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Dates to Remember

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include Jan 9 School Board Meeting, Jan 10-12 NWEA Testing, Jan 10 Music Performance @ 7:00 PM, Jan 12 Music Performances @ 7:00 PM, Jan 13 Quarter 2 Ends, Jan 16 No School, Jan 27 Early Dismissal (1:00)

Principal Notes - January 2023



Happy New Year to you and your family from Dickinson Middle School.

End of Semester



Second Quarter ended on January 13th. Report cards will not be mailed. To view your child's grades, please log into PowerSchool after January 23rd to see final grades for Quarter 2. \*Note: 7th & 8th grade will have traditional final grades for Quarter 2 available after January 23rd. 6th grade uses standards referenced grading which is always available via Schoology or PowerSchool.

Afterschool Homework Help



Sometimes staying caught up on schoolwork can be a challenge for students and families. Winter can be especially tough with days missed due to illness. One service that might help is homework club. Homework club is available to all DMS students after school Monday through Thursday until 4:30 pm. Homework club provides a supervised place for students to work on school assignments with teachers available to answer questions. While homework club does not provide individual tutoring, having the time and space dedicated to schoolwork helps many students finish their assignments and catch up on missing work. If you are interested in learning more about homework club, please reach out to your grade-level counselor.

Important Dates



No School on Martin Luther King Day January 16th. This is a teacher in-service day (training for teachers).

Early dismissal January 27th (1:00). We have early dismissal for teacher in-service. Thank you for your support of education.

Music News



Greetings from DMS Music Department ~

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year at DMS, the music department will be presenting the following Winter Programs:

- Tues. Jan. 10th - DMS Marimba Groups & 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert
Thurs. Jan. 12th - 7th & 8th Grade Choir with DHS Concert Choir

Performances begin @ 7:00 PM in the DMS Forum.

Congratulations to Medora Rambousek for being selected to the North Dakota Jr. High All State Treble Choir.

Optional - Spring Pictures



Spring pictures will be on Tuesday, February 8th. Spring pictures are optional and are only for those who would like to purchase. If you would like your child to take spring pictures please have them stop by student services later in January to pick up a picture packet.

### PE Uniform Requirement

If your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student has PE Semester 2 (begins January 17<sup>th</sup>) they will need to have a PE Uniform. If you purchased during registration they will receive them the first week of class. **If you have not purchased**



**one** you may do so online in your PowerSchool account by clicking on the MySchoolBucks tab, or by going to <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>. They are \$16.00 for the set or \$8.00 sold separately.

### Yearbooks



Last call for Yearbooks. The cost is \$37.50 through January 31<sup>st</sup>. After that time there will be a limited quantity available. If you did not purchase a yearbook during Registration you may do so online in your PowerSchool account by clicking on the MySchoolBucks tab or by going to <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> after that time there will be a limited quantity available and are first come first serve/cash or check only the day of Yearbook handout at a cost of \$40.00.

