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Families should have received a school meal program mailing and a back to school mailing. Please contact the school if you did not receive a copy.

Welcome Back!!

Welcome back students, parents, and patrons to the 2018-19 school year! School begins August 22nd. The Howard School Board, Administration, Faculty, and Staff continue to work towards providing outstanding educational opportunities for all of our students. I am sure the students can't wait to get started again or at least their parents can't wait for them to get started again. The mission of the Howard School District is to provide each student with the educational foundation on which to build a successful life in a global society. All of our staff members strive to help each student attain their goals each day.

This year, like last year our students in grades 7-12 will be receiving laptop computers and the elementary students will receive the iPad Mini's as a part of our commitment to integrating technology for enhanced learning opportunities. As always, our educational staff stands ready and willing to help each student attain the skills necessary to allow them to pursue additional educational endeavors such as college, military, vocational, and employment opportunities they will encounter in the very near future. Lifelong learning is not just a saying; it is a necessity for success in a technology rich, global economy!

The school board has made a tremendous commitment to upgrading our facilities this year; the largest project is an addition to the east side of the high school, which will provide our students great facilities when finished. We have also added new flooring in several classrooms. You can only coast one direction (downhill) and we pride ourselves by maintaining and upgrading our buildings so they are a great place to learn!

I would like to take this opportunity welcome our new Dean of Students, Dr. Marie Lohsandt, elementary teacher and head track coach, Keith Moe, new paraprofessional, Kerstin Roesler and our new elementary custodian Tammy Gorry.

I encourage all of you to support our Miner County businesses who support our students with generous donations of time and money. They make a difference for all of our students and teachers so please thank them by supporting their efforts to offer goods and services!

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to become an active partner in your child's education. Being involved, volunteering, providing positive support, and discussing issues that are of concern will help all of us grow and accomplish our goals. I encourage you to let us know how we are doing. My door is always open and I am willing to listen. I also encourage you to make an appointment to visit classrooms or come for lunch with your student. Your involvement shows your children that education is important to you and that it is a family value. You, as a parent, can provide no greater gift to your child!

We are very proud of our Athletic and Arts programs and want to encourage you to attend games and performances whenever you can. It means a lot to the students to see the community supporting them. Don't hide that Tiger Pride! Please follow us on Facebook by searching @howardsdschools This year we will have all the games and concerts in the high school gym broadcast via the NFHS Network, <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/support/howard-high-school-howard-sd?redir=https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/howard-high-school-howard-sd> this will include Junior High, JV and Varsity games, we'll also broadcast Varsity football games. There is no cost to view the concerts but a subscription is required to view the ball games.

We feel very fortunate to have a great community willing to do what is necessary to grow and provide outstanding educational opportunities for its' students. Your locally elected School Board Members and support personnel do a great job of ensuring safe and attractive facilities for our students. Thank them for their service when you see them!

Our students truly are our future and our educational systems continue to be the best in the world! I am looking forward to an outstanding school year! Let's Go Tigers!!!

Mr. Todd Lee, Superintendent/Principal
Howard Public Schools

ATTENDANCE CENTERS

Howard Elementary

Dr. Christopher Noid, Elementary Principal/Asst Supt.

605-772-4443

Howard Jr-Sr High School

Todd Lee, Superintendent/Secondary Principal

605-772-5515

NEW STUDENTS

Any new students to the Howard School System must have a verification signed by a health official that basic inoculations have been given. Students not enrolled in the school district last year must present a birth certificate upon enrollment. A copy will be made and placed in the student's file, with the original returned immediately. This is a legal requirement.

HOWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 - 2019

Important Dates:

August 20	Full Day In-Service
August 21	Full Day In-Service
August 21	Spanish Classes Begin
August 22	School Starts
August 30-31	No School – State Fair
September 3	No School – Labor Day
September 14	Homecoming
September 14	Mid-term 1st Quarter
September 28	No School – In-Service Day
October 11	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00 – 9:00, 2:00 Dismissal
October 12	No School – PTC In-Kind
October 24	End of 1st Quarter
November 20	Mid-term 2nd Quarter
November 22 & 23	No School - Thanksgiving Vacation
December 6	Elementary Christmas Concert 6:30pm
December 6	Jr.-Sr. High Christmas Concert 7:30pm
December 21	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
December 24 – Jan 2	No School - Christmas Vacation
January 2	Staff In-service
January 3	School Resumes
January 21	No School-Martin Luther King Day
February 1	Mid-term 3rd Quarter
February 15	No School
February 18	No School
March 8	End of 3rd Quarter
March 14	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00 – 9:00pm. 2:00 dismissal
March 15	No School – PTC In-Kind
March 26	K-6 Spring Concert – 7:00pm
March 28	No School-Staff In-service
March 29	No School
April 1	No School
April 17	Mid-term 4th Quarter
April 19	No School-Good Friday
April 22	No School-Easter Monday
April 27	Prom
May 6	Senior Class Awards Night
May 7	Jr.-Sr. High Spring Concert and JH Awards – 7:00pm
May 11	Graduation 2:00pm
May 14	Athletic Awards Night
May 17	Last Day of School
May 20	Full Day In-Service

