

Cougar Connection



South Heart Public School's Mission Statement: OUR MISSION IS TO PREPARE EACH STUDENT FOR THE FUTURE AND FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

A Note from the Superintendent: Mr. Calvin Dean

- Calvin Dean- Superintendent
- Jessica Geis-Elementary Principal
- Scott Jung-High School Principal/
Athletic Director
- Kristine Mehrer-Business Manager
- Kathy Kuylen-Secretary
- Bobbie Olson-School Counselor
- Lola Hushka-Head Custodian

Storm Make-Up Days : REMINDER: We will be having school on May 5 and May 19 to make up for school days lost on November 29 and November 30. These are the 2 state-mandated storm make-up days designated on the 2016-17 South Heart School calendar.

Bus Route Available: Due to increasing enrollment, South Heart School will be reinstating the HWY 10 rural bus route to and from Dickinson previously operated by Bob Privratsky. This is called Route #3. Anyone interested in submitting a bid to operate this route can obtain additional information and bid forms from Kristine Mehrer, Business Manager, at South Heart School. Sealed bids are due June 14, 2017, at 3:00 pm.

School Construction Update: Overall, everything is going well with the construction project. As mentioned before, the north addition should be complete mid-late June. In terms of construction, the summer is going to be very busy.

North Addition (Phase 1) – to be completed mid-late June

Vo-Ag Building (Phase 2) – start date is late April with completion in mid-late August

Modular Classrooms Removal – scheduled for May 30-June 9

Playground Removal – scheduled for May 22-26

1916 Building Demolition – scheduled to begin May 30

East Addition (Phase 2) – scheduled to begin mid-June with completion in early Spring 2018

Playground re-installation – Fall of 2017 (to be located in current modular classroom site)

Note: During this summer after school is out, the east side of the school will not be accessible except for construction personnel. Little Cougars Daycare will still be operational throughout construction. Parents who have children that go to Little Cougars Daycare will be asked to park in the small parking lot directly south of the school by the music room. Stairs from the parking lot and a gravel pathway up to the daycare/school apartment building will be installed.

Important Dates

May 1	Elementary Spring Concert at 5:30
May 8	Elementary Students "Bingo for Books" Reading Celebration
May 10	School Board Meeting at 7:00
May 11	Secondary Music Concert at 7:00
May 15	C-PASS Meeting at 7:00
May 17	Academic Awards Presentation/Grade 8 Promotions at 8:25
May 17	Athletic Awards Potluck at South Heart Gym at 6:30
May 19	Last day of school/Graduation Practice



The Principal Files: Mr. Jung

“Learners for Life”

The school year is quickly wrapping up and it is always good to reflect on the many good things that have happened over the course of the year. We will be saying goodbye to a good group of students on May 21. This year's seniors have been a great class. They will be leaving behind a legacy of hard work, commitment to their school, and high academic standards for our underclassmen to follow. They will be missed in the years to come.

Final tests will be given May 16 – 19. It is very helpful if parents partner with administration to help keep students in school throughout the day and to be present during final test periods. Sophomores through seniors do have semester final exemptions and in that case, can miss that class period or leave campus. It is important for students to be in school during class periods when final tests are not being held for a couple of reasons. One of the most important reasons is the liability of where the student is during school hours. Teachers also use this time to help prepare students for finals or review final tests with students the following day. Please help to keep the final examination days running smoothly as we close out the 2016-2017 school year.

Upcoming Events:

May 17, 2017: Academic Awards Program 8:30am @ SHHS

May 17, 2017: Heart River Athletic Banquet 6:30pm @ SHHS

May 21, 2017: South Heart Class of 2017 Graduation Ceremony 12:30pm @ SHHS

Beginning this fall, we will be using an online athletic registration process. We have partnered with an organization called FamilyID to help with sports registrations. With this new program, all sports registration will be done online. All you need to do is create an account (you can enter more than one child in the account) and enter your information. This process replaces all the papers that used to have to be filled out. Once completed online, you never have to do it again, unless you need to update information. You can upload your child's physical forms each year into the site. To do this, please visit: www.familyid.com. Click on "Find a Program". Search for "Heart River". Click on Heart River Spring Athletics Registration and follow the directions from there.

