

Welcome 2020-2021

Dear Parent or Guardian –

This year your student will participate in a project called National History Day. Students will learn skills to help them for college and life after high school.

This year the History Day theme is: “**Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.**” Your student will choose a topic connected to this theme. This topic will be historical, not a current event. Students will research their topic in books, encyclopedias, websites, or in libraries.

History Day students share their work by creating projects. They will choose from one of five different formats:

- Museum-Style Exhibit
- Documentary
- Website
- Performance
- Paper

Throughout the school year, your student will spend a lot of time on this project. Your student will likely create this project for a grade in class. Your student’s teacher will choose due dates, tasks, and assignments for the project.

Students will have the option to enter their project in a competition. There are different levels to the competition. At each level, projects will be selected to advance to the next level. Judges will interview students about their research and project.

Parents and families are welcome to attend!

- **School** – Teachers choose school event dates.
- **Regional** – 12 Regional events take place in March. Talk with your teacher about the date.
- **State** – May 1, 2021
- **National** – June 2021

How can you help?

- **Think** about topics with your student
- **Help** them get to libraries
- **Remind** them of due dates
- **Talk** with them about what they have learned

Who are we?

History Day is a national program. In Minnesota, it is a partnership between the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota. History Day staff help support teachers and students through curriculum materials, workshops, library events, and competitions.

Thank you for supporting your student as they create a History Day project! You can learn more about History Day on our website, www.mnhs.org/historyday.



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