



# News From The Middle

August 25, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Thursday, August 26th
  - NWEA - Math
  
- Friday, August 27th
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  - JV/V Boys Golf @ Huron 10:00 am
  - Varsity Girls Tennis @ Brookings 1:00 pm
  - JV/V Cross Country vs. O’Gorman @ Home- Pasley Park @ 4:00 pm
  
- Saturday, August 28th
  - Competitive Cheer & Dance @ Aberdeen 10:00 am
  - Boys/Girls Soccer vs. Tea @ Home 11:00 AM
  
- Monday, August 30th
  - JV Boys Golf @ Brookings 10:00 am
  
- Tuesday, August 31st
  - Varsity Boys Golf @ Prairie Green Golf Course 12:00 pm
  - JV Boys Golf @ SF Elmwood Golf Course 4:00 pm
  - Boys/Girls Soccer @ Howard Wood Field 4:00 pm
  - JV Girls Tennis vs. Brandon Valley @ Home 4:00 pm
  - Competitive Cheer & Dance @ Watertown 5:00 pm
  
- Wednesday, September 1st
  - Varsity Boys Golf @ Spring Creek Golf Course 8:00 am
  
- Thursday, September 2nd
  - Varsity Girls Tennis @ Vermillion 4:00 pm
  - Boys/Girls Soccer vs. Watertown @ Home 5:00 & 7:00 pm

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### **From the Principal:**

- Make sure to pair up with your student on Canvas to receive notifications about your child's academics. If you need a pairing code, please contact your learner's advisory teacher.
- 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](mailto:nmsattendance@harrisburg.k12.sd.us) to have the class added or dropped from your learner's schedule.

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### **From the Office:**

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

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### **From the Nurse:**

#### **ATTENTION ALL 6TH GRADE AND TRANSFER STUDENTS**

– South Dakota State Law requires one dose of Tdap and one dose of Meningococcal prior to school entry. If your student is non-compliant please follow up with your medical provider as soon as possible to get your child up to date on the required immunizations to attend school. If you do not have a plan in place by September 27th, your student will be denied access to school until an appointment date or immunization schedule is communicated with the nurse.

Any questions, contact Nurse Tara at ext. 5133.

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### **From PAWS**

**It's 2 Weeks before Kick Off Day!**

**HNMS Family— We are excited for our Color Run Fundraiser coming soon and we need your help! This year we're hosting a fundraising event to help our school raise \$25,000 for BIG ITEMS the students can interact with.**

**The Color Run program is a two week experience where students and families are invited to help their school. At the end of the program, all students will participate in the big Color Run event where they will complete 30 - 35 minutes of running, walking and dancing while getting splashed with color (if they want)!**

**Registration is now OPEN, you can register your student on MYBOOSTER.COM! So please go ahead and register your students. Our goal is to have as many**

students registered as possible by our kickoff day, but registration and giving will be open through the Color Run! Be sure to check out all of our sharing functions to let others know how they can help support our school:

- Make a Student Star Video to share with Facebook friends!
- Use the Easy Emailer to email family, friends, neighbors, and local businesses.
- Log into MYBOOSTER.COM from your mobile device, click share, and send texts to friends and family.
- Please Note: Simply sharing your student(s) pledging link with friends and family is the best way to help our school. Sharing is supporting, and all students can participate, regardless of financial participation.
- Please watch the News From the Middle, Peach Jar, and Facebook to stay tuned for more information in the upcoming weeks!

### -HNMS PAWS

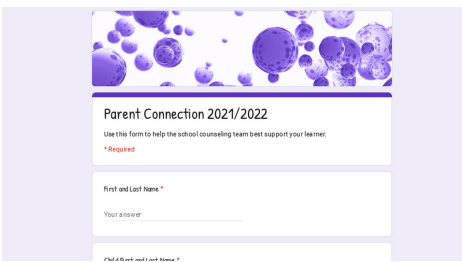
**\*We will be needing many volunteers through the 2 weeks and on event day. If you would like to help with decorating, splashing color on students, or using a leaf blower to help clean the students. Please contact PAWS at [hnmstpaws@yahoo.com](mailto:hnmstpaws@yahoo.com) to help out.**

Please contact Stacy if you have any questions at [hnmstpaws@yahoo.com](mailto:hnmstpaws@yahoo.com) or 359-3166.

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### 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

- 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](mailto:allison.weideman@k12.sd.us)
- [www.bestbuddies.org/join](http://www.bestbuddies.org/join)

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### **From Student Council:**

HNMS is bringing back our **Annual Community Service Day!** We will be going out into the local community to serve! As our school continues to grow, this day leaves a bigger impact each year. However, we also are in need of more organizations or businesses to help. If you have a service job that a group of 15-20 middle school students could assist you with, we would love to help! Do you know of an elderly individual needing weeds pulled, do you have a garage that needs cleaned out or painted? We are glad to assist! We will have a group of students available from 9:00-11:30 and again from 12:00-2:30 on Thursday, September 16th. If you have a job in mind you'd like help with, please reach out to Mrs. Leach: [Bridget.Leach@k12.sd.us](mailto:Bridget.Leach@k12.sd.us) Thank you!

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### **From the Teachers:**

#### **7th and 8th Grade Students and Parents:**

Washington, DC and NYC Informational Meeting:  
Tuesday, September 14 at 7 pm at the North Middle School Commons

Contact Ms. Huffman to get more information: [tamra.huffman@k12.sd.us](mailto:tamra.huffman@k12.sd.us)

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### **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](mailto:Kathleen.Martin@k12.sd.us), drop off at the school, or send to school with your child next week!

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### **From Tiger Robotics:**

Attention HNMS Tiger Robotics students/parents/guardians:

**Practice will start on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in room B140.** We will have practice every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:10-4:30 PM. Be sure that you have all paperwork and dues turned in to Chris Stewart at South Middle School or you will not be able to attend practice. Let's have a great year!

-Mrs. Nelson

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### **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](mailto:cassidy.ayotte@k12.sd.us)).

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

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### **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 meetings will come at the end of the month- plan to start in Sept - TBA. If you are interested in helping support our FCA group in any way, please email [Kellie.Steinmetz@k12.sd.us](mailto: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](mailto:Amanda.Budig@k12.sd.us)) or Mrs. Steinmetz.

Download the Remind App and join our group here:  
<https://www.remind.com/join/hnmsfca22>

Looking forward to a great year! Thanks!

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