



Our Why: We believe every learner can change the world; therefore, we will provide a world class education.

Our Values: Northern Cass will commit to purposefully build trust, develop authentic relationships, and engage in innovative practices which will empower learners to be choice ready.

Our Collective Commitment: We are dedicated and passionate about teaching and learning, self-reflection, acknowledging greatness, and service to the Northern Cass community. We are driven towards continuous improvement.

Families,

Update 9/15/23

Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

1. **Flu Clinic 2023:** Click [here](#) for the direct link to sign up for flu shots on October 17, 2023 from 4-7pm. You may also go to www.NDVAX.org and search “Northern Cass” in the location field only. Flu shots will be available for ages 3 years old and up. There will be a limited supply of the nasal vaccine available, please call the pharmacy directly if interested. Most insurances are accepted. If you have Cigna insurance, please call your insurance company first to be certain it is covered. Medicaid ONLY accepted for those 18 and over. Uninsured cash price for the flu shot is \$40, senior (age 65+) flu shot is \$80 and nasal vaccine is \$45. Please call Arthur Drug at 701-967-8900 with any questions.
2. **Health and Wellness Center:** Click [here](#) for an update on the Northern Cass Community Health & Wellness Center project. You can also find past information and stay up-to-date by visiting [Northern Cass Community Health and Wellness Center Task Force | Hunter ND | Facebook](#).
3. **ALEKS in Levels 6-12:** If your 6-12 learner is in a math class, they will be working on math skills through our online math program, ALEKS. Learners are required to reach 85% mastery in their ALEKS course. Below you will find the monthly percentage goals for each learner (i.e.--exceptions are dual credit and Consumer Math): [ALEKS Percentage](#).
4. **Family Event:** Looking for a fun family experience? Join the NDSU Department of Animal Sciences on Saturday, September 23 for a free, family-friendly event for all ages! See farm animals up close, learn about animal science, talk to experts in animal-related careers and much MORE! See [flyer](#) for more details.
5. **Think Pink:** The 13th Annual Northern Cass Pink Volleyball Game v Maple River is scheduled for October 10th at Northern Cass. T-shirts are now available for order, \$20 (for youth through adult XL) and \$25 (for 2XL and 3XL). Orders forms can be found [here](#) and are due in the office (with payment) no later than Friday, September 22, 2023.
6. **Elementary Girls' Basketball:** will begin on 9/26 after school. Practices will be M/T/Th/Fri from 3:30-5:15. Practice will not be held on Wednesday. All participants will need basketball shoes and a water bottle. A "Remind App" will be created once we know who is participating. The coaches are Jennifer Mitchell and Abby Husar.
7. **Parent Portal:** We have added a [Jaguar Parent Portal](#) under Parents on the school website. This page is full of resources and information for parents and caregivers. Take a look!
8. **Destination Imagination:** Destination Imagination will be starting soon for the 2023-24 season. Parents and learners (levels 2-12) are invited to attend a one hour informational meeting on Monday, September 18 at 6:30 pm in the Media Center (Library). The DI Program is a fun, hands-on system of learning that fosters learners' creativity, courage, and curiosity through open ended STEAM challenges. If you are unable to attend, but would like more information or to sign up, please contact Stacy Erickson at stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com.
9. **Attendance Matters!** Please review the links below regarding our new attendance policy so you are aware of the changes. Elementary and secondary have different policies which you can find in each handbook under the 'parents' tab on the Northern Cass website. Although we are a personalized competency-based learning (PCBL) district, attendance still matters in order for a learner to grow as a whole person. We need your help in making attendance a priority.
 - a. **Attendance Codes** ([Codes](#))
 - b. **Attendance FAQ Sheet** ([Frequently Asked Questions](#))
 - c. **Attendance Letter** ([Letter](#))
 - d. **To learn more about attendance changes, click** [here](#)

- 10. Exciting News Regarding Bank Cards:** Bell Bank has been a continued supporter of the custom card donation program. If you would like to order one of those cards, click the following link: [Bell Bank Jaguar Cards](#)
- 11. Cereal Box Dominos Donations for the Jaguar Wellness Pantry:** The Jaguar Wellness Pantry, Northern Cass Student Council and Peer Leaders are joining forces for a 2nd Cereal Box Domino Challenge. Collections will be taken through September 25. Learners are asked to collect cereal donations for the pantry. Together, they will build a cereal box domino chain for the September Greatness Celebration - and then they will knock it down! The goal is to collect 750 full-size boxes of cereal. Donations can be dropped in donation boxes by the front and east gym doors.
- 12. New Jaguar Gear:** Only a few days remain to support our Northern Cass families through the purchase of NC clothing from Magpie Studio. 20% of your purchase will go to the Northern Cass Wellness Pantry! Over \$800 has already been raised in support of this wonderful cause. This collection closes at the end of the day on Saturday. [Northern Cass Storefront](#)
- 13. Resource for Parents:** [Back to School Coaching Flyer](#)
- 14. Auditorium Seat Link:** For those of you that have been having difficulty signing up to sponsor a seat for the auditorium, we have corrected the error and the new link is accessible [HERE](#)
- 15. Northern Cass Inquiry and/or Complaint Form:** As Northern Cass continues to expand opportunities for communication, please consider utilizing the Inquiry Form (under the Quick Links tab on the website) for questions/concerns you have about the district. Please click on the [Inquiry and/or Complaint Form](#).
- 16. Maintenance Request Online Form:** Now available on our website under Quick Links, we have an online maintenance request form to help educators and learners report maintenance needs on the school property: [Maintenance Request](#)
- 17. The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open!** If your child or family is in need - contact us at pantry@northerncassschool.com.
- 18. Parent Guidance:** Welcome back to school! As a district/organization, we invite you to share our monthly mental health newsletters with families you serve. Feel free to copy and paste or edit this messaging to meet your needs. The September flyer is ready at [September Update](#) ! Check out the [ParentGuidance.org](#) resources where you can access free courses led by licensed therapists on more than 50 topics. Check out the course titled, [How to Develop Self-Compassion](#), by Dr. Paul Parkin. To access the course, login by creating or using your username and password to ParentGuidance.org.



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