

Cougar Connection

February 2019

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!

GO COUGARS!

Important Dates:

- February 4-8: Spirit Week
- February 7: Stark County Math Counts Competition
- February 13: Spelling Bee
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 14: Hat Day-Cost is \$2
- February 18: No School-President's Day

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“Learners for Life”

Honor Roll

South Heart High School had many great academic performances during the first semester. We had 60% of our students make the honor roll for semester one! Congratulations to our students for all their hard work in the classrooms. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the wonderful staff here at SHHS for pushing our students to excel in the classroom.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 19 and March 21. It is important that ALL parents/guardians try to attend. Research suggests that when parents show their children they care about their academic careers, students feel more encouraged to succeed and perform better in school. Improving upon communications with teacher and parents is a crucial element for improving student achievement. This reinforces to the student that the parent is an active part of their educational process, by learning their academic and behavioral concerns, as well as, successes the student is experiencing in the classroom.

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 January Student Shout Outs are: Gabrielle Mehrer, Taylor Downing, Max Binstock, Alan Ridl, Mersaydees Kostelecky, and Sena Pederson! Great job to these students and to all the students that contribute to making SHHS a great place to be!

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

A letter from CPASS

Thank you to the community for the support for Donkey Basketball. It was a great night with a lot of laughs from all that attended. It was a huge success for all the groups that participated in fundraising.

CPASS is looking for donations for the South Heart After Prom Party. If you would like to make a donation please drop your donation off at the school or mail a donation to the school with ATTN:CPASS After Prom Party.

The Principal Files: Mrs. Geis

Students in grades 5-8 completed a classroom spelling bee. Congratulations to top spellers Isabella Padilla, Molly Robb, Hannah Hoff, Tessa Zarak and alternate Amelia Schoch. The top spellers from the combined grades will compete in the county spelling bee on February 13 in South Heart.

Do you have a child or know of a child that will be five by August 1, 2019? If so, please contact the school so we can send out information for the 2019-2020 school year. We will be having our annual Kindergarten Round-Up this spring.

We will be conducting our annual screening for preschool children on Friday, March 8. Parents need to contact the school to set-up a time slot for their preschool-aged child. The school will mail information to families in February. To attend, preschool children need to be four by August 1, 2019.

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Olson

Dates to Watch:

February 19th, 2019 - NAEP Test (8th grade)

March 8th, 2019 – ACT Test Registration Deadline (For Seniors – Test date is April 13th)

March 12, 2019 - ACT Test (Juniors – @ South Heart Senior Center)

March 13, 2019 - PreACT Test (Sophomores - @ South Heart School Rm. 402)

April 15th, 2019 - FAFSA Priority Deadline

***Scholarships** are coming in more rapidly and students need to watch deadlines carefully. Some give them more lead time than others. A reminder to be sure you are following all the guidelines carefully! You don't want to miss out on funds because you missed a small detail. Remember to make copies of everything!! Keep your essays on a flash drive in your portfolio and use them for other applications. Be sure to keep checking Mrs. Olson's webpage on the school's website for updated opportunities.

***ND Scholarship.** Since the inception of the new state requirements for graduation, and the \$6000 scholarship they are offering, it is important for students to begin careful planning. Students need 22 credits or an average of at least 5.5 credits a year which includes 3 higher level math, science, and social science courses and a 24 on the ACT test. For the academic scholarship, a dual credit course is also required. Students can also be awarded the scholarship if they have 2 credits in a coordinated plan of study and a score of 5 on the 3 sections of the WorkKeys test if they do not have a qualifying ACT score. If you have questions about the scholarships, please contact me for more information.

Give A Shout Out

The South Heart High School Staff likes to recognize students who have shown great character through volunteerism, academic improvement, respect and responsibility. We give a "Shout Out" to one student/student group in grades 7-9 and one student/student group in grades 10-12 every two weeks on the first school day of the week. We have many awesome students at South Heart High School and are very proud of them. We appreciate the efforts you make.

Notes from Ms. Schweigert

Thank you to everyone who purchased cookie dough in the annual Music Department fundraiser! The cookie dough should arrive near the end of February. Thank you all for the support!

Thank you to those who have purchased calendar raffle tickets from students going on Band Tour to Seattle. Drawings will be held every week day in February (20 drawings) and if you are a lucky winner you will be contacted by Ms. Schweigert. You can also check out South Heart Public School on Facebook for weekly winner posts!

Congratulations to Jersey Filkowski for being selected to sing in the 2019 All-State Treble Choir! Jersey will represent South Heart at the All-State Music Festival held in Bismarck, March 21-23.

Upcoming Music Events:

- *Region 10 Instrumental Festival at Dickinson State – March 11
- *Region 10 Vocal Festival at Assumption Abbey in Richardton – April 4
- *State Music Festival at Bismarck State College – May 4
- *4-12 Spring Music Concert – May 9
- *Bismarck Band Night Parade – May 10

Math Counts

Congratulations to the following students who have earned a spot on this year's MathCounts team: 8th graders Reagan Krump, Gabrielle Mehrer, Isabel O'Brien and Izabella Quimby; 7th graders Kieva Brock, Gavin Geis, Hannah Hoff, and Molly Robb. They will be competing in the Stark County competition on Thursday, February 7 in Dickinson. Good luck, mathletes!

FCCLA

FCCLA will be selling stuffed animals for Valentine's day. Sales will begin Monday Feb 4th and we will sell until we run out. Purchases can be made in the FCS Room or before school.

Mark your calendar as Dr. Seuss will be having a birthday party on Saturday March 2nd from 1pm till 4pm. A flyer will be sent home with more details as the date approaches.

Hat Day

On Valentine's Day, South Heart School is participating in the "Giving Hearts" campaign. On Thursday, February 14th, we will be having a Hat Day fundraiser. For a minimum \$2.00 donation, your child can wear a hat to school for the day. The recipient will be a South Heart family in need.