

**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 9/22/23

Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

- 1. 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.
- **2.** 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.
- 3. 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 <a href="https://www.NDVAX.org">www.NDVAX.org</a> 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.
- **4. Health and Wellness Center:** Click <u>here</u> 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 <u>Northern Cass Community Health and Wellness Center Task Force | Hunter ND | Facebook.</u>
- **5. Parent-Educator Conferences:** Conferences will be held on Monday, October 16th and Tuesday, October 17th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Further information on signing up for elementary conferences will be sent soon.
- **6. Parent Portal:** We have added a <u>Jaguar Parent Portal</u> under Parents on the school website. This page is full of resources and information for parents and caregivers. Take a look!
- 7. 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
- **8. Title I Parent Notification:** Please see information related to being a Schoolwide Title I school in Levels K-8. School Parent Compact (<u>Link</u>) and Parent Involvement (<u>Link</u>).
- 9. 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.
- 10. Resource for Parents: Back to School Coaching Flyer
- 11. 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
- 12. 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.
- **13. 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: <u>Maintenance Request</u>

- **14.** The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open! If your child or family is in need contact us at pantry@northerncassschool.com.
- 15. Parent Guidance: Pave the way for your child's social success. Friendships are the cornerstone of your child's social development, and as a parent, you can empower them with the tools for success. The October Mental Health Newsletter (English) (Spanish) is a trusted resource for understanding why teaching your child how to make and maintain healthy friendships is vital. Join our community of informed parents and equip your child with the skills they need for a lifetime of enriching relationships. As always, check out the ParentGuidance.org resources where you can access free courses led by licensed therapists on more than 50 topics. To access the course, simply navigate to ParentGuidance.org and click on-demand courses.



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