

# Cougar Connection

April 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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Superintendent

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## **A Note from the Superintendent**

**Mr. Calvin Dean**

### **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!

### **Storm Make-Up Days**

The following school cancellations, late starts, and early releases have occurred during the 2018-19 school year due to bad weather and poor road conditions.

- a. Early Release - November 16
- b. School Canceled - February 4
- c. Late Start & Early Release March 4
- d. Late Start - March 5.

Per state requirements, we will be required to make up this missed time at school. Therefore, school will be held on both Storm Makeup Days as scheduled on the 2018-19 School Calendar. Therefore, we will be having normal full days of school on Friday, May 3, 2019, and Friday, May 17, 2019.

### **South Heart School Board Positions (terms expiring and up for election)**

South Heart School Board positions currently held by Randy Kudrna and Jon Jacobson are up for election. Term is 3 years (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022). Deadline to file a petition for these positions is April 8, 2019 at 4:00 pm. Please contact Kristine Mehrer, Business Manager, for filing instructions. The election will take place at South Heart School on June 11, 2019.

### **2019-20 School Calendar APPROVED**

The 2019-20 South Heart School Calendar has been finalized and was approved by the South Heart School Board at the February 13, 2019 meeting. The 2019-20 School Calendar and 2019-20 Pre-School Calendar can be accessed on the South Heart School website. Go to [www.southheart.k12.nd.us](http://www.southheart.k12.nd.us) and then click on Calendars/Menus. **GO COUGARS!**

#### **Important Dates:**

- April 4: Vocal Festival at Assumption Abbey
- April 6: SHHS Prom; Grand March 8:00pm
- April 12: FFA Banquet at 6:00pm
- April 13: Belfield's Prom
- April 15: FFA Blood Drive 9am-2:30pm
- April 17: South Heart Career Fair 9:00am-12:00pm
- April 19: NO SCHOOL-Good Friday
- April 22: NO SCHOOL-Easter Monday

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## *The Principal Files: Mr. Jung*

South Heart High School  
April 2019

### ***“Learners for Life”***

As we near the end of the school year, there are some important reminders for the upcoming months. Please remember that students who fail any semester two (spring semester) course, will be considered academically ineligible for the following fall semester until the first eligibility check. Please monitor your child’s progress using PowerSchool.

Our Annual Academic Awards Program will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. This banquet is when we take time to recognize our students for their academic achievements throughout the year. We will also be doing our 8th grade promotion into high school at this time. We encourage all parents to attend. There will be coffee, juice, and rolls available at 8:00 a.m. for all parents and family members that attend.

The Heart River Athletic Banquet will be held in South Heart this year on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. There will be a pot-luck meal served, following the presentation of awards to our athletes.

Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at the South Heart Gymnasium at 12:30 p.m. Information and letters will be coming out towards the end of the April with all the necessary information pertaining to the graduation ceremony.

We would also like to congratulate our Academic Acalypmics team from South Heart High School. On March 19, they competed in the Region 4 Acalypmics competition in New Salem. SHHS competed in the Class B Large School Division and came away with a 1st Place finishing! Members of the team were: Jacob Zastoupil, Seth Polensky, Adeline Robbins, Genavive Robbins, Avery Hodell, and Campbell Clarys. Due to our planned Close Up Trip to Washington, D.C., Jacob Zastoupil, Avery Hodell, and Adeline Robbins were not able to attend the state competition in Bismarck on March 25. The students representing SHHS at the State Competition were Gracie O’Brien, Seth Polensky, Elizabeth Dean, Genavive Robbins, Madison Bebee, and Campbell Clarys. GOOD LUCK AT STATE! WE ARE ALL PROUD OF YOU!

#### **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](http://www.badlandsconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=435&school_id=13)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) (Search HR Cougars)

Twitter: @heartrivercgrs

Sincerely,  
Mr. Jung  
High School Principal/Activities Director

## *The Principal Files: Mrs. Geis*

Thank you to all the parents and guardians that attended parent-teacher conferences. I know the teachers enjoyed sharing the student's progress with all the parents and guardians.

We have started the North Dakota State Assessment and will continue into the end of April. Students in grades three through sixth complete a Math and an English Language Arts assessment.

To celebrate Children and Youth in our communities, the Belfield American Legion Auxiliary Unit 144 and the American Legion Post 144 is providing milk or juice during snack time for all students in Preschool through 4th grade.

The weather has warmed up tremendously which has created a lot of water and mud in the playground. We ask that all students continue to bring their boots to school until the playground has completely dried out.

## *Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Olson*

April 3 - DSU Career Day – Seniors

April 5 - **Driver's Education Registration Deadline!**

April 8 - Dream It, Do It presentations – Grades 9 & 10

April 15 - Dream It, Do It presentations – Grades 7 & 8

April 15 - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Deadline for Financial info to Colleges Priority Deadline)

April 17 - South Heart Career Fair - Grades 9-12

### **Seniors:**

Graduation day is near. I will be meeting with each senior prior to graduation to discuss their post-high school plans. This meeting is to help seniors in any way I can and to gather information for state reports.

