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November 22nd, 2023

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KIDS KLOSET AT 701

Anyone in need of gently used clothing is invited to the Kids Kloset at 701 event and shop for **free** on:

December, 2nd from 9am-12pm at Closet 701
2306 East Broadway, Bismarck
Everyone is welcome!

Brought to you by the Mandan High School FBLA chapter and Closet 701



DEMON BASKETBALL

Hygiene Hype

The girls basketball team is collecting personal hygiene items needed to replenish and provide for students utilizing The BHS Closet. Items in the closet are free to all BHS students! Consider donating now by scanning the QR code below or drop off items with any BHS Girls Basketball Player.

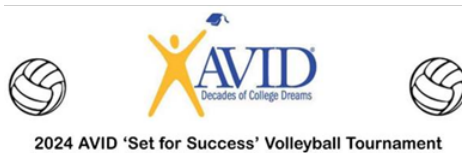
DEC 12 | BHS VS. MHS | TIME 6:00
BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL



Fans who donate hygiene items or cash donations at the Dec. 12th game vs Mandan will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$200 gift card from Scheels!



Scan the QR code to donate anytime!



Attention Adult Volleyball Players

Bismarck High School AVID is hosting the 5th annual "Set for Success" Adult Volleyball Tournament

January 20-21

Registration Forms are due January 8.

[Click here](#) to download the registration form.

All proceeds from the tournament will support college campus visits and school supplies for those in need. Thank you to all who choose to participate!

CHS Winter Cheer Camp 23

Saturday, December 16th at CHS.

Register: 8:45-9. Camp 9-11:30. Parent performance at 11:30.

We are performing our cheer routine we learn at camp at the girl's basketball game that evening if you can attend. The game is at 4:15 with performance approx. at 4:45.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Missouri State Areawide United Way

Giving Tree

TOY DRIVE

CHRISTMAS FOR EVERY CHILD

MSA UNITED WAY GIVING TREE

Gifts for ALL local children in need who otherwise might not have anything for Christmas

- Take a tag to buy for a specific child.
- Donate \$50 and we will shop for you!
- Donate new toys

**Drop off donations at the MSA United Way Office by 12/01/2023.

www.msaunitedway.org Office: 515 N 4th St.

THE POLAR PRESENT EXPRESS

The Polar Present Express is a heartwarming event that aims to spread holiday cheer and joy to Bis-Man children. Items needed are children's winter clothing, personal hygiene products, and gifts such as toys and bikes.

All donations and money raised will be used to purchase items so that 100% of all donations go back to our local youth.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

- Railway Credit Union
 - 1006 E Main St. Mandan
 - 112 S 24th St. Bismarck
- Action Motor Sports
 - 1400 Action Dr. SE, Mandan
- Roughrider Harley-Davidson
 - 3708 Memorial Hwy, Mandan

All proceeds will go to the Mandan Public Schools Foundation for Education, Bismarck Public Schools Foundation, and the Bismarck-Mandan Salvation Army. All donations will be distributed to Bismarck-Mandan children.

Donations accepted until December 16, 2023.

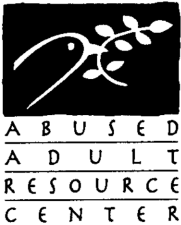
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Little Free Pantry

CHS Drama is partnering with BECEP to help keep their Little Free Pantry stocked. Items needed include household goods (laundry detergent, dish soap) and preschool sized waterproof mittens. Bring your items to any one of the musical performances to help support BECEP and the surrounding neighborhood.



Volunteer Opportunity

The Abused Adult Resource Center is always looking for volunteers to help out at our store, Seeds of Hope. If you're interested in volunteering, we can help you with your hours for the Honor Society or other programs that require volunteer hours. To apply, please visit our website and fill out the online application. You can click on this link [HERE](#) to access the application. Alternatively, you can contact Blaine Finneseth, our Volunteer Coordinator for AARC, by emailing him at blainef@aarcnd.com.



