



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 for updates related to Northern Cass:

1. **No School:** There is no school on Monday, September 19th at Northern Cass. It is a professional learning day for educators.
2. **IMPORTANT--Parents Picking Up Learners After School:** It is important for those of you picking your learners up after school to form a line in the east parking lot when picking up your children. For the safety of our learners, we don't want you parking in the lot and having the kids cross the parking lot to meet you, or driving up past the other cars to get your learners.
3. **Free Parent Coaching and Mental Health Resources:** Back to School, Back to Basics - Free [Parent Coaching](#) available for you.
4. **Family-Educator Conferences:** We will be hosting Family-Educator (Parent-Teacher) conferences on Monday, October 17th from 3:00-9:00 (in-person). We are transitioning to a one day event in the fall due to a significant number of educators who will be gone on Tuesday, October 18th for a professional learning opportunity. We will dismiss at 2:40 and buses will leave at 2:50. Further details will come soon.
5. **Flu Shot Clinic:** Will coincide with Family/Educator conferences October 17th from 4:00-7:00.
 - *Flu shots will be available for ages 3 years old and up
 - *There will be a limited supply of the nasal vaccine available, please call the pharmacy directly if interested.
 - *Most insurances accepted, if you have Cigna insurance, please call your insurance company first to be sure you're covered.
 - *Medicaid ONLY accepted for those 18 and over.
 - *Uninsured cash price for the flu shot is \$40, senior (age 65+) flu shot is \$80 and the nasal vaccine is \$45. [Sign up here](#) Please call Arthur Drug at 701-967-8900 with any questions.
6. **Positions Open** (email Cory.Steiner@northerncassschool.com):
 - a. Paraprofessional (one position)
 - b. Bus Drivers (multiple positions)
7. **Congratulations** to Nolan Severance on being named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist!
8. **Congratulations** to Eleise Sand as she enlisted into the ND Air National Guard this week. She chose an Intel job that works with the MQ-9 Reaper.
9. **Hall of Fame:** We will be inducting Randal Moen, Kelley Lockhart, and the 2013 Northern Cass Volleyball Team. The banquet to honor them will be held October 6. Tickets are \$10 (for community members). Seating is limited. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by September 26 to mary.howatt@northerncassschool.com.
10. **Board of Education:** How Does the ND State School Funding Formula Work?
 - a. The ND school funding formula is a state and local partnership. The formula is designed to make sure that all pupils, regardless of the wealth of their community, have an equal amount of dollars available to support their education. In 2021-2022 that per-pupil guarantee is **\$10,136**

per pupil. Local school districts are expected to levy 60 mills in their general fund. The state will then “fill in the gap” between whatever dollars are raised locally as a result of the 60-mill levy in order to ensure that each district has \$10,136 available to spend on each pupil. The per-pupil payment is different for every school district in the state. Below is how this partnership looked for Northern Cass in 2021-2022:

i.	2021-2022 State Per Pupil Guarantee	\$10,136
ii.	State Assumed Local Contribution	-\$ 2,091
iii.	Total State per-pupil Payment to Mandan	\$ 8,045

11. **Free/Reduced Applications:** If you filled out an application last year, it expires September 30. If you don't fill out a new one (and get approval), your status returns to PAID on October 1. You may fill one out at any time. Contact carrie.petersen@northerncassschool.com with questions.
12. **Paw Shop Online:** The PAW Shop has moved to online only. Order by September 20 for Homecoming week delivery. [Online School Store](#).
13. **September is Suicide Awareness Month:** We want to share with you the [September Mental Health Newsletter](#) that highlights the importance of everyone working together to help prevent suicide. As your child experiences life's challenges, it is essential parents stay connected to their child, have real conversations, and be aware of the stresses in your child's life that may be affecting their mental health. This newsletter gives tips to parents on what they can do to help their child or a friend who is struggling, talks about some of the warning signs of suicide and gives more information on the resources available to those who are seeking emotional support. Together, WE can make a difference in the lives of those we love and care for.
14. **ESPB Announces an Additional Way to Become a Substitute Teacher:** Beginning October 1, 2022, interim substitute licenses may be granted for substitute teachers with a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent (GED). The applicant must submit evidence of completion of the state-approved substitute training program, Frontline. The training is 12 modules and approximately 20 hours of work. The course covers professionalism, classroom management, student engagement, instructional strategies and working with at-risk students. The cost of the training is \$180.00. Applicants must also complete a BCI/FBI background check and pay an application fee. We look forward to this program increasing the pool of substitute teachers. Please watch the [ESPB website](#) for information in the next few weeks or call (701) 328-9641.
15. **The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open!** If your child or family is in need - contact us at pantry@northerncassschool.com.
16. **We are currently in need of the following items in the Wellness Pantry:** Juice (apple & Capri Sun), fruit snacks, fruit cups, breakfast bars, granola Bars, beef jerky sticks, jelly, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, tampons, small kid shoes (early elementary sizes). Donations may be dropped off at school in the Wellness Pantry collection boxes located near the entrances.
Level 6 Podcasts: Last spring, Mrs. McPherson's Level 6 learners did community research and presented what they learned through podcasts. This week: another [Argusville](#) podcast.



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