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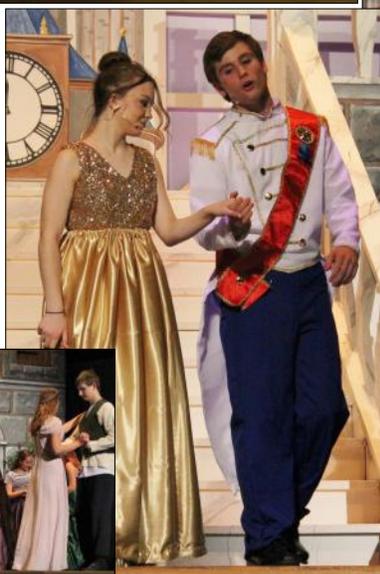
# Colt Connection

Richland #44 School District & Community Newsletter



## Richland #44 TAKES THE STAGE!

Congratulations to the cast, crew, and directors for their outstanding performances on stage at Richland #44. The set, costumes, acting, singing, special effects, and so much more were presented so fantastically that all of Colt Country left performances in awe! Check out the Broadway World review at <https://www.broadwayworld.com/fargo/article/BWW-Review-CINDERELLA-at-Richland-Public-Schools-20191125>



# Superintendent's Corner>>>



Greetings Colt Country,

We are halfway through second quarter and things are busy as can be at Richland #44! Our high school just completed the musical Cinderella and did an incredible job. Our staff (Mr. Aamold and Mrs. Akvik), along with many incredible volunteers, put in countless hours preparing for the show along with our talented cast. Thank you, students, for sharing your gifts with us and for making us proud! Additionally, Kiersten Boehm competed at the National FFA AgriScience Fair in Indianapolis; her project was titled "The Effects of Temperature of Hydroponic Water on Root Growth." She walked away with 5<sup>th</sup> place in the nation – way to go, Kiersten! Finally, our elementary students put on a heartwarming Veteran's Day program honoring our local veterans. Great job, elementary students!

As we enter into the Thanksgiving holiday, I like to reflect on the things that I am thankful for, a practice that I know many of you follow also. Specifically, as I reflect on the opportunity to be leading our wonderful school district and the high school, I am thankful for so many things. Here are just a few...

### *Our kindhearted and thoughtful students*

I have said it before, and I will say it again: Richland #44 children are special. I am so grateful to be around and work for such incredible young people every day who care about one another and their learning. I am consistently reminded of this by occurrences I observe at both schools. I witness students helping out one another, staff, and visitors in the building. I can think of one specific instance recently in which multiple high school students jumped in to help another student in need. They did this without hesitation or thought of themselves... this speaks to their families, our community, and the culture of Richland #44.

### *Caring Families and a Supportive Community*

Principal Hofmann and I have both discussed that we feel very supported in our roles at Richland and are so thankful for the families who entrust us with their children each and every day. When questions or concerns arise (as they will inevitably do), it is clear that families always have the best in mind for their children but also other children. Richland #44 has a pride that runs deep and strong, and I am so appreciative that we can work together as a team in our efforts to continue to strengthen our school district.

### *Dedicated Staff*

Finally, I am so thankful for the staff that makes up our Richland #44 School District. Working in education is not easy, yet this fantastic group is dedicated to providing the best educational experience possible for our children. They are focused on not only educating our children, but also their overall wellbeing as individuals. This includes the new staff we have added this school year who have quickly become invaluable Richland #44 educators.

I hope that you and your families have a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday with your loved ones. When we return from break, we will have only three weeks left until winter break... those three weeks will be full of concerts, games, and fun activities. We know that many illnesses are going around, so please encourage your children to get lots of rest and to wash their hands often!

Please reach out with any questions, concerns, or thoughts; I love hearing from families, community members, and students.

