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UPCOMING FESTIVITIES

December 3-4- Robotics BEST Regionals in Denver, CO

December 5-10- Book Fair

December 6- Levels 5-12 Band Concert (6PM) Levels 5-12 Choir Concert (7PM) Fine Arts Night

December 7- Career Fair (Levels 9-12)

December 8- Board of Education Meeting (4PM) Music Concert (Levels PK-1) (6PM) Music Concert (Levels 2-4) (7PM)

December 22- Christmas Break Begins NO SCHOOL through January 2 -Professional Learning Day

January 1- HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 3- SCHOOL RESUMES



SPORTS SCHEDULES

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Varsity games will be broadcast on:

YOUR LIVE EVENT COM



Dr. Steiner

At Northern Cass, we believe every student can change the world; therefore, we must provide a world class education. To be able to do this, we follow our Collective Commitments which guide the daily behavior of all staff. These commitments are 'what' we do at Northern Cass.

- 'We are dedicated and passionate about relationships, teaching & learning, self-reflection, acknowledging greatness, and support of the Northern Cass community'
- 'We are driven toward continuous improvement'

From Monday, November 28th through Thursday, December 1st, I had the amazing opportunity to participate in the Yass Prize convening in Miami, Florida. It was a great experience which had participants from charter, private, and publics schools along with educational technology companies. Out of the 32 semi-finalists nationwide, there were only 2 public schools represented. We were exposed to wonderful speakers, engaging panels, and were provided chances to work with others on developing a pitch for why our organization should be funded for \$1,000,000. We will find out if we advanced to being a finalist and/or the winner on December 14th at a ceremony in New York City. We are excited to find out but also know we have already won as we will receive \$200,000 for making the semi-finals.

For this newsletter, I want to share three key takeaways from the convening:

- 1. A consistent theme throughout the four days was our obligation to make people's lives better. Despite the semi-finalists being from different 'sectors', it was clear everyone simply wants to do better for learners and families. It was evident, our job is to build learners and families for the 'rain' and not the sunshine. We all do well when things are going as expected. We need to be prepared for those moments which are challenging and difficult. It is why developing skills through authentic and meaningful experiences are key at Northern Cass.
- 2. It is our responsibility not to react to something that is not real. We live in a polarized society where having a different opinion is looked on negatively. Progress used to be contingent on having those with different opinions work together. Too often, we now see differences as negative, and this creates a world which at times values shame and embarrassment more than freedom and flexibility. We need our country to work together and think about what is next instead of what is wrong. Jeb Bush (former Governor of the state of Florida) said, "If you aren't thinking of what is next, you are behind." It is why we must put differences aside and embrace what others can bring to the conversation. We can have different values and beliefs but must continue to put our focus on doing what is right for others. Doing what is right is not always popular but the one thing it is and will always be is 'right'. We must look over the horizon to see what is possible and we can only do that by working together.
- 3. When you pat yourself on the back, you have already begun to fail. It is why great organizations and leaders practice humility. The Yass Prize is about school choice. The public schools represented in Miami were the outliers. This was shared by almost everyone I talked to at the convening. It provided me with a sense of pride but also made me concerned about the education others are receiving. It is why I believe we have a moral obligation (at Northern Cass) to be a trend-setter. It is never easy going first, but I know our learners are getting something different which will prepare them for creating the jobs of the future. If we can make the lives of our learners better, they will do the same for those they meet as well. It will create a movement which leads to a world filled with kindness and compassion. It will be a world filled with HOPE (help overcome past experiences)!





My name is Tate Kuppich. I am from Aitkin, MN and I am attending NDSU for Social Science Education. My favorite hobbies are hunting, fishing, and golf! I am excited to be co-teaching at Northern Cass this Spring with Mr. Wright!

Great job!

