

Cougar Connection

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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

Holiday Greetings:

On behalf of South Heart School, Happy Holidays to everyone! And GOODBYE to 2020! 🙏

Thank you:

On behalf of all the faculty and staff at South Heart School, thank you to all the supportive students and parents during the past several months. Those of us that chose education as a career never imagined in our wildest dreams that our careers would include education during a world-wide pandemic. It has been a challenge and a definite learning experience, but ultimately an experience that has been manageable thanks to the patience and cooperation of our students and parents. Thank you!

2nd Semester Plans

South Heart School will be implementing some changes when we resume school on January 4, 2021. Please review our 2nd semester plans contained within our Distance Education Plan located on the right-hand side of our school website.

THANK YOU AND GO COUGARS!

Important Dates:

January 1: NO SCHOOL New Year's Day
January 4: School Resumes, Semester 2 begins
January 18: NO SCHOOL MLK Day
January 18: CPASS Meeting at 6:30pm

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“Learners for Life”

South Heart High School would like to wish everyone well over the winter break and hope that all can enjoy the time to relax and participate in some memorable activities with friends and families. As we move into the second half of the 2020-2021 school year, we look forward to the many successes that lie before us, here at South Heart High School.

Important Upcoming Dates

December 16, 17, 21, 22: Semester 1 Finals

December 22: Semester 1 Ends

January 4: Semester 2 Begins

January 11: Deadline to drop/add S2 courses. Semester 1 Report Cards will be mailed out

Semester Finals

If a student is unable to take a semester test during the allotted days (Dec. 18-20), they will have to make arrangements with administration to take the test when school resumes on January 4, 2020.

Semester 2 Classes

Students will have one week (January 4 – January 11) to decide what classes they would like to take in the second semester. Students are locked into their schedules after January 11. Any withdrawal from a class after January 11, will result in an F for the semester in that class.

Semester 2 Changes

Please be sure to visit the updated distant learning plan to get all the updates on our education options as well as changes to our attendance policy.

On behalf of South Heart School, we would like to thank all our families for all that you do in supporting our students and teachers as we look forward to an outstanding semester here at South Heart High School.

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

The Principal Files: Mrs. Geis

Please, send snow gear every day. We monitor the temperature and wind throughout the day and send students out, when we can, to get fresh air. If we feel students are not dressed weather appropriately, we do not allow them outside.

South Heart School is looking for all children in the area that will be five by August 1, 2021. If you have a child or know of a child in the South Heart School District, please contact the school so we may send out information for the 2021-2022 school year.

We will be doing our annual screening for preschool children on Friday, March 12, 2021. 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 that we are aware of that have preschool-aged children. To attend preschool, children need to be four by August 1, 2021.

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Olson

SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS:

- You should be getting applications into the college(s) of your choice, ASAP. Remember to apply for housing!
- Scholarships will continue to be posted on the Counseling webpage, but don't let that be your only option for scholarships. Continue to search other options.
- ALL students should seriously consider completing the FAFSA. Most applications are now done online; however, if you would like a paper copy, they are available but take longer to process. Be careful to go to the free site; www.fafsa.ed.gov. You don't need to pay!! Many grants scholarships and student loans are tied to the FAFSA, you can link it to the IRS website and have all of your information transferred in, making it much easier. Also, you will need to use your 2019 tax information to complete it.
- For those wishing to retake the ACT Test, the next deadline to register is on January 15th for the February 6th test date. Go to www.actstudent.org for free practice tests and to register.

BackPack Program:

The **Dickinson Backpack Program** is in our school! The **Dickinson Backpack Program** is a food program intended to help alleviate childhood hunger on weekends and during school breaks.

If your child struggles with hunger, The **Dickinson Backpack Program** will fill your child's backpack with kid-friendly, shelf stable food for your child to take home and eat over the weekend. They'll receive foods like cereal, pudding, soup, fruit, granola bars, microwave meals, snacks and other items. With your approval we will send a bag of food home with your child every Friday for the remainder of the school year.

Please know that there will never be a charge for this program; it's entirely funded through grants and private donations.

Please fill out the registration form which can be found on the right side of our schools homepage and send it to school with your student if you would like them to be included in the Dickinson Backpack Program. For more information contact Mrs. Olson at the school.

Lions Club Peace Poster Winners!

Once again, our 5th and 6th graders participated in the International Peace Poster Contest which is sponsored by our local South Heart Lions Club. The theme this year is “Peace Through Service”. Participating students had to convey this theme in their artwork without using words or numbers. The winners this year are:

1st Place – Taya Lefor
2nd Place – Kaylee Patterson
3rd Place Asher Buerkle
4th Place – Laila Murray
5th Place Raylee Morast
6th Place Basha Lym

Congratulations and thank you to the South Heart Lions Club for sponsoring this event and all of the students who participated!

Yearbook

The 2021 yearbooks will be sold in January for \$25. The February price is \$30. Books can be purchased in the library. Parents of 2021 seniors were mailed information about the 2021 senior portrait deadline for inclusion in the yearbook and submitting a recognition message for their graduate. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Holinka at the school (677-5671) or via email at Holly.Holinka@k12.nd.us.

CPASS

There will be a CPASS meeting January 18, 2021 at 6:30 in school lobby!
Please watch the South Heart CPASS Facebook page for posts about help with concessions once we are able to open back up!

Close-Up Breakfast

Close-Up Breakfast and Bake Sale has been Re-Scheduled!!!

Sponsored by the St. Anthony Club

105 1st Street SE, Dickinson

February 21, 2020

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 while supporting our Close-Up students as they visit Washington, D. C. in the Spring of 2021.