

Cougar Connection

June 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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High School Principal
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A Note from the Superintendent

Mr. Calvin Dean

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. Election Day is June 11 at South Heart School.

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!!!!

Important Dates:

May 19: Graduation at 12:30pm
June 11: School Board Election 11am-7pm at South Heart School
August 1: Registration from 8am-4pm at South Heart School
August 19: Open House/Back to School Night
August 19: CPASS Meeting-following Back to School Night
August 20: First day of school for 2019-20 school year

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“Learners for Life”

As the school year comes to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It’s been a great year! Together we’ve learned much and shared experiences that will long remain with us in the years to come. The strength of our community and wholehearted passion to make our school a wonderful place of learning for our students primarily but for all makes South Heart School truly a special place.

Special thanks to our parents who have contributed in ways small, large, and unimaginable! Thanks for getting your kids to school and helping your kids in the learning process; the partnership between home and school is important.

I would like to thank our hard working and caring staff members who have made a huge difference to our students. Their commitment to excellence is outstanding and our kids are the beneficiaries. Thank you for providing rich and engaging, well-rounded experiences for our kids and knowing that education is about joy, wonder and fostering curiosity, along with the development of social skills so needed to succeed. For these, and a million other things, we are truly grateful.

We have much to celebrate and many happy memories. Most importantly our students have enjoyed another fabulous year. They have excelled in so many fields it is impossible to list them all. I have attended many celebration events and have listened in awe as their achievements have been described. These achievements have been in their academic studies, sport, music, the arts to name just a few and we are justly proud of them.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the summer vacation and look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting, new academic year.

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

As we close out another school year, I would like to thank the students, staff, and parents for a great year. It was a busy school year with a lot of learning and a lot of memories. The sixth graders will be moving to junior high, and preschoolers will become elementary students. It is amazing how fast time goes by. Enjoy the summer, relaxing, playing, and reading.

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Olson

FAFSA – For seniors who have not yet filled out their FAFSA, it is not too late. Although the priority deadline is past, grant funds may still be available to you, so don't delay!

Scholarships: Seniors who qualified for the ND Academic and CTE Scholarship, deadline is June 7th for those who have not yet applied and qualify. After you complete your application, A confirmation email indicating successful submission of the application should be received immediately after the application is submitted. If you do not receive this confirmation email, call the ND Department of Public Instruction at (701) 328-2244 immediately.

Sometime during the month of June, another email will be sent to the email addresses provided on the application. Follow the instructions in the email to either accept or defer the scholarship.

Accept – student will attend a designated ND college/university for the fall semester

Defer – student is not attending a designated ND college/university for the fall semester

NOTE: A student deferring the scholarship until a later time must call the NDUS at (701) 328-2906 to reinstate the scholarship prior to college/university enrollment.

Don't forget to accept your North Dakota State Scholarship. You will receive an email around June 30th. If you do not do this, your scholarship will not be awarded!

ACT: Juniors or seniors who would like to retake the ACT on the July 13th test date, the registration deadline is June 14th. If you miss that deadline, they are accepting late registrations until June 24th. There will be a \$25 late registration fee. There will be other testing opportunities in the fall as well. Cost for the ACT test without the writing portion is \$46. If you would like to take it with the writing portion it is \$62.50. There are fee waivers for students who qualify. For more information or to register, visit www.actstudent.org.

Area Volunteer Hour Opportunity for Students:

Sunday Funfeast 2019 - We are looking for volunteers to help us with our Sunday Funfeast events! This would be a great way to earn some volunteer hours or just help out with a family friendly community event. We're looking for volunteers to help run our kids' games and supervise the bounce house. We'll set the games up, you just need to come and have some fun with the kids and hand out prizes. These events will take place in the parking lot and around the outside of the I Don't Know Bar. The meal, non-alcoholic beverages and games are free to our community thanks to generous local sponsors. We'd love to have your help and make you part of what is going to be a fun community event!

All events run from 4-7pm on the following dates: June 2, July 7, August 4, and September 1 Contact Kristie at (701) 609-0310 or Brock at (701) 690-3451.

Driver's Education Parent Meeting Change of Date: Please notice in your registration confirmation letter that the date for the Driver's Education Parent meeting is now changed to Thursday, May 30th from 5-6pm. This meeting will be in the High School Music room and you can park and enter the school through door #8 on the south side of the school.

CPASS

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout this school year. We are very grateful! Our next meeting will be held on August 19, following Back to School Night. Enjoy your summer!

Coloring Contest Winner

The North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union held its annual coloring contest. The coloring contest involves Kindergarten through Grade 3, and 13 schools participated in the coloring contest. The students' coloring sheets were chosen from their respective schools, then advanced to the regional levels, and finally to the state level. The schools involved were public, parochial, and private. We are proud to announce that one of our very own second graders, Rowan Young, won first place in the region and second place in the state. Congratulations Rowan!

Perkins Survey

Hello North Dakota Parents and Students,

On July 31, 2018, President Trump signed the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) into law. This act reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV). It was approved unanimously by both chambers of Congress, reflecting broad bipartisan support for career and technical education (CTE) programs.

Perkins V is dedicated to increasing learner access to high-quality career and technical education programs of study, which include Agricultural Education, Business Education, Career Development, Culinary Arts, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Health Sciences Education, Information Technology Education, Marketing Education, Career and Technical Resource Education, Technology & Engineering Education, and Trade, Industry & Technical Education (which includes specifically Auto Collision, Automated Manufacturing, Auto Technology, Aviation, Building Trades, Diesel Technology, Electronics, Facilities Maintenance, Graphic Communications, Power Sports Technology, and Welding Technology.) With a focus on systems alignment and program improvement, this law has been critical to ensuring programs meet the ever-changing needs of learners and employers.

Funding supports a variety of activities, including professional development and technical assistance; creation of innovative programs of study; support for continuous improvement of existing programs of study; career exploration; guidance and advisement; data collection and analysis; supports for at-risk learners; and program evaluation and monitoring.

I ask you complete the following survey, which will provide the ND Department of Career and Technical Education feedback from parents and students. Your feedback is valuable to the future success of Career and Technical Education.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QBMHJ3N>

Thank you.

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