

Cougar Connection

May 2019

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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

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 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). The election will take place at South Heart School on June 11, 2019 from 11:00am-7:00pm in the ITV classroom by the office.

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Important Dates:

- May 4: State Music Festival at BSC
- May 6: K-3 Spring Concert at 5:30pm
- May 9: 4-12 Spring Concert at 7:00pm
- May 10: Bismarck Band Day at 6:30pm CDT
- May 15: Academic Awards Program 8:30am
- May 15: Athletic Banquet at 6:30pm in South Heart
- May 17: Last Day of School
- May 19: Graduation at 12:30pm

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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 and then click on Calendars/Menus.

End of School Year

The last day of school is May 17 with South Heart Graduation on Sunday, May 19, at 12:30 pm. **Congratulations to our graduating seniors! All of you will be greatly missed. The school, the community, and especially your parents/family are very proud of you! We wish all of you the very best of luck!!!!**

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for another fantastic school year. Have a great summer!!!!

The Principal Files: Mr. Jung

South Heart High School
May 2019

“Learners for Life”

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching. There have been many successes scholastically that have happened this year. There are too many accomplishments to list at this time, but here are a few of them: South Heart High School has had over half of the students make the honor roll; South Heart’s Senior High Acalympic team won the Region 4 competition and advanced to the state competition; numerous students advanced to the state level in music and speech.

On May 19, we will say goodbye to the Class of 2019. This senior class were just sixth graders when I arrived at South Heart School. It has been a pleasure to watch these fine young men and women develop and grow over their years at SHHS. I believe that their education and experiences here at South Heart High School will benefit them where ever their future endeavors shall take them. I have a quote that I would like to share with the graduating class, “First, and most important, be open-minded. Secondly, don’t let anyone define YOU. Take risks and believe that you can do it”.

Final tests will be given May 15 -17. The semester test exemption policy is listed below:

“Semester tests are given at the end of each semester in all classes. Seniors may be exempt from one (1) semester test; juniors may be exempt from one (1) semester test; and all students in grades 7 - 10 will not be exempt from any semester test.

****All students are required to take Semester Exams in AP/Dual Credit Courses.****

Any student that meets all of the following requirements in a specific class shall be exempt from taking the semester test in that class:

- If the student carries a B (3.00) or better AND five (5) or less absences for the semester.
- If the student has no violations of South Heart School or NDHSAA policies.

Those students who qualify for the exemption may elect to take the semester test at no risk for the opportunity to improve their grade. Students that are exempt from taking semester tests are not required to attend class during that testing period.”

Students that are not exempt for tests are EXPECTED to be in class during all periods that week. Students will ONLY be allowed to test early if they are going to miss school for a school sponsored extra-curricular event. Students not involved in school sponsored activities that miss school, will be given an incomplete. The student will need to take the test at a later date than when it was originally scheduled, which could include the week after school. Failure to do so, will result in a zero for the final test.

Upcoming Events:

May 15, 2019: Academic Awards Program 8:30am @ SHHS

May 15, 2019: Heart River Athletic Banquet 6:30pm @ South Heart High School

May 19, 2019: South Heart Class of 2019 Graduation Ceremony 12:30pm @ SHHS

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**Field Trip Dates:**

- May 1: 2nd grade
- May 8: 6th grade
- May 8: 4th grade
- May 10: Kindergarten
- May 10: 1st grade
- May 16: 5th grade

REMINDER: Students will need to bring a cold lunch with them for their field trip, and their lunch must be NUT FREE.

Thank you to our parent volunteers that helped during the school year. The students and teachers appreciated the help and support you provided this year. If you would like to be a parent volunteer, we are looking for more parents to join the program. If you are interested in helping out for the next school year, please contact Mrs. Geis for more information.

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Olson

May 3 - ACT Test registration deadline for the June 8 ACT Test - Juniors & Seniors

May 8 – AP English Test – Seniors

May 8 - Discovery Days - 8th grade

ACT Retake Registration Deadline - May 3th. This is for anyone wishing to retake the ACT test on June 8. The test is at the DSU testing center. You must register at ACT.ORG. If you have any questions, stop in and visit with Mrs. Olson.

Discovery Days for the 8th grade will take place on May 8th. Students will explore different career paths through hands on activities. The event will be held at the West River Ice Center.

**** Seniors don't forget you must apply** for the ND Academic and Career Scholarships: The online application is available. Deadline to register is June 7th. 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 Driver's Education course for students 14 years of age and up who have completed the 8th grade. Registration information was mailed in March to all parents with students in grades 8 & 9. The registration deadline is passed, and the class is full. We will begin the classroom portion of the class on Tuesday, May 28th. Letters will be sent with class details to those registered. Students must have their drivers permit to complete Drivers Education at the South Heart School. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Olson at the school.

Notes from Ms. Schweigert

Congratulations to the students who received Star ratings at the Regional Festivals this spring! This year South Heart has ten students in five events that will participate at the State Festival:

*Elizabeth Dean – vocal solo

*Jersey Filkowski – vocal solo

*Meg Silbernagel & Jersey Filkowski – vocal duet

*Brooke Canode, Elizabeth Dean, Paige Jung, Jersey Filkowski, Lelani Privratsky, Meg Silbernagel, and Molly Robb – miscellaneous mixed vocal ensemble

*Madison Bebee, Brooke Canode, Elizabeth Dean, Jersey Filkowski, Lelani Privratsky, Adeline Robbins, Genavive Robbins, and Meg Silbernagel – girls vocal ensemble

These students will be representing South Heart at the State Music Festival in Bismarck on Saturday, May 4th. Best of luck at State!

On Saturday, April 13, five of our 5th grade students performed at a music festival in Killdeer for students in grades 5-8. Those performing were Serra Buerkle, Jordan Jung, Megan Robb, Collin Schneider, and Holly Stuber. Each of the students' performances earned a Superior Rating! Congratulations!

The spring music concert for grades 4-12 is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 7:00. This year's concert theme is The Nature of Music. We are excited to share our music with you!

On Friday, May 10, 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 4 – State Music at Bismarck State College

May 9 – 4-12 Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m.

May 10 – Bismarck Band Night Parade

Spring Sounds!

Elementary Spring Music Program

Grades K-3

Monday, May 6th at 5:30 pm

CPASS News

Thank you to all that helped or donated to the after-prom party!

Next CPASS meeting will be May 13 at 6:00.

Reminder: Pizza pickup will be Thursday, May 9 at 3:00 by the lobby. Thank you for the support with this fundraiser.

Junior High Acalympics

The Junior High Acalympics competition was held on April 8 at Dickinson Middle School. The students who qualified and competed on the team were freshmen Jaydon Haverluk, Josiah Haverluk (alternate), Taylor Fagerberg, Ty Gregory, Grace Nantt, Lelani Privratsky and eighth grader Shay Buckman.