MAKE-UP SNOW DAYS: May 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2019

MONTH	TEACHER DAYS	STUDENT DAYS	
August	8	1st Nine Weeks	41
September	19	2nd Nine Weeks	39
October	23 (1 OTC)		
November	20	1st Semester	80
December	15		
January	21		
February	18	3rd Nine Weeks	45
March	19 (1 PTC)	4th Nine Weeks	44
April	19		
May	14	2nd Semester	88
Total Teacher Days	177	Total Student Days	169

! New ! SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM
Now Contracted with Thrive Nutrition Services
Students will have a choice between 2 entrees at every meal!

Meal prices for the 2018 - 2019 School Year have been set at 2017-2018 rates:

Secondary Lunch (Grades 6-12)	\$3.05	Elementary Lunch (Grades K-5)	\$2.80
Secondary Breakfast	\$2.10	Elementary Breakfast	\$1.95
Secondary and Elementary Reduced Lunch	\$0.40	Secondary and Elem Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30
Elementary Milk Break	\$0.35/half pint		

Lunch accounts are to maintain a positive balance at all times. Please send payment with your child(ren) the first day of school or feel free to mail or drop off payment at the school. Parents or Guardians may see their lunch account and details on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Families will receive monthly bills sent home with the youngest student in the family. Families will also receive notice when their account has \$10.00 or less credit remaining. Online payment options will be available. More information on online payments will be mailed to families.

The school district encourages families to apply for free and reduced meals. Qualifying families may use resources for other living expenses that this program frees up. The school district may qualify for various grant and funding opportunities based upon local participation in the free and reduced program.

ACTIVITY TICKETS AND ADMISSION

Adult Season Pass	\$25.00
Student Season Pass (1-12)	\$15.00*
Senior Citizen (Age 62 or older)	\$15.00
Family Maximum (living in same household)	\$100.00
Passes provide admission to all local events except tournaments.	
Gate Admissions	\$5.00 for adults
	\$3.00 for Students 1-12

*Students are encouraged to buy activity passes – it's a great opportunity to save money and simplifies admission to events.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

Announcement of unscheduled school closing will be made through the BrightArrow Technologies, Inc. telephone contact system. You will receive a back to school mailing requesting your contact information. Please be sure to list the telephone or cell phone you are most likely to have available when this type of contact is needed. During emergency closings, it may occur that the contact system cannot handle the volume of calls, so it is advisable to check radio and/or television stations as well. First notice will be given to radio stations, Madison (KJAM 103) and Mitchell (KMIT 105.9). Television stations KELO and KSFY will also be notified. Please listen and watch for announcements throughout the morning.

PARKING AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

For the safety of those in attendance at school activities, it is imperative that we enforce some strict parking regulations. Please, it is expected that everyone will adhere to these. We need room for emergency vehicles if they are ever summoned. NO DOUBLE PARKING at any time by the curb. Leave the handicapped parking for the disabled. No parking in the fire lane, which is on the south side of the parking lot. Violators may have their vehicles towed at their own expense.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Questions regarding students and/or programs may be directed to the appropriate administrator: Superintendent/Secondary Principal Todd Lee 605-772-5515, Elementary Principal/Asst. Supt. Dr. Chris Noid 605-772-4443, Business Manager Marcia Sherman 605-772-5515.

ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

The Elementary Open House will be held Tuesday, August 21 from 5:30 – 6:30. .

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Reading is A Gift Book Fair sponsored by Scholastic will be held August 21 5:30 – 6:30pm during back to school night and August 22nd – 8 - 9am and 2:30 – 4:00pm; August 23rd – 24th – 8 – 9am and 3:15 – 4:00pm.

DISTANCE LEARNING SPANISH CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

It is the policy of the Howard School District that all educational programs or activities and employment opportunities will be offered without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or handicap and that no student, parent, employee or any other person will be subject to discrimination. Any person with a question or complaint should contact the designated coordinator for Title IX, Section 504 Compliance Activities, Supt. Todd Lee, Howard School District, 500 N Section Line St, Howard, SD 57349, phone 605-772-5515 or US Dept of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 10220 N Executive Hills Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64150-1367.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

Howard School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment of the provision of service. Howard School District provides equal opportunities with services to all individuals, including those individuals with disabilities.