



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. **Please Welcome:** Stacy Erickson and Markie Taubert to Northern Cass as new Administrative Assistants! Please also welcome as a new Level 7 ELA educator!
3. **From Hailey Ast--Stand Together:** Thank you so much for hosting our group earlier this week! We are grateful for you sharing more about your work and the generosity in time and candor from you, your coaches, and your amazing students. The attendees were raving about what they saw at Northern Cass, from the lessons you shared about how you were able to work with policy to enable this innovation to how impressive your students are.
4. **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.
5. **Auditorium Seat Fundraiser:** Our auditorium is aging quickly and needs some help, so we are officially kicking off our "Sponsor A Seat" fundraiser. Our goal with this fundraising opportunity is to replace all our auditorium chairs, and the estimated cost is approximately \$85,000. While this number may seem high, your support will quickly bring us to our goal. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.
6. **Elementary Spring Concerts:** Tuesday, May 9 - levels 1-2 - 6:00pm, levels 3-4 - 7:00pm..
7. **Secondary Spring Concerts:** Thursday, May 11 - 5-12 Band Concert: 6:00pm, 5-12 Choir Concert: 7:30pm.
8. **PAY Food & Clothing Drive:** NC PaY (Philanthropy & Youth) is hosting a [food and clothing drive](#) for 2 organizations we have been working with. Clothes will be donated to *foster* kids through **Project 1:17** and food will be donated to **A Place for Hope**. Drop boxes will be outside the office from May 8-12th and will be outside the auditorium at Fine Arts Night on May 11th. Thank you for helping us make a difference!
9. **Elementary Track & Field Day** will be held on Friday, May 12. Levels PK-2 will be in the morning and levels 3-5 will be in the afternoon. Check with your learner to see what events they are participating in..
10. **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>
11. **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
12. **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!

13. **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](#).
14. **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](#)
15. **College Readiness Resources:** [Resources](#)
16. **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.
17. **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!
18. **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.
19. **The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open!** If your child or family is in need - contact us at pantry@northerncassschool.com.
20. **Parent Course: How to Develop Self Compassion:** [Free Course Link](#)
21. **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."
22. **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.

