

Cougar Connection

December 2018

Welcome to the "Cougar Connection". This publication is printed & distributed monthly.

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

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A Note from the Superintendent:

Mr. Calvin Dean

REMINDER: Weather Cancellation Notices

In the event that school has to be cancelled, start late, or end early, South Heart School will provide notices using the following methods.

1. Alert Solutions – This is our automated calling system that will use data in Powerschool to call, text, and email parents and staff. If you do not receive a message via all 3 of these methods, please call Dana at the school and she will update the information.
2. KBMY television
3. KQCD television
4. KXMA television

School Pictures Needed

We are looking for pictures of the original 1916 South Heart School building. We would like to create a collage of pictures to display in our new lobby. If you have any pictures, please contact Mr. Dean at the school. Thank you!

Holiday Greetings:

Happy Holidays to everyone. The 2018-19 school year seems to be flying by! On behalf of the entire school, I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and would like to wish everyone the very best during the holiday season!

Remember that the Holiday break runs from Saturday, December 22 – Tuesday, January 1. School resumes on Wednesday, January 2nd.

GO COUGARS!

Important Dates:

- December 3: 4-12 Winter Concert at 7:00pm in SHHS Gym
- December 10: K-3 Winter Concert at 5:30pm in SHHS Gym
- December 15: K-8 Christmas Party sponsored by the FCCLA 6:30-9pm
- December 16: Close-Up Breakfast at the St. Anthony Club
- December 22-January 1: Christmas Break

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“Learners for Life”

Nearing the End of the First Semester.

As the first semester winds down, it is important to think about and remind your children about our eligibility policy.

- * There is a grace period at the beginning of the second semester before determining eligibility. This is done to allow teachers and students to have time to compile enough grades to make for a more accurate eligibility check.
- * The last eligibility check will be at the end of the first semester when grades are finalized on December 21, 2018.
- * If your child has failed a course in the first semester, they will be ineligible until the first eligibility check of the second semester, which will be January 16, 2019.

Semester Final Exemptions.

If students meet the criteria to be exempted from a semester final, they are not required to be in school for the exempted period ONLY. Students are required to be in class during all other periods.

Drama Production.

We would like to congratulate the high school participants and advisors that put on the drama production “Who Killed Elvis.” Our students did an amazing job performing in front of large crowds each performance. Even Mother Nature couldn’t spoil how great the play turned out. It is amazing to see the talents that our students have within our school.

Student Shout Outs!

The high school staff began a program last year to recognize students that go out of their way to make a positive contribution to SHHS. Those that are recognized for their positive attributes earn special privileges at school.

Our November Student Shout Outs are: Jersey Filkowski, Tanner Jarrett, Nathaniel Haverluk, Cole Kuylen, Meg Silbernagel! Great job to these students and to all the students that contribute to making SHHS a great place to be!

Holiday Break.

I would like to wish everyone the very best during the upcoming Holiday Season. Enjoy the time off from school to recharge the batteries and spend quality time with family and friends. Travel safely and enjoy the holidays!

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

Sincerely,
Mr. Jung
High School Principal/Activities Director

The Principal Files: Mrs. Geis

We are quickly approaching the end of the second quarter of school on December 21. It is hard to believe that when we come back from the Winter Break that we will be halfway through the school year. I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable break with your family.

With the beginning of winter, please send proper clothing to school so students can stay warm and enjoy the fresh air. It is important for students to have warm coats, gloves or mittens, hats, boots, snow pants, and a pair of shoes to be worn in the school building. We go outside twice a day weather permitting. If the temperature or wind chill is below zero, we will have indoor recess.

On December 21 the elementary students will be going to the movie theater in Belfield. Thank you, C-PASS, for covering the cost for all the students to watch the movie and have a treat.

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Olson

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Upcoming Events:

Mock Job Interviews: Junior and Senior English students will be participating in Mock Job-Interviews through the help of area business professionals. All junior and senior students have or are currently scheduled to participate in a job-shadow experience and resume writing activity. From those experiences, they will “interview” for a mock job position in the area of which they job-shadowed. This will give students the opportunity to practice their interview skills and prepare them for real life situations they will face as they enter the workforce.

Seniors who are interested in taking the **Work Keys Test** to help them qualify for the North Dakota CTE Scholarship, contact Mrs. Olson to set a time and date. The cost for each test is \$12.00 per test and it is comprised of 3 separate tests. This fee must be paid prior to taking the test. For practice test information, please see Mrs. Olson.