Scholarship Application Opening

Scholarships available! The application for a \$1000 scholarship through Bismarck Dollars for Scholars will open on December 1. More information and to apply: bismarck.dollarsforscholars.org. Bismarck Dollars for Scholars is part of a national organization called Scholarship America which is the nation's largest scholarship organization. The group has awarded over \$160,000 in scholarships to Bismarck graduates.



Magic Soccer FC

YOUTH INDOOR LEAGUE This league is a recreational soccer program for youth players between the ages of 8 and 14. Boys and Girls divisions are offered, and players of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. There are no team practices in Youth Indoor League, only games.

HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR LEAGUE This League is a non-travel soccer program for high school players between the ages of 15 and 19. The focus of the league is to provide high school players with additional playing opportunities outside of their school season (or between winter club travel tournaments) where they can have fun and improve their skills and confidence on the field. There are no team practices in High School Indoor League, only games.

For both leagues players and parents are encouraged to organize their own teams, but individuals wanting to play who do not have a team are welcome to sign up as "free agent" players. Games for both leagues are played on five Sunday afternoon/evenings between January through March.

Deadline to register is Wednesday, December 20th. Register early to ensure a spot! See website under programs, league play, youth indoor for additional details, cost, and registration;

<https://www.magicsoccerskills.com/home>.

Magic offers a variety of other programs to suite all abilities. Check out their website for additional information about skills training, camps, and competitive travel.



Wilton Festival of Lights

December 16, 2023

Mark your calendars for the Wilton Festival of Lights opening night on Saturday, December 16! This community event will be held at the Wilton pond to celebrate the upcoming holiday season. Join us and enjoy children's activities, parade, ice-skating, sledding, holiday music, sleigh rides, pictures with Santa, hot cocoa, bonfires and smores, and most importantly, the lighting of the Christmas tree!

For more information, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wiltonfol

**Bismarck
Rotary
Club**



Essay Contest

The Bismarck Rotary Club is sponsoring the Four-Way Test Essay contest. The winner will receive \$250 and will be eligible to receive a \$150 award for the Regional contest and \$1,100 for the District award. All Juniors and Seniors in Bismarck are eligible to apply. The essays are due on **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**.

Instructions are included on the Bismarck Rotary site: [HERE](#).

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Capital City Chess Club

Capital City Chess Club now meets Sundays from 2:00-4:00 in The Hub at 321 South 1st Street in Bismarck. The club welcomes beginners and advanced players to play games and learn more about chess. The club is directed by Mr. Todd Wolf and is free. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolf at 701-426-3768 or wolfpack@bis.midco.net



YMCA/Family Wellness Programming Upcoming Activities

- Youth Sports
- Itty Bitty Activities
- Youth Swim
- Youth & Family
- Child Care & Camps

Click [HERE](#) to see all activities and camps currently offered.

You Belong Here
Missouri Valley Family YMCA
www.bismarckymca.org

For Our Community
Family Wellness
www.familywellnessbismar.org



Legacy Youth Basketball Tournament

Legacy Sabers Girls basketball will be hosting their annual youth basketball tournament.

Held January 14, 2024. Girls grades 3-8 Boys 3-6.

For more information and to register
<https://legacygb.wixsite.com/legacygb>



DAY CAMP

DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK

These [Grade K-5 camps](#) offer organized gym games, crafts, free play, etc. Camps are supervised by current BLAST leaders.

