# NORTHERN CASS

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5- Game of Life (9-12 Learners)

April 6-10-NO SCHOOL

April 12-14- Biztown Simulation (Middle School)

April 12- Special Board Meeting (4:00PM) Culture Update

April 12-Board of Education Meeting (5:30PM)

April 15- Prom

April 17- Gearing up for Kindergarten (6:00PM)

April 22-24- Music Trip

April 22- Early Learning Fair

April 24-29- Missoula Children's Theater

April 24-28-BOGO Book Fair

April 24-28-NDSA testing Levels 6-8 and 10

April 25-27- Preschool Screening

April 26- Senior Seminar (11:45AM)

April 28-Kindergarten Screening for 2023-2024

learners (NO SCHOOL for KINDERGARTENERS)

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# Announcing the Top 10 for the Education Innovation Showcase

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# The Studio Experience: Co-Designed Learning for All

The studio experience is a co-designed learning experience between an educator and learner which explores areas of passion and natural curiosity in an authentic, problem based environment while assessing competencies across multiple disciplines and/or content areas in a relevant and self-directed manner.

Northern Cass School District North Dakota

The ten finalists will be celebrated during the live Showcase event, emceed by legendary RunDMC cofounder Darryl "DMC" McDaniels. The final three winners will take home over \$50.000 in cash and prizes, including a \$20,000 first-place cash prize, a Transcend Design Sprint, complimentary registration

to next year's Summit, and a visit from Darryl "DMC" McDaniels to the winning school or district.

### Dr. Steiner:

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

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

Our Northern Cass values are a commitment to purposefully build trust, develop authentic relationships, and engage in innovative practices which will empower learners to be choice ready.

# A Reflection on Superwoman (My Thoughts on Mary Howatt)

On Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, I attended the funeral of Mary Howatt who was the Administrative Assistant for the Superintendent and Activities Director, Robotics Advisor, and Destination Imagination Advisor. These were three of the most recent roles Mary performed at the school, but those roles are a small part of her story. She was a mother, wife, aunt, sister, and friend. She was a beacon of what is right in this world. For this newsletter, I want to share the three life lessons Mary taught me.

- 1. Life is better lived with a sense of humor. Mary had a wonderful sense of humor, and she knew exactly when to use it. Whether it was her having to rebook flights (that I gave her the wrong dates for) or to tell the many vendors we aren't interested (since I kept sending her the communications), she always approached each situation with humor. She laughed at herself and with others. You knew a joke was coming when her sly smile came across her face. Recently, I remember sharing a password with her for an account she needed to access for me. Her response was, "This is not a real password. Seriously, you are using this as a password. Are you?" I guess 1, 2, 3, 4 is now off my list of potential passwords. Mary made us laugh, never allowed us to take ourselves too seriously, and understood life is going to get thrown at you and it is you who controls how that impacts you. We should all 'control' life with a sense of humor.
- 2. It's simple; it's always about the learners. Learners were always at the center of what Mary did. She wanted learners to have opportunities. She wanted them to be celebrated. She wanted them to be recognized for who they were as a person. She never judged. She once said to me, "If something will benefit just one learner and help bring them happiness, I will advocate for that every time." She didn't 'run' her organizations for her. She ran the organizations for 'them'. Mary's happiness came from seeing the happiness of others. When we allow learners to always be at the center of what we do, our life will be fulfilled.
- 3. A life fulfilled is one in service to others. There is no limit on what could be included from Mary's life. From Robotics to Destination Imagination (DI) to cheer, Mary was committed to serving others. She was never very good at saying 'no' but changed many lives for the better by saying 'yes'. She was accountable and adaptable. She approached situations with a learner's mindset. She was adept at communication and was an amazing leader. When you commit to serving others, you commit to helping build a world filled with kindness, compassion, and love. Mary created this type of world.

We all know things get taken from us in life. With Mary, it was far too soon. However, I hope as each day passes, we can 'pull' from our memories those beautiful moments we all had with her. We often fail to see greatness when it is right in front of us. I hope you all know Mary was filled with greatness. The true mark of a person isn't necessarily what they did while on earth, but more importantly, what they challenged others to do. Mary challenged us to be better human beings and I know that part of her will remain with us forever.

I'm (like many) devastated by her loss. However, I'm grateful for having known her. Mary made me a better administrator...a better educator...a better human being...and for that, I thank her and her family.

