

News From the Middle



February 13th, 2024

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Important Dates

2/14/2024 NAEP Testing (8th Grade Only/Select Students)
2/15/2024 Advanced Class Google Form Due (Information Below)
2/16/2024 No School
2/19/2024 No School
2/19/2024 Athletic Meeting at HHS PAC 6:30 PM (Information Below)
2/20/2024 Informational Night 2026 Ireland/Scotland Trip 6:30 PM at HHS Little Theater (Flyer Below)
2/23/2024 Show Choir Competition at Washington High School (SMS Performs at 7:20)
2/28/2024 2 Hour Early Release (1:04 PM)
3/4/2024 Augustana Jazz Festival-Jazz Band Only
3/5/2024 Band Booster Showcase @ Washington Pavilion
3/5/2024 NWEA Testing
3/7/2024 NWEA Testing
3/12/2024 Harrisburg Middle School Jazz Night @ NMS Commons
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
3/19/2024 Harrisburg Choralation at North Middle School 4 PM (7th and 8th Choir Students)
3/29/2024 No School
4/1/2024 No School
4/23/2024 Yearbook Order Deadline
5/22/2024 Last day of School

Tiger Athletics

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**

2/12/2024 8th Boys (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. George McGovern Middle School @ **South Middle School**

2/12/2024 8th Boys (A-B) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. George McGovern Middle School @ **George McGovern Middle School (Gym Main C109)**

2/20/2024 8th Boys (A-B) Basketball **4:00 PM** vs. Brookings Mickelson Middle School @ **Brookings Mickelson Middle School**

2/20/2024 7th Boys (A-B) **4:00 PM** vs. Brookings Mickelson Middle School @ **Brookings Mickelson Middle School**

2/22/2024 8th Boys (C-D) Basketball **4:15 PM** vs. O’Gorman Junior High School @ **South Middle School**

2/22/2024 8th Boys (A-B) Basketball **4:00 PM** vs. O’Gorman Junior High School @ **O’Gorman Junior High School**

2/23/2024 7th Boys (A-B) **4:00 PM** vs. George McGovern Middle School @ **South Middle School**

2/23/2024 7th Boys (C-D) **4:15 PM** vs. George McGovern Middle School @ **George McGovern Middle School (Gym Main C109)**

Upcoming Athletic Meeting

On Monday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Harrisburg High School in the PAC, if you learner is interested in any of the following activities, plan on attending with your learner and parent.

1. Girls’ Golf
2. Boys’ Tennis
3. Girls’ Softball

With any questions, you can reach out to your respective athletic site coordinator/assistant principal, and they will get you in contact.

Advanced Course Content and Criteria

Advanced Classes are available in all three middle schools for learners who meet criteria for participation. See attached document for details. Parents can refer learners who they feel need an additional academic challenge by completing this [google form](#) by February 15th.

[Harrisburg Middle School- Advanced Course Expectations & Criteria for 2023-24](#)

Email additional questions to laurie.wenger@k12.sd.us

Band/Jazz Band Information

South Middle School Band – Upcoming Dates

3/4 – Augustana Jazz Festival – Jazz Band only – Parent volunteers needed

3/5 – Band Booster Showcase @ Washington Pavilion

- SMS 6th @ 6:30PM – Three parent volunteers needed
- SMS 7th @ 7:30PM (Combined with NMS/EMS) – One parent volunteer needed
- SMS 8th @ 8:00PM (Combined with NMS/EMS) – One parent volunteer needed

3/12 – Harrisburg Middle School Jazz Night @ NMS Commons

Parent volunteers will get a comped ticket for the event. Please contact Mr. Nelson (Robert.Nelson@k12.sd.us) or Mrs. Reuer (Kerri.Reuer@k12.sd.us)

Choir/Show Choir Information

2/23- Show Choir will arrive by 8:15 at the latest to advisory (practice before school at HHS)

2/23- Show Choir Competition at Washington High School SMS Performs at 7:20 PM

3/19- Harrisburg Choralation at NMS – all 7th and 8th grade choir students are participating – all day, concert at 4pm

HHS Spring Softball

If you are planning to play or thinking about playing softball for Harrisburg High School this Spring, please click [HERE](#) or scan this QR Code BY Friday, February 23, 2024.