- Dec. 27-29 from 7:30am-6pm
- World War Memorial Building
- Registration deadline: Dec. 15

REGISTER NOW

EVENTS

Dec. 2 - [Lifeguarding Recertification Class](#)

Dec. 9 - [Cookies and Crafts](#)

Dec. 14 - [Santa's Hotline](#)

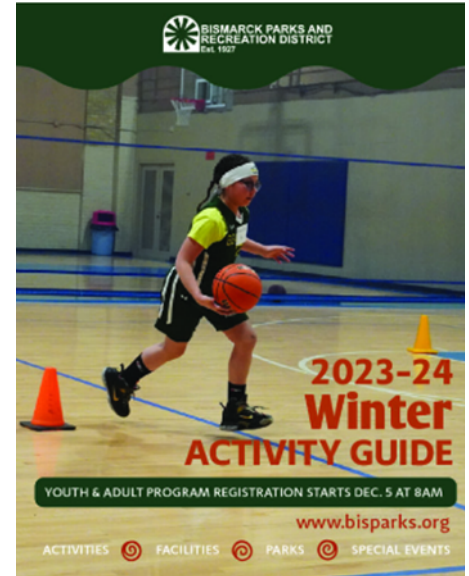
Dec. 28-30 - [Lifeguarding Class](#) - join our team and class is free!

Visit www.bisparks.org to learn more about parks and recreation activities.

FUN JOBS!

Join the Bismarck Parks and Recreation team! Jobs for ages 14+ at www.bisparks.org/jobs!

- BLAST afterschool program leaders
- Basketball coaches
- Basketball scorekeepers
- Facility attendants
- Fitness staff
- Front desk staff
- Lifeguards
- Officials - basketball & volleyball
- Open Gym supervisors
- Swim instructors
- Tennis instructors
- Warming house attendants
- Zamboni drivers



Registration for winter programs opens Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 8am. [Learn more.](#)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

THE BISMARCK ADULT LEARNING CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS IN OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSROOMS!!
MON-THUR 9-11:30AM
MON-THUR 5:30-7:30PM

WE'RE FLEXIBLE! VOLUNTEER AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS-TRAINING PROVIDED!

EMAIL ASHLEY-COLES@BISMARCKSCHOOLS.ORG
OR CALL 701-323-4530 X 3951

Adult Learning Center - part of
Bismarck Public Schools
BSC Campus - 1200 College Dr.
Bismarck, ND



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Bis-Man Youth Pokémon Starts Jan. 9, Register Now

The Bis-Man Youth Pokémon Club (BMYP) will be holding its second season this Jan. 9 through Apr. 9 each Tuesday night from 6-8pm at the Bismarck YMCA. The program is **FREE** and open to all Bismarck and Mandan youth in grades 1 through 8 and is designed to improve their reading, math, comprehension, and strategic thinking skills through the popular Pokémon trading card game while developing a fun social group around the game. There is also a companion group for advanced players in grades 9 through 12. Parents are encouraged to attend, learn to play this family-friendly game, help younger players, and assist with activities.

This Year Registration Is Required:
form.jotform.com/232685736045058

Each week's session will have a quick discussion about features of the game ahead of free play with a season-ending free standard tournament in April. Participants are encouraged to assemble and bring their own 60-card decks from their own collections to play but can check out decks on a first-come, first-served basis, being responsible for any damage to or loss of cards. To make it easier for new players, ready-to-play Pokémon decks can also be purchased at BisMan Cards on Main Street in Mandan or at other area retailers where trading card games are sold.

For more information on BMYP, or for questions about the club or game, email bismanpokemon@gmail.com, search out the "[Bis-Man Youth Pokémon](#)" Group Page on Facebook, or call Nick at 507-829-9553.



"Launch" - Taking Your Faith into your Future

Join us for an evening that will prepare parents and future graduates for life after high school. Students will talk about navigating the new challenges of post-high school life. Questions like "how to pick a church?" "How to resist temptations?" "How to take responsibility for your education?" will be addressed. For parents, topics like "How to parent from a distance" "Rules for young adults living in your house" and "Letting your 'kids' own their choices" will be discussed.