# Northern Cass School District #97 Selected for the 2023 Education Innovation Showcase at ASU+GSV 2023

Northern Cass School District will compete as a Top 10 Finalist among K-12 education system leaders advancing innovation in their community and fostering meaningful change at the systems level.

Hunter, North Dakota, April 3rd, 2023

Northern Cass School District has been selected as a Top 10 finalist and was selected from an applicant pool of K-12 systems leaders from around the globe to submit our visionary ideas and breakthrough impact live at the 2023 ASU+GSV Summit, presented by ClassIn and powered by ASU+GSV Summit and LEAP Innovations.

'Our high school studio learning experience may be as close to a 'silver bullet' as there is in education. Learning experiences are codesigned by the learner/s and their educator. The educators transition to a facilitator and allow the learner to own their learning while exploring areas of passion which articulate for credit in multiple areas. Learners have consistently shared these experiences have changed their perspective on school. Through a purposeful focus on our Portrait of a Learner skills of accountability, communication, adaptability, leadership, and a learner's mindset (A CALL), learners develop skills which will transcend the classroom. Under the leadership of Tom Klapp, Beth Head, and Luke Bush, we have developed a model which we believe can guide learning at Northern Cass for years to come."

### Dr. Cory Steiner, Superintendent

Districts/Schools selected:

- Chicago Public Schools District #299 (Illinois)
- East Central Educational Service Center (Indiana)
- Bonsall Unified School District (California)
- Northern Cass School District (North Dakota)
- Launch EL Charter School (New York)
- Overtime Elite Academy (Georgia)
- A School Without Walls Virtual High School Program (New York)
- Collegiate Edu-Nation (Texas)
- Westbrook High School (Connecticut)
- Capital School District -- Dover High School (Delaware)

Learn more about the Education Innovation Showcase: https://www.asugsvsummit.com/education-innovation-showcase

Northern Cass is committed to providing personalized and self-paced learning. Not every child learns the same way or at the same pace and many children have barriers in their health or home life that need to be addressed. We are working to blend personalized learning in the full-service community school environment. The model we are providing is transformational as there are no rural models in the country who 'look' like Northern Cass. As a personalized competency-based learning district, we commit to providing relevant and authentic learning experiences where every learner is provided the opportunity to change the world.

### **About ASU+GSV Summit**

The ASU+GSV Summit is the premier global event focused on technology innovation in education and skills. We believe that ALL people deserve equal access to the future. Started in 2010 with a collaboration between Arizona State University (ASU) and Global Silicon Valley (GSV), the annual Summit connects leading minds focused on transforming society and business around learning and work. Educators, investors, industry leaders, and entrepreneurs from around the world come together to innovate the future of education for all. Hosted in San Diego, over 5,300 people attended in April 2022. Speakers from previous years include President Barack Obama, President George W. Bush, Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, John Legend, Common, Marian Wright Edelman, Bill Gates, Sandra Day O'Connor, Reed Hastings, President Vicente Fox, Malcolm Gladwell, Gloria Steinem, Tony Blair, and Howard Schultz.



# Northern Cass School District No. 97 Home of the Jaguars



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March 27, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greetings from Northern Cass! According to our records, you have a child that will be old enough to register for kindergarten in the fall! We will be conducting a kindergarten screening for all current and upcoming five-year olds. Kindergarten Registration and Screening will be held Friday, April 28, 2023.

The link at the bottom of this letter will allow you to schedule your time for the screening. The screening takes no more than 20 minutes and the results will be mailed to you. The screening will be conducted by the Northern Cass kindergarten educators, our performance strategist, and elementary principal. By conducting the screening, it will assist your family in making the important decision about whether or not your child is academically and emotionally ready for school. Please note the state of North Dakota five-year-old (birthday) cut-off for entering Kindergarten is July 31.

Fill out the enclosed registration form and bring it with you to the screening. It is also appreciated if you bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record. These items are helpful for enrollment. We will make copies of these documents, and you will keep the originals. If you do not have your child's birth certificate, you may order a copy via mail or fax (form enclosed). If you are open enrolled, your open enrollment form should have been returned to the school or postmarked no later than February 28th.

If you know of a family with a child eligible to start kindergarten in the fall that did not receive this letter, have them notify the school immediately.

