

m-Club

M-Club workers are wrapping up a season of working concessions for games. They had a lot of busy home games and aside from running out of supplies from time to time and a couple of burnt batches of popcorn, everything went well. The money we earn from concessions is used to donate equipment to various needs in our programs as well as putting on the Banquet and many other things throughout the year.

Speech

Max-South Prairie Speech has a significant number of participants ranging from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We have 19 kids altogether, competing in fourteen varied categories. Each weekend when there is a meet, students have the opportunity to qualify for State Speech, held in Mandan April 29th. Currently, six students have qualified for State Speech:

- Maddie Hogue in Speech to Entertain
- Josh Lindbo in Storytelling and Humorous Interp.
- Brea Pitner in Impromptu
- Emma Marten and Karl Behm in Serious Duo
- Dalaney Ruhland in Radio Broadcasting.

We are traveling to Westhope this weekend, have an off weekend next weekend, and have a last-chance meet in Bowbells on March 25th. Students have to be registered for Region 8 Speech by March 27th. Regionals this year are co-hosted by Max-South Prairie at South Prairie High School on April 1st. In order to compete at State Speech, students that are already qualified from previous meets, have to perform in that category at Regionals. In addition, students have the opportunity to qualify for State Speech at Regionals if they have not already done so.

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From Max: Calen Rohrbach, Dalaney Rulhand, Trey Bennet, Mason Smith, and Katie Henne, Jetta Wohlk

From SP: Karl Behm, Maddie Houge, Brea Pitner, Lilly Hoffman, Emma Marten, Jacob Kramer, Gracie Rauschenberger, Skyler Beck, Kadyr Tallman, and Elias Jimenez, Gavin Derheim, Josh Lindbo, and Natalee Becker

Math Meet

The DSU/DHS Math meet has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 22nd. I plan on taking Emily Fannik, McKenzie Hauf, Dalaney Ruhland, Delaney Hankel, and Hattie Heer. If there is any conflicts, please let me know. We will be gone all day.

MUSIC NOTES

Max’s band and choir performed wonderfully at the large group Music Festival at MSU on March 1st. Our young musicians performed two songs for the instrumental and vocal judges and afterward received personal instruction from both the MSU’s Director of Bands and the former Director of Choral Activities. We received #1 excellent scores from all our judges and as their director, I couldn't be more proud of my students. that are already qualified from previous meets, have to perform in that category at Regionals. In addition, students have the opportunity to qualify for State Speech at Regionals if they have not already done so.

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The Cossack Column

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The mission of Max Public School is to encourage students to dream about their futures, believe in their abilities and assist in achieving their goals.

Superintendent Notes

I am sure we are all tired of winter by now, but we have a few weeks yet to go. With the recent snows I always wonder when is the wind going to kick up. At the January School Board Meeting the school board moved forward with giving us the ability to move to virtual learning if needed. You may have noticed that Chromebooks have been coming home a bit more. The reason being—Chromebooks will be the vital part of e-learning for that day. Teachers and students have practiced, but one does not know how effective or how prepared one was until it is put into practice. For grades PK through 2nd grade papers will be sent home along with their binder.

Just a reminder that we turn our clocks ahead 1 hour this weekend. Take the time to do that Saturday night before you go to bed.

On March 1st, Mrs. Morgan attended an “Education Fair” at Minot State University. The purpose of the fair was for school district to meet prospective candidates for open positions throughout North Dakota. Mrs. Morgan was the only principal who attended education fair prepared sell and attract candidates to the Max School District. As many of you may know Mrs. Langlais resigned from her kindergarten position for the 2023-2024 school year.

On Tuesday, March 7th the Senior went on their senior field trip.

Also on Tuesday, juniors from across the state gathered in their local communities to take the ACT. The ACT is optional, as the state is no longer covering the cost of the exam. The ACT remains a requirement for the ND State Scholarship. The test for many years has been administered at the Civic Center in Max and we thank them for allowing us to use the facility.

I did state that the school board adopted the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school term in January. There was a recent request to move two dates around on the calendar. Those requests will be taken to the board at the March 28th meeting.

On Monday, I looked at the Cossack Pride calendar and noticed that there are only two events left for this school year. Time is slowly closing in on graduation, but before that we have to look towards the registration of students for the next school year. It is essential that you meet with Mrs. Morgan and/or Mrs. Kersten to enroll in classes that best meet your future needs in preparation for school-to-work or post secondary education. Classes count! Attendance counts! Grades Count! Attitudes count! Most importantly, all those components play an important roll if you are planning for the CTE Scholarship or the Academic Scholarship. In addition to all of the above, it allows the administration to put forth the best possible class schedule for the upcoming school year.

March 6th was the first day of Track. It seems as though each track season is snowier and colder. Which means schools travel farther to get students qualified for state events. More information will follow in next months newsletter.

On Tuesday, March 7th, the school board voted unanimously to coop boy’s basketball with South Prairie. For the coop it means that we will move into Division A Region 3 for the 23-24 school term. Presently, Max coops with South Prairie in football, girls’ basketball, volleyball, golf, track and field, speech and baseball. Max retains softball, cross country, elementary boys’ basketball, drama, and music.

Earlier this week while making my rounds visiting classrooms, I was greeted by a child in a lower elementary classroom who wanted to give me something. The conversation went something like this: “I have something for you!”