Staying Connected with South Heart High School and Heart River Athletics:

District Website: <http://www.southheart.k12.nd.us>

Activity Calendar: http://www.badlandsconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=435&school_id=13

Facebook: www.facebook.com (Search HR Cougars)

Twitter: @heartrivercgrs

The Principal Files: Mrs. Geis

The elementary will be completing Istation testing the week of May 1 – May 5. Please make sure students eat a healthy breakfast and are ready to do their best.

Field Trip Dates:

May 5 Grade 4

May 17 Kindergarten - grade 3

May 18 Grade 5

To celebrate children and youth in our communities, the Belfield American Legion Auxiliary will be providing free milk or juice during snack time for all students in preschool through fourth grade for five school days. If you see a member of the Belfield American Legion Auxiliary give them thanks for giving to the school community.

During the 2017-2018 school year, South Heart School will be going through the accreditation process with AdvancED and the Department of Public Instruction. Part of the School Improvement and Accreditation process is receiving feedback from parents/guardians on how the school is meeting the needs of the students. AdvancED has seven school quality factors they are as follows: Clear Direction, Healthy Culture, High Expectations, Impact of Instruction, Resource Management, Efficacy of Engagement and Implementation Capacity. Please take the time to complete the parent survey on climate and culture that is available on the school's website or using the following web address <http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/20120/35781>. The School Improvement Committee uses the data from surveys to update school goals and improve the learning environment for all students. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey after May 12, 2017, the survey will no longer be available.

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Olson

May 3 – AP English Test - Seniors

May 3 - Discovery Days - Grades 7 & 8

May 5 - ACT Registration Deadline - Juniors & Seniors

May 10 - Health and Technology Career Fair

ACT Retake Registration Deadline - May 5. This is for anyone wishing to retake the ACT test. The test is at the DSU testing center. You must call DSU to register. If you have any questions, stop in and visit with Mrs. Olson.

Health and Technology Career Fair - The South Heart School will be hosting a Health and Technology Career Fair. Students from the Belfield, Trinity, and New England Schools are invited to attend. Students will register to attend 3 presentations and take part in hands-on activities in health and career related fields. Thank you to all school and community members for making this event possible!

Discovery Days for the junior high will take place on May 3. Students will explore different career paths through hands on activities. The event will be held at DSU.

**** Seniors don't forget you must apply** for the ND Academic and Career Scholarships: The online application is available. Deadline to register is June 2. Create a ND login and password. Do not use a login or password assigned to another individual. Go to Mrs. Olson's page on the school website, or to <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/scholarship> for the application.

Drivers Education: This summer the South Heart School will be offering a Drivers Education course for students 14 years of age and up. Registration information was mailed in April to all parents in grade 8 & 9. If you misplaced your registration form, they are available at the office. Deadline to register is May 5. Students must have their drivers permit to take Drivers Education at the South Heart School. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Olson at the school.

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This month starts a new feature to the Cougar Connection "Recognition of Students/Staff"

Student Recognition:

Isabel O'Brien from grade 6. She won the classroom essay entitled, "How Agriculture Affects My Life." She won a cash prize of \$25 and her essay was read by her on the radio. The essay was sponsored by Farm Bureau. Great achievement Isabel!

Staff Recognition:

Ms. Schillo for Region Speech coach of the year
Ms. Schillo who has been a wonderful unofficial mentor this year. She did this completely out of the goodness of her heart and I really appreciate her.
Mrs. Holinka for her two decades of service in this position as Close Up Advisor. South Heart School and all the students that have attended Close-Up very much appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to this activity.
Barb Meduna (Grade 6), **Cheryl Pavlish** (Grade 1), **Kathy Kuylen** (Secretary) who are all retiring at the end of this school year. Thank you for all your many years of service to our students.

Music Notes



Congratulations to the students who received Star ratings at the Regional Festivals this spring! This year South Heart has three events qualified for the State Festival:

***Zack Bebee, Rylann Olson, Marissa Tuhy** – saxophone trio

***Rylann Olson** – vocal solo

***Margie Silbernagel** – vocal solo

These students will be representing South Heart at the State Music Festival in Minot on May 6. Best of luck at State!

