



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.

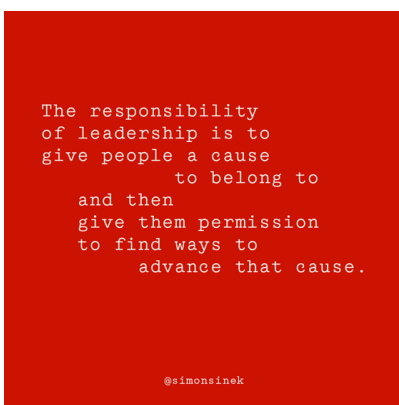
Our Collective Commitment: We are dedicated and passionate about teaching and learning, self-reflection, acknowledging greatness, and service to the Northern Cass community. We are driven towards continuous improvement.

Families,

Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

1. **Attendance Matters:** Northern Cass has begun exploring changes around attendance policies and procedures. Our goal is to ensure all learners, families and educators are aware of the importance of attendance and follow attendance policies to ensure learner success. We will be creating an advisory team to work through potential changes in attendance policy and procedure as well as a communication plan for these changes. We look forward to working together to help learners be successful.
2. **Important Open Position:** Northern Cass is looking for a full-time paraprofessional for the remainder of the school year and beyond. This is a great opportunity for anyone who loves Northern Cass and its learners. Please contact Dr. Cory Steiner if interested.
3. **Welcome, Mr. Rice!** Please welcome Mason Rice as our new Long Term Middle School PE Educator! Mr. Rice graduated from Stanley High in Stanley, ND. He signed to play baseball at Mayville State University where he graduated with a Bachelors in Physical Education. His hobbies include multiple sports (Baseball, Football, Basketball, Golf).
4. **Full Service Community School Commitment:** There will be meetings coming up to discuss the potential Community Wellness Center Project. [Click here for the dates](#). Follow the Task Force on Facebook for updates and information. [Task Force](#)
5. **College Readiness Resources:** [Resources](#)
6. **Concession News:** We are happy to announce that concessions will now be able to receive credit card payments for your concession purchases.
7. **Are you 65 and older? Did you get new technology for Christmas?** Bring your phone, iPad, or laptop to Northern Cass School, and the Tech learners will answer questions and teach you how to use your devices. Call Community of Care at 701-967-8502 to schedule an appointment on a Thursday afternoon. It's a win - win because the students earn volunteer hours for helping you!
8. **ACT Test Prep:** Have you heard? This year, college admissions test scores hit a 30-year low. 42% of recent high school grads didn't meet vital college readiness benchmarks. Northern Cass is partnering with ZAPS® Strategy Seminar to provide live, online ACT test preparation classes. See the link for more information. [ZAPS ACT Test Prep](#)
9. **Congratulations to the learners cast in Mary Poppins Jr.** Performances will be March 23-25.
 - a. Mary Poppins - Chloe H
 - b. Bert - Brody V
 - c. Jane Banks - Micayla C
 - d. Michael Banks - Isaac B
 - e. George Banks - Tristan L
 - f. Winifred Banks - Kaylee R
 - g. Katie Nanna - Lucy J
 - h. Miss Andrew - Grayce N
 - i. Mrs. Brill - Bristyn S
 - j. Mrs. Corry (Shopkeeper) - Lilly V
 - k. Mrs. Evans (Shopkeeper) - Nora J
 - l. The Bird Woman - Chase R
 - m. Neleus - Kinsley H
 - n. Statue #1 - Taylor H
 - o. Statue #2 - Lily E
 - p. Bank Chairman - Jace K
 - q. Von Hussler - Cole S
 - r. John Northbrook - Wyatt S
 - s. Robertson Ay - Riley B
 - t. Bookkeeper #1 - Preston K
 - u. Bookkeeper #2 - Blane L
 - v. Featured Statues - Harper R & Lydia S
 - w. Featured Chimney Sweeps - Alivia K, Blane L & Tatum I
 - x. Park/Shop Girls - Kenzie A, Korah A & Ally R
 - y. Kite Kids/Bees - Ashlee H, Dylan H & Kennedy H

10. **Congratulations, Future Comets,** Jocelyn A. and Noelle E. on signing their National Letters of Intent! this week to play volleyball at Mayville State University!
11. **VCSU Honor Roll:** The Honor Roll recognizes students who completed 6 to 11 semester hours of Valley City State University classes for which grade points are earned with a grade point average of at least 3.50. Congratulations to our VCSU dual credit learners: Kyle F, Isaac J, Noelle E, Hannah C, Aidan H, Jocelyn A, and Hannah A.
12. **Community Book Fair:** We are partnering with More Than Words Bookshop to offer a community book fair designed for adults in our community with a real bookshop feel. On Friday, February 3rd from 2pm-6pm, the community is welcome to shop their book and gift selections in the NC Library. Come shop & enjoy free treats and beverages from PTO, or grab a free copy of our book study read!
13. **Maintenance Request Online Form:** Now available on our website under Quick Links, we have an online maintenance request form to help educators and learners report maintenance needs on the school property - i.e., broken furniture, floor damage, burnt out lights, etc. [Maintenance Request](#)
14. **The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open!** If your child or family is in need - contact us at pantry@northerncassschool.com.
15. **ParentGuidance.org:** As a reminder, Northern Cass has partnered with the Cook Center for Human Connection and [ParentGuidance.org](https://www.parentguidance.org). Our families have access to FREE mental health resources including 5+0 on-demand courses on how to support your child's mental health or your own. To register for a coach or take advantage of the free courses, go to ParentGuidance.org, select "Get started free" to create a login and password, and then select "Parent Coaching" and "Register for Coaching."
16. **Parent Guidance:** This is a link to the new YouTube channel where you will find mental health experts featured in Parent Guidance Playbooks sharing how parents can use the animations as conversation starters with teens. Two new Parent Guidance Playbooks are released each week.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_gaCf4JlCk72lPylygKC8Q
 - a. YouTube channel link to "[My Life Is Worth Living](#)", available at no cost 24 hours a day.
 - b. This is a link to [printable extension lessons](#) for "My Life Is Worth Living"
17. **February Mental Health Newsletter:** During the month of February, we celebrate Valentine's Day. This month we encourage you to focus on you, the love you have for yourself as well as the love you have for your children. Take some time to review the [February Mental Health Newsletter](#) which encourages you to focus on the compassion you have for others, the importance of showing compassion to your child and ways to practice compassionate parenting. [ParentGuidance.org](https://www.parentguidance.org) offers a course titled "[How to Develop Self-Compassion](#)" that we encourage you to check out.



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