHO: Grades 2-8

WHERE: Harrisburg High School Performing Arts Center

COST: \$40, collected at camp check-in (includes workshops, t-shirt, snack, & lunch)

TIMELINE: Registration 8:30-9:00, Camp 9:00-3:30, Public Performance 3:30-4

TO NOTE: Please do not register unless you KNOW that your student can attend, as we buy supplies in advance based off of registration numbers. ALSO, please note that this camp is performance-based. Students who attend will all participate in the public performance.

TO BRING/WEAR: Please bring a water bottle and have your student wear all black and closed toed shoes.

REGISTRATION: Open until we reach capacity.

QUESTIONS: KAMRIN.RASMUSSEN@K12.SD.US



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Supporting the Bomgaar's Family



On December 1, the Bomgaar's family tragically lost their home to a fire. We are inviting the Liberty & SMS Communities to support their family through this tragedy.

Make a Donation through
GoFundMe or Vemno

* There is a 15% service charge if using
GoFundMe

GoFundMe



Venmo

Makerspace Supply Wishlist



HSMS is looking for donations to replenish our prototype and craft carts. Items may be dropped off in the HSMS library before Dec. 22nd.

UPCYCLED ITEMS

- ☐ Empty toilet paper rolls
- ☐ Empty paper towel rolls
- ☐ Clean and empty egg cartons
- ☐ Bottle caps
- ☐ Empty cereal / snack boxes
- ☐ Unused takeout chopsticks
- ☐ Wooden clothes pins

OTHER ITEMS

- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Solo cups, mouthwash cups
- ☐ Bendy and straight straws
- ☐ Plastic wrap
- ☐ Toothpicks



Tie Blanket Community Drive

It's the season of giving. Make a difference this holiday season by joining our Encounter Tie Blanket community drive.

Donate:

Untied Fabric

drop off in
Reinschmidt's
room till
December 18th

Help:

Create tie blankets

- Tuesday, December 19th after school
- Wednesday, December 20th before school



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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

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)