It all starts with some food and fellowship before moving into speakers, break out sessions (for students and parents) and a Q&A session with current college students, parents of 18-24 year olds, college ministry reps and more. Spend a night seeing how God wants to "Launch" you into life after high school. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



FREE ONLINE COMMUNITY CHAT Seasonal Affective Disorder

Have you ever noticed a change in your mood during certain seasons? Are some times of the year more difficult for you than others? It's common for sufferers of Seasonal Affective Disorder to ignore the signs and not seek help, believing they will "snap out of it," or just need some sunshine. During this free, online Community Chat, therapists Christy Wilkie and Lucas Mitzel will discuss Seasonal Affective Disorder and talk about how the seasons can impact your mood, how you might benefit from therapeutic services, and what you can do to support yourself through times of difficulty. Register for free [HERE](#).



A Christmas Quilt

The Bismarck Mandan Civic Chorus heralds the season with its 46th annual Christmas concert, "A Christmas Quilt," on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. The concerts are free and open to the public as a gift to the community. A freewill offering will be taken to support the mission and operations of the chorus. The concert showcases the range of choral singing from traditional carols like "The First Nowell" and "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" to contemporary pieces like "Let It Snow" and "Home for the Holidays." Special guest performers include the Mandan Middle School Swing Choir. The Trinity Lutheran Church Quilter's Circle will be selling handmade quilts for \$50 to raise funds to continue the ministry. For more information, contact 701-400-7774 or visit the Bismarck Mandan Civic Chorus Facebook page.



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Free Speech Therapy for Children

The Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center for Children in Bismarck is presently accepting applications, online, at www.scottishritespeech.org. All services are free of charge to children ages 2 through 7 with a qualifying application, however, if room allows children birth to 18 may also be served. All applications will be considered. If speech therapy at no cost would be helpful, please call 701-258-9132 or e-mail at speechtherapy@bismarckscottishrite.org.



FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT CLUB

FOR YOUTH AGES: 10-18

BY STEVE KUBISIAK

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://functional-movement.webador.com/>



Engines 4 Education Small Engine Repair

Small engine repair. We offer tuneups, repairs and maintenance on all small engines (snowblowers, lawnmowers, tractors, tillers and more). 10% of profits go directly to the Bismarck Public Schools Backpack Program. Pickup and delivery service available! Call or text 400-3839 today!



94th Annual Campaign

Helping Burleigh County Families

(Sponsored by the American Legion, Loyd Spetz Post #1, Bismarck)

Help us give local families a hand-up this Christmas season by donating one or two **canned or packaged non-perishable food items** at your school. Below is a list of the most-needed items:

Canned items– green beans, peas, corn, mixed vegetables, pork & beans, soups, canned fruit, pie filling

Boxed items– cereal, stuffing mix, pancake mix, cake mix

Pasta– boxed pasta meals, bagged pasta, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, etc.

Meals –boxed, canned, or bagged

Condiments– ketchup, mustard, barbecue sauce, relish

Miscellaneous–Peanut butter, jelly, cookies, flour, rice, sugar, syrup

(no out-of-date items, no glass containers and no damaged items please)

Thank you for making Christmas a little brighter for our neighbors!

Volunteer Opportunities for students and families

December 19th(between 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - food tote packing)

December 20th(between 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - delivery of totes)

for more information:

<https://americanlegionbismarck.org/>

District Calendar

- **Nov. 23-24** - Thanksgiving Break - No School
- **Dec. 24- Jan 1** - Christmas/New Year's Break - No School
- **Jan. 15** - MLK Day - No School
- **Jan. 16** - Staff Development Day - No School
- **Feb. 19** - President's Day - No School
- **Feb. 20** - Staff Development Day - No School
- **Mar. 15** - Storm Make-Up Days - No School
- **Mar. 29** - Good Friday - No School
- **Apr. 1**- Parent Teacher Conferences - No School
- **Apr. 29** - Storm Make-Up Days - No School
- **May 23** - Last Day of School
- **May 23** - SCHS Graduation
- **May 26** - BHS, CHS, LHS Graduations