Please contact the school with questions or concerns at 701.874.2322 or email crysta.schenck@northerncassschool.com. We look forward to meeting you and your child and beginning this exciting educational journey together!

C. Schenck

Northern Cass Elementary Principal

NOTE: If your child attends Northern Cass preschool, we will screen them during the week, you will not need to make an appointment for the Friday screening. Results will be mailed to you.

To schedule your child's screening time, go to the link below or scan the QR code to link to the sign up.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044EA4AA2AA6FA7-kindergarten

The Northern Cass School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, sexual orientation, gender, or disability.

# NORTHERN CASS PUBLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 REGISTRATION FORM

A. Student Information	Current Record	Corrections
Student Name (Last, First & Middle)		
Primary Mailing		
Primary City, State, Zip		
Primary Home Phone		
Gender		
Grade		
Date of Birth		
*Ethnicity(See Note Below)		
B. Parent Information		
Mother/Legal Guardian's Name		
Mother/Legal Guardian's Cell Phone		
Employer		
Day Phone		
Email Address		
Father/Legal Guardian's Name		,
Father/Legal Guardian's Cell Phone		
Employer		
Day Phone		
Email Address		
Homeless	Yes/No	
C. Alert Now		
Contact Number		
Contact Number		
Email Address		
Email Address		
D. Emergency Information	(Local - Other than parent)	1
Contact 1-Name		
Phone Number		
Contact 2-Name		
Phone Number		
E. Siblings		
Name & Date of Birth		
Name & Date of Birth		
Name & Date of Birth		

I DO NOT want my child's work, pictures, and/or projects showcased on the internet with identifying

<sup>\*</sup>Ethnic Types: African American/Black - B; American Indian - I; Asian - A, Caucasian/White - W; Hispanic - H; Other - O



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# REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023 SEASON OPENS MARCH 10!

STUDENTS ENTERING 4-8TH GRADE\* (FALL OF 2023)

ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY.

# 2023 Dates to Note:

May 15	Priority pricing ends at <b>11:59pm TONIGHT</b> . Fees increase by <b>\$50</b> May 16th.
July 1	Registration fees increase by an additional \$50. Register BEFORE this date to avoid team wait lists!
July 26	Final team rosters released to coaches. Players notified of team assignment <b>by their coaches</b> .
July 31	Non-contact practice begins this week.
August 4, 5, 6	Equipment Pick-Up and Mandatory Weigh-In.  Metro Rec Center, 3110 Main Avenue, Fargo
August 7	Contact (padded) practice starts this week. Coaches determine practice schedule and locations.
August 9	Alternate weigh-in and equipment pick-up date at Metro Rec. No practice this date!
August 19	Jamboree Day for 4, 5 and 6th grade teams.  Southside Regional Park, 2000 40th Avenue S., Moorhead
	Regular season games for all grade levels begin this week.

<sup>\*7/8</sup>th grade programs available to FARGO/WEST FARGO/MHD/OAK GROVE/PCS STUDENTS.

ONLINE REGISTRATION
AND SEASON DETAILS
AVAILABLE HERE:
FMATHLETICS.COM

Use 2023NC as the discount code.

# **EARLY LEARNING FAIR**

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 8:30-11:30 AM NORTHERN CASS SCHOOL

> For families with children birth-age 5 potentially attending Northern Cass

- SENSORY ACTIVITIES
- HANDS-ON SNACK DEMONSTRATION
- STORY TIME
- GROSS MOTOR ACTIVITIES
- SCHOOL AND BUS TOURS
- INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS
- BOOK FAIR OPEN TO PUBLIC

DOOR PRIZES



No School for

Kindergarteners: April 28



Northern Cass will be holding our annual Kindergarten Screening for 2023-2024 Kindergarten class on Friday, April 28, 2023. There will be NO SCHOOL for current learners so our educators can assist with the screenings. Thank you for your understanding.



# **April 22-29**

All week the fair will be open for learners to shop during the school day. All items are buy one get one free!

Saturday 22: 8:30-11:30am Open for Early learning fair

3:30-6:15 Open to public and Missoula auditions Monday 24:

Tuesday 25: 3:30-4:15 Open to public 3:30-4:15 Open to public Weds 26: Thurs 27: 3:30-4:15 Open to public

6:15-8:30 Open for Missoula performance Friday 28:

10:00am-noon Open for Missoula performance Saturday 29:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/northerncassschoolBOGO

Questions? Email northerncassbookfair@gmail.com

# NDSA TESTING

Elementary- Levels 3-5 **May 1-5** 

Middle School- Levels 6-8 **April 24-28** 

**High School- Level 10 April 24-28** 

Please make sure your learner gets plenty of sleep and eats a nutritional breakfast.