Respectfully, Dr. Britney Gandhi

## 1st Quarter Honor Roll>>>



### 12th Grade Honor Roll

Tegan Amundson - A  
Carson Anderson - A  
Katlyn Erickson - A  
Colten Evanson - A  
Jett Foley - A  
Bret Hegseth - A  
Hanna Johnson - A  
Carter Lingen - A  
Cole Myers - A  
Annamae Niemi - A  
Gavin Reiland - A  
Zachariah Ringdahl - A  
Jacob Sahl - A  
Dona Sepeda - A  
Tessa Smith - A  
Kaitlyn Wagner - A  
Zachary Wulfekuhle - A  
Ava Aigner - B  
Paige Hasbargen - B  
Allison Haverland - B  
Brock Hegseth - B  
Gary Johnson - B  
Preston Malaterre - B  
Jack Ringdahl - B

### 11th Grade Honor Roll

Kiersten Boehm - A  
Samantha Hendrickson - A  
McKenzie Johnson - A  
Nathaniel Mjoness - A  
Ellie Storbakken - A  
Thomas Zander - A  
Sawyer Brown - B  
Rylee Hendrickson - B  
Gwendolyn Hopping - B  
Gunnar Miller - B

### 10th Grade Honor Roll

Drew Gunness - A  
Emma Heyen - A  
Megan Lingen - A  
Hannah Malaterre - A  
Colten Mickelson - A  
Keagan Nepl - A  
Trinity Ringdahl - A  
Megan Roob - A  
Nicholas Thompson - A  
Dacey Willprecht - A  
Noah Pfeiff - B  
Ethan Schnellbach - B

### 9th Grade Honor Roll

Shandi Callenius - A  
Kaden Carlson - A  
Addie Christensen - A  
Blake Miller - A  
Carli Niemi - A  
Adam Skoog - A  
Mason Storbakken - A  
Morgan Sundstrom - A  
Megan Taszarek - A  
Kennedi Wagner - A  
Hans Weinmann - A  
Tanner Zander - A  
Elliot Beito - B  
Theodore Flaa - B  
Tiana Schroeder - B  
Logan Stebleton - B

### 8th Grade Honor Roll

Patrick Boyle - A  
Ashlyn Brown - A  
Wade Gorder - A  
Jewel Harland - A  
Alison Heyen - A  
Penelope Miranowski - A  
Eric Moen - A  
Cody Thompson - A  
Levi Ulven - A  
Isabel Viele - A  
Brooks von Ruden - A  
Ella Weinmann - A  
Nicholas Wulfekuhle - A  
Ryley Flaa - B  
Michael Hopping - B  
Nicholas Mjoness - B

### 7th Grade Honor Roll

Kalie Boehm - A  
Lily Davis - A  
Otto Dockter - A  
Emma Erdahl - A  
Cora Hermunslie - A  
Inger Holdman - A  
Lillian Miranowski - A  
Alayna Schmitt - A  
Daniel Clark - B  
Damon Doss - B  
Logan Freadrich - B  
Sydney Loff - B  
Emma Schnellbach - B  
McKayla Stebleton - B

## THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE BOOK FAIR!

To everyone who came to our Elementary Book Fair, and to all who helped make it a great experience, a big **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all of your purchases, over \$1600 was earned! That means lots of new books and materials for our library and classrooms! Keep on reading, and we'll see you at our next Fair!



**November 28-29**  
**Thanksgiving Break**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Wednesday, December 4**  
**Early Dismissal**  
1:15pm - Elem 1:45pm - HS

**Friday, December 6**  
**Coffee with Kids**  
8:45am - Elementary

**Friday, December 6**  
**Jr/Sr High Concert - 7pm**

**Sunday, December 8**  
**Holiday Vendor Fair**  
Richland Elementary  
11 am—3 pm

**Tuesday, December 10**  
**Elementary Concert**  
7pm - High School Gym

**December 23 - January 1**  
**Winter Break**  
**NO SCHOOL**

## From the Elementary Principal's



October was a busy month for students at Richland Elementary, and it is looking as though the upcoming months will be the same. The school year is off to a fast start and the staff and students are all doing a wonderful job! I would like to thank everyone who took the time to come in and visit during parent/teacher conferences. This is a positive way to support your child's success in school. Thank you again!

