

Harding County School News

Establishing a Foundation for Future Endeavors

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Back to School!

August 24, 2022 will be here before we know it! Thank you to all of our students, staff, parents, and community members for their patience and willingness to go above and beyond everyday.

We are excited to welcome some new and returning faces to our team this year! Kelsie McPherson will be stepping into 5th grade, Nellie Duprel will be heading up our Special Education staff, and CJ Wilson will be in our RTI/ Special Education Department.

We can't wait to see you in a few weeks!



NOW is a great time to start tracking your mileage! Taking two seconds to write down if you drove today or carpooled will save hours of hassle in May!

We will use the following modes of communication to share information:

- District Website:
hardingcounty.k12.sd.us
- District Facebook page
- Remind App
- ClassDojo (Grades K-5)
- School phone messages

Please let the school know if you need to be added to the Remind App or school phone tree.

Parent Portal

(Is Where It's At!)

This is the place to check grades, attendance, lunch bills, and more.

You can pay your lunch bill online with a credit card or e-check, too!

If you lost your login info or need to get signed up, call Jeana at the front office.



August / September Dates to Remember

Aug 24: First Day of School

Aug 26: Friday School

Sept 5: No School – Labor Day

Sept 6: 10am Start

Sept 9: Friday School

Sept 14: School Board Meeting,
5:30pm

Sept 29-30: Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct 3-7: Homecoming Week

Oct 7: Friday School

Activity Pass Prices

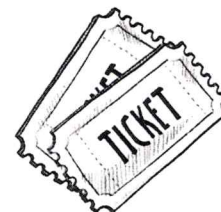
Student Pass: \$15
Single Adult Pass: \$30
Couple Adult Pass: \$50

Adult Gate: \$5
Student Gate: \$2

Order now for early pick-up!

2021 - 2022 Yearbooks

Are available at the front office.
\$30 each



From the Superintendent's Desk...

On behalf of the staff at Harding County Schools, I am happy to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. I hope you have had a restful and relaxing summer break with family and friends. Our staff strives daily to create and maintain a supportive learning environment in order for all students to have a school year rooted in success. We believe that one of the cornerstones of student success is effective communication. In order for this to happen, our children need support from both home and school. Our families are our partners in education, and it is important for you to know that we value your contributions to our schools. With that, we have high expectations and appreciate the support network from home as well.

There is no greater cause than educating our young people and helping to prepare them for the future. I am confident this will be a fantastic school year, and that we will all work together to make it so! I appreciate your ideas, concerns and questions. The ways to contact me is by calling the school or drop me an email at josh.page@k12.sd.us.

With Rancher Pride,
Mr. Josh Page
Superintendent



Get the Work

When you know ahead of time that your child will be missing class, give the school plenty of notice so he/she can provide makeup work to do. If your child is out unexpectedly, due to illness or other reasons, in addition to contacting the school office, make arrangements with your child's teacher to pick up a packet of work from the school. If the absence is lengthy (e.g. for surgery), alert teachers and administration as soon as you know and get updated assignments as the days go on. We are here to work with you!

Important Reminders

Report In

Schools are required to track attendance of every child, in every classroom, everyday. The state of South Dakota requires schools to hit a certain percentage of daily attendance and that number hovers around 94%. We realize that appointments are needed and scheduled months in advance and we live hours away from doctors, etc. It is essential that you always contact the school if your child is going to be late for class, will need an early dismissal, or will be absent.

NOTE: In regards to activities, a doctor note will be required if a student/athlete is missing school the day of a game or activity for any medical appointment. If a note is **not provided, they will not be able to participate.*



Vacation Plans

It's tempting to pull your kids from school for a lengthy family trip, but it is not ideal. Why? When they miss class work, even if you ask for make-up work to be sent ahead of time, they can fall behind because they're missing many hours of instructional time each day. Instead of thinking of how you can miss the crowds by taking trips during the school year, think about what it could be costing your child.



Message from Mr. Messmer



I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to the 2022-23 school year. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and restful summer. Although it is nice to look forward to the summer break, it is also nice to look forward to the first day of school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me as I will do my best to answer any questions you may have.

