

# Crazy Horse School

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*Welcome Back Everyone!*

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a restful and meaningful time with your families and friends during this winter break. It's hard to believe but [Friday, January 12, marks the halfway mark of the 2023-24 school year](#), as it is the end of the first semester. For high school students, this is an especially important date as passing classes each semester is key to graduating on time and with their peers.

We congratulate our students and teams that participated in the various LNI activities. We had students participating in the Lakota Knowledge Bowl, Handgames, Dance, Art Show, Chess Tournament, Cheerleading competition and boys and girls basketball games. Our students represented Crazy Horse School with honor and made us all proud.

January is going to be a super busy month so please mark your calendars for the following events:

- **Elementary Movie Day:** Jan. 13 in Commons 2:00-4:00 (Snacks provide; Parents drop off & Pick up)
- **Wrestle Mania Movie Night:** Jan. 17 at the school at 5:00 (All students invited)
- **Senior/Parent FAFSA Night-**Jan. 17 at the school 4:30-7:00 (Jrs, Srs, and Parents)
- **PARENT BINGO NIGHT:** Jan. 24 at the Commons at 5:00 (All parents/guardians)
- **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Jan.25 4:30-7:00 & Jan. 26 8:00-12:00
- **School Board Meetings:** January 10 (Regular Meeting) and January 31 (Finance Meeting)
- **Future February Plans** include an Elementary Valentine's Party and Middle/High School Dance



On January 24, we are hosting a Parent Bingo Night and will share information with you regarding additional programs and projects we're working on to improve services we provide your children at Crazy Horse School. We're hoping for a big turn-out so come have some fun, win some prizes, and learn about good things happening at CHS.



In closing, your child's education is extremely important to us. In order to be successful in school, regular attendance is necessary. **DID YOU KNOW:**

- Students who do not learn the fundamentals of reading, writing and math by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are more likely to fall behind and less likely to graduate from high school;
- Students who attend school regularly show higher levels of achievement than students who do not have regular attendance;
- Good attendance helps children do well in high school, college and at work;
- Students who miss fewer days become better readers;
- Students who have excessive absences are more likely to be suspended and drop out of high school;
- Research shows chronic absenteeism is linked to teen substance use and poor health as adults;
- Students who miss more than 18 days of school are less proficient in reading, writing, and math compared to their peers with good attendance;
- Regular daily attendance positively impacts a child's social, emotional, and cognitive development;
- 80% of success in school is simply just showing up!

## *Attendance Matters*

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding school policies or issues affecting your child at Crazy Horse School. My door is open and I welcome the opportunity to visit with each of you. Take care and stay safe, Margo