# HILDREN'S

Presenting Rumpelstiltskin on April 28 & 29

The Missoula Children's Theatre is coming April 24-29 and this year's production will be Rumpelstiltskin. Students, Kindergarten through 12th grade, can audition after school on Monday, April 24 and rehearsals will be held throughout the week. The week ends with two performances: Friday, April 28 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 29 at 10:30 am. Mark your calendars, plan to attend one of the performances, and prepare to be amazed at what our Northern Cass actors, actresses, and directors can do in only a week!

Tickets will be available at the door: \$8 for adults and \$5 for learners.

Don't forget to come early so you can stop at the book fair and stay after for dessert.





helped in any way!

A big congratulations to Nolan S. for making it to State in chess with an undefeated season! He will compete at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks on March 31st-April. 1st.



Some details on our esports season with Fenworks:

- --46 schools across North Dakota (and a few Minnesota) competed
- --Fortnite had 39 teams of 3 players
- --Rocket League had 32 teams of 3 players
- -- Chess had 56 players
- --League of Legends had 13 teams of 5 players
- --Valorant had 24 teams of 5 players

It was a great season, and we will be back at it next vear!

Shawn Krinke



The North Dakota SkillsUSA competition is a state competition that includes high school students from all over the state. It was held in Wahpeton, March 26-28. As a competitor in the welding competition, I competed in GMAW, SMAW, GTAW, and Oxyfuel competitions. In combination with all of the competitions. place first in the state. As I placed gold, I will be advancing to the National competition in Atlanta, Georgia this coming June. will be the only high schooler representing North Dakota in the national competition.

Ben K.



Our level 8 and older learners have been training to compete at the ABLE Games Fitness Competition on March 31st and April 1st. Our level five, six, and seven learners also had the opportunity to compete at the ABLE to Move competition on March 31st.

You can check out more about the ABLE Games here: https://AbleGames.org/

Thank you for all that you do in creating such an inclusive environment for our learners! Opportunities like the ABLE Games are extra special and a huge moment to celebrate, but you create these moments for all of our learners every day- Thank you!

Nikki Lorsung



The Acalympic team placed 2nd at state, for the second year in a row. I am so proud of these kids. They worked hard, had a great attitude, and most importantly they made it fun. We will sure miss our seniors! Jordan L, Nolan S, Kasey T, and not pictured Jana R.

We had some time to spare yesterday in Bismarck, so we made a quick trip to the museum for some last-minute knowledge.

Pictured: Jordan L, Jace S, Nolan S, Kasey T, Iris R, James W, Zaun







# Level 5 Job Shadow Highlights

Each year, we conduct a job shadow project with level 5 learners. Mrs. Tadych, the Director of College, Career, and Life Readiness, worked with level 5 learners on their career interests, conducting research in those fields, and exploring what a job shadow looks like. Mrs. Krinke, Elementary Counselor, met with learners and practiced communication skills and assertiveness. Check out what some of them did during their job shadows!



### VADEN - HOT ROD SHOP OF FARGO

"Thank you so much for suggesting the Hot Rod Shop for Vaden's job shadow. It was the best experience we could've hoped for."



### ANNIKA - STEELE VET CLINIC

"I enjoyed getting to trim the hooves on the cows. We had to put them in the squeeze shoot and tip them on their side. It was very interesting, but now I have learned that I probably do not want to be a vet."

Learner Feedback



### KALEB - TRUE NORTH STEEL

"I think Kaleb actually enjoyed it, he even asked Sunday if he could go to work with dad again Monday! Thanks for this opportunity!"



# CULLEN - KELLY'S CAFE

"We really enjoyed having Cullen here with us! He was able to help me do some prep work. He helped me start burgers, grill buns, finish sandwiches, portion out appetizers, make and plate up salads, and helped Hannah serve some customers. Great Job Cullen!! You have a Bright Future ahead of you!"

Supervisor Feedback







Thank you to Mary and Paige for coming to Northern Cass for PreK-3 dental screenings. The screenings were made possible by the ND Department of Health. Learners had their teeth checked and received a dental bag with a toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental floss.