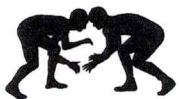
Communication, as always, will be a key factor in making sure we have a successful year. I would like to remind you to please contact Ray Ginsbach if you need any changes made to your phone numbers for the automated phone system. I strongly urge everyone to have their cell number added to the "Remind" app. The "Remind" app is an easy way for parents/grandparents/community members to get messages from the school sent directly to your phone. Please fill out the attached form and return it to the school. If you are currently receiving "Remind" notices, there is no need to fill out another form.



The athletic season practices are under way, and we will soon be hosting games and traveling to games to watch the girls and boys throughout the state. Inevitably there will be changes to the current schedule, so I ask that everyone watch the district website, district Facebook page, and the Remind app to make sure they get the information in a timely manner.



I look forward to seeing all of you on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 24!



School Lunch Information

School lunches will be paid again this year. Elementary meals are \$3.75 and MS/HS meals are \$4.25. Meals are \$0.40/each for all K-12 students who qualify for reduced price meals.

We recognize the needs in our community and welcome all families to continue to submit Free & Reduced Meal Applications. These applications are used for more than determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals. They can help us receive more grant funding and other federal assistance and keep kids qualified for the next school year.

All applications are completely confidential. Applications are available on our website and at the school office. If you have any questions, please let us know. We are more than happy to help!



Harding County School District 31-1 2022 – 2023 School Year



August 2022

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2022

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25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2022

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30	31					

November 2022

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27	28	29	30			

December 2022

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2023

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2023

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March 2023

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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April 2023

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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May 2023

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Legend:

- School In Session
- Teacher in Service/Work Days
- Holidays – No School
- School Makeup Day (if needed)

Teacher Work Days:

Aug 22-23, Sept 30, Oct 21, Dec 16, Jan 20,
Feb 3, Mar 10, May 18-19

First Day: August 24th

Fall PT Conferences: 9/29 & 9/30

Homecoming Week: 10/3-7

Christmas Break: 12/22 – 1/3

Spring PT Conferences: 2/2 & 2/3

Easter Break: April 7-10

Graduation: 5/20

Last Day: 5/17

Designated Make Up Days: 3/24, 3/31, 5/5

Friday School: 8/26, 9/9, 10/7, 1/6

of Student Contact

Days = 145 total

Aug 6
Sept 17
Oct 18
Nov 16
Dec 12
Jan 17
Feb 15
Mar 18
Apr 15
May 11

*45 hours are built into this calendar for State Tournaments/ Snow Days/Late Starts. Anything over 45 hours will be made up on assigned make-up days as needed.

End of 1st Qtr: Oct 21

End of 2nd Qtr/1st Sem: Dec 21

End of 3rd Qtr: Mar 9

End of 4th Qtr/2nd Sem: May 17

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 FB Practice Starts	5	6
7	8	9	10 School Board Meeting 5:30	11 XC & VB Practice Starts	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 FB @ New Underwood 6:00	19	20
21	22 Teacher Inservice	23 Teacher Inservice	24 1 st Day of School	25 VB (AB) vs Timber Lake 5:30	26 Friday School XC @ RC Douglas 9:00 FB @ Kadoka 6:00	27
28	29 JHFB & JHVB @ Newell 4:30 VB (AB) @ Newell 5:30	30 VB (AB) @ New England 5:30	31	Sept 1 VB (AB) vs Lemmon 5:30 JHVB @ Scranton 5:30	Sept 2 XC @ Faith 9:00 FB vs Faith 6:00	HC

Harding County School District Lunch Menu

August 2022

Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26
		Chicken burger Fries Lettuce fruit 1% milk/ choc.	French bread pizza chips coleslaw fruit 1% milk/choc.	Hot ham & cheese Tots Fruit 1% milk/choc
Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1	Friday 2
Chicken nuggets Season fries Fruit Milk /choc	Taco in bag Lettuce Fruit Milk/choc	Hot dog / polish dog Baked beans Chips Fruit Milk/choc	Sloppy joe Potato salad Fruit salad Milk/choc	