In tests of their Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry knowledge, the Northern Cass Math Team came out on top in the first meet of the West Central Division of the Minnesota Math League. Their score of 70 points is a record high score for the team.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROBOTICS TEAM ON ENDING 12TH AT THE **REGIONAL BEST TOURNAMENT!**





This program was started back in 2011 after seeing numerous learner/family needs within our own district. Christmas Cheer is specifically tied to winter break in December. Families are qualified based on educator nominations and other qualifying status or life circumstances such as family medical issues or parent loss of a job.

Learners are interviewed by administration or counselors to find out one thing they want, one they need, and one thing to read. Gift cards provided for the learner family are for a grocery store, Walmart, Target, or a gas card to help support them on their winter break.

The gifts and funds are obtained through generous donations by Northern Cass colleagues, families in the district, churches, and businesses. All needs are kept confidential.

Additional Christmas Cheer funds, if not completely used, are stored in a fund for use when a Jaguar family emergency or need arises. In the past, they have been used for family fire, flood, medical, or basic needs of our learners.

We are truly blessed with the generous stakeholders in and around our Northern Cass district that are willing to ensure safe and happy winter break for all learners. They go above and beyond to see every learner has what they need to be successful and feel a part of our Jaguar family!

If you wish to donate to this cause, please send monetary donations or gift cards to Northern Cass School (envelope should be clearly labeled: NC Christmas Cheer). Contact Crysta Schenck if you have any questions (crysta.schenck@northerncassschool.com).



5-12 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

TUESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2022

- All Level 5 and any Levels 6-12 in band or choir.
- 6-12 Band Concert starts at 6:00PM (No Level 5 Band) (Learners show up at 5:30PM)
- Level 5-12 Choir Concert starts at 7:30PM (Learners show up at 7:00PM)
- Learners meet in the Auditorium
- Concert is in the West Gym
- Concerts will be livestreamed on Jags Online.
- Free admission and open to the public.

Gandy Gane Lane 2022 Northern Gass Elementary Winter Gongert

Join us as Preschool through Level 4 perform a sweet Holiday Concert!

Thursday, December 8th, 2022

Northern Cass School West Gym 6:00pm PreK, Kindergarten & Level 1 7:00pm Levels 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Attire: Dress festive and fancy! Options could be tie/bow tie & shirt, dress, tunic & leggings, or nice slacks & collared shirt. Please no heels, jeans, or athletic clothing.

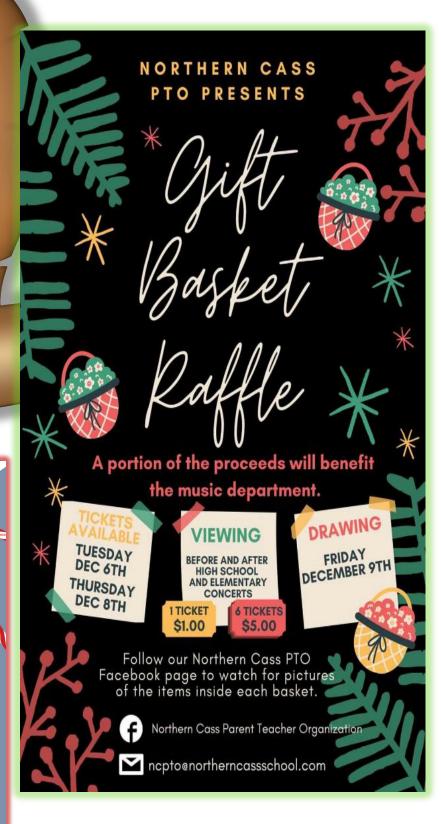
Speaking Parts: Level 4 learners have the opportunity to have a speaking part! It is optional- they just need to let me know if they would like one!

Virtual Showing Option: We will Live Stream the concert (https://video.ibm.com/channel/jaguars-online) to share with family members that can't join us in person. Recording will be available the next day.

If you have any questions, please contact me – stephanie.kohl@northerncassschool.com

Musically yours,

Mrs. Kohl





The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Northern Cass December 5-9 during music concert week! You are invited to shop in the library during the following times:

Remember, all purchases benefit our school!