April 3 seniors will take part in a unique Career Day at DSU. They have the opportunity to learn skills in the following areas: Social Media & Communication Etiquette, Women in Leadership Positions, Cover Letters & Resumes, Navigating International Opportunities, Internships, Human Resources, Transitioning from Backpack to Briefcase, Professionalism & Ethics in the Work Place, Budgeting and Planning, Mindsets and Methods for Organizational Acclimation with Communication, Graduate School Prep, Entrepreneurship, and College Life.

**\*\* Seniors must apply** for the ND Academic and Career Scholarships: The online application is available. Deadline to register is June 1st. 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.

**\*\*Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors:** There are many scholarship opportunities available to seniors. Deadlines are coming and going fast. Please don't miss out! Seniors check Mrs. Olson's webpage regularly for scholarship postings. For more opportunities go to [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

### **Juniors:**

Juniors attended the Career Expo on March 13 in Dickinson. Students had the opportunity to tour 4 different career fields and types of industry including Sanford Health, Fisher Industries, CHI St. Alexius Hospital, Dickinson Ready Mix, AE2S Engineering and Steffes Manufacturing. I heard many positive remarks about student involvement and behavior from various people attending and presenting. Congratulations to our students!

### **Dream It, Do It:**

On April 8 and 15, ambassadors for the Dream It, Do It program will be presenting to students in grades 7-10 on modern manufacturing and technology used in today's production plants.

### **South Heart Career Fair:**

On April 17 students in grades 9-12 from South Heart, Belfield, Trinity and New England schools will participate in the

South Heart Career Fair. This will be a workshop style fair where students will pre-register for presentations that match their interests and be exposed to some that they may not have thought about before. The fair will run from 8:30-11:45 and consists of a variety of colleges, profession work, and apprenticeship programs.

### **Drivers Education:**

This summer South Heart School will be offering a Driver's Education course for students 14 years of age and up. Registration information is available at the school office. The deadline to register is April 5th for South Heart students. Letters were sent home to students completing grades 8 and 9, but any student above the age of 14 who needs or would like to take drivers education is welcome to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Olson at the school.

## **Notes from Ms. Schweigert**

Band students in grades 7-12 participated in the Region 10 Instrumental Festival on March 11 in Dickinson. In addition to the large group performing, Natasha Baranko (clarinet) and Taylor Fagerberg (bass clarinet) performed solos, and a clarinet duet of Natasha Baranko and Mersaydees Kostelecky performed. All performances at the instrumental festival received Excellent ratings from judges.

Congratulations to Jersey Filkowski for her participation in the 2019 All-State Treble Choir! In order to be selected for an All-State ensemble, students must prepare a live audition, and over 2000 students across the state auditioned to be in one of the six ensembles this year. The All-State Festival was held in Bismarck March 21-23.

### **Upcoming music dates:**

April 4 – Region 10 Vocal Festival at Assumption Abbey in Richardton

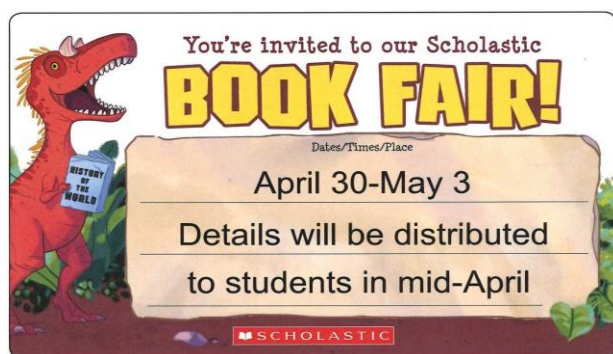
April 13 – Elementary Music Festival (5-8) in Killdeer

May 4 – State Music Festival at Bismarck State College

May 9 – 4-12 Spring Music Concert (7:00 pm)

May 10– Bismarck Band Night Parade

## **Book Fair**



## **A Shout out to the Heart River Girls' Basketball Team**

March 16, The Make a Wish Foundation held its annual fundraiser at the West River Hockey Center in Dickinson. There was lots of fun filled activities for the kids and members of the Heart River Girls Basketball team donated their time to this great cause. Our girls helped clean tables and spent several hours watching over the jumping castles for the kids. The Make a Wish vision is to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a critical illness. While our girls were assisting with watching over the jumping castles, the Make a Wish benefit raised an estimated 190K on this night. The following girls deserve a shout out for assisting with such a great cause: *Afton Shypkoski, Laken Jacobson, Caylee Wilke, Lelani Privratsky, Taylor Fagerberg, Morgan Forrest, Mackenzie Schneider, Madison Bebee, and Elizabeth Dean.*