A reminder, the attendance policy for the state has changed this year. In order for an absence to be excused the front office needs a note from the doctor. If you have any questions regarding the attendance policy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It's that time of year when the weather is changing! Please make sure your child has the proper outdoor gear when coming to school in the morning. We go outside as often as possible for recess, so hats, gloves, and snow pants should come to school every day. We also go outside in the morning, which means there may be a slight chill in the air. I ask that you help us out by making sure your child is prepared each day for the North Dakota weather.

Elementary girls' basketball season has ended and we are proud of the hard work and positive sportsmanship demonstrated at each game by our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls! The gym was filled at each game and I thank everyone who came to cheer our girls on throughout the season!



Thank you to all who were able to attend both the Veterans Day Program and Coffee with Kids events in November. These are highlights of the school year and something we look forward to. Thank you to Mrs. Viland, Mrs. Taszarek, and the kitchen staff for your time in organizing these events. The next Coffee with

Kids event will be on Friday, December 6 and we hope to see everyone there! December 4<sup>th</sup> is an early release day so our teachers can spend the afternoon learning. ASP will be available from 1:15 – 6:00. Please sign-up using the After School Program link on the district website if your child will attend. Also, the elementary music concert will be on December 10 at 7pm at high school gym. We can't wait to see our students perform on this evening!

You are welcome and encouraged to stop by the school to say hello. When doing so, please use the main door and check in at the office upon your arrival. The staff is dedicated to you and your children, and we are proud to be a part of this wonderful community!

Go Colts!  
Ms. Elicia Hofmann, Richland Elementary Principal

## School Store

Be sure to check out our latest School Store items!! We have many new items already on hand with more arriving soon! Here is a sample of what you will find.



## Holiday Concerts at Richland #44>>>

Jr/Sr High Christmas Concert  
Friday, December 6 7:00pm

Elementary Christmas Concert  
Tuesday, December 10 7:00pm

*Concerts are held in the  
west gymnasium at the  
high school in Colfax*



TEACHER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PRESENTS

# ACTION RESEARCH



YOU ARE INVITED TO LEARN ABOUT:

## GROWTH MINDSET & WHOLE BRAIN TEACHING

<b>DEC 11, 2019</b>	OPEN HOUSE FROM 4:30-5:15 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY BEFORE BOARD MEETING
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PRESENTATIONS ARE BASED ON THE ACTION RESEARCH COMPLETED BY  
TIFFANY CARLSON, FAITH RIEGER, AND KRISTA MESSER

**RICHLAND 44 HIGH SCHOOL**

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## THANK YOU from Troop 357 and Our Saviors Lutheran Church - >>>

We would like to thank everyone who helped us with the joint service project between Troop 357 and Our Savior's Lutheran church Sunday School. We were able to put 72 busy bags together for the Fargo VA hospital. They will hand them out to kids while they wait for appointments to be done. We were able to fill the bags with coloring books, markers, stuffed animals, books, small toys, and much more! Again we thank our wonderful community for the help and

assistance in this project.



## Volleyball wrap up>>>

The 2019 volleyball team was made up of 17 dedicated players. The motto for the season was that the team went in as one, played as one, and came out as one. Each player played with a “we” mindset and this led to a very successful season.

The JV team was 20-18 for the season. This group of players worked together all season, hustled for every ball, and improved from one game to the next. It was inspiring to see all of the girls cheering on their teammates during practice and games. The team came out of the season on a positive climb, winning their last four matches.



The varsity team’s final record was 20-10-1. One word to describe this team is “selfless.” The players were excited for each other’s success and played for the good of the team. They were able to persevere through injuries during games and they pushed each other to improve every day. Winning seven of their last eight games, the varsity really showed how to play as one.

The varsity team ended their season making it to the region championship for the first time in 20 years. The Colts played hard and ended up placing second in the region. Other highlights of the season include Katy Erickson reaching the 1,000 digs milestone along with Kaitlyn Wagner and Katy Erickson being named to the All Region Team.

A huge thank you to our managers, Gwen Hoping and Tiana Schroeder, for helping with book and taping our games! Also, thanks to the fans for all the support that we had all season and to the parents for all that they did throughout the season.



## Elks Hoop Shoot>>>>

The Elks Hoop Shoot competition was recently at our school. The competition was held during the regular PE classes for students that were interested in participating. The Elks Hoop Shoot is a free throw shooting contest for children ages 8–13.

