

**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 12/15/23

Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

- 1. **Daycare:** With the closing of the daycare in Arthur, we have many families and educators looking for childcare. If you know of anyone who has openings and are willing to share contact information, please email Corv.Steiner@northerncassschool.com.
- 2. Northern Cass Preschool Informational Meeting: Thank you to all who attended our informational meeting on preschool. For those interested, please click on the link to view the PK Informational meeting. PK Meeting
- **3.** Northern Cass State of the District Recording: Please take some time to learn about the great things happening at Northern Cass: Recording (Passcode: @XR=7u46).
- **4. Greatness Cards from Parents to Educators--New:** If any parent wants to send a Greatness Card to an educator, please reach out to Markie Hoag at <a href="Markie.Hoag@northerncassschool.com">Markie.Hoag@northerncassschool.com</a> and she can mail you home a card to send.
- 5. Career Literacy: Northern Cass School is working on a project to collect information on what professionals are reading to help with their career. Our Literacy Specialist would like to demonstrate the literacy component in professional development to let our learners see how the literacy skills they are learning in middle and high school connect with adult life and careers. We encourage you to let us know what you are reading and writing and how it helps you in your chosen field by filling out the survey <a href="Expert Literacy Questions">Expert Literacy Questions</a>.
- **6. Amazing Learner Work:** Congratulations to Harris Uetz who created an exemplary project for his ELA class. The class read the book *The Crucible* and made comparisons to fear and hysteria in the book and another event in history. Please take a few minutes to watch the Learner Video.
- 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. 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 <a href="mailto:stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com">stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com</a> to see if the year(s) you'd like to sponsor are available. The completed project will look similar to <a href="mailto:Moorhead Public Schools">Moorhead Public Schools</a>.
- **9. 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>
- **10. 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 <a href="Inquiry and/or Complaint Form">Inquiry and/or Complaint Form</a>.
- 11. 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

- **12.** The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open! If your child or family is in need contact us at pantry@northerncassschool.com.
- 13. Parent Guidance: Parents, there is a superhero in all of us, sometimes we just need help to find a little courage. Let us help you find your courage and be a protector of your children. Parent Coaching is a free resource that connects you with a parenting coach and content created by therapists. Click here to register for support from a coach:

  https://cookcenter.info/coaching Please also see Superhero coaching flyer
  - Surround yourself with as many amazing people as possible. Individuals who accept you for who you are and challenge you holistically to be better. Focus on quality, not quantity (Daily Coach).

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