

News From The Middle

December 8th, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Tuesday, December 8th**
 - **8th Grade Girls A & B Basketball** vs. Memorial @ NMS 4:15pm
 - **8th Grade Girls C & D Basketball** @ Memorial 4:15pm
 - **NWEA Testing** (Math & ELA classes)
- **Wednesday, December 9th**
 - **NWEA Testing** (Math & ELA classes)
- **Thursday, December 10th**
 - **Gymnastics** vs. Watertown @ Wings Gymnastics Academy 5:30pm
 - **NWEA Testing** (Math & ELA classes)
- **Friday, December 11th**
 - **Varsity Wrestling** @ Rapid City Rushmore Civic Center
 - **7th Grade Girls A & B Basketball** @ Memorial 4:15pm
 - **7th Grade Girls C & D Basketball** vs. Memorial @ NMS 4:15pm
 - **NWEA Testing** (Math & ELA classes)
- **Saturday, December 12th**
 - **Varsity Wrestling** @ Rapid City Rushmore Civic Center
- **Monday, December 14th**
 - **MS Wrestling** @ Madison High School
 - **8th Grade Girls A & B Basketball** @ Brandon Valley 4:15pm
 - **8th Grade Girls C & D Basketball** vs. Brandon Valley @ NMS 4:15pm
 - **NWEA Make Up Testing** (Math & ELA classes)
 - **Dress Up Days:** "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas" - Wear White
- **Tuesday, December 15th**
 - **Gymnastics** vs. Multiple Schools @ Wings Gymnastics Academy 4:00pm
 - **7th Grade Girls A & B Basketball** vs. Brandon Valley @ NMS 4:15pm
 - **7th Grade Girls C & D Basketball** @ Brandon Valley 4:15pm
 - **NWEA Make Up Testing** (Math & ELA classes)
 - **Dress Up Days:** "Feliz Navidad"- Wear fleece or flannel...maybe even a sombrero
- **Wednesday, December 16th**
 - **Dress Up Days:** "Candy Cane Lane" - Wear Red & White

Attendance:

When your learner is going to be absent, late for school, or has an appointment that will require them to leave school; make sure to call the school office at 605.743.2567 ext. 3008 **before 9:00AM daily** or email NMSAttendance@harrisburg.k12.sd.us

If your learner is going to be out for an extended period of time and/or you would like classwork for the day, **please let the office know about attendance** and contact your learner's advisory teacher for missing work. We must hear from a parent about a student's absence, not from the student.

Reminder: When picking up your learner, please give us a call when you are outside the building and we will walk them out. Do not come in to sign them out. Same procedures apply for dropping them off. Your learner can come into the building on their own to sign in. You still must contact the office via phone or email regarding their absence.

From the Office:

- **Lost & Found**

Lost & Found is growing more and more each day! Lots of cloth masks, water bottles, winter jackets, shoes and clothes! Please double check with your learner to see if they are missing anything and have them stop by to take a look. **All items will be donated over Christmas break.**

Parents: Please make sure you are labeling your child's items. This will help us ensure their items can be returned and saved from donation.

- **Masks**

Please make sure your learner is coming to school with a mask everyday. We have a large number of learners who come straight in the office for a mask every morning. It is school policy to have a mask on throughout the building all day. It is important for them to be coming to school with masks.

- **PAWS**

Interested in joining our parent group? Our PAWS group is looking for more volunteers to help coordinate events around the school. Help give back to our teachers and staff by volunteering your time and expertise. Contact the office (x3008) if you would like to join!

From the Principals:

- **NWEA Testing**

NWEA Testing started this week. We will be testing in Math and ELA classes through Friday, December 11th. Students will need headphones for testing. Please make sure your learner has a full night sleep and they charge their iPads at night. Testing can be long so have them bring a water bottle for during the day. Make up testing and extra time will be given during the week of December 14th-18th.

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

8th Grade Parents: Find out about upcoming events for incoming freshmen presented by HHS Freshman Counselors and Principal Ryan Rollinger.

<https://share.peachjar.com/flyers/1088607/districts/934>

Click "Learn More" at the top of the flyer to be directed to the High School page for more information regarding High School registration.

Important upcoming dates:

- **Wednesday, December 16th 7:00 pm in High School PAC**
 - Pathway Presentation (Covers Tradition Learning, Customized Learning, Advanced Placement, dual Credit, and Early College opportunities)
- **Friday, January 8th**
 - CL/TL Program requests due to Middle School Counselors
- **Tuesday, January 25th**
 - Pre-Registration with High School Counselors
- **Friday, February 5th**
 - High School class registration

From the Counselors:

- **Penny Wars**

Dear HNMS Families:

We are doing our annual "Holiday Change War" this week!

All money raised will go towards the purchase of gift cards for Harrisburg Families in need.

This year the three grades will be competing against one another. (6th, 7th, and 8th) The winning grade will be determined and will receive a couple of awesome prizes for their efforts.

Starting December 7th: Big buckets will be available for students to add change to. All change will add towards the total for that grade.

Smaller buckets will be used for the cash. Cash can be placed in the smaller buckets to deduct from any other grades total.

Checks can be written out to HNMS and used for positive or negatives towards the total. Please make sure to write positive or negative in the memo along with the grade.

Thanks and If you have additional questions, please email Mrs. Groeneweg at Krista.Groeneweg@k12.sd.us

Thanks Mrs. Groeneweg

- **The Giving Tree**

The holiday season is quickly approaching and we still need some help. This year we are doing a Signup genius for our giving tree. We are asking for gift cards in increments of \$25.00. All gift cards can be dropped off at any of the North school front offices.

If you have questions, please contact Krista.Groeneweg@k12.sd.us
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49a4ab22a7ff2-harrisburg>

From the Teachers:

- **NWEA Testing**

NWEA testing time is upon us and student's will need headphones for these tests. Make sure your student is bringing headphones to school everyday.

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