

News From the Middle



January 30th, 2024

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Important Dates

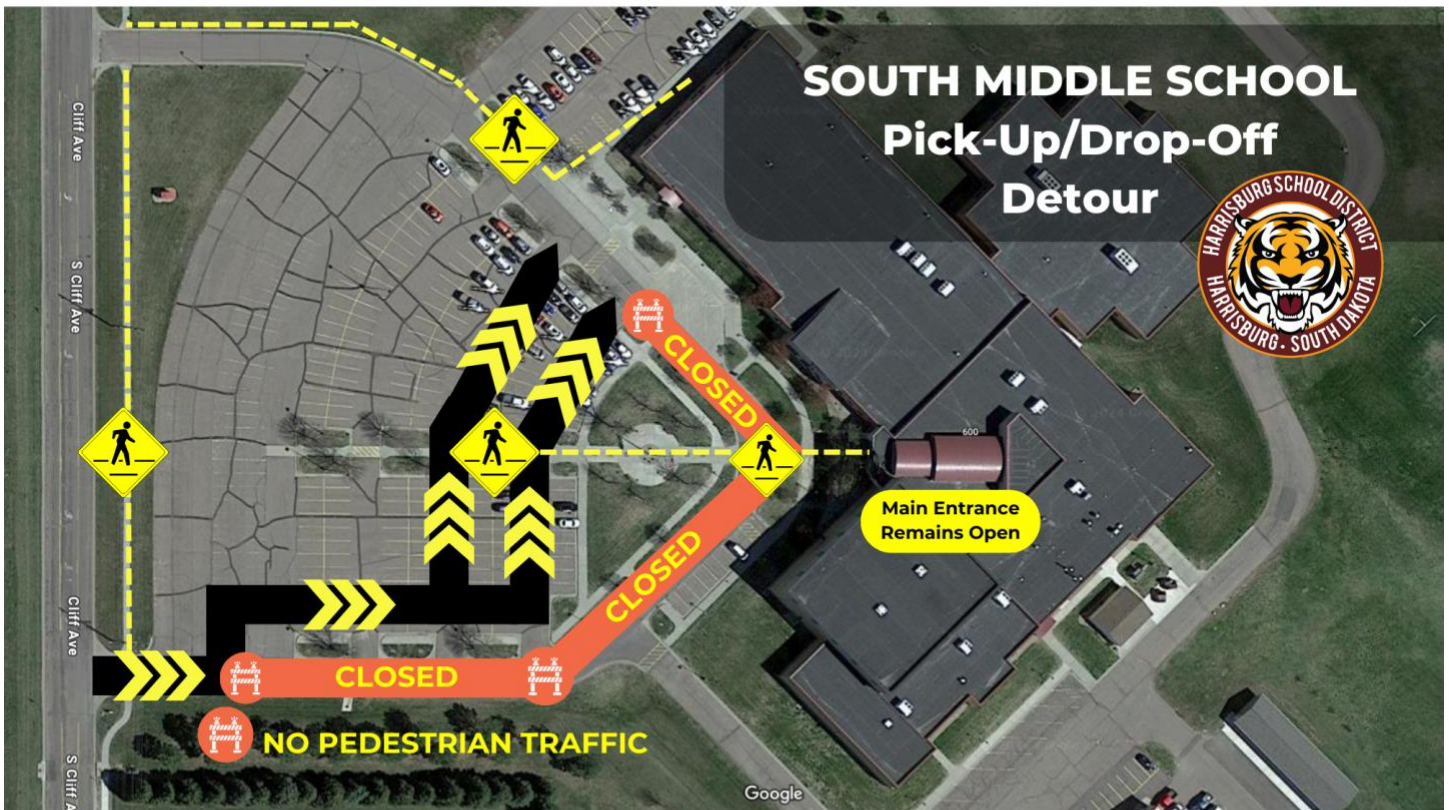
1/22-2/2/2024 Zero Hour (7:30-8:24 AM) and (3:04-4:00 PM)
2/2/2024 Highschool JV and Varsity Girls Soccer Meeting for 2024-2025 (6th-8th Grade) in Commons During Advisory
2/2/2024 Unclaimed Lost and Found Donated Today
2/5-2/9 Hope Week Dress Up Days (Flyer Below)
2/14/2024 NAEP Testing (8th Grade Only/Select Students)
2/16/2024 No School
2/19/2024 No School
2/28/2024 2 Hour Early Release (1:04 PM)
3/5/2024 NWEA Testing
3/7/2024 NWEA Testing
3/13/2024 End of the 3rd Quarter
3/13/2024 Junior Achievement (6th and 7th)
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

Construction Pick-up/Drop-Off Detour

SMS Parents & Staff:

Starting tomorrow, as we prepare for the new addition to South Middle School, please note changes in pick-up and drop-off traffic, which will be rerouted through the parking lot with cones and signage for guidance. Please watch for pedestrians as you proceed through the parking lot. The sidewalk on the south side of the campus will also be closed. Students are encouraged to follow the sidewalk to the north side of campus and enter through the north entrance.

