



News From The Middle

August 18, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Thursday, August 19th
 - First Day of School
 - Varsity Boys Golf vs. Brandon Valley @ 1:00 pm
 - Varsity Girls Tennis vs. Mitchell @ 4:00 pm

- Friday, August 20th
 - Varsity Girls Tennis vs. Pierre @ 1:00 pm
 - **Back to School Event 5:00-7:00 pm**

- Sunday, August 22nd
 - Athletic Meeting @ NMS PAC 6:30 pm (those interested in Cross Country, Football, and Volleyball)

- Monday, August 23rd
 - Practice Starts: Cross Country, Football, and Volleyball

From the Principal:

Last day to add/drop, band or choir is September 2nd. Please contact the office via phone (x3008) or email nmsattendance@harrisburg.k12.sd.us to have the class added or dropped from your learner's schedule.

From the Office:

Don't forget to send your learner to school with a water bottle. Make sure to have their name on it so it doesn't end up in our lost & found with no way home.

From the Tech Office:

Parents:

Download the Canvas App: Please download the Canvas Parent app before coming to orientation conferences. Simply download the app on your personal device--and that is all you need to do!!

You will get your **student pairing code at your learner's conference**, and you can set up your account from there!

From PAWS:

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY for NMS (6,7, & 8th)

This Friday, August 20, 5-7 pm on the NMS Football field!
Come dunk Mr Fesler in the dunk tank or try your best on one of the inflatables or games!

Entrance is \$5, and concessions will be sold (pizza, nachos, popcorn, candy, drinks).

From the Counselors:

- Parent Connection Form- **complete this form to provide the HNMS counseling team with helpful information about your learner.**
 - <https://forms.gle/MsnNR6wVT5Qm4GDh9>

Parent Connection 2021/2022

Use this form to help the school counseling team best support your learner.

forms.gle

- We hope to see everyone at our Back-to-School Event on **Friday August 20th, from 5-7 p.m.** This is for 6th-8th grade. Cost will be \$5.00 at the gate and there will be an additional charge for the concessions. There will be inflatables, yard games, dodgeball, dunk tank, and concessions. This event will be out back on the football field. (If there is bad weather, we will move the event inside)

- Best Buddies at HNMS is a friendship club designed to create more inclusion and interaction between students with developmental and intellectual disabilities and those without disabilities. We get together once a month and your child may be matched in a one-to-one friendship. We'd love to have your student be involved and the best part is no special talent required... just a willingness to be part of something and to include others!
 - Click on the link to print an application: (If you were a member last year, you will need to register again for this school year.) Contact Mrs. Weideman with questions: allison.weideman@k12.sd.us
 - <https://www.bestbuddies.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/BBI-MS-Membership-Application-2020-21..pdf>

From the Teachers:

Current 7th and 8th grade students and parents:

Washington, D.C. and New York City Trip: June 26 - 30, 2022

There will be a flyer in your child's advisory classroom during orientation on August 17 about the Informational Meeting for the trip as well as a table set up in the vortex. Anyone is welcome to attend including participants who have already registered. Email Ms. Huffman with questions: tamra.huffman@k12.sd.us

From the Teachers:

Calling all parents who are tired of their kids' Pokémon cards just laying around the house! Mrs. Martin is on the lookout for any and all collections (of all sizes, anything helps) that are no longer being played with at home. Please let her know if you have any to donate, Kathleen.Martin@k12.sd.us, drop off at the school, or send to school with your child next week!

From the Athletic Department:

For Parents and Athletes entering Grades 7-12 as well as those entering Grade 6 who plan to participate in Cross Country or Wrestling:

The ***South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA)*** and the ***Harrisburg School District*** require certification as to the adequacy of a student's health for athletic participation.

- This certification shall be restricted to a duly licensed Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy, Doctor of Chiropractic, licensed physician's assistant, or licensed nurse practitioner.
- All exams must be signed by authorized medical personnel as listed above.
- Stamping the name of a medical clinic or a medical association as a substitute for the Doctor's signature is unacceptable.
- **Physicals taken in the spring for the ensuing school term shall be taken after April 1.**
 - For example, a physical taken on or after April 1, 2021, is valid for the 2020-22 school year.
 - A physical taken on March 1, 2021, expires on July 1, 2021, and is **NOT** valid for the 2021-22 school year.

To meet the requirements of the SDHSAA and the District, please follow the steps below. **Once all steps are complete you are cleared to participate. Again, this process MUST be completed, and forms MUST be submitted to the HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OFFICE prior to the first day of your sport's season.**

SEASON START DATES AND MEETING DATES

Please complete these steps prior to the first day of practice to be cleared to participate in your activity!

Step 1: Athletes fill out the [Pre-participation Physical Evaluation HISTORY FORM](#). Take the **HISTORY FORM** and the **SDHSAA PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM** to an authorized medical provider (listed above) for a physical exam.

Step 2: Athletes and Parents fill out the [Parental and Student Medical Consent and Concussion Awareness Forms](#) required by the SDHSAA and the District.

Step 3: Once you have you have completed **Steps 1 & 2**, you may submit the forms in one of two ways:

- Turn in ALL forms to the Harrisburg High School Office. **(DO NOT turn forms into any Middle School or Elementary School Office!)**
- E-mail an electronic copy of ALL forms to Cassidy Ayotte (cassidy.ayotte@k12.sd.us).

INCOMPLETE MATERIAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ENTIRE PACKET IS COMPLETE.

From FCA:

We will be starting up with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes again this fall!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME --- NOT JUST ATHLETES!

Details on the meeting will come at the end of the month. If you are interested in helping support our FCA group in any way, please email Kellie.Steinmetz@k12.sd.us. We meet Friday AM's at 7:30 in the Multipurpose room. Please sign up on our remind app to get all announcements and details for the group following directions on the image below. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Budig (Amanda.Budig@k12.sd.us) or Mrs. Steinmetz.

Looking forward to a great year! Thanks!

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