



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 10/27/23

Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

1. **Bus Route Changes:** Families who ride the buses which service Grandin and Gardner will be getting an email from the school about changes in your routes. Due to a lack of regular and substitute bus drivers, we had to make changes to those routes. Please pay attention for the communication and contact the school if you have any questions.
2. **Northern Cass Preschool Informational Meeting for 2024-25:** On Thursday, November 9th at 5:30 p.m., Northern Cass will host a virtual meeting to provide information for the 2024-25 preschool program. You will learn about the program, costs, and expectations. After this meeting concludes, registration will officially open for the upcoming year.
 - a. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82678854719?pwd=NepbTGUP3d2uUoSgh6Klm4hmRaa1IW.1>
 - b. Meeting ID: 826 7885 4719
 - c. Passcode: v891dd
3. **Amazing Opportunity with Old Yearbooks:** Northern Cass has invested in a TouchWall that allows individuals to access digital media from past school years. Please [click the link](#) to see what is currently included. The next step is to upload yearbooks from the prior schools, including each of the 6 communities, Dakota and Cass Valley North. This will allow the yearbooks to be uploaded to a website for everyone to access, even if you're not able to visit the school. To accomplish this task, we're looking for individuals to sponsor yearbooks at \$50 per book. Your name will be listed on the webpage as a sponsor for the year you have selected. Please contact Stacy Erickson at stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com to see if the year(s) you'd like to sponsor are available. The completed project will look similar to [Moorhead Public Schools](#).
4. **Fill The Dome:** We are looking to make Fill the Dome bring in more food and money than previous years. The link takes people to the virtual drive website, specific for our school. This helps people who want to get involved, but don't have any items to donate. Each School has a goal of raising \$5,000. Click on this link for more information [Northern Cass Virtual Drive](#).
5. **The Village Family Service Center Partnership--Accessing Mental Health Services:** Northern Cass School partners with The Village Family Service Center to offer school-based mental health services by providing space for licensed Village therapists to offer sessions to learners. This allows learners to be away from the classroom less, and therapists are better able to collaborate with school personnel when necessary. The therapists assess the child's needs, create a treatment plan with the family during the initial intake appointment, and determine ways to address challenges or areas of growth. Depending on the child's needs, therapy can be weekly or bi-weekly and for as long as needed. If you are seeking services to be provided at school, please first reach out to our school counselors at Northern Cass – Mrs. Krinke for elementary and Ms. Davis for secondary. If it is not possible for your child to receive services from a Village counselor on-site at Northern Cass, you can also request an appointment by calling 1-800-627-8220 or by visiting www.thevillagefamily.org/locations for more information.
6. **Annual Sock Drive:** The [Cass County Sheriff's Office](#) is hosting their annual Sock Drive for [Golden Drive HomelessKids](#). From now until November 4th, you may drop off socks of all sizes to the collection bin at Northern Cass. Last year, our school was the leading sock contributor. Let's help Officer Nettetstad collect as many as possible again this year.

- 7. 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](#).
- 8. 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!
- 9. 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](#).
- 10. 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](#)
- 11. The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open!** If your child or family is in need - contact us at pantry@northerncassschool.com.
- 12. Parent Guidance:** Financial stress can significantly impact mental health, and as a parent, you play a crucial role in helping your child navigate these challenges. Understand the profound link between financial stress and mental well-being. Gain insights into strategies that can equip your child with the resilience to face financial challenges head-on. Learn how to foster a healthy financial mindset in your child, setting them on a path to a brighter future. Click the link for The [November Newsletter](#). Parents, do you find yourself looking for ways to connect with your child more? Parent Coaching is a free resource that connects you with a parenting coach and content created by therapists, to help you navigate the ups and downs of parenting. Click to register for support from a coach: <https://cookcenter.info/coaching>. Please also see the [Fall-coaching flyer](#)
- 13. October is National Bullying Prevention month.** [Bullying - Coaching Flyer](#). Bullying and cyberbullying are serious problems in the United States.

“Our answer is the world's hope; it is to rely on youth. The cruelties and the obstacles of this swiftly changing planet will not yield to obsolete dogmas and outworn slogans. It cannot be moved by those who cling to a present which is already dying, who prefer the illusion of security to the excitement and danger which comes with even the most peaceful progress. This world demands the qualities of youth: not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will, a quality of imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the life of ease.” (Robert F. Kennedy)

Dr. Cory Steiner, Superintendent for Northern Cass School District