



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. **Video on Studios at Northern Cass:** [Video](#)
3. **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.
4. **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
5. **May 12th:** Library books and fines are due on May 12th. This is also the last day to charge ala carte items to the main lunch account. Starting Monday, May 15th, items may be purchased with cash only.
6. **Elementary Track & Field Day:** Due to standing water in areas where the kids will be and the upcoming forecast, we are moving Elementary Field Day to next **Wednesday May 17th**. PK-2 will still start at 9am, 3-5 will start at 11:30.
7. **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>
8. **Medication Notice:** Northern Cass learner's last day to receive medication is May 24th. Medication left in the medication cart will **not** be sent home with your child. Please pick up medication at the school by Friday, June 9, 2023 or we will properly dispose of it.
9. **PreACT Scoring Information:** This is for parents of level 10 learners, please [click here](#) for the link.
10. **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!
11. **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](#).
12. **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](#)
13. **College Readiness Resources:** [Resources](#)

14. **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 19th. If you have questions, email pantry@northerncassschool.com.
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. **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.
17. **The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open!** If your child or family is in need - contact us at pantry@northerncassschool.com.
18. **Parent Course: How to Develop Self Compassion:** [Free Course Link](#)
19. **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."
20. **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.



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