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Upcoming Events

- May 5- Amazing Shake
May 9- Levels 1-2 Spring Concert(6:00PM)
Levels 3-4 Spring Concert (7:00PM)
May 10- Board of Education Meeting(5:30PM)
May 11- Band Concert Levels 5-12 (6:00PM)
Choir Concert Levels 5-12 (7:30PM)
Fine Arts Night
May 12- Elementary Field Day (Levels K-6)
May 16- Family Night (5:30-6:45PM)
May 17- Signing Day for Seniors (10AM-2PM)
Junior/Senior Banquet (5:00PM)
Awards Ceremony (6:00PM)
Baccalaureate (7:00PM)
May 23- Preschool Program (2:00PM)
Last day of school for preschool learners
May 24- Kindergarten Program (9:00AM)
-Learners leave with parents after program
May 24- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
learners dismissed at 1:00PM
May 28- Graduation (2:00PM)

Jaguar Athletics

<https://www.northerncassschool.org/page/athletics-home>

Varsity games will be broadcast on:
YOUR LIVE EVENT.COM

Congratulations on your retirement. You will leave an everlasting impact on the Northern Cass community, and for that, we thank you.



Maureen Bjerke
Administrative
Assistant
41 years

My why: I believe we can make a difference in our learners by listening and showing them that we care about each and every one of them.



Pam Stirling
School Nurse
24 years

My why: Learners and educators make a difference in each other's lives every day! I am blessed to be a part of this wonderful journey.

Welcome



Leila Samuelson- ELA Educator-Level 7-Leila went to Duluth Denfeld High School and is graduating from Concordia College in Moorhead with a major in elementary education and a minor in psychology. Her hobbies include being with family and friends, being outdoors (especially the lake!), shopping, and reading.



Elle Larson- Kindergarten Educator- I am originally from Hunter, North Dakota and graduated from Northern Cass in 2019. I attended the University of North Dakota to obtain a double major in Early Childhood and Elementary Education with a Minor in Special Education. During my time at UND I was also involved in my sorority, Gamma Phi Beta. I enjoy traveling, going to the lake, spending time with family, friends and my significant other. I am looking forward to coming "home" to Northern Cass and teaching Kindergarten!



Kiley Kolnes- Para Educator-I live in Harwood with my husband Jeff and 2 sons, Ethan (9) and Colton (4). I grew up in Ada, MN on a farm with my parents and 5 siblings. I have a Business Management degree and I have been doing daycare for 10 years to stay home with my boys. Now that they will both be in school fulltime, it was time for a change. When I'm not running kids to activities or cooking for them, I enjoy a DIY project (like refinishing furniture) or going on a fun family adventure.



Jenny Evenson- Para Educator- I live in Arthur with my husband, Matt, and our two daughters, Lily (5th) and Sadie (PreK). For the past 10 years I have been a licensed home childcare provider and I am excited to be able to continue to work with learners in my new role as a Para! My family and I love to go camping in the summer. We also enjoy going to rodeos and own a bucking bull named "Delivery Man" that we enter into various events across the country! We are both from South Dakota, so we spend as much time visiting family there as we can.

Congratulations

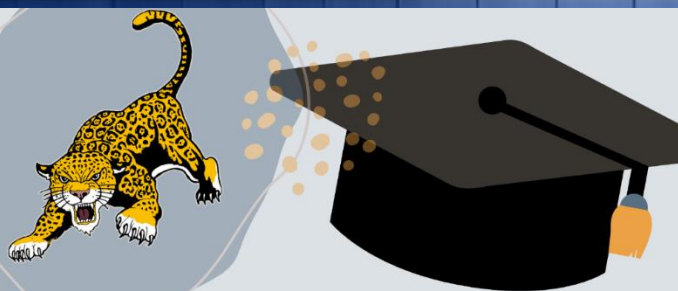


Congratulations to the Northern Cass Speech Team youth that will be competing in Mandan, ND at the State Speech competition:

G.M.- Dramatic Speaking

S.J.- Speech to Entertain

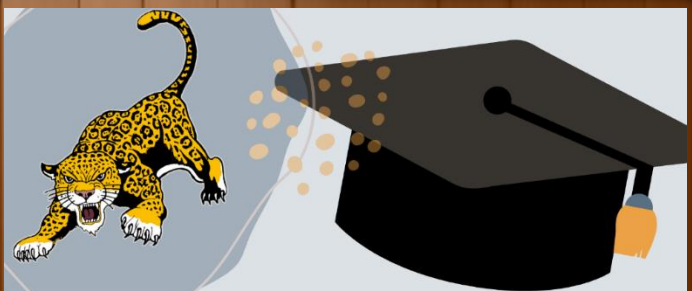
J.L.- Impromptu Speaking and Persuasive Speaking



JORDAN LARSON

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WITH 71 COLLEGE CREDITS!



