



**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. **Open Positions at Northern Cass:** Please share the word for the following open positions at Northern Cass for the 2022-23 school year.
  - a. Kindergarten
  - b. Level 7 English Language Arts
  - c. School Nurse (see below)
2. **Look at Northern Cass:** I am proud to share that we have been selected as a Top 10 finalist for the Education Innovation Showcase at @asugsvsummit! We're honored to have the opportunity to be featured as a finalist live in San Diego.
3. **School Nurse:** Congratulations to Nurse Pam on her retirement in June from Fargo Cass Public Health and as our school nurse! FCPH and the City of Fargo are now taking applications for the [Public Health Nurse - Northern Cass School](#). The job posting states the position is 20-29 hours; however, that is the average over a calendar year. As a school year position, it is 40 hours/week.
4. **Legislative Forum:** On Saturday, March 25th, Northern Cass will be hosting a legislative forum with Senator Ron Sorvaag (District 45), Senator Mark Weber (District 22), Representative Carrie McCleod (District 45), Representative Brandy Pyle (District 22), Representatives Scott Wagner (District 45), and Representatives Jonathan Warrey (District 22). It will begin at 10:00 in the Jaguar Den and conclude at 11:30. Donuts will be served.
5. **Survey for Graduates (past three years):** If you have a learner who graduated in the past three years, please send the following link ([Graduate Survey](#)) to them and ask if they will complete this survey. It is about their experience at Northern Cass and how well prepared they were for their future.
6. **Congratulations!** To Jordan Larson and Jana Russiff for being selected as the Northern Cass Forum Scholarship Nominees. They will now advance onto the regional selection process. Thank you to all that applied!
7. **Free Toothbrushes:** Kelsey Beyer, the Executive Administrator for the North Dakota Dental Foundation shared the following with us. Thanks to our generous donors, we are going to give every North Dakota student K-12 a toothbrush in 2023 through our 1 Million Brushes Program <https://nddental.org/1-million-brushes/>. We will get these to your learner when they arrive.
8. **STEAM Camp** will be held June 6-8 for learners entering grades 1-8 in the fall of 2023. Each camp day has a theme (Nature, Engineering, Ocean), and campers can choose to attend 1, 2, or all 3 days. See registration link for details. [STEAM Camp Registration](#)
9. **Dollars for Scholars Phonathon** has been scheduled for a new date: Sunday April 2. Please don't hang up!
10. **Northern Cass Inquiry Form:** As Northern Cass continues to expand opportunities for communication, please consider utilizing the Inquiry Form (under the Quick Links on website) for questions/concerns you have about the district. Please click on the [Inquiry Form](#).
11. **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](#)
12. **Northern Cass Express Summer Recreation:** Registration is now open. Deadline is April 1st. Please see the [link](#) for details, contacts, and registration. NOTE: Summer Recreation is not a Northern Cass School program. It is a community-run organization. Please direct questions to the contact information in the registration information.

13. **College Readiness Resources:** [Resources](#)

14. **Parent Portal:** We have added a [Jaguar Parent Portal](#) under Parents on the school website. This page is full of resources and information for parents and caregivers. Take a look!

15. **Business of Art Studio:** This week The Business of Art studio visited Old School Collodion's photography studio. Owner/Photographer Kary Janousek spent two hours with our learners explaining the history of wet plate photography, most associated with Civil War photographer Matthew Brady, and shared her journey from amateur hobbyist to award winning artist. Additionally, Kary was able to share the history of the facility in which her studio resides: the former Dakota Business College building in downtown Fargo. The learners were able to sit for a session, holding their pose perfectly still for five seconds and leaving with the memory of an experience that will last a lifetime. [Photos](#)

16. **Personalized Learning Snapshots:** see some recent learning center experiences for young learners:

- a. [Kangaroo Club Goal Setting](#): Watch our youngest elementary learners celebrate success and track progress.
- b. [Kindergarten Math](#): K learners talk about relevance and the scale of adding and subtracting.

17. **Portrait of a Graduate Podcasts:** Listen to some of our educators and graduated learners talk about their experience and growth as educators through personalized learning.

- a. ["Introduction to Teaching" at Northern Cass](#) - Listen to seniors talk about how Northern Cass's Intro to Teaching course has prepared them for future success.
- b. [Rethinking Teaching at Northern Cass](#) - Hear from three NC educators who are rethinking their teaching practice through personalized learning, real-world connections, and relevance.

18. **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).

19. **Parent Course: How to Develop Self Compassion:** [Free Course Link](#)

20. **ParentGuidance.org:** As a reminder, Northern Cass has partnered with the Cook Center for Human Connection and [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."

21. **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\\_gaCf4JlCk72IPylygKC8Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_gaCf4JlCk72IPylygKC8Q)

- 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"

22. The [April Mental Health Newsletter](#) addresses the harms of social media including cyberbullying, social comparisons, addiction and more. Explore this resource to learn how parents can help their child with their social media usage and potentially boost their mood and lower levels of anxiety and depression. Also, check out a course on [ParentGuidance.org](#) led by licensed therapist, Dr. Kevin Skinner, on [How Digital Media is Changing Our Children's Mental Health](#).