One winner from each division advances to the district shoot held on December 7th at 9am at the Wahpeton Middle School.

Congratulations to the following Local Elks Hoop Shoot winners:

Kenley Allen - Girls 8-9

Levi Erdahl - Boys 8-9

Aleda Krenzel - Girls 10-11

Matthew Boyle - Boys 10-11

Hannah Storbakken - Girls 12-13

Levi Ulven - Boys 12-13



We wish the winners the best of luck at the district shoot. If they do well enough at the district level, they advance to the state competition in Jamestown in January 2020. GOOD LUCK!



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Did you know that you can subscribe to the *Colt Connection*? If you would like each issue mailed to you, we ask for a \$10 donation each year to cover the cost of postage. Or you can subscribe to have each issue emailed to you by emailing Kendra at: [Kendra.L.Dockter@k12.nd.us](mailto:Kendra.L.Dockter@k12.nd.us)

For convenience, we also place copies throughout the community. You can find the *Colt Connection* at Colfax Express, Aber Grocery, Red River Communications, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Galchutt Lutheran Church, the Post Offices in Abercrombie, Colfax, and Christine, and at both the Elementary and High School Offices.

You will find current and past newsletters on our school website by clicking on the “Newsletter Tab” at [www.richland.k12.nd.us](http://www.richland.k12.nd.us)

## Rotary Student of the Month>>>

Each month, the high school faculty votes on the Rotary Student of the Month. The Student of the Month is selected from the junior class. The faculty looks at students who excel in many areas including academics, extra-curricular activities, character, and community involvement. On the third Tuesday of the month, the student attends a lunch with a staff member of their choice. This luncheon is put on by the Wahpeton Rotary Club. It is held at Hughes Shelter in Wahpeton with other area students who are chosen in their schools. Congratulations to the following on being named Student of the Month:



McKenzie Johnson  
November SOTM



Richland Elementary Library received a book donation from the Richland Soil Conservation District. Many nonfiction books on soil, animals, habitats, and water were included.

Thank you, to the Richland Soil Conservation District for this donation.



# Go Colts!

## December Coffee with Kids

ALL ABOARD...

*The Polar Express*

GOOD FOR PASSAGE TO →

*The North Pole*



DEPARTURE:  
Friday,  
December 6th

BOARDING:  
8:45 am

STATION:  
Richland  
Elementary School

ATTIRE:  
Pajamas

Hope you can come and read with us!  
Any and all are welcome to attend. Please  
call the school with questions.

## Upcoming Holiday Events >>>

## SANTA Days >>>

# Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

Sunday - December 8, 2019

Richland Elementary School - Abercrombie, ND

Christmas shopping made easy!  
You will find unique and festive  
items from local crafters as well as  
products from well-known 'at  
home' companies.

Save  
the  
date!

11am-3pm

Now accepting  
crafter and  
vendor  
registrations.

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Shoppers can enter our door prize drawing  
held every half hour!

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

For more information contact Donna Thiel  
701-640-0397 (call or text)  
or email [donnathiel@rrt.net](mailto:donnathiel@rrt.net)



## COLFAX SANTA DAYS

Sunday, December 15

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Colfax Community Center

Santa will be there, pictures  
can be taken, and a small  
gift is given to all children  
who attend!

## SANTA Days >>>

You and your family are invited to BREAKFAST WITH SANTA on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the **Abercrombie Community Hall**. Pancake and sausage breakfast will be served from 8-11a.m. Santa will be available from 9-10:30a.m. There will be a gingerbread man decorating station, Christmas craft, reindeer food bar, prizes, a gift from Santa along with a FREE picture with Santa. Come join the fun...all ages welcome. Free will donation. Sponsored by Abercrombie Community Club.