Nolan Severance

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WITH 61 COLLEGE CREDITS**





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April 2023

Thank you to everyone who participated in the town hall listening sessions and provided feedback for the proposed Northern Cass Health and Wellness Center. The Northern Cass Health and Wellness Center Task Force, which led these sessions, has wrapped up and an Advisory Group has been meeting to move this work forward and ensure this is, first and foremost, a community project. Here are a few updates on the project:

- Essentia Health has pledged funding and will partner with Northern Cass to build a medical clinic on the school grounds.
- Essentia Health has designed the medical clinic and architects are working on a draft plan for the entire wellness center building which will include the medical clinic footprint. The cost of the project has been identified and 'drawings' will be completed by Friday, April 28th which will be shared with the public soon.
- A nonprofit will be formed to oversee the center, the Board of which will make guiding decisions on the project. The Board will be composed of community members, Northern Cass school board members, an Essentia Health representative, a school staff representative, and local business representatives. We have a majority of the Board identified and will finalize this in the next two weeks.
- Several initial funders have been identified and a fundraising campaign plan is being organized. The fundraising campaign will officially begin on July 1st.
- The school team has been working on grants for programs and services in the center. If awarded, we will communicate that through the school's social media, weekly memo and the Community Center Task Force Facebook page.

You may have noticed quite a few lines to the effect of "more information to come." This is a large, wonderful and very complex undertaking which includes many voices. The goal is that while working within an ambitious timeline, we still make sure to take the time needed to incorporate as much community input as possible. Not every recommendation will make it into the final plan but please know this project is meant for everyone and all input is being taken into serious consideration.

When the advisory group goes out to talk to potential partners and investors, they are presenting the collective dream of vibrant and thriving communities we call home. We envision a Northern Cass Health and Wellness Center as a place of welcoming where all community members have easy access to healthcare, learning and a sense of community. Please look for more details and updates over the summer. Thank you for being a part of this big, bold dream!

If you have questions, please reach out to Dr. Steiner, Paige Carlson or Amber Lockhart.

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NORTHERN CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

POLLING SITE:

Northern Cass School - 16021 18th St. SE, Hunter, ND

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: will be available May 4th at the Northern Cass School or by calling the School Office - 874-2322.

BOARD POSITIONS OPEN:

AREA #4 - 3 YEAR TERM (Amenia, Bell, Blanchard, Bohnsack, Dows, Empire, Erie, Rush River, Greenfield, and Gunkel Townships)

AREA #5 - 3 YEAR TERM (Gardner Town, Gardner Township Sec. 1-18, Kinyon Township Sec. 19-369, Nobel Township Sec. 19-36 and Wiser Township Sec. 1-18)

QUESTION TO PUBLISH MINUTES FOR NEXT TWO YEARS



Summer 2023: There will be no elementary Summer School offered.

There will be an online option for ordering school supplies for the 2023-2024 school year coming soon!

**PLEASE
NOTE**

High School learners participating in the summer weights program can use the hours they attend as part of an Independent PE course. Learners will need to speak with Mr. Margerum on how they can sign up for an Independent PE course for the summer.



JAGUAR WELLNESS SUMMER PANTRY

TO REGISTER, EMAIL
[PANTRY@NORTHERNCASSSCHOOL.COM](mailto:pantry@northerncassschool.com)

Need Help with Groceries
This Summer?

Registration is open for free
pantry delivery to your
home.

Space limited. Registration closes
May 15, 2023.



Summer Pantry Food Drive

Help us stock the pantry for the summer meal program!

Please drop donations off in the pantry collection boxes at Northern Cass

Most needed items: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Cereal, Rice, Mac and Cheese, Boxed Meals, Granola Bars, Shampoo, and Grocery Cold Bags. All non-expired food items welcome!



Questions - contact pantry@northerncassschool.com

College of Saint Benedict Cross Country

Overnight Camp

LOCATION St. Joseph, MN

EVENT DATE(S) Jun 26, 2023, to Jun 29, 2023

GRADES 9th to 12th

<https://register.ryzer.com/camp.cfm?sport=25&id=237234>

Event Description

CSB/SJU Cross Country Camp

Co-Ed Overnight Camp

The CSB/SJU Cross Country Camp is run by two long-time coaches who know what it takes to be successful in collegiate cross country. We focus on running and the little things to keep you healthy and strong. Speed training, strength training, pool workouts and prehab.

