



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 2023-24 school year.
 - a. Administrative Assistant for the Superintendent and Activities Director ([description](#))
 - b. Administrative Assistant for Human Relations ([description](#))
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. **Summer Programs 2023** - click on links for more information and to register.
 - A. [Weights/Speed/Strength](#)
 - B. [Summer Athletic Camps](#)
 - C. [Wrestling Program](#)
4. **Someone Special:** Grand March & Dance Event' where girls are invited to bring their dads or other special adult guests to join us in this semi-formal event from 1:00-3:00pm. All ages are welcome. [Click here to sign up.](#)
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 who earned a Star rating at Regional Music for his trumpet solo "The Executant." Jordan's performance has earned him a trip to the State Music Contest in May!
7. **Snow Shoes:** Northern Cass has snowshoes available for families to check out at no cost. [Click here](#) for online form.
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. **Early Learning Fair on April 22!** Please join us on Saturday, April 22 from 8:30-11:30 at Northern Cass for a morning of fun, learning and prizes! The event is free and open to all Northern Cass district families with children age birth - 5.
10. If you are interested in attending, please follow the QR code below or use this [link](#).



11. **Lysol Wipes:** We still have an abundance of Lysol wipes for families. If you would like some, please stop by the office.
12. **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](#).

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. **College Readiness Resources:** [Resources](#)
15. **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!
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.
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_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"
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](#).