“When a child gives you a gift, even if it is a rock they just picked up, exude gratitude. it may be the only thing they have to give, and they have chosen to give it to you”  
-Dean Jackson



“What is it I said?” The child responded, “A watch!” (The watch was made out of a colored piece of paper and scotch tape.) And I thought that was really nice for this young child to share what they had at the moment and to say it with such pride and enthusiasm. A retired principal friend of mine said she had this quote hanging on her office wall. I was not familiar with the quote from Dean Jackson, but I was happy she shared it with me, and I share it with you. (See lower right-hand corner of first page).

## 2022-23 Max Cossacks Boy's Basketball Season Comes to an End

Jade Larson, Head Boy’s Basketball Coach



Cossacks pose for a team picture following the play-in for Region 8 at Underwood.

We kept fighting and believing. All of our guys played hard and proved to everyone they deserved to be there. They won the hearts of many other basketball fans that night.

As with any season, there are always ups and downs. This group does not let the downs stay very long. They keep their heads up and keep working hard. I have not had a group of kids improve as steadily as this team did little by little every day. It was a great season and a very memorable one for me. Even though we are embarking on a new adventure with our boys' basketball program, the Cossacks will never go away (not quietly anyways). We will bring our discipline, passion, and all the other positive qualities we have learned from this game wherever it is needed. ZA VERU!!

### Cossack PRIDE

Cossack Pride is our school’s positive behavior reinforcement program. This is our 8<sup>th</sup> year celebrating above and beyond behavior with it. PRIDE is an acronym for Planning & Perseverance, Responsibility & Relationships, Integrity and Instructional Focus, Determination and Dedication, Excellence and Engagement. When a teacher or staff member feels that a student has displayed one of these qualities, they are issued a Cossack Pride Ticket, they can then save their tickets to turn into certificates to use like money.

The “Cossack Pride” store is open once a month for students to spend them at. There are many items at the store, including toys, snacks, treats, games, the latest trends as well as throw back items. The Cossack Pride store is funded by donations from the community, and Cossack Treat Days. The students look forward to what is new at the store monthly. They are also able to request items to purchase at the store as well.


If you, or your business, is interested in donating to the store, items can be purchased and dropped off at the office. Our most popular items are on our Amazon Wishlist, scan the QR code to check it out. A lot of hard work, dedication, and volunteer time, by Mrs. Erickson and Ms. Langlais, goes into maintaining the Cossack pride store, but it truly is a reward seeing their positive PRIDE traits surface.

With the loss to the Garrison Troopers on Monday night, the Max Cossacks finished their season. But they didn't go quietly. Our boys fought and competed against one of the best teams in the region and the state according to the latest polls.

The Cossacks started the game slow, struggling to make a bucket and allowing Garrison to get up 9-0. After we settled our nerves a bit, we got to work. By the end of the first, the score was 25 -12. We weren't ready to be done just yet though. The guys played hard in the second quarter and rebounded really well to cut Garrison's lead back to 9, 32-23. We had some guys get in foul trouble in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, and our bench guys really stepped up. Brytin Hauf, Dawson Bostow, and Dalen Ruhland all played important minutes for us while Erick Talbott and Trey Bennett were in foul trouble. They kept us in the game, along with the help of the Huesers brothers and Dominic Westman.

Heading into the fourth down by 11, Garrison upped the pressure. It finally got to us halfway through the last quarter and they went on a run that was too much for us to get back. I was very proud of the way we didn't back down to them.

# NDSA



**GRADES 3-8, 10**

**ROCK THE TEST**

- Get plenty of rest
- Eat a good breakfast
- Belly breathes
- Positive self-talk


**RESULTS**

The test results do not tell the whole story. We use test scores, observations of in-class performance, and grades to form a complete picture of a student's achievement.

**WHEN**  
**Testing Window: March 13-May 5**  
Tentative Schedule: March 20-April 7

**PRACTICE TESTS/INFORMATION**  
\*<https://ndsa.portal.cambiumast.com/students.html>

Dear Students,  
Now that the test is finally here, we don't want you to fear! You have learned a lot this year so far, so if you take your time we know you will be a testing star! Be careful to follow directions and read, and we know you will succeed! Relax and have confidence in all you do, because we believe in you!!!



## Snapshots of Cossack



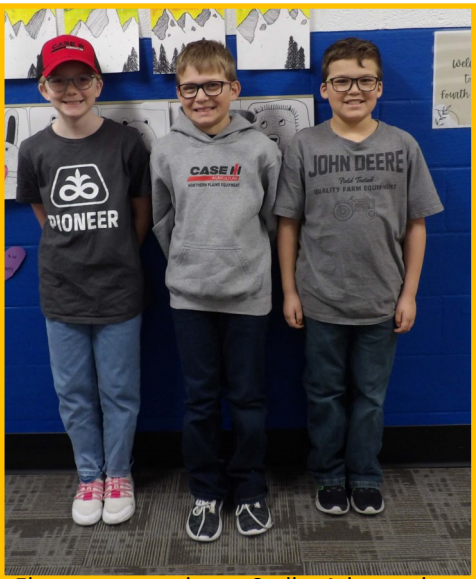
## A look back at FFA Weeks



Coloring Contest Winners; Austyn, Stella and Ryan.



Friday’s FFA Weeks Winners Carson, Dawson, Natasha, Calen, Madisyn and Jaeda!



Elementary students: Stella, Aden and Alex dress up for FFA Week.



Tuesday’s FFA Winners Brytin and Shelsey!