June 26th - 29th

Grades: 9th - 12th

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Cost: \$340

Please let me know if you have plans to attend or have additional questions.

-JJ Johnson <jennifer.johnson@hrrv.org>



Do you have Computer Science knowledge? Volunteer to make difference

- Volunteers fill in the subject matter gaps for teachers that are new to CS.
- Volunteers provide content knowledge for students as they learn CS by leading lessons, answering students' questions, and providing, real-world examples.
- Volunteers will have dedicated support and training

Volunteer to teach CS with TEALS

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Dancing with the Stars! Levels 1-4 Spring 2023 Concert

We are proud to present our Northern Cass Elementary Spring 2023 Concert!

Concert Date & Times –

Tuesday May 9th, 2023

Levels 1 & 2 @ 6:00pm

Levels 3 & 4 @ 7:00pm

Located in Northern Cass West Gym



Attire: You are the Stars!! Dress up as a dancer, celebrity, anything fancy – sparkles, glitter, black suit! Options could be tie/bow tie & shirt, dress, tunic & leggings, or nice slacks & collared shirt. Please NO heels or athletic clothing.

Speaking Parts: Level 2 and Level 4 learners have the opportunity to have a speaking part. I will send home a script separately with those who choose to have a speaking part. It does not need to be memorized, but rehearsed well!

Details on Virtual Showing Option: We will Live Stream the concert and it will be recorded so you can watch at any time and share with other family members. Please refer to the times listed above if you'd like to view during the live stream but know it will be recorded and the archive available the next day.

Livestream: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/jaguars-online>

Concert Resources: Beginning in April there will be a Google Site available with all of the mP3 recordings, lyrics and information regarding the concert. Please watch for the email from classroom educators with the link to the site.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kohl at stephanie.kohl@northerncassschool.com

Musically Yours,

Mrs. Kohl



NORTHERN CASS MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Band & Choir Spring Concerts

THURSDAY MAY 11TH 2023

Levels 5-12 Band- 6:00PM

Levels 5-12 Choir- 7:30PM

Preschool & Kindergarten Spring Programs

Preschool

Tuesday May 23rd @ 2:00pm

Kindergarten

Wednesday May 24th @ 9:00am

Northern Cass Auditorium
Live Stream will be available
Reception to follow



FRIDAY, MAY 12TH

CARNIVAL

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

We are throwing a **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!

Questions?

Ashley Krinke - ashley.krinke@northerncassschool.com
Katie Mitchell - katie.mitchell@northerncassschool.com

TRACK & FIELD & CARNIVAL SCHEDULE

Below is a general overview of Track & Field Day and the **CARNIVAL** schedule to help you begin to plan your day or decide if donating or volunteering is right for you!

MORNING ACTIVITIES

9:00-11:30 Levels PK - 2 Track & Field

9:00 Level 3 Carnival

9:45 Level 4 Carnival

10:30 Level 5 Carnival

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

12:00-2:30 Levels 3-5 Track & Field

11:30 Level 1 Carnival

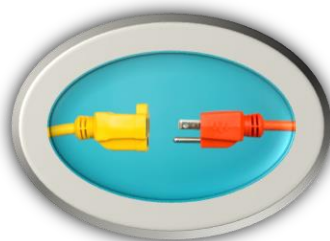
12:15 Level 2 Carnival

1:00 Level K Carnival

1:45 Level PK Carnival



SIGN UP HERE
TO DONATE OR VOLUNTEER
FOR THE CARNIVAL



Want to get plugged in?

Booster Club would love to have your help!

We are looking for individuals that are willing to help with various fundraising efforts.

Please come talk to us in the lunchroom during the elementary Track and Field Day!!

STORIES & SENSORY PLAY

SPONSORED BY: COUNSELING AND LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS
& CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLASS

FAMILY NIGHT

Tuesday, May 16

5:30-6:45

SUPPER - JAG DEN
ACTIVITIES - LIBRARY



REGISTER ONLINE
BY FRIDAY, MAY 12

- 5:30 Supper (Hot Dogs)**
- 5:55 Introduction to Sensory Play**
- 6:00 Stories & Sensory Play**
- 6:40 Sensory Kit Giveaways**

All families are welcome to participate. We will have sensory kits and books for ages 3-12. Come learn, play, read, and have fun!



Summer Jag Gear

Don't forget
to customize!

Baseball Hats
Tank Tops
Shorts
Coolers



Passcode - jaguars



Can Students Productively Use AI in Writing?

By Jordan Larson

Since the rise of ChatGPT, AI has been at the forefront of the education discussion more than ever. Its ability to craft essays (albeit simple ones) is unheard of. Students *can* use AI productively to learn how to be a better writer, but the line between harmful and helpful usage is thin.

