



Our Why: We believe every learner can change the world; therefore, we will provide a world class education.

Our Values: Northern Cass will commit to purposefully build trust, develop authentic relationships, and engage in innovative practices which will empower learners to be choice ready.

Our Collective Commitment: We are dedicated and passionate about teaching and learning, self-reflection, acknowledging greatness, and service to the Northern Cass community. We are driven towards continuous improvement.

Families,

Please read below for the weekly update for February 7th through 11th.

1. **No School:** February 17-18 and 21 for Winter Break.
2. **Please Welcome:** Frannie Johnson who will be a new math educator at Northern Cass starting in the 2022-23 school year.
3. **State of the District Address Recording:** The recording is available on the website under 'Quick Links'.
4. **Congratulations:**
 - a. Avery D, Grayce N, Carter L, and Noah C. for advancing to the Cass County Regional Spelling Bee!
 - b. Congratulations to Tim Mayer on being selected to the North Dakota Academic All-State Bronze Team! Tim will be recognized at the "Parade of Academic Champions" on Friday, March 18th at Minot State University during the State Class B Basketball Tournament.
 - c. Congratulations to Mrs. Schenck who was named one of four Regional Elementary Principals of the Year for North Dakota! She was extremely deserving of this honor and we thank her for all she has done for NC!
 - d. On Wednesday, seniors participated in their second senior seminar, focusing on interviewing skills. Members of the Air National Guard interviewed seniors based on the career they are looking at going into. The top 8 interviewees were Jaenna Wolff, Tajah Fankhanel, Lauren Dever, Olivia Maker, Kiana Matejcek, Leighton Strommen, McKenna Walker, and Makensie Anderson. The top 3 receiving certificates were: Jaenna Wolff, Leighton Strommen, and Lauren Dever!
5. **Mental Health Resource:** [Parent Questions - Wordle](#): [Parent Mental Health Recording](#)
6. **Positions Available at Northern Cass for 2022-23 School Year:**
 - a. Evening Custodian (Starting first week of June; 3 day 'weekends' in summer)
 - b. Bus Driver/s (can be paired with another position or be an individual position)
7. **Farmers Union Camp:** [Farmers Union Camp Information](#)
8. **Mamma Mia! Ticket Sales Now Open:** The spring musical, Mamma Mia!, will be on stage March 24-26 with three 7:00 p.m. performances and a 4:00pm matinee on March

26. There are still seats available, but they are going fast. You can order your tickets online using this link. [Mamma Mia!](#)

9. **Gearing Up for Kindergarten:** Do you know a child ready to start Kindergarten in the fall of 2022? Help prepare your future Jaguar for Kindergarten by attending the three Gearing Up for Kindergarten classes held on Monday evenings from 6:00pm-7:15pm at Northern Cass (Feb. 28, March 28, April 11). Class size is limited. Parent/Guardian and child must attend the sessions together. [Registration](#) is now open online.
10. **COVID-19 Update:** Positive Cases—180 cases this year; 1 case this past week (down from 9 the previous week).
11. **Free and Reduced:** Meals this year have been free for all learners due to Covid allocations. The funding next year will likely be based on financial need. To prepare for this, we are asking all families to complete the [free and reduced application](#) in order to provide the federal government with the most current information. This has a significant impact on funding for our district. If we only submit the information we have so far, the loss in funding would be well over \$30,000.
12. **Educator Highlights:** [Link](#)
13. **Something to Think About:**
 - a. It is crystal clear that our system cannot be made to serve all learners excellently. It is the system that fails us, not the people in the system. It is the answer to the following question that should lead us in a new direction. How is it that a vast number of professional, caring adults have worked so hard for decades to bring equity and excellence to all learners and yet so little has changed? The answer is simple; our system was designed to be inequitable. It was designed to sort and select kids, it was designed to have winners and losers and it will defy all attempts to change it (Jason Berg, Superintendent of Farmington Public Schools in Farmington, Minnesota).

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