

News From the Middle



August 7th, 2023

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Important Dates

8/21/2023 6th Grade “WEB” Event 9 AM-11 AM (Flyer Below)
8/21/2023 SMS Orientation/Picture Day 12 PM-8 PM
8/22/2023 Cross Country (6th-8th), Volleyball (7th-8th), Football (7th-8th) Pre-Season Meeting SMS PAC 6:45 PM
8/24/2023 First Day of School
8/24/2023 Cross Country, Volleyball, Football First Practice Date
9/4/2023 No School
9/20/2023 2 Hour Early Release-Teacher Inservice
9/29/2023 Homecoming Early Release
10/3/2023 SMS Picture Retake Day
10/6/2023 No School- Teacher Inservice
10/9/2023 No School
10/23/2023 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 PM
10/25/2023 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 PM
10/27/2023 No School-Comp Day

Welcome Back!

The administration and staff at SMS would like to welcome you all back to the 2023-2024 school year! We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces on August 21st. For those of you who are new each Wednesday you will receive a newsletter by email called “News From the Middle”. This newsletter will include pertinent dates/times for upcoming school, athletic, and community events at South Middle School. Please take the time to read the newsletter each week.

Orientation August 21st 12-8 PM

Orientation will be held at South Middle School on August 21st from 12 PM to 8 PM. Expect an email from your learner’s advisory teacher after 12 PM on Thursday, August 10th to sign up for a fifteen-minute conference. The conference will provide information about the teacher, the school, the learning management system Canvas, and answer any additional questions you may have. If you do not receive an email from your learner’s advisory teacher please email the administrative assistant for SMS, Kristin Krueger, at Kristin.krueger@k12.sd.us or call 605-743-2567 ext 3007 for assistance.

Update Student Information

Parents and guardians of students currently enrolled in the Harrisburg School District MUST register their children each year for the upcoming school year and review their contact information for accuracy.

Reviewing your contact information and registering for next year is an easy process that takes just a few minutes to complete! Thank you in advance for registering your child for next year. Your submission allows us to create accurate class rosters and student schedules over the summer.

Online Registration is Quick and Easy.

Online registration can be completed in just a few minutes through your Infinite Campus parent portal account. [See full instructions here.](#)

Add Funds to Lunch Account

[My School Bucks](#) is an online service that allows parents to do any of the following:

- Ask to be alerted when a child's meal account balance runs below an amount the parent sets.
- Apply money to student meal accounts using a credit/debit card or electronic check.

If you are new to the district or have not created a lunch account, click on the blue link above to create an account.

Message from Mr. D-Tech Integrationist

I am the Technology Integrationist at South Middle School. Below is a link to a form for you to complete prior to our Open House on August 21st. Completing this prior to that date will help me make sure that your child has their iPad on the first day of school. I have also sent a link to myschoolbucks so that you can pay for the device usage fee. Paying this on-line will be the only way you can pay with your credit card. It will also alleviate the amount of people that will need to see me on the 21st. So, in short, please fill this out at your earliest convenience. If you decide to pay at the open house you have to pay by cash or check. Any questions, please let me know.

PS - some of you have already done this, please don't do it twice. :)

Thank You
Matt Dick (Mr. D.)

Form that must be filled out prior to school starting.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHZ3CCgCnDGi8BfdkCkmPnQinj--cPGzLcl7TtqoYqDPwS7g/viewform>

Place to pay for iPad Usage Fee

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

Supply List for 2023-2024 School Year

Click the link below for your learner's grade level to be taken to their list.

[6th Grade](#)
[7th Grade](#)
[8th Grade](#)

****Those who ordered their supplies kits with PAWS in the spring will have their supplies delivered to South. This order is closed. ****

Tutor Program and Student Help

At South Middle School, we offer a variety of different programs to help learners who struggle or need more work time to complete assignments. These programs include:

Power Hour

Power Hour is held every afternoon from 3:05pm-4:00pm and every morning from 7:30am-8:00am.

Success Advisory and Success Directed Study

We assign learners to Success Advisory and Success Directed Study, where they develop study skills and plan to get and stay caught up in school.

Attendance

If your learner is going to be absent or late for school, call the school office at 605-743-2567 ext. 3007 **before 9:00AM daily**. Or email smsattendance@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.

- **Safety Policy**-- Please be aware that a safety plan has been put into place by the Harrisburg School District. Whether you are visiting or signing out a student, you will need to show identification and sign them out in the office. If parents arrange for someone other than themselves to pick up their student, please make them aware of our policy and inform the office of whom will be coming. Thank you.

