

# News From the Middle



December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## Important Dates

12/20/2023 Help Create Tie Blankets for Donation 7:00 AM-8:04 AM (Flyer Below)  
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  
1/3/2024 Classes Resume  
1/5/2024 Add/Drop Band and Choir Forms Due in Office  
1/5/2024 Board Game Club-1<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
1/10/2024 Boys' Basketball First Practice  
1/10/2024 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

12/21/2023 7<sup>th</sup> Girls (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. North Middle School @ **North Middle School**  
 12/21/2023 7<sup>th</sup> Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. North Middle School @ **South Middle School**  
 1/4/2024 7<sup>th</sup> Girls (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. East Middle School @ **South Middle School**  
 1/4/2024 7<sup>th</sup> Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. East Middle School @ **East Middle School**  
 1/5/2024 8<sup>th</sup> Girls (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. East Middle School @ **South Middle School**  
 1/6/2024 Wrestling MS Meet **10:00 AM** vs. Mitchell Middle School @ **Mitchell**

## Add/Drop Forms Due January 5th

Add/drop forms for Choir and Band are due in the office on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Tutor Tracks - Free Tutoring (Flyers Below)

Tutor Tracks is a FREE seven-week, guided tutoring program designed to firm up SD elementary and middle school students' foundations in Reading, Grammar, or Math. Program tutors are Black Hills State University and Northern State University teachers-in-training.

To participate in Tutor Tracks, parents/guardians can [apply here](#). This program accommodates as many students as tutor schedules allow, so get applications in now for the best chance of being accepted.

Here's what parents are saying about this program:

- It really helped to solidify teaching done at school, along with reviewing the basics.
- Easy and convenient to complete from home.
- My son WANTS to do it.
- The tutors are very friendly and knowledgeable. They make the sessions fun for the student!
- This program has given my daughter the extra help she needed and really boosted her confidence.
- The tutors were friendly and patient in their teaching styles.
- Tutors do a great job at making my daughter feel important during their sessions.

## 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](mailto:KAMRIN.RASMUSSEN@K12.SD.US)



# 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







## OUR DAKOTA DREAMS ONLINE TUTORING PROGRAMS

**OUR DAKOTA DREAMS OFFERS FREE  
ONLINE TUTORING FOR ALL K-12  
SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENTS THROUGH  
TWO UNIQUE PROGRAMS.**

Students and Parents,

I'm excited to tell you about an addition to our Dakota Dream's Online Tutoring Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Dakota Dreams is now offering two amazing learning opportunities, Tutor Tracks and Homework Help.

### **TUTOR TRACKS (1<sup>ST</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

Tutor Tracks is a seven-week, guided tutoring program, available for students in grades 1-8, designed to firm up your student's foundations in Reading, Grammar or Math. These sessions are scheduled for 30 minutes, twice a week, with tutor-led lesson plans.

### **HOMEWORK HELP (K-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

Dakota Dreams offers online tutoring for homework help on an as-needed basis for K-12 students. Sessions can be scheduled ahead of time or accessed on-demand during program hours as students need help or have questions on schoolwork.

These two programs are staffed with university students pursuing education degrees at Black Hills State University and Northern State University.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT

**[OURDAKOTADREAMS.COM/ONLINE-TUTORING](https://ourdakotadreams.com/online-tutoring)**

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**[www.OurDakotaDreams.com](https://www.OurDakotaDreams.com)**



## FREE ONLINE TUTORING PROGRAMS

Our Dakota Dreams offers free online tutoring for all K-12 South Dakota students through two unique programs. Developed to support individual student learning needs, one-on-one tutors help with homework, specific subjects and broader educational concepts.

### TUTOR TRACKS: SUBJECT-SPECIFIC TUTORING

Tutor Tracks is a seven-week, guided tutoring program designed to help firm up your student's foundations in Reading, Grammar or Math.

- Available for students in grades 1-8
- Three Tutor Tracks available:
  - **Reading track:** morphology and spelling (grades 1-8)
  - **Grammar track:** parts of speech and writing (grades 3-8)
  - **Math track:** focus on fractions (grades 3-8)
- Tutor-led instruction — all students have to do is show up
- Recurring 30-minute sessions, twice per week, over a seven-week period

### ON-DEMAND HOMEWORK HELP

Your student can also access free homework help anytime with on-demand sessions. Schedule an appointment in advance or get help with no appointment necessary during program hours.

- Available for students in grades K-12
- Four tutoring subjects: Math, English, Science or Social Studies
- Students bring homework or questions for tutor assistance
- Scheduled or on-demand sessions
- Tutors available during program hours

Parents or guardians can register students using our simple and secure online platform.

LEARN MORE AT  
**OURDAKOTADREAMS.COM/ONLINE-TUTORING**

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This opportunity is being administered by the South Dakota Board of Regents with federal dollars available to the South Dakota Department of Education through the American Rescue Plan.



JANUARY 5TH

1ST MEETING!!!!



# BOARDGAME CLUB!

SPEAK WITH MRS. WISE IF  
YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

D&D  
CAMPPAIN

3:00 PM-4:00 PM.

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN  
BOARDGAME/CARDGAME!





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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.

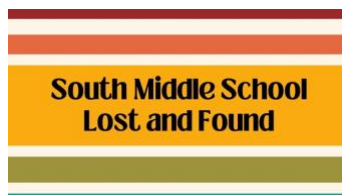
## Attendance

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](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.

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



# 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)