# Breakfast with Santa



December 7 / Breakfast 8-11am / Santa 9-10:30am / Community Hall

## Boys Cross Country takes on STATE meet in Minot>>>

The 2019 ND State Cross Country Meet was held in Minot. At race time on October 26, it was 43 degrees with wind speed at 27mph. The tough conditions did not hinder performance for the Colts. Jett Foley, Zachariah Ringdahl, Kaden Schroeder and Adam Skoog each achieved best times of their racing careers. Jett finished the 5K distance in 19:06, Zachariah in 19:59, Kaden in 20:05 and Adam 23:45. Congratulations Colts!



## Elementary Girls Basketball>>>

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Colts wrapped up their 2019 season on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> against Hankinson. We only had three 5<sup>th</sup> graders this year: Aleda K., Sophie P., and Janna T. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders made up for it by adding nine girls to the roster: Ava B., Brezlyn C., Josie D., Abbie F., Mallory G., Kylie K., Sadie M., Genevieve U., and Hannah S. The girls gained a lot of valuable experience by taking turns rotating in for both games throughout the season.

The team showed marked progress throughout the season running their offenses and defenses, reading passes, getting aggressive, and competing for the ball. They improved their basketball skills as a whole and learned the values of teamwork and sportsmanship. There was never a shortage of positive attitudes, hustle, or the desire to play.

We worked on a play mid-season in the event we found ourselves with 20 seconds or less setting us up with one shot. The girls learned to roll the ball to half court, set screens, and take the available shot. This all came together when we faced Lidgerwood and ended the half with 10 seconds to go. I made the call and they executed it perfectly! The shot dropped just as the buzzer went off (a true buzzer beater). The entire team erupted in cheers and their minds were blown that “it actually worked!” They had one more opportunity late in the season to run this play again and they pulled it off successfully a second time!

As a coach it was fun to see the girls come together as a team, learn the plays, and see the results of their hard work. I look forward to the future and I’m eager to see how the girls develop further as they move onto the next level.



Go  
Colts!



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING



# NO SCHOOL November 28-29



## Junior High Girls Basketball>>>

With four games already under their belt, the junior high girls basketball team is gearing up for a very busy schedule.

Eighth graders Alison H., and Isabel V. are joined by seventh graders Inger H., Kalie B., Sydney L., Lily M., Mikayla S., and Emma S. They are coached by Janelle Berseth.

Remaining game schedule:

- Dec. 2 - vs. Enderlin @ Colfax 4:30pm
- Dec. 3 - vs. Oak Grove @ Colfax 4:30pm
- Dec. 5 - @ Lidgerwood 4:30pm
- Dec. 9 - vs. Park Christian @ Colfax 4:30pm
- Dec. 12 - @ Hankinson 4:30pm
- Dec. 13 - @ Northern Cass 4:30pm
- Dec. 16 - vs. Kindred @ Colfax 4:30pm
- Dec. 19 - vs. Lisbon @ Colfax 4:30pm



## We want to see your RETRO RICHLAND items!!



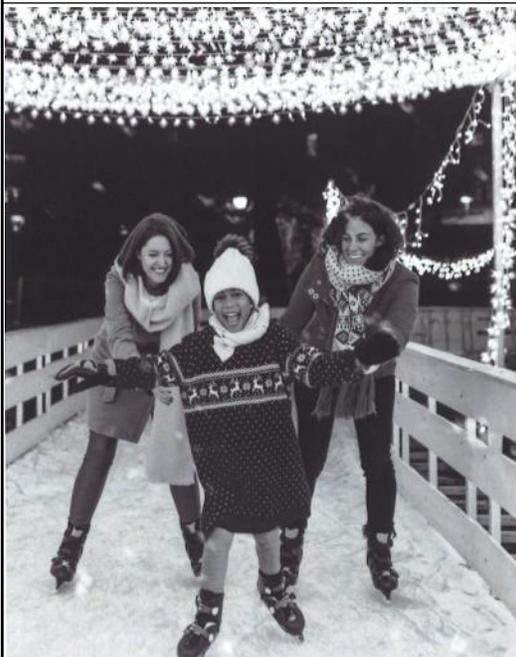
Do you have a RETRO RICHLAND item?

Throughout the month of December we will be asking to see these items!

Maybe an old uniform?  
Letterman's Jacket? Fan gear?

Any and all things RETRO is what we will be asking to see!

Watch for more details soon!!