2023-2024 Activities Participation

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, 2023, is valid for the 2023-24 school year.
 - A physical taken on March 1, 2023, expires on July 1, 2023, and is **NOT** valid for the 2023-24 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.**

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR 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 in at any Middle School or Elementary School Office!)**
- E-mail an electronic copy of ALL forms to Kristin.krueger@k12.sd.us.

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

HARRISBURG SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL 23-24

STUDENT DUES & CLASS T-SHIRTS



\$5 STUDENT DUES
\$15 CLASS T-SHIRT

Money raised supports SMS student support opportunities including Advisory Activities, Character Counts, Student Council & PBIS.

- **Return one form per student with payment to advisory teacher at Orientation or by Wed 8/30.**
- **Pay per family - cash or check to HSMS & be sure to note student information in memo.**

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Student Name: _____

Advisory Teacher: _____

Grade (circle): 6 7 8

☐ **Student Dues \$5**

☐ **Adult T-Shirt \$15**



Adult Size (circle): S M L XL XXL

Email JenniferE@harrisburg.k12.sd.us with any questions

HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT Transportation Registration Form



Family/Household Last Name: _____

Residence of: ☐ Father/Mother ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Guardian

Household Address: _____

Students to be Transported:

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Contact Information: ☐ Father/Mother ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Guardian

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Information: ☐ Father/Mother ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Guardian

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

To be completed by Bus Coordinator:

Driver Name: _____ Bus #: _____

AM Pick-up Time: _____ PM Pick-up/Drop Off Location: _____

Household Contact Date: _____ Time: _____ By: _____

School Picture Ordering Information

It is easy to prepay your student's school day pictures online! Visit www.schoolphotosbymark.com.

Preorder opens July 1, 2023

How To Order Picture Day Photos Online:

1. Go to www.schoolphotosbymark.com
2. Click on "Order Here"
3. Enter "**HASD**" for the event name, click "search."
4. Click on your school district.
5. Click on your student's school.
6. Enter your email address and click "login". All orders are tracked with the email address you enter.
7. You should now see a page with our photo packages. Choose from any of our packages and/or order ala-carte items.
8. Once you are done shopping, click on the "shopping cart" icon. You will be prompted for your student's information as well as yours. That is, it!

Some Things You Should Know:

- All Picture Packages are on sale through Picture Day!
- A valid email address is required to place an order.
- You will receive a confirmation email once an order is placed.
- All orders placed through Picture Day will be processed and delivered to the student's school 2-3 weeks following Picture Day.
- If you are ordering for multiple students, **you will need to complete an order for each student you are ordering photos of.**
- If you are ordering a Class Picture for an elementary student, the **Class Picture will be delivered to the school after Makeup/Retake Day.**
- All portrait orders will be delivered to your student's school.

Retake

- If you are doing retakes just bring the original picture packet with you to Makeup/Retake Day and we will reorder with the new picture taken that day.

For more information, please visit our website www.schoolphotosbymark.com

Feel free to call or email us with any questions!

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Dear Incoming 6th Grader,

You are invited...

Harrisburg South Middle School

WEB Welcome Event

**** Where Everybody Belongs ****

When: Monday, August 21st from 9am-11:00 am

Where: Harrisburg South Middle School (HSMS) Gym

Who: All Incoming HSMS 6th Graders (Sorry parents, this event is kids-only!)

What: 8th grade WEB leaders will welcome incoming 6th graders to our school with ice-breaker activities, games, a tour, and helpful tips from fellow learners!

Goal: This event is designed to help 6th graders feel comfortable and confident during the HSMS orientation and on the first day of school.

We hope to see you there!

WEB Advisors/Event Planners:

Ms. Junker andrea.junker@k12.sd.us

Ms. Lothrop aryca.lothrop@k12.sd.us



6th GRADE REQUIREMENTS

South Dakota law requires all 6th grade students to get:

One dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine on or after the 11th birthday

One dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine on or after the 11th birthday

Please provide your child's immunization record to the nurse no later than October 1, 2022. Your child may be denied entry to school if these immunizations are not completed. If you are in need of an exemption form, please contact Deb Backman, at 743-2567 ext. 5205.



for Parents

What is Canvas?

Think of Canvas LMS (Learning Management System) as your student's digital classroom. It's a simple, supportive system where schools provide lessons and communication to 6-12 students and parents to keep the learning going strong—both in the classroom and online.



Get Connected

For parents to "connect" with their student's account, the student must generate a Pairing Code. Codes are for one "observer", (parent/guardian) only. **If a second parent wants to access, a second pairing code must be generated by the student.**

For Students:

GENERATED
CODES ARE
VALID FOR
SEVEN DAYS



[Generate a Pairing Code from my Laptop Browser](#)



[Generate a Pairing Code from my iPad](#)



Create a Parent Account with Your Laptop Browser



[Harrisburg School District Canvas Platform](#)

[Watch a How To Video](#)



- Use the unique Harrisburg School District platform link above, then click **Parent of a Canvas User Click Here for an Account** in the top, right-corner of the screen.



HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Overview



What is
Canvas?



Get
Connected



Create an
Account



Personalize
Your
Notification
Settings



for Middle School Parents

About Standards-Based Grading

MS uses standards-based grading. This means students receive multiple grades for each course, one grade for each district standard. Any standard below 70%, is "Standard Not Met" and needs to be addressed in order to pass the course. Grades can be viewed through Canvas by logging into the [District's Canvas site](#).



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Ways to View Grades

- Login to Canvas in a browser using a parent/observer account



[View Walkthrough Tutorial](#)

- Login to Canvas from the Parent app



[View Walkthrough Tutorial](#)

- Ask your child to login to Canvas on a browser and show you their grades



[View Walkthrough Tutorial](#)

Additional Resources



[MS Standards Based Grading Handbook](#)



[Canvas Observer Guide](#)



[Canvas Parent iOS Guide](#)



[Canvas Parent Android Guide](#)

CANVAS FOR PARENTS

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- In the pop-up window, enter your first and last name, email address, password, and the Student Pairing code.
- Click **Start Participating**.
- You now have a Canvas parent account and are connected to your student. If you have additional students you would like to connect to, after logging in:
 - Click on **Account > Observing > Enter a Student Pairing Code** for that 6-12 student.



Create a Parent Account with the App



[Canvas for Parents for iPad/iPhone](#)

Watch a How To Video



- Open the **Canvas for Parents** app and click **Find School**
- Choose **Harrisburg School District**.
- Click **Create Account**.
 - In the pop-up window, enter your first and last name, email address, password, and the Student Pairing code.
 - Click **Start Participating**.
 - You now have a Canvas parent account and are connected to your student.
 - Click on the **Menu** button in the upper left-hand corner.
 - Click on **Manage Students > Plus Sign icon** to add another student.

Getting Too Many Notifications?

- You can personalize your notification preferences through the [Harrisburg School District Canvas](#) platform. We strongly recommend you limit your notifications to a weekly summary email of your student's progress in their classes.
- In your computer browser, log into Canvas, click **Account > Notifications** to set your notification preferences.
- Choose an observed student's name. Check the box for **Show Name of Observed Students in Notifications**.

[Set Notification Preferences](#)
[Set Alerts for a Student](#)



WATCH:
[Change Notification Settings & Set Up Alerts](#)



Personalize Your Notification Preferences

Receive Notifications on

Individual Activities
(NOT RECOMMENDED)

Daily

Weekly
(RECOMMENDED)

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CANVAS

Harrisburg School District 41-2

2023-2024

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SNOW MAKE-UP DATES:

The first and second snow days will not be made up. If a third snow day occurs by March 1st, the third snow day will be made up on April 26th. The fourth snow day will be made up on May 23rd and the fifth snow day will be made up on May 24th.

If a third snow day occurs after March 1st, the third snow day will be made up May 23rd and the fourth snow day will be made up on May 24th.

Any additional snow days will be up to the discretion of the Harrisburg School Board.

Events

Aug 14		New Teacher In-Service
Aug 15		New Staff In-Service
Aug 16		All Staff In-Service
Aug 17		Instructional Staff In-Service
Aug 21		Orientation Day Kg-8th Grade
Aug 22		Teacher Flex Work Day (.5)
Aug 23		Orientation Day 9th - 12th Grade
Aug 24		First day of classes
Sep 4		No School
Sep 20		2 Hour Early Release - PLC In-Service
Sep 29		Homecoming- Early Release
Oct 3		P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30pm- 9th-12th Grade
Oct 6		In-Service/PLC Day- No School
Oct 9		No School
Oct 23		P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30pm- K-8th Grade
Oct 25		P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30pm- K-8th Grade
Oct 20		End of the 1st Quarter
Oct 27		No School- Comp Day
Nov 8		2 Hour Early Release - PLC In-Service
Nov 22		No School
Nov 23		No School
Nov 24		No School
Dec 22		2 Hour Early Release for Christmas Break
Dec 25-31		No School
Jan 1		No School
Jan 2		In-Service/PLC Day- No School
Jan 3		Classes resume
Jan 12		End of the 1st Semester
Jan 15		In-Service/PLC Day- No School
Feb 12		P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30pm- 9th-12th Grade
Feb 16		No School
Feb 19		No School
Feb 28		2 Hour Early Release - PLC In-Service
Mar 13		End of the 3rd Quarter
Mar 14		No School
Mar 15		No School
Mar 29		No School
Apr 1		No School
Apr 26		No School
May 12		Graduation
May 22		Last day of School
May 23		Teacher Work Day (.5)