The spring music concert for grades 5-12 is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 7:00. This year's concert theme is "Dance Party"!

On Friday, May 13, the South Heart band students in grades 7-12 will be joining with the rest of the Southwest Marching Band for the annual Band Night Parade held in Bismarck. The parade begins at 6:30 CDT.

Upcoming Music Dates:

- May 6 – State Music at Minot State University
- May 11 – 5-12 Spring Concert "Dance Party" 7:00 p.m.
- May 12 – Bismarck Band Night Parade

A NOTE FROM C-PASS

South Heart C-PASS would like to extend a huge thank you to these businesses that contributed to our 2017 After Prom Party. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Without your help we would not be able to continue putting this party on year after year for our students. It was a huge success again this year!



Advanced Collision Center, All American Travel, Allstate - Kristi Schwartz, American Bank Center, American Legion Trust Fund, Aspen Studio, Baker Boy, Belfield Napa, Belfield Sportsman's Club, Billing's County School District, Bob's Oilfield Service, Inc., Braun's Distributing, Charbonneau Car Center, CHI St. Alexius Health, Choice Financial, City of South Heart, Coca Cola, Consolidated, Creative Edge Photography, Dakota Community Bank, Dakota Farm Equipment, Inc., Dan Farstveet Agency LLC, Darby's Welding & Machine, Inc., Denny's Electric, Designs By Jessina, Diamond Truck Equipment, Dickinson Charities, Inc., Dickinson Dental Center, Dickinson Heating & Air, Dickinson Optimist Club, Double D Construction, Inc., Dr. Dahl & Associates, PC, Euphoria, Eyewear Concepts, Farm Credit Services of Mandan, Farmers Union Insurance, Fisher Industries, Fraternal Order of Eagles - Dickinson Aerie #2328, Galleon Financial Services, Gate City Bank, Gold n Glow, Golfer's Edge Pro Shop, Hair Ovations, Hardees, Heart River Auto, Hollywood Nights, Hutz-biler Chiropractic, PC, JE Dunn Construction, Jerome's Distributing, Jespersen Orthodontics, Amanda Johnson DDS, PC/Badland's Dental, K of C, St. Mary's Council #9043, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc., Kirkwood Bank, Kohler Communications, Inc., Ladbury Funeral Service, Lillian's, Logo Magic, Massage Therapy Clinic, MGM Rural Sanitation, LLC, Miss Willow's Nest, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., ND Pharmacy, Inc., ND State Fair Foundation, Northern Improvement Company, Papa Murphy's, Paragon Bowl, Parkway Ford Sales, Inc., Pepsi, Performance Truck Center, Perkins, Pheasant Country Golf Course, Pizza Hut, Prairie Maid Laundry, Precision Machine & Welding, Pump Systems, LLC, Rosie's Food & Gas, Roughrider Electric Cooperative, Inc., Runnings, Sax Motor Company, Service Printers, Simply Flowers & Gifts, South Heart Lions Club, South Heart Volunteer Firefighters, St. Anthony Charity Contribution Fund, Starboard, Stevenson Funeral Home, Sticka Dental Clinic PC, Subway, Taco John's, The Armstrong Corporation, The Medicine Shoppe/Clinic Pharmacy, The Tee Box LLC, TR Medora Foundation, Trotter Construction, Inc., Wal-Mart, Wells Fargo Bank, Wendy's, West Plains, Inc., Western Cooperative Credit Union, and Willy's Hydrotest & Service.

SPECIAL THANKS...To all the CPASS members who helped in the planning and those who worked the after party, you were awesome! Becky Kanski, Lynette Canode, Tonya Boltz, Mandi Bebee, Stacy DeVries, Shannon Binstock, Kevin Pavlish, Gordy Krance, Dickie Jo & Arlen Kubas, Sonya & John Privratsky, Shirley & Jerry Binstock, Lucy Hurt, Tina Downing, Kaylene Kudrna, Bobbie Olson, Jana Schweigert, Chris Moe, Kelsey Boedeker, Debbie Jarrett & Lindzee Schneider. None of this could happen without our volunteers ~ you are all truly appreciated ~ Steph Krance, C-Pass President

***** Join us at our next CPASS meeting on May 15, 2017 @ 7pm at the School*****