



**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,

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Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

1. **Personalized Learning Institute:** Northern Cass held their Personalized Learning Institute on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Just under 300 participants attended and the feedback was amazing. It was a conference which brought together disruptors and innovators in education. We had attendees and presenters from Ohio, Minnesota, Montana, Texas, Arizona, Florida, New York, and Georgia. One attendee said, “This is and continues to be the best conference I have ever attended.” We are so proud of the work we have done around personalized learning and we are hopeful all will learn and grow from this great conference!
2. **Welcome to Maddi Schulze**, who will be our new level 1 educator. Maddi graduated from North Dakota State University with Elementary Education and Human Development & Family Science degrees in May, 2023. She is so eager to begin her journey as a first year educator and be a part of this community!
3. Welcome to Christine Ward, who will be our level 7 Social studies and Civics. Returning now as a Northern Cass graduate, she received her BA in Social Sciences Education from NDSU in May 2020. I spent my first year teaching virtually and the last 2 years teaching reading intervention and special education at Liberty Middle School, West Fargo. Christine says ‘I can’t wait to connect with you all!’
4. **Congratulations to Aidan Hall for winning the State Golf Championship!**
5. **Congratulations** to the following learners for their recent accomplishments:  
Golf - Region 2 Senior Athlete of the Year - Aidan Hall  
Softball - All Region 1 Team: Eleise Sand  
Baseball All Region 1 Team: Keegan Neva, Trey Husar and Matthew Metzger. Senior Athlete of the Year - Keegan Neva
6. **Northern Cass Open Coaching Positions.** The following positions are open. You can email Mr. Bryce Laxdal at [Bryce.Laxdal@northerncassschool.com](mailto:Bryce.Laxdal@northerncassschool.com) if interested.
  - a. JV GBB
  - b. C GBB
  - c. JH BBB
  - d. Elem FB (not through the school but is open)
  - e. PAY Advisor
7. **Congratulations to Mrs. Tadych:** She received the Distinguished Education Professional Award (also called DEP) and is presented by North Dakota State University’s Office of Admission to outstanding educators who demonstrate leadership, commitment, and excellence in their profession. The program started in 2013, and to date we have over 50 education professionals who have received this recognition. This year, 4 recipients will be recognized, including Mackenzie Tadych. Recipients are recognized on NDSU’s campus during the Fall semester. High School Counselors and other education professionals can be nominated by Admission Staff for this award. Each year our office collectively determines the best recipients for the recognition, based on their continuous support for students, commitment to their profession, and support and collaboration with NDSU.
8. **Updated 23-24 School Calendar:** Please [click here](#) for the updated calendar.
9. **New Hockey Co-Op:** Northern Cass is proud to announce we now have a formal hockey co-op with West Fargo High School for boys’ hockey.
10. **Summer Office Hours:** The Northern Cass office hours for the summer are 8:00-3:30pm Monday through Thursday. The office is not open on Fridays.

- 11. Summer Library Schedule:** School may be ending, but the library will be open throughout the summer for checking out books and engaging in summer sensory play. [Click here for details.](#)
- 12. Updated Link for the DFS Golf Scramble:** Please join us for the [3rd Annual Dollars For Scholars Golf Scramble](#) that will be held on August 10, 2023 in Casselton. Here is the direct link if you are having difficulty with the QR Code. (<https://forms.gle/BB1GuvsJn1Pof8k37>).
- 13. Northern Cass Inquiry and/or Complaint 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 and/or Complaint 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. 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!
- 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 19th. If you have questions, email [pantry@northerncassschool.com](mailto:pantry@northerncassschool.com).
- 17. 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).
- 18. 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!
- 19. 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.
- ["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.
  - [Rethinking Teaching at Northern Cass](#) - Hear from three NC educators who are rethinking their teaching practice through personalized learning, real-world connections, and relevance.
- 20. Parent Course: How to Develop Self Compassion:** [Free Course Link](#)
- 21. Parent Guidance:** As we approach the summer months, it's time to focus not only on protecting our skin from the sun's harmful rays but also on safeguarding our mental health. Just as we apply sunscreen to shield our skin, we must take proactive steps to protect our mental well-being. In the [June Mental Health Newsletter](#), we will explore the concept of "internal sunscreen" and provide you with valuable tips on how to nurture your own mental health and that of your child throughout the summer.
- 22. Parent Resources:** There are over 50 therapist-led courses at [ParentGuidance.org](https://parentguidance.org) where you can learn more about the mental health needs of your child and yourself.