Students can use AI to accelerate the first draft process. As reported by The Register, Scott Graham, an associate professor at the Department of Rhetoric and Writing at the University of Texas at Austin, says, "Some students have a lot of trouble sometimes generating that first draft. If all the effort goes into getting them to generate that first draft, and then they hit the deadline, that is what they will submit. They do not get a chance to revise, they do not get a chance to edit. If we can use those systems to speed write the first draft, it might really be helpful." Arguably, most of the creative process in writing occurs in the revision process, where students need to weigh the multitudes of connections among their topics to decide the best way to communicate their ideas. Admittedly, creativity plays a large part in the brainstorming process as well. That's why Anna Mills, who educates students on how to write at a community college in the Bay Area, thinks the following: "It's too tempting to use [AI] as a crutch, skip the thinking, and skip the frustrating moments of writing. Some of that is part of the process of going deeper and wrestling with ideas. There is a risk of learning loss if students become dependent and do not develop the writing skills they need." In review, there is a balance between using AI too much in the brainstorming process (and losing out on the arduous but valuable practice of idea generation) and using it too little (and losing out on the valuable practice of revision). Idea generation is not the only use of AI language models; they can also gamify learning.

Students can use AI to give feedback on their writing. In my personal experience, I have asked ChatGPT to rate my (non-homework) essays on a scale from 1 to 10 on their effectiveness to deliver a specific message or to persuade. Its results are helpful! Not only does it give concrete scores, but it also gives some tips (not exact giveaways) on improving them. In many cases, I wanted to tinker with my essays and make small changes just to see how the scores changed. I felt like I was playing a video game, which is fun in its own right. This mindset may convince more students to write! Using AI like this calls for questions on academic honesty.

Academic dishonesty regarding using AI is tricky. According to The Register, people are still divided on whether using AI-generated content is plagiarism (Quach). Scholarly journals have already seen ChatGPT as a co-author, which many disapprove of (Stokel-Walker). Moreover, there is currently no consistent way to determine if an AI or a human wrote a block of text (Quach). Stephen Monroe, chair and assistant professor of writing and rhetoric, calls for the obvious regulation of AI in the writing process (Quach). Regardless of the novelty of AI, it is a tool just like Grammarly, the keyboard, the typewriter, autocorrect, and so on. We regulate these tools in many ways during homework assignments, so we need to do the same with AI. However, regulation almost always lags behind new technologies; the purgatory will be a new test on teachers and students alike.

In conclusion, AI can be both harmful and helpful to the writing process. Whether using it to spur brainstorming or gauge one's writing, there is a balance between using AI too much or too little. Use it too little, and you may fall behind the competition or miss out on learning opportunities. Use it too much, and you may find your credibility gone. AI is here to stay not only in the domain of writing but also in the broader category of education, so we all need to adapt to it.



LEVEL 5

Attended

REAL WORLD



WHAT DID THEY DO?

They navigated through Real World wants vs needs, credit, checking accounts, and budgeting while interacting with local business professionals.

Hosted by NDSU

May

2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Chocolate Chip Bfist Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk	2 Cini Mini, Fruit, Juice, Milk	3 Bacon Breakfast Sand, Fruit, Juice, Milk	4 Apple Streusel Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk	5 Strawberry Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk	6 French Toast, Sausage, Hashbrown Patty, Fresh Fruit, Milk
	Chicken Fries, Mashed Potatoes, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Big Daddy's Pizza, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Hamburgers, French Fries, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk		
7	8 Cinn Toast Crunch Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk	9 Blueberry Waffle Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk	10 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	11 Apple Frudel, Fruit, Juice, Milk	12 Chocolate Long John, Fruit, Juice, Milk	13
	Chicken Strips, Puzzle Tots, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Corn Dogs, Chips, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	PK-5 Sack Lunch MS/HS – Burrito Bowl, Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk	
14	15 Assorted Cereals, Fruit, Juice, Milk	16 Cini Mini, Fruit, Juice, Milk	17 Fr. Toast & Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	18 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait, Granola, Juice, Milk	19 Chocolate Chip Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk	20
	Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk	Stuffed Cheese Sticks, Peas, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Chicken Patty on Bun, French Fries, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Garlic French Bread, Corn, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Egg Bake, Pancakes, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	
21	22 Waffle Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk	23 Cinnamon Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk	24 Chocolate Chip Bfist Bar, Fruit, Milk	25	26	27
	Individual Pizzas, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Sloppy Joes, Potato Chips, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk	Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk			
28	29	30	31			

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