On December 3 and 10, the Southwestern District Health Unit will provide students in grades 7-12 with information regarding the harmful effects of vaping, or the use of e-cigarettes. For further information regarding tobacco or e-cigarettes, please contact Jennifer Schaeffer at the Southwestern District Health Unit 483-3760.

November Event Recap:

On November 19-20, 21 juniors and seniors from South Heart School participated in group college tours. The colleges that were toured included Williston State College, Minot State University, University of North Dakota, and University of Jamestown. If your student shows interest in a specific college or university, I would encourage you to accompany them on an individualized tour of the specific program area at that university, as the group tour is very general in nature. I would also encourage seniors to apply to 3 or 4 different colleges of interest and compare the offers that they give you following your acceptance.

November 7, juniors took the ASVAB test. This is the test that the military uses to place interested recruits. The South Heart School uses the results to help students find career paths that match their interests and skills. In January, a representative from the National Guard will go through the results with the juniors through an interest inventory activity. Students can use those results to help them prepare for the future.

“Notes” from Ms. Schweigert

On Monday, December 3rd, the music students in grades 4-12 will be presenting their Holiday Concert at 7:00 p.m. Please come join us and get into the Holiday Spirit! There will also be a bake sale to benefit students going to Seattle on Band Tour in the Spring of 2020.

A letter from CPASS

The Cougar Closet will be open Friday mornings from 8:00-8:15 for your Cougar shopping needs. We have a lot of new items if you are looking for gifts. You can view some of the items on the South Heart C-PASS Facebook page. Gift Certificates are also available.

DONKEY BASKETBALL

Join us January 7 for a family night of fun, food, and laughter! Student organizations will have food for sale and carnival games from 5:00-6:30. At 7:00 the donkey basketball game will start. Tickets are \$10 in advance \$15 at the door. Watch for advanced ticket order form coming home soon. If you are a community member and would like to ride a donkey and play, please contact Debbie Jarrett at the school 677-5671.

Close-Up Breakfast and Bake Sale

Sponsored by the St. Anthony Club
December 16, 2018
105 1st Street SE, Dickinson

Menu includes: Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Hash browns, French Toast, Juice and Coffee.

12 and older \$10, Ages 7-11 \$5

Enjoy a delicious breakfast and pick up baked treats for the Holidays while supporting our Close-Up students as they visit Washington, D. C. and New York City in the Spring of 2019.

Student Council

Student Council is conducting their annual food drive through Friday, December 7. Students are asked to donate non-perishable food items, paper products or toiletries. Popcorn and movie prizes will be awarded to the top classes in grades K-6 and 7-12 that donate the most weight per class. Proceeds of this food drive will be delivered to the Belfield Food Pantry.

Yearbook News:

~The winter sports schedule is included with this month's Cougar Connection. The Yearbook Staff is thankful for area businesses' financial support and we ask our community to support these businesses and thank them for supporting our school.

~**Class of 2019** parents should have received information regarding photo submission for the yearbook and The Dickinson Press. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Holinka by phone at school or by email Holly.Holinka@k12.nd.us.

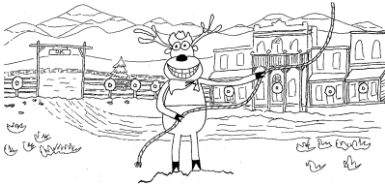
~The **2019 Yearbooks** will be pre-sold starting in January. Students will be reminded in the Power School daily announcements. The students in grades 7-12 are included in the yearbook.

Dickinson State University Presents:

Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells featuring one of our very own South Heart Students, Caleb Layman. Dates for the play are as follows: December 7 at 7pm, December 8 at 2:30pm and 7pm, and December 9 at 2:30pm. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. The play will be performed in DSU's Dorothy Stickney Auditorium

South Heart Elementary Grades Kindergarten-3 proudly presents:

CHRISTMAS AT THE O.K. CORRAL



Date: December 10, 2018

Time: 5:30pm

Place: South Heart Gymnasium

FCCLA

FCCLA will be having a Christmas party for grades PreK-8 on Saturday, December 15 from 6:30 pm to 9pm, in the FCS Room. The cost is \$20 for the 1st child and \$15 for each additional child.