Please speak with your student about the construction and remind them that for their safety the fences, cones and construction materials are off limits and should not be touched or moved by students. If students are found to be in the construction area or touching the materials/equipment consequences will be given.



Tiger Athletics

1/30/2024 8th Boys (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **Patrick Henry Middle School (Main Gymnasium- B105)**

1/30/2024 8th Boys (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **South Middle School**

2/1/2024 7th Boys (A-B) **4:15 PM** vs. Patrick Henry Middle School @ **Patrick Henry Middle School (Main Gymnasium- B105)**

2/3/2024 8th Boys (A-B) Basketball Jamboree **10:00 AM** vs. Multiple Schools @ **Brandon Valley**

2/5/2024 Wrestling MS Meet **4:30 PM** vs. Yankton @ **Yankton High School**

2/5/2024 8th Boys (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Yankton @ **South Middle School**

2/1/2024 7th Boys (A-B) **4:15 PM** vs. Yankton @ **Freedom Elementary**

2/3/2024 8th Boys (A-B) Basketball Jamboree **10:00 AM** vs. Multiple Schools @ **Brandon Valley**

2/6/2024 8th Boys (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Whittier Middle School @ **Whittier Middle School (Main Gymnasium- 133)**

2/6/2024 8th Boys (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. Whittier Middle School @ **Harrisburg South Middle School**

2/8/2024 7th Boys (A-B) **4:15 PM** vs. Whittier Middle School @ **Whittier Middle School (Main Gymnasium- 133)**

2/8/2024 7th Boys (C-D) **4:15 PM** vs. Whittier 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 2nd** 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.