Book Fair Hours December 5-9

All week the fair will be open for learners to shop during the school day

Monday: 3:30-4:30 Open to public

Tuesday: 5:30-9:00 Open before, between and after Band/choir concerts

Weds: 3:30-4:30 Open to public

Thurs: 5:30-9:30 Open before, between and after Elementary concerts

Friday: 3:30-4:30 Open to public

• ***There will now be tax charged on all sales! Please plan ahead for a 5.5% tax charge. There will be tax charts posted throughout the fair.

• Free shopping bag for the first 300 people that purchase a book and round up to the nearest dollar! (That donation goes to purchase books for our book giveaway we do in the spring)

See our website for more information and to sign up for ewallet

Questions? Email northerncassbookfair@gmail.com





Northern Cass Dollars for Scholars is seeking sponsors for our Buck-A-Point Fundraiser - donate \$1.00 for each Jaguar point scored

If you would be interested in sponsoring, please email:

dollarsforscholars@northerncassschool.com

We have room for multiple sponsors per game!

2022-2023	Date	Sponsor Name/Address or Email	Opponent
Girls	12/1/22	Bank North	Tri-State
Girls	12/19/22	Line-X	LLM
Boys	12/20/22	Bank North	Tri-State
Girls	12/22/22	Dakota Heritage Bank	Hillsboro/Central Valley
Boys	12/22/22	Dakota Heritage Bank	Hillsboro/Central Valley
Girls	12/29/22		Thompson
Girls	1/3/23		Grafton
Boys	1/3/23		Grafton
Girls	1/9/23		Sargent County
Boys	1/17/23	Line-X	Sargent County
Boys	1/23/23		D/V/E
Girls	1/24/23	Valley Plains Equipment	Maple River
Boys	1/26/23	Hunter Insurance/Valley Plains Equipment	Maple River
Boys	1/30/23		Midway/Minto
Girls	1/31/23	Hunter Insurance	Lisbon
Boys	2/7/23	Cameron & Amanda Wolf	Lisbon
Girls	2/9/23	IP Insurance Agency/Agri Valley Insurance	Oak Grove
Girls	2/11/23		Cavalier
Boys	2/11/23		Cavalier
Boys	2/24/23	IP Insurance Agency/Agri Valley Insurance	Oak Grove

NORTHERN CASS DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS ADOPT A CLASS SPONSORS 2022-2023

A HUGE THANK YOU to the following sponsors for making our annual Adopt-A-Class day a success!!!

It's never too late to be a sponsor, if interested email dollarsforscholars@northerncassschool.com

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NURSE'S COMMETTE BENEFITS OF BREAKFAST

Breakfast is perhaps the most important meal of the day. Since this is the time to refuel your brain.

Think about it, you sleep anywhere from eight to 12 hours each night and during that time your body

is without food. Yet, your body is still working and burning small amounts of energy. When you wake

the next morning, your body and especially your brain need more glucose, also known as blood sugar.

This is the main source of energy for your brain. Breakfast enables us to have more strength and

endurance, better concentration, improved memory, and sharper problem-solving abilities. Not only that,

but we also don't have to see doctors as often. In addition, the American Heart Association found that

eating breakfast reduces your risk of developing obesity, diabetes, and heart disease.

Kids who eat breakfast are more likely to meet their daily nutritional needs, keep their weight under control, have lower cholesterol levels, attend school more frequently, and make fewer trips to the school nurse's office.

So, let's get every day off to a good start be eating BREAKFAST.





CHRISTMAS

AND HOW IT CAME TO BE By Writing Tutor-Isaac Johnson

Spread

The birth of Christ is widely considered to be the start of Christmas; however, the date probably was not actually December 25th.

Christianity became the main spreading Christmas to many other Christian ideas.

As Rome conquered its way ideas came with it, spreading

The first example of Christmas being celebrated in North America was actually by Spanish explorers in Florida during the winter of 1539

As the American States began to grow and modernize, Christmas traditions evolved alongside them and spread throughout the continent.