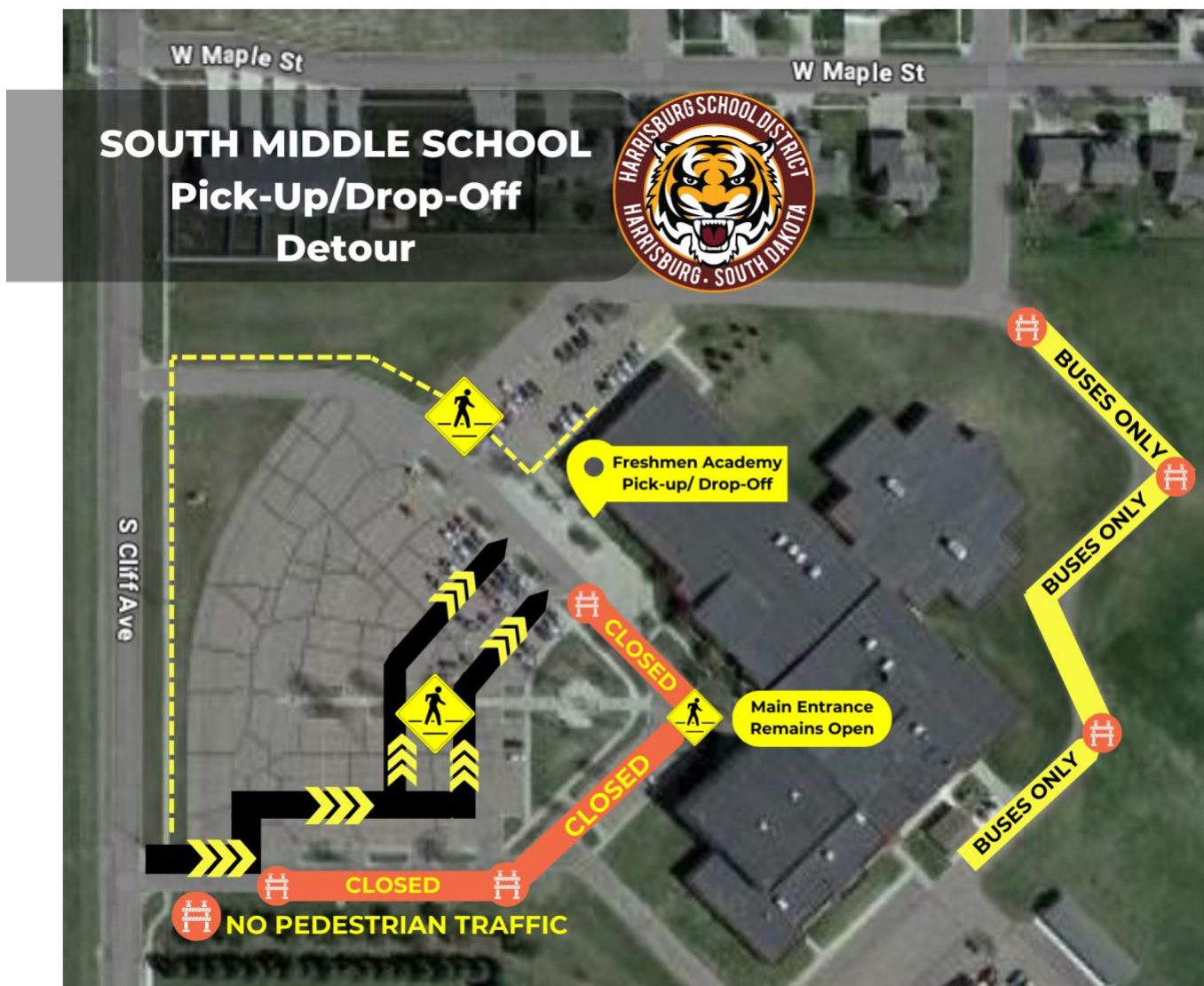
Construction Pick-up/Drop-Off Detour (Updated)

SMS Parents & Staff:

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 **REFRAIN** from using the service road behind the school during pick-up and drop-offs. **This is for BUSES ONLY.** If you enter through Maple/Jeanie Ln., turn to the WEST toward the main parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation. Note the new location for pickup and drop off of students for the Freshman Academy. View the updated map here: <https://bit.ly/3ukTpiT>

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.



Yearbook Orders!



2023-24

YEARBOOK

Order Now!

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Deadline to order:
4/23/24

\$16.50



<https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com>

Direct questions to jennifere@harrisburg.k12.sd.us

Dakota Dreams Summer Camp



SUMMER CAMPS

To those with students who will be 7th and 8th graders next school year,

Middle school is an amazing time for students to learn about themselves and start thinking about their future. That's why Our Dakota Dreams, a partnership between the South Dakota Department of Education and the South Dakota Board of Regents, is sponsoring free Career Exploration Camps for students who will be entering 7th and 8th grade in the 2024–2025 school year.

With nine camps being held at universities across the state, these multi-day sessions help students explore at least ten different career paths through hands-on activities led by college faculty members and with the guidance of counselors. Potential careers including everything from health care and engineering to marketing, finance and aviation.

Each free summer Career Exploration Camp includes:

- Five full days on a college campus
- Free on-campus housing for four nights
- Field trips and business tours
- Experiential activities, lessons and classroom discussion
- Evening social activities to meet new friends
- Transportation
- All snacks, meals and drinks

By the end of camp, students will have a better idea of their interests, potential career paths and how their education can help get them there. Space is limited for these free camps, so visit <https://ourdakotadreams.com/elementary-middle-school/career-exploration-summer-camps/> today to see dates, view campus locations, and apply to attend by March 31.



We're going to...

Ireland and Scotland

Summer 2026



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am so excited to invite your student on this upcoming educational travel opportunity! Learn more about this exciting tour at an information session where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)

Please register for the meeting by Monday, February 19

I look forward to seeing you there!
Randi Murphy

P.S. Can't make the meeting but want more information?
Register using the QR code or link below and select "No but send info."

This trip is privately sponsored and funded.
The Harrisburg School District neither
endorses nor sponsors this trip. Privately
sponsored trips are not the responsibility of
any HSD school or by the Harrisburg School
District.

Register below & join us for more details!

Meeting date & time:
Tuesday, February 20
@ 6:30 PM

Location:
The Little Theater

Contact information:
Randi.Murphy@k12.sd.us

Register with this QR code
to attend the meeting!



<https://bit.ly/3ufW8TD>

Embrace Neurodiversity T-Shirts for Sale!

EMBRACE NEURODIVERSITY T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!



Pastel Design



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<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.

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.

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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 - *Make up Snow Day
May 12		Graduation
May 22		Last day of School
May 23		Teacher Work Day (.5)