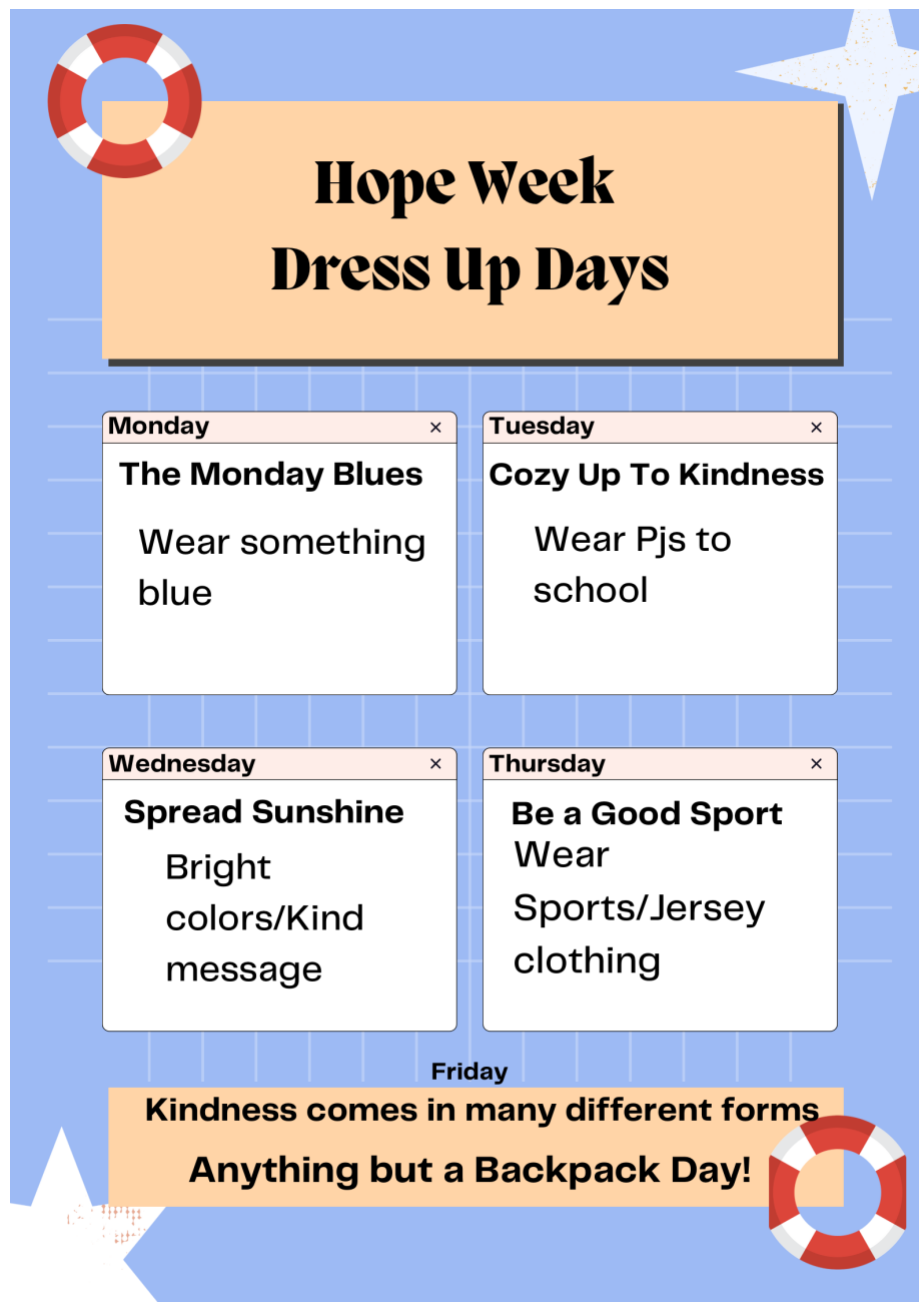
**South Middle School
Lost and Found**

Hope Week: Dress up Days February 5th-9th

Hope Squad's goal is to prevent suicide through awareness and education, reduce stigma, and serve as a resource to others touched by suicide. Hope Week's goal is to spread awareness and provide hope and connection for all learners at HSMS.

The list of restrictions for Fridays "Anything but a Backpack Day":

1. Can't ride in it or on it
2. Can't be motorized.
3. Can't be living
4. Must be able to fit in the space next to their desk.
5. Must be school-appropriate and follow school dress code



The graphic is a blue-themed poster for Hope Week. At the top left is a red and white life preserver. In the top right corner is a large white star with a yellow center. The main title, "Hope Week Dress Up Days", is centered in a large orange rectangle. Below the title are five white boxes, each representing a day of the week. Each box has a title and a theme. The Friday box is a larger orange rectangle at the bottom, also featuring a life preserver on its right side.

Monday	Tuesday
The Monday Blues Wear something blue	Cozy Up To Kindness Wear Pjs to school
Wednesday	Thursday
Spread Sunshine Bright colors/Kind message	Be a Good Sport Wear Sports/Jersey clothing
Friday	
Kindness comes in many different forms Anything but a Backpack Day!	

Girls Soccer Meeting

If you are interested in trying out for the 2024-2025 Highschool JV and Varsity Girls Soccer team an informational meeting with Ms. Fischer will be held in the commons on Friday, February 2nd during advisory. If you have questions, you can reach out to Ms. Fischer at Hailee.Fischer@k12.sd.us.



Fall Clubs

Please click [here](#) to sign up for our Spring clubs! Clubs will start the week of January 29th! Students have been given this link and the ability to sign up for their clubs on 1/17/2024

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.

YEAH,
WE
TALK TO
WALLS

AND YOU CAN, TOO.



SOUTH MIDDLE
SCHOOL ORAL INTERP
SEASON STARTS
SOON! SCAN TO
LEARN MORE.

Embrace Neurodiversity T-Shirts for Sale!

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Pastel Design



[https://ancellsattic.com/
products/embrace-
neurodiversity-t-shirt](https://ancellsattic.com/products/embrace-neurodiversity-t-shirt)



Vibrant Design

Harrisburg Middle Schools will be hosting a **NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION** throughout the month of April. We will be celebrating with dress up days, advisory activities, an inclusivity wall, a daily fun fact about a neurodiversity area, and so much more!

We have "Embrace Neurodiversity" t-shirts for sale if you're interested in purchasing one. Staff plan on wearing theirs throughout our celebration, and we'd love to see students showing their support as well.

Shirts cost \$20 each. All orders will be placed through Ancell's Attic using the link or QR code above.

At checkout, you will be given the option to have the shirt shipped to you or to pick up in the office.

All orders will be due by February 15th.

Please contact Katie Osmanski at katie.osmanski@k12.sd.us if you have any questions.



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 (1ST-8TH 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-12TH 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



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