Large-scale celebrations began in cities like New York

Christmas is no longer a religious holiday so much as it is a multi-cultural celebration of the winter season for everyone around the world.

The Legend of Santa

Saint Nicholas the monk is born in 280 A.D. You may recognize his name as that of Santa Claus.

Saint Nicholas gave away all of his inheritance and spent his life helping the poor and sick.

In the 18th century New York, Dutch families began to celebrate the passing of Sinter Klass (Santa is derived from this Dutch name for Nicholas).

Clement Clarke Moore writes a popular winter poem, later known as, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The iconic Santa look was immortalized in 1881 when political cartoonist Thomas Nast drew on Moore's poem to create the image of Old Saint Nick we know today.

As more writing began to be made, the idea of Santa Claus visiting on Christmas Eve became commonplace in houses that celebrated the holiday.

Santa Clause becomes a nationally known name and is now synonymous with Christmas.

People began to leave gifts for, "Jolly Saint Nick," and presents are often presented as "From Santa" for all the good children in the world.

THE WRITING CENTER TUTORS

HOW TO WRITE A BOOK REVIEW

While Reading

Just think about...

- characters
- themes
- motifs
- style of writing
 - o passive voice
 - describing words
- key ideas
- tropes
- quotes
- other books by the author



the Review?

Done reading?

Ready to Write

Introduce the Book

Include!

- price
- think past typical
- is there a journey, heartbreak, or robots?
- mood
- where to buy
- author!
- recommend?

Reviewing

- capture interest of audience only mention the most pressing
- points
- o don't explain every little detail of your points agree and disagree
- what worked well?
- how does it compare?
- is it appealing? consider what the author researched?



Tips:)

- be careful
- o remember the audience hasn't read the book
- mention good and bad
 o if you really didn't like the book, say that and why. but still mention some good things
- make it interesting
- use descriptive words and
- don't ramble
- o it should be concise, if you feel like you are repeating, then you probably are
- each word should have Purpose
 o don't use too many fillers

Ouestions?

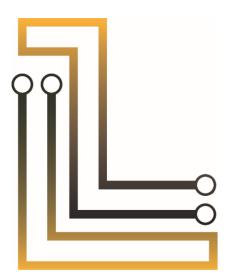
all of the information is from <u>The Owl at Purdue</u> if you have any questions let jana.russiff@northerncassschool.com.know find me on GoodReadsl by Jana Russiff





We want to say thank you to the entire Northern Cass Team for all your hard work, passion & dedication to meet your learners where they are by providing individualized learning so they can change the world. We appreciate the commitment to change, to disrupt the traditional education model through innovation and for providing a world class education.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE OUT OF CONTROL SPORTS PARENT SITTING NEXT TO ME IN THE STANDS

BYJOHN O'SULLIVAN / WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2019 / PUBLISHED IN ARTICLE

DEAR OUT OF CONTROLSPORTS PARENT.

You.

Yeah, you.

The one shouting "Get the rebound!!!" to your kid. The one with the heart palpitating so loudly that you cannot contain yourself. The one yelling and complaining about the coach. The one hollering at the 13year-old referee. The one angry at my kid for making a mistake. The one hollering at the kids who made a mistake running the scoreboard in a recreational tournament in a meaningless pool play game.



Yeah, you, the one whose spouse won't sit next to you during the game. The one who is micromanaging every aspect of the game and turning what would be a pleasant, normal Saturday into a heightened state of anxiety for all of us, including your fellow parents stuck next to you for today's game, this season, and our kids' childhoods.

PLEASE STOP!

PLEASE CALM DOWN!

Let's model good behavior and put it all in perspective for our children. They are here learning how to play a game with other kids with all of its ups and downs and trials and life lessons and friendships.

They are not here to boost our self-esteem. They are not there to entertain us.

They have only one childhood. Please let kids be kids.
Please let them fall in love with the game. Please let them play.
And please, just let me watch in peace!