PATH ✕ NORTH DAKOTA

**PATH TO FOSTERING**  
*an Informational Meeting*

Learn about foster care, the foster parent licensing process, and how you can support kids and families in your community!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

**6-7PM**

PATH (1202 WESTRAC DRIVE, FARGO)

Questions? Contact Carissa:  
701-551-6308 or [ccox@pathinc.org](mailto:ccox@pathinc.org)

## Catch the Game!

**DECEMBER 27th**  
**Boys Varsity vs. Hillsboro**  
**7:30pm**  
**WDAY XTRA**



WDAY EXTRA can be found on **channels 29 and 1029** for Cable One subscribers and **channel 596** for Mid-Co subscribers. It can also be found on **Channel 6.3** on the antenna and online at [inforum.com](http://inforum.com)

## Richland #44 FFA Member Earns 5th in the Nation>>>



Kiersten Boehm competed in the National FFA AgriScience Fair and earned 5<sup>th</sup> place. The 92<sup>nd</sup> National FFA Convention took place Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 in Indianapolis IN. Kiersten completed her interview and attended the awards presentation the next day. Her project was titled “The Effects of Temperature of Hydroponic Water on Root Growth”. Boehm studied how the temperature of the water effected the root length of jade and inch plant cuttings that were suspended in water. Her findings could help producers of houseplants and succulents propagate more plants in much less space and produce healthier plants by retail. She earned the right to compete at the national level because she won state champion honors during the State FFA Convention in June.

Boehm then submitted her lab report and application to the National FFA and was one of 12 FFA members across the nation selected to advance to national competition. This was her third time competing at the national convention, taking 11<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the last two years.

Also at the convention, Richland 44 FFA was recognized as a Three-Star National Chapter Award winner. Chapters submit a lengthy application that details the activities of the chapter over the past year. These applications are then awarded one, two or three stars. As a three-star award winner, Richland 44 FFA is recognized in the top 0.03 percent out of the 8,612 chapters across the country.



## News from the Richland #44 PTO>>>

### PTO brings the Plains Art Museum to Richland

This fall, the PTO sponsored hand building with clay workshops for all students in grades 1-12. We were so impressed with the talent and creativity on display as students

built and painted their own clay penguins, cupcakes, cheeseburgers, and coil pots. In a few weeks, after their pieces have been fired at the museum, students will be able to take home their special creations.

A big thanks to Northland Truss for their donation to support this event!



### 2020 Colts Classic basketball tourneys right around the corner

The PTO is again planning our 5/6 grade Colts Classic basketball tourneys. The girls will play Saturday, Jan 25 and the boys will plan Saturday, Feb 8. We rely heavily on volunteers to run clocks, serve concessions, and sell tickets, so please mark your calendars if you'd like to pitch in. We're signing up teams quickly! If you know of any girls or boys teams in the area who may want to enjoy our unique full-court (with bleacher seating!) tourneys, please have them visit [tinyurl.com/coltsclassic](https://tinyurl.com/coltsclassic) or stop in either school office to pick up a registration form. Any questions can be sent to [heather.vonruden@gmail.com](mailto:heather.vonruden@gmail.com).



# Community Opportunities

## Christmas at Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site



**Saturday, Nov. 30  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Celebrate Small Business Saturday with us! Enjoy holiday shopping in the bookstore and gift shop, history talks in the gallery, and refreshments and holiday goodies!

935 Broadway N, Abercrombie



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## ALPHEAN MALE CHORUS WINTER CONCERT

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1  
3:00 P.M.**

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

115 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North – Wahpeton

Director: Mary Jane Pauly  
Accompanist: Connie Raguse

**Free Will Offering  
Refreshments following concert**



## Emmanuel Lutheran 26th Annual Meatball Dinner with Bake Sale and Raffle Fundraiser

**Sunday, December 8, 2019  
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
Abercrombie, ND**



Come join us for a meatball and mashed potatoes dinner with all the fixings. Free will donation for the meal.  
Buy some baked goodies from the bake sale.  
Raffle Prizes will be drawn during the meal.  
Need not be present to win raffle prizes, if drawn. Hope to see you there!!