

**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 3/1/24

Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

- 1. Career Opportunity at Northern Cass for the 2024-25 School Year: Northern Cass is seeking a custodial position to work the 2024-25 school year and beyond. This position will be an 'evening' custodian but will not require the individual to be at all school events. The schedule will be flexible and is the perfect position for someone looking for a great work atmosphere, independence, and the ability to impact learners (<u>Custodial Position Description</u>). Please contact Dr. Cory Steiner at 701-874-2322 or email <u>Cory Steiner@northerncassschool.com</u>.
- 2. Major Announcement on Fundraising for Northern Cass Community Health and Wellness Center: Please click on Press Release to learn more about a major donation from Dakota Heritage Bank.
- 3. Musical Tickets Available: Ticket sales for the Northern Cass Production of *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* performances on March 21st-23rd are now available for purchase at *ticketor.com/northerncassmusical*.
- **4. After School Care:** Thank you to families who took the survey about potential YMCA After School Care in Harwood. The information was sent to the YMCA who are determining how much space they have based on the survey. When available, we will post YMCA sign up links in the newsletter and on social media. **Note**: This service is run by the YMCA and is not affiliated with NC school. Any information you provide is to the YMCA only. The school will work with families to provide busing from school to the program but is not involved with the service itself.
- 5. **Family Engagement Focus Group:** Northern Cass is hosting an <u>Elementary</u> Family Engagement Focus Group to listen to parents & guardians about what you believe makes for meaningful family engagement. Please join us for informal conversation during Parent Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, March 12 @ 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the Library RSVP: <a href="https://forms.gle/h9bR42juqjirZUdn9">https://forms.gle/h9bR42juqjirZUdn9</a> \*Helpful, but not necessary to RSVP. Stop in and join us!
- **6. Baseball Skills Camp:** Northern Cass Baseball will be running a skills clinic for younger players (Levels 3-6) interested in baseball! The skills will be set up in rotations and led by our current varsity players. We kindly ask to <u>RSVP by March 15th</u> so we can plan accordingly. Use this link to sign up: <u>Sign-Up</u>. Contact Sam Johnson with any questions!
- 7. **STEAM Camp:** STEAM Camp will be held this summer May 28-30 and is open to learners entering grades 1-6 fall of 2024. You can register for one, two, or all three days! Please reach out to Ashley Krinke if you have any questions (ashley.krinke@northerncassschool.com). Click here for more information and registration.
- **8. Senior Parents:** Please see the attached letter regarding the requirements and specifications for senior photos. These photos will be used not only for the yearbook, but also for the class composite, the TouchWall, and any local media requests (e.g. Fargo Forum, etc.). Our deadline is March 8 because the local media requests photos at least 2 months in advance of graduation. <u>Click here to view.</u>
- **9. Free Prom Dresses and Suits:** Sunday, March 10th, 4:00-6:00 pm at Sheyenne High School. This invitation is also being extended to surrounding schools. Please click <u>HERE</u> for more information.
- **10. Seeking Feedback from Alumni:** Northern Cass is seeking feedback from Northern Cass alumni from the past six years. Please forward this onto anyone you know who may be able to provide us valuable feedback about their experience at our school: Alumni Survey.
- 11. Listening Lounge: Northern Cass community stakeholders: do you know someone whose story deserves to be heard? Our school is embarking on an interview collection project inspired by StoryCorps. The Listening Lounge project is about having conversations. Two people, who know one another, share stories from their lives. We would love to honor those stories. Click <a href="here">here</a> to learn more!

- **12. Northern Cass Informational Videos:** This is a video library of resources to help navigate programs here at Northern Cass. Click here to view.
- 13. Yearbooks in TouchPro & On-Line: The digital yearbooks which have been sponsored are now on the Touchwall TV beside the east gym and available on-line (Yearbooks). The following yearbooks have been added: Northern Cass High School-1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007, and 2018; Grandin-1972; Cass Valley North-1978, 1985, 1990, 1991, and 1996); Dakota High School-1972, 1987, and 1992). If you are interested in adding a yearbook to the site, please contact Stacy Erickson at <a href="mailto:stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com">stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com</a> to become a sponsor!
- **14. 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:

  <a href="https://cookcenter.info/coaching">https://cookcenter.info/coaching</a>
  Please also see <a href="https://cookcenter.info/coaching">Superhero coaching flyer</a>.
- **15. Parent Coaching**: Parents, Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. Our district is providing the opportunity for you to meet regularly with a coach. Please take advantage of this FREE resource that connects you with a parenting coach and content created by therapists to improve your connection with those you love. Click here to register for on-going support from a coach: <a href="https://cookcenter.info/coaching">https://cookcenter.info/coaching</a>
  <a href="Lucky coaching flyer">Lucky coaching flyer</a>
- 16. March's Mental Health Newsletter Discover the secrets to Family Happiness! In March's Family Mental Health Newsletter (English/Spanish), we delve into the profound insights from the Harvard Happiness Study and how they can transform your family's well-being. Learn how to nurture strong bonds, manage stress, and create a positive environment where happiness thrives. From teaching your kids the power of positivity to embracing change and resilience. Keep your family smiling by fostering happiness at home! As always, check out the <a href="ParentGuidance.org">ParentGuidance.org</a> resources where you can access free courses led by licensed therapists on more than 50 topics. Check out the course titled, Everyday Happiness. To access the course, simply navigate to ParentGuidance.org and click <a href="On-Demand Courses.">On-Demand Courses</a>.
- **17. 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.
- **18. 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>
- **19. 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>.
- **20. 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>
- **21.** The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open! If your child or family is in need contact us at <a href="mailto:pantry@northerncassschool.com">pantry@northerncassschool.com</a>.

