

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 9/29/23

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 <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>
- **3. 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.
- **4. Destination Imagination:** There are still a few open spots for learners in levels 2-12 to join our 2023-24 Destination Imagination teams. Please contact stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com if you are interested.
- 5. Free College Application Day: All seniors will be participating in the Free College Application Day on October 4th as part of the Bank of North Dakota's College Application Month. The BND will pay for every senior to apply to one ND college. Northern Cass seniors will complete their applications in the library on October 4th from 10am-11am.
- 6. **Help Support Performance Art**: Northern Cass One Act is looking to borrow old furniture for their set this year a 1910 farmhouse. If you have any of these items to share, please contact alyssa.danielson@northerncassschool.com. In search of: 1) A small, wooden kitchen table with four chairs 2) Two wooden rocking chairs 3) Two small wooden end tables 4) One living room rug, simple or antique-looking
- 7. **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!
- **8.** 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
- **9. Title I Parent Notification:** Please see information related to being a Schoolwide Title I school in Levels K-8. School Parent Compact (Link) and Parent Involvement (Link).
- 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.

"Vision motivates my future but frustrates my present."

Having vision is a good thing. It gives us an image in our minds of what our lives can become. Having that image is exciting and can motivate us to take action. The problem is that currently we are frustrated because we are not there yet. You look around and realize that there is so much work to do in order to make the vision come true. The goal is to use that frustration as motivation to do the work--Steve Bollar

Dr. Cory Steiner, Superintendent for Northern Cass School District