Thanks,



Do you notice the Normal Sports Parents sitting next to you who are quiet? Did you even look at us? You probably didn't. Do you know what we are thinking? Well, I've listened to you holler in my ear all game, so now it's my turn.

Your noise pollution is ruining my day and my experience as a parent. You don't have the right to dominate over all of us sitting here watching and cheering like Normal Sports Parents. You don't have the right to keep blocking my view as you jump up to contest another call, or express your frustration at another mistake by an 11-year-old.

Have you ever stopped to consider any of the following things:

1.You are not helping your kid. Did you ever think of that? Did any of your advice, ever, help anyone on the court? Did your kid swing better, make the shot, score the goal, or improve in any way because you yelled? Did a referee ever change his call? Did it have any positive effect on the game whatsoever?



- 3. Don't yell at my kid. EVER. What makes you think that this is even OK? If you want to screw up your own kid's journey, that is sad, but it's your kid. As for the rest of them, zip it.
- 4. No one on the sidelines thinks you are a good parent for yelling like this. Not even your friends. We are all kind of embarrassed for you, and your child. We are just afraid to say it because your kid is pretty good, and we are not sure if the club will support us in telling you to be quiet.





- 5. You had your turn to play when you were young. Let it go. This will all be over soon, you won't have anyone to drive to practice anymore, and you will have to ask yourself "what was this all for?"
- 6. You have it all wrong. We don't need MORE games. We need more practice. Why so many games anyway? The number of games rivals professional sports. Kids play almost as many games as they do in the NBA and pro athletes don't even go to elementary school. (Read "Does Youth Sports Get the Math All Wrong") You see, in practice, kids take risks, try new things, learn and develop. They need to think and make decisions and they can't do that if you are yelling at them the whole time because you are focused on the scoreboard. I don't want to get in my car again next weekend and drive to another tournament. How about we stay home and just get better, or even play some pickup games?



2. You are embarrassing your kid. Your kid knows he missed the shot. Do you have to criticize him publicly for it? Now your kid is focused on your voice and the coach's voice and his inner voice and it's taking away the ability to think and make decisions and play. No kid likes to be yelled at publicly, in front of his friends. Do you? When was the last time you were yelled at or shamed by your boss in front of the whole company? You know what kids want parents to say on the sidelines? Nothing. No coaching. At most, general

2022

December

* Whole grain bread, fruit and vegetable available daily

Saturday	м	01	17	24	11
Friday	2 Choc Chip Breakfast Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk Garlic French Bread, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	9 Blueberry Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Patty/Bun, Puzzle Tots, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	16 Chocolate Chip Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk Tator Tot Hotaish, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	23	30
Thursday	1 Apple Frudel, Fruit, Juice, Milk Walking Tacos, Toppings, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	8 Strawberry Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk Egg Bake, Pancakes, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	15 Waffle Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk Stuffed Cheese Sticks, Com, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	22 Christmas Break Begins	29
Wednesday	30 Blueberry Breakfast Bake, Fruit, Juice, Milk Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	7 Bacon & Egg B-fast Sand, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta, Peas, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Fruit, Juice, Milk Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Peas, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	21 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk Big Daddy's Pizza, Corn, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	28
Tuesday	29 French Toast Bites, Fruit, Milk Big Daddy's Pizza, Corn, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	6 Cini Mini, Fruit, Juice, Milk Hot Dogs, French Fries, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	13 Berry & Yogurt Parfait, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken & Waffles, Solad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	20 Long John w/Vanilla Icing, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Fries, Mashed Potatoes, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	27
Monday	28 Strawberry Pop Tart, Fruit, Juice, Milk Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	S Nutri Grain Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	12 Cinnamon Pop Tart, Fruit, Juice, Milk Hamburgers, Sweet Potato Fries, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Banana Bread, Fruit, Juice, Milk Hot Ham & Cheese, Hashbrown Patties, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	26
Sunday		4		18	25