

# News From The Middle

March 23rd, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Tuesday, March 23rd
  - Cheer Try-Out Practices 5-6:30 pm @ HHS Gym
- Wednesday, March 24th
  - Cheer Try-Out Practices 5-6:30 pm @ HHS Gym
- Thursday, March 25th
  - Cheer Try-Out Practices 5-6:30 pm @ HHS Gym
  - Crocs & Socks Day - wear your crocs (or sandals) with socks!
- Friday, March 26th
  - Cheer Try-Outs starting at 3:30 pm @ HHS Gym
- Monday, March 29th
  - Track & Field starts today! Practice 3-5pm @ NMS
- Thursday, April 1st
  - Last day to order a yearbook!

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## **From the Principals:**

Harrisburg North Middle School Families,

Your learner's Quarter Three Report Card is now available to view on Parent Portal by clicking on the "Grades" tab within your learner's account. Please take a moment with your learner to review his/her grades. Each course assesses learner progress on the standards of learning for that course. Please celebrate your learner's progress in each academic area and work with him/her to set goals or create action plans that will help them continue to grow academically.

If you would prefer a paper copy of your learner's grades, please contact one of our HNMS Administrative Assistant (Ms. Samantha Liebel or Mrs. Bonnie Severson by calling 605.743.2567 ext. 3008.) If you have not yet set up a Parent Portal account, I encourage you to do so by contacting Jean Hudson 605.743.2567 ext. 3010)

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in your learner's growth and development.

Thanks,

Mrs. Olinger

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## **From the Office:**

### **Fast Food**

- **Reminder: No fast food allowed for students this year due to COVID. Please do not have it delivered or pack it in a lunch box and bring it in.** We are doing everything we can to help stop the spread in our building and we need your help to uphold our policies. Along with no fast food, no homemade treats can be brought in to share with the class. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Blood Drive**

- On April 5th Harrisburg North, along with Horizon Elementary, is hosting a blood drive. It will be located at the Spirit of Peace church located at 6509 S Cliff Ave. Please use the link below to sign up for a time to give blood.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=HarrisburgTigers>

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## **From the Counselors:**

Hello Families of HNMS,

Below is information about our upcoming State testing for ELA/Math and Science.

Who will test:

All learner's 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade

When will State testing take place at HNMS?

ELA: April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>: 8:15-10:30

ELA: April 9<sup>th</sup>- continued if necessary

MATH: April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>: 8:15-10:30

MATH: April 15<sup>th</sup> – continued if necessary

8<sup>th</sup> grade Learners will also be taking the State Science test during their normal science class time.

SCIENCE: Week of April 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

Helpful Hints to prepare for state testing

- Get plenty of sleep the night prior to the test
- Do a Relaxation activity the morning of the test
- Let your learner know to do their best and take their time
- Make sure your learner has a healthy breakfast
- Allow your learner to bring a healthy snack to eat during the test
- Allow your learner to bring gum or mints
- Each learner will need headsets that have a cord to attach to their iPad (No wireless headsets, apple watches, Fitbits or anything else that connects to the internet will be allowed in the testing site)
- Have your learner bring a Free Read book for when they are done with the test
- Make sure your learners iPad is charged at 100% and ready to go
- Make sure your learner is on time for school
- Please let Mrs. Groeneweg know if your learner will be absent during our testing dates ([Krista.Groeneweg@k12.sd.us](mailto:Krista.Groeneweg@k12.sd.us))

Makeups will be done with Mrs. Groeneweg through May 7<sup>th</sup>

Thank-you and Please email Mrs. Groeneweg with additional questions or concerns.

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## **From the Coaches:**

# Track & Field

Attention North Middle School Track Athletes

Please use the following link to sign up for track ASAP. Track practice will begin on Monday March 29th from 3:10-5. Please make sure you come dressed to practice outside and have an updated physical on file with the High School Office. Physical forms can be found [here](#). Make sure to complete and turn in both Step 1 & Step 2 to the High School Office. We look forward to working with your student athlete. If you have any questions please contact your grade level coach directly

Jodi Altenburg [jodi.altenburg@k12.sd.us](mailto:jodi.altenburg@k12.sd.us) 8th Grade Girls

Zach Wysong [zach.wysong@k12.sd.us](mailto:zach.wysong@k12.sd.us) 8th Grade Boys

JJ Crambit [jj.cramblit@k12.sd.us](mailto:jj.cramblit@k12.sd.us) 7th Grade Girls

Sam Kiger [sam.kiger@k12.sd.us](mailto:sam.kiger@k12.sd.us) 7th Grade Boys

Russel Kilgore [russel.kilgore@k12.sd.us](mailto:russel.kilgore@k12.sd.us) 7/8

Sign Up Form <http://bit.ly/HNMSTrack21>

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## **From the Teachers:**

- **NMS Variety Show**

- Due to COVID this year, we opted to do a virtually variety show. We have some great talent and the show choir also performed. Please check it out. <https://youtu.be/in3c093ZtGg>

- **WANTED:**

- **Empty kleenex boxes...**any size will work! Bring to **Ms. Bruinsma's** room D118



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**From Yearbook Committee:**

It's that time of year again! If you would like to order your learner a yearbook, please visit [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) and use Yearbook ID Code: 11934821. Deadline has been extended through April 1st.

If you have any questions please let me know, my email address is [tammy.adney@k12.sd.us](mailto:tammy.adney@k12.sd.us). Thanks!

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**From Oral Interp:**

It's that time again! Oral Interp is starting up in the North Middle School. Those who are interested, please grab a form from the office and return it to Mrs. Groen.

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:66499a72-4859-4e68-8710-bb0572722e02>

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**From FCA:**



**Please join us for donuts and a place to belong at HNMS!**

**Everyone is welcome -- you do not have to be an athlete to join us!**

**Come find out what we're about!**

**When: Friday AM's at 7:30**

**Where: E106 Mrs. Steinmetzes Classroom**

**Who: 6-8 Graders**

**What to bring: You!**

**Questions? Email Mrs. Budig or Mrs. Steinmetz! Hope to see you!!!**

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**From the Drama Club:**

**Spring Auditions are coming up!**

HARRISBURG DRAMA CLUB  
SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

# AUDITIONS: MATILDA

SPA GRADES 6-12



LEAD ROLES: Virtual Auditions due by  
April 18  
ALL ROLES: Forms/Fees due by May 29

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