

Chalk on the Blackboard

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Holiday greetings to everyone from the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School located at 303 Pearl Street, Buffalo, North Dakota; just three miles north of I-94 at exit 314. The school became the property of the Buffalo Historical Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, in 2001 when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

During this season of Thanksgiving we want to take time to count our many blessings. We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of our many volunteers, the support from our loyal friends and alumni, and the grant opportunities through the North Dakota State Historical Society to benefit our historic high school.

The arrival of the new fallen snow has created a winter wonderland that is inspiring us to start decking the halls of the school with colorful lights, decorations, and everything necessary to create a warm ambience and inviting atmosphere for an old fashioned Christmas. We can't wait for you to celebrate with us again at our annual ***Christmas on Pearl Street Vendor & Craft Open House*** Sunday, December 4. When we open the doors at 11 am, we will be serving a delicious hot lunch of Chicken Alfredo and homemade bread until 1 pm. Your freewill donation will help with maintenance and repairs at the school.

Many talented crafters and vendors will be available for your holiday shopping from 11 am to 3 pm, selling handcrafted soaps & body balms, soy candles, handmade jewelry & macramé, hand-dyed clothing, crocheted items, neck huggers, table runners & quilts, embroidered towels, aprons & potholders, zippered bags & wallets, wreaths, cricut crafts, seasonal decorations, and Color Street, Farmasi Beauty products, Mary Kay, Norwex, and Pampered Chef. By shopping local, you support small businesses and home based entrepreneurs, and our historic school.

There will be a wonderful selection of gifts for all ages, unique stocking stuffers, and something for everyone. The Olde School Gift Shoppe has been updated and decorated for the holiday season and is filled with fabulous treasures, both old and new. It features beautiful framed art work, collectables, note cards, glassware, dishes, home décor, household goods, kitchen accessories, a Christmas corner, and so much more. Popcorn, sweet treats and a hot beverage bar can be enjoyed all afternoon, and a sip & shop wine station will provide a little Christmas cheer to make your shopping experience relaxing and fun. It's the most wonderful time of the year - shop, eat, drink, and be merry!

Please make plans to enjoy the magic of Christmas with old school charm on Sunday, December 4, from 11 am to 3 pm, at the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School. To learn more about our annual Christmas on Pearl Street Vendor & Craft Open House, contact me at 701-412-4485, follow us on Facebook, or visit www.buffalond.com.

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