



**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. **FSCS Update:** Please click on [update](#) to read about the Community Health and Wellness Center.
2. **Summer School:** Due to a lack of staffing, Northern Cass will **not** be holding summer school for elementary or high school. There **will** still be Driver's Education and summer weights.
3. **Great Job NC:** I want to commend the Northern Cass music program on their fantastic organization and trip I drove to the cities. The students of Northern Cass were a class act and a great representation for your school. So many pleases and thank you's over the 3 days. As a 30 + year teacher myself, it was refreshing to see such wonderful students act the way we hoped they would, and they did not disappoint.
4. **CARNIVAL** - for elementary learners during their Annual Track & Field Day! They will be able to participate with their class opposite of their field events. **NC is partnering with NC PTO looking for volunteers to donate a carnival game, individually packaged treats, or time supervising carnival activities.** If you would like to help us provide a fun opportunity for learners, sign up online! Community members, grandparents, and guardians all welcome to donate items or time! Thank you for considering! <https://tinyurl.com/2p9xaj8r>
5. **Stories & Sensory Play Family Night - May 16:** All families are welcome to participate in our 2nd annual Stories & Sensory Play Family Night. We will have sensory kits and books for ages 3-12. This event is FREE and open to the Northern Cass community. Hot dogs, chips, fruit, and veggies will be served for supper. We will have story time & open sensory play. PLUS, each family will get to take home one sensory box & book! Please [register here](#) by Friday, May 12.  
\*Sponsored By: Northern Cass Counseling and Library Departments and Child Development Class\*
6. **Parent Drop-Off:** When dropping off in the morning, please drop off at the east entrance and do not park in the south lot. We have limited parking in the south lot and need to keep those spaces for visitors and learners.
7. **Summer Pantry Food Drive:** Help us stock the pantry for the Summer Meal Program! Seeking donations of non-perishable items like peanut butter, jelly, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, boxed meals, granola bars and grocery cold bags. Donations can be placed in the donation bins by the front and east entrances. Thank you for supporting Northern Cass families!
8. **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!
9. **Rumpelstiltskin Tickets** will be available at the door: \$8 for adults and \$5 for learners. Don't forget to come early so you can shop at the book fair and stay after for desserts to DI for. Additional sign up sheets are located in the library and the office. Please contact [stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com](mailto:stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com) with any questions.
10. **Northern Cass Inquiry Form:** As Northern Cass continues to expand opportunities for communication, please consider utilizing the Inquiry Form (under the Quick Links tab on the 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. **College Readiness Resources:** [Resources](#)
13. **Summer Meal Program:** Need help with groceries this summer? The Jaguar Wellness Pantry Summer Meal Program registration is now open. You can sign up [here](#). Spaces are limited, registration closes May 15. Questions, email [pantry@northerncassschool.com](mailto:pantry@northerncassschool.com).
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. **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.
16. **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).
17. **Parent Course: How to Develop Self Compassion:** [Free Course Link](#)
18. **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."
19. **Parent Guidance:** As we welcome the fresh starts of spring, take the time to evaluate the goals you set in the new year. Setting and achieving goals can help children develop a sense of purpose and direction. The [May Mental Health Newsletter](#) will guide you through the basics of goal setting with your child. It demonstrates the importance of teaching your child to set goals, the importance of periodically assessing those goals, and adjusting to set ourselves and our children up for success.

Things that matter  
are difficult.

If we want to do  
things that matter,  
it's going to take effort.

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