



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,

Updated 8/18/23

Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

1. ***The 2023 Night to Unite will be held in Gardner at the city park. It will be held on*** September 6, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 PM. There is no cost. It is open to all Gardner & Grandin residents and surrounding community members. This event has been such a success for the last couple of years for both Gardner & Grandin, let's keep it going. Many areas of our Law Enforcement Agencies and First Responders will be in attendance to showcase the equipment and tools necessary to do their jobs. This is a family event intended on bringing Law Enforcement, First Responders, and the general public together. Bring the kids and come enjoy some dinner/supper. As usual, there will be some door prizes you won't want to miss.
2. **Congratulations!** To Beth Head, Tom Klapp, and Luke Bush--they received the System Innovator Award from Governor Burgum during the Governor's Summit on Innovation on Tuesday, August 15th held at Cheney Middle School in West Fargo.
3. **Northern Cass Open Positions.** The following positions are open. You can email Mr. Bryce Laxdal at Bryce.Laxdal@northerncassschool.com if interested.
 - a. Kitchen Assistant (full-time)
 - b. Bus Drivers
 - c. JH BBB
4. **Updated 23-24 School Calendar:** Please [click here](#) for the updated calendar.
5. **Checklist for your Athlete:** [click here](#) for more information
6. **Ticket Taker Information:** If you are interested in signing up to take tickets, please go to the following links:
 - a. [Football](#)
 - b. [Volleyball](#)
7. **North Dakota Center for Distance Education (NDCDE) Courses:** Northern Cass will be paying for all NDCDE courses this year in full.
8. **Exciting News Regarding Bank Cards:** Northern Cass School has recently partnered with **Gate City Bank** to now offer School Spirit Cards. With every card ordered, Northern Cass will receive \$10 which will go to support learner programming. The cards can be ordered at the following link: [Gate City Bank Jaguar Cards](#). **Bell Bank** has been a continued supporter of the custom card donation program as well - those cards can be ordered at the following link: [Bell Bank Jaguar Cards](#)
9. **Cereal Box Dominos Donations for the Jaguar Wellness Pantry:** The Jaguar Wellness Pantry, Northern Cass Student Council and Peer Leaders are joining forces for a 2nd Cereal Box Domino Challenge. Starting at Back to School Night on August 17 through September 25, learners are asked to collect cereal donations for the Jaguar Wellness Pantry. Together they will build a cereal box domino chain for the September Greatness Celebration - and then they will knock it down! The goal is to collect 750 full-size boxes of cereal. Donations can be dropped in donation boxes by the front and east gym doors and there will be a donation bin in the gym on Back to School Night - just look for the sign. Thank you for supporting the Jaguar Wellness pantry!
10. **New Jaguar Gear:** 20% of your purchase will go to the Northern Cass Wellness Pantry! [Northern Cass Storefront](#)
11. **Check out this amazing coaching resource for parents:** [Back to School Coaching Flyer](#)

- 12. Auditorium Seat Link:** For those of you that have been having difficulty signing up to sponsor a seat for the auditorium, we have corrected the error and the new link is accessible [HERE](#)
- 13. 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.](#)
- 14. Northern Cass's Mrs. Head Featured in Article:** [Northern Cass Featured](#)
- 15. 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.](#)
- 16. 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](#)
- 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 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. Parent Course: How to Develop Self Compassion:** [Free Course Link](#)
- 20. Parent Guidance:** Welcome back to school! As a district/organization, we invite you to share our monthly mental health newsletters with families you serve. Feel free to copy and paste or edit this messaging to meet your needs. Thank you for all you do for children and their families! As we welcome families back to school, we hope you were able to take some time over the summer to enjoy moments with your family and friends. As you are preparing your students to begin another school year, we want you to remember the importance of parental mental health. The [August Mental Health Newsletter \(English\)](#) [\(Spanish\)](#) emphasizes the importance of parents' mental health and outlines steps for healthy coping strategies. As a caregiver to children, it is important that you take the time to care for yourself as well!
- 21. Parent Resources:** Check out the [ParentGuidance.org](#) resources where you can access free courses led by licensed therapists on more than 50 topics. Check out the course titled, [How to Develop Self-Compassion](#), by Dr. Paul Parkin. To access the course, login by creating or using your username and password to ParentGuidance.org.

The next time
someone starts listing
all the reasons
an idea can't work,

ask them
to give three reasons
it can.

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