

# News From the Middle



January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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## Important Dates

1/13/2024 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter/1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
1/16/2024 Encore/Wellness Rotation  
1/20/2024 HHS Drama Club Camp (Information Below)  
1/22-2/2/2024 Zero Hour (7:30-8:24 AM) and (3:04-4:00 PM)  
1/26/2024 Show Choir at Roosevelt HS  
**2/2/2024 Unclaimed Lost and Found Donated Today**  
2/14/2024 NAEP Testing (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)  
2/16/2024 No School  
2/19/2024 No School  
2/28/2024 2 Hour Early Release (1:04)  
3/13/2024 End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
3/14/2024 No School  
3/15/2024 No School  
3/29/2024 No School  
4/1/2024 No School  
5/22/2024 Last day of School

## Tiger Athletics

**1/22/2024** Wrestling MS Meet **4:00 PM** vs. Brandon Valley @ **Brandon Valley High School**  
**1/25/2024** 8th Boys (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Tea Intermediate Middle School @ **South Middle School**  
**1/25/2024** 8th Boys (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Tea Intermediate Middle School @ **Tea Area Intermediate School**  
**1/27/2024** 7th Boys (A-B) Basketball Jamboree **10:00 AM** vs. Multiple Schools @ **Harrisburg High School**  
**1/29/2024** Wrestling MS Meet **4:00 PM** vs. Watertown @ **Watertown High School**  
**1/29/2024** 7th Boys (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Tea Area Intermediate School @ **Tea Area Intermediate School**  
**1/29/2024** 7th Boys (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Tea Area Intermediate School @ **South Middle School**  
**1/30/2024** 8th Boys (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **Patrick Henry Middle School (Main Gymnasium- B105)**  
**1/25/2024** 8th Boys (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **South Middle School**

## Lost and Found Items-DONATED FEBRUARY 2nd

Please click [here](#) to view the lost and found items at South Middle School. This link is updated daily!  
 We have a large number of items that will be donated on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** if they have not been claimed.  
 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**

## Quarter 2-Grades

Your learner's second 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 605-743-2567 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.

## 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.

## Yearbook Photo Submissions

Hit me with  
your best



**SHOT!**



**SMS Year book**

**Photo**

**Submissions**

Have an incredible photo  
of your student and their  
friends from a school  
event this year?






Submit your picture(s) using  
the QR Code or [link](#)  
and it may just make it  
into the year book!

If you do not have a Google Drive account please email  
pictures and direct questions to [Jennifer.Esser@k12.sd.us](mailto:Jennifer.Esser@k12.sd.us).



# *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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## 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)







## 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://www.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.



## 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 01-15-2024

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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		<del>No School</del> - *Make up Snow Day
May 12		Graduation
May 22		Last day of School
May 23		Teacher Work Day (.5)