NURSE'S CORNER

Everyone knows that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Starting the day without breakfast is like driving a car without stopping to fill up the gas tank. Children who eat breakfast have longer attention spans and do better in school.

### Kids who eat breakfast are more likely to...

- Meet their daily nutritional needs.
- Keep their weight under control (Some kids skip breakfast because they think it's a way to stay thin. But someone who skips breakfast tends to eat more calories throughout the day.)
- Have lower blood cholesterol levels.
- Attend school more frequently (fewer sick days)
- Make fewer trips to the school nurse's office or secretary complaining of tummy aches.

If you want to stay in tip-top shape mentally and physically, any old breakfast won't do. A donut or soft drink provides a load of sugar, calories, and fat. And if you eat this for breakfast, you won't feel full for long. The calories from the food are used up within an hour or two, leaving you hungry, tired, fidgety, and inattentive.

Busy families need quick breakfast solutions that fit their lifestyles, so you won't be tempted to stop at a convenience store for the donut and soda fix. It's quick and easy to build a balanced breakfast wherever you eat. Try one of these breakfasts tomorrow and watch your family rise and shine all day long.

- **Breakfast at home:** If you have time for a leisurely breakfast, eggs with Canadian bacon or pancakes and fruit are wonderful. If you're rushed, choose whole-grain cereal with fruit and milk; English muffin pizza with cheese and sauce; or a creamy yogurt smoothie and a muffin.
- **Breakfast to go:** Need to eat in the car or on the school bus? Choose a portable yogurt with an apple and a muffin; a PB&J on whole wheat with a carton of milk; a slice of leftover cheese pizza and a banana; a tortilla wrap with a slice of deli meat and cheese.
- **Breakfast at school:** Check out the healthy breakfast options served up at your local school. Most schools in Fargo do serve breakfast so please check with your school regarding the serving times.

Public Health

Kids who eat breakfast do better in school, are more likely to participate in physical activities and tend to eat healthier overall. So tomorrow morning, don't run out the door on an empty stomach. Fuel up with a healthy breakfast!

Information taken from www.kidshealth.org and www.intelihealth.com and www.eatright.org



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# GRAND MARCH & DANCE EVENT

Girls are invited to bring their dad or other special adult guest to join us for this semi-formal event

ALL AGES WELCOME!

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH 1:00PM-3:00PM NORTHERN CASS EAST GYM

Please watch for a sign up form coming home in your learner's folder. They will also be available in the office.



Choir Shring

Spring Concerts

THURSDAY MAY 11TH 2023

6:00PM: Levels 5-12 Band

7:30PM: Levels 5-12 Choir

Preschool
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Kindergarten
Spring
Programs

Tuesday May 23rd @ 2:00pm
Kindergarten
Wednesday May 24th @ 9:00am

Northern Cass Auditorium Live Stream will be available Reception to follow 2023



# \* Whole grain bread, fruit and vegetable available daily

Saturday	60		15		22		29		
Friday	7 NO SCHOOL		14 Cini Mini, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	21 Choc Chip Breakfast Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Tator Tot Hotdish, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	28 Cinn. Streusel Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	
Thursday	6 NO SCHOOL		13 Banana Choc Chip Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Meatballs in Gravy, Mashed Pots, Salad Bar Fresh Fruit, Milk	20 Pop Tart, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Big Daddy's Pizza, Corn, Salad Bor, Fresh Fruit, Milk	27 Blueberry Waffle, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Sweet & Sour Chicken, Fried Rice, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	
Wednesday	5 Cheese Omelet, Waffle Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Big Daddy's Pizza, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk	12 Egg Bite & French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Chicken Nuggets, Hashbrown Patty, Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk	19 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Chii, Caramel Roll, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	26 Pancakes & Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Walking Tacos, all the Toppings, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	
Tuesday	4 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait, Granola, Fruit, Milk	Popcom Chicken, Mashed Pots, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, milk	11 Assorted Cereals, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Hamburger, French Fries, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	18 Waffle Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Chicken Alfredo Pasta, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit,	25 Banana Bread, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Peas, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	
Monday	3 French Toast Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Garlic Cheese Bread, Com, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	10 NO SCHOOL		17 Strawberry Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	24 Apple Frudel, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Stuffed Cheese Sticks, Mixed Veggies, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	
Sunday			0.		16		23		S

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