



**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. **Major Grant Awarded to Northern Cass:** I'm proud to announce Northern Cass was selected as a quarterfinalist for the YASS Prize. There were 2000 applications received and we were one of the 64 chosen. We will receive \$100,000 to advance the work of becoming a Full Service Community School! Next Thursday, we will learn if we move to the semi-final round which would be a grant of \$200,000 (an additional \$100,000 to what we already will receive). From there, they will reduce down to the top four and they receive \$1,000,000.
2. **Congratulations!** You have been selected as a Cognia School of Distinction. You have earned this recognition based on the results of Cognia's rigorous Accreditation Engagement Review process. You share this honor with a select group of your peers. With over 1,500 engagement reviews for accreditation completed in the 2021-2022 school year, Cognia recognized 96 schools and 38 systems in 34 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and nine countries with this distinct honor.
3. **Family-Educator Conferences:** We will be hosting Family-Educator (Parent-Teacher) conferences on Monday, October 17th from 3:00-9:00 (in-person). We will dismiss at 2:40 and buses will leave at 2:50. Further details will come soon.
4. **Level 2, 3 & 4 Musicians and Families:** Your learners are invited to sing the National Anthem and Jaguar School Song at two upcoming games: Friday, October 7th - Homecoming Football Game and Tuesday, October 11th - Varsity Volleyball Game. Please arrive at approximately 6:45pm. Learners should stay with their family until the group performs. These performances are optional to attend but we would love to have a large group there to sound our best!
5. **Important Survey to Complete:** Please complete this four question survey related to after school programming and potential dental services at Northern Cass. It will close on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The survey will take you around 30 seconds to complete. Thanks in advance for completing this as it will truly help us make informed decisions.
  - a. [Four Question Survey](#)
6. **Invite:** We would like to invite you to a FRIENDSGIVING DINNER on Friday, November 4. A fall themed family-style dinner will be served around 8-person tables. PK-5 learners must reserve a table spot with at least one trusting adult and may invite other family and friends too. Learners in 6-12 can reserve a table spot with family or a small group of friends. Each table holds a max of 8 people. Friendsgiving will be an opportunity to enjoy fresh fall foods, engage in meaningful conversations, and practice gratitude. Come experience a FREE night out with family and friends. Call or email Mrs. Krinke with any questions - ashley.krinke@northerncassschool.com or 701-874-2322
  - a. REGISTRATION LINK: <https://forms.gle/ygPWqNxS56fhv1iW7>
    - i. \*Closes Friday, October 28
7. **Flu Shot Clinic:** Will coincide with Family/Educator conferences October 17th from 4:00-7:00.  
[Sign up here](#) Please call Arthur Drug at 701-967-8900 with any questions.

8. **PK Virtual Meeting for the 2023-24 School Year:** Northern Cass will be hosting a virtual meeting for families interested in our preschool program for the upcoming year via Zoom on **October 17th** at 6:00 p.m. You can connect by clicking on [PK Meeting](#).
9. **Congratulations!** Your grant application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Trauma Foundation and has been funded in the amount of \$1000.00. As specified in your application, the funds are to be used for the expenses associated with the purchase of trauma/active shooter supplies, including bandages, QuickClot and tourniquets. Foundation grants are awarded on a 1:1 matching basis.
10. **Congratulations!** Northern Cass Public School has been awarded a School Foodservice Innovation Grant. The district applied for \$11,962 for a vertical open display merchandiser. The grant review team has agreed to award the full amount requested to purchase all items listed on the application. In the next week, you will receive notification of the grant award from the NDDPI Webgrants system. Instructions will be provided at that time to complete the grant process.
11. **Positions Open** (email [Cory.Steiner@northerncassschool.com](mailto:Cory.Steiner@northerncassschool.com)):
  - a. Paraprofessional (one position)
  - b. Bus Drivers (multiple positions)
12. **Sports Pictures:** Check out what the Northern Cass Yearbook Staff has captured of our sporting events so far this year at <https://northerncassyearbook.smugmug.com/> Check back every Thursday to see galleries for recent events. Please note that pictures on the site will appear with a watermark on them, but if downloads are purchased, you will be downloading the image without the watermark.
13. **Calling All Local Businesses:** We are hosting a Career Fair in December for Levels 9-12. You are invited to come showcase your career, job, internship, and shadow opportunities. [Winter Career Fair](#)
14. **Board of Education:** What do I need to know about open meeting laws?
  - a. All school board meetings and all committee meetings of the school board are open to the public. All meetings must be open (NDCC 15.1-07-21); however, portions of open meetings may be closed to address certain matters. Executive (or closed) sessions are only permitted for the following reasons:
    - i. Nonrenewal and discharge procedures as covered in NDCC 15.1-15-06, 15.1-15-08, 15.1-14-06, and 15.1-14-10
    - ii. To instruct negotiators or meet with an attorney when the board may reasonably predict that it may be involved in litigation as permitted in NDCC 44-04-19.1.
    - iii. To discuss student educational records, including health and medical information contained therein in accordance with the Family Educational Records Privacy Act (FERPA)
    - iv. To consider suspension or expulsion of a student as permitted by FERPA and ND Attorney General's Opinion No. 94-28
    - v. To discuss employee medical records as outlined in NDCC 44-04-18.1
    - vi. When hiring to determine three or more finalist for a position as outlined in NDCC 44-04-18.27
  - b. Any time a school board is in executive session, a recording of the session is made and kept for possible review by the ND Attorney General.
  - c. All handouts and materials used by the Board in an open meeting are public documents.
  - d. All emails sent and received by school board members that deal with school business are a public record. This is the case even if you are using a private email

account. It is advised not to have discussions about school business via email, text, phone, or in person with other board members outside of an open meeting.

15. **Sock Drive:** The Cass County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a sock drive for those in need. Socks for both genders and all ages are being collected at Northern Cass from now until November 4. We are in a friendly competition with other Cass County schools to see who can collect the most, so if you are competitive, help us win the contest!
16. **The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open!** If your child or family is in need - contact us at [pantry@northerncassschool.com](mailto:pantry@northerncassschool.com).
17. **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.
18. **Level 6 Podcasts:** Last spring, Mrs. McPherson's Level 6 learners did community research and presented what they learned through podcasts. This week: [Another Erie Podcast](#).



Progress trumps perfection.

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