

Cougar Connection

March 2021

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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

Open Enrollment for 2021-22

Open enrollment is now re-opened at South Heart School for all grades K-12 in accordance with state law and School Board Policy FAAA. Interested families are strongly encouraged to submit open enrollment applications prior to the March 1 deadline for consideration at the March 10 School Board meeting.

Important Dates:

March 1: CPASS Meeting at 6:30pm

March 11: Science Olympiad Project Presentations at DSU

March 15: Region X Instrumental Festival

March 17: NO SCHOOL (Storm make-up day)

March 18: NO SCHOOL

March 19: NO SCHOOL

March 22: State FFA in Minot

March 26-27: Drama Production

March 30: State Acalympics Competition

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“Learners for Life”

NDASSP Academic All-State Team

Each year South Heart High School nominates a student to the North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals (NDASSP) Academic All-State Team. The Academic All-State Team is decided through a computation of Grade Point Average and ACT Score, as well as narrative answers to questions. The Academic All-State Team is divided into three teams. To qualify for the Bronze team, you must score in the top thirty in the state. To qualify for the Silver team, you must qualify in the top twenty scores in the state. Finally, to qualify for the Gold team, you must score in the top ten in the state. Those students that are in the top fifty in the state, but do not qualify for the Bronze, Silver, or Gold teams, are given Honorable Mention in the state. This year, South Heart High School selected Campbell Clarys to represent our school for the NDASSP Academic All-State Team. We are very proud to report that Campbell placed 34th out of approximately 170 entries, thus earning a place on the NDASSP Academic All-State Honorable Mention Team! Congratulations to Campbell!

North Dakota State Assessments

As we move into March, we begin preparing our students to our annual state assessment tests. These tests help not only the state monitor our school growth, but it also helps our school to track students and monitor individual and school growth. Our 7th & 8th grade students will be completing the North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA) testing, which will consist of testing students on reading, writing, math, and science. The freshmen class is not required to take the NDSA. The sophomore class will be taking the PreACT test, which is a strong precursor to the ACT test students will take their junior year. This year the State of ND has required that all tests must include a science test, therefore, our sophomores will also take the NDSA science test. The junior class takes the ACT test as their NDSA. This is a very high stakes test for our students. The ACT tests counts for not only our NDSA accountability, but possible scholarship opportunities and admittance into dual credit courses.

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

Preschool screening is March 12. If you have a child that is turning four by August 1, 2021, please contact the school if you would like to have them attend preschool. All preschoolers must be screened to attend preschool.

Parents who would like to put in a teacher request for the 2021-2022 school year must complete the request form. It can be found in the Elementary Student Handbook, which is on the school website. All forms are required to be turned into Mrs. Geis by May 1, 2021.

We will start the North Dakota State Assessment in March and will continue until the end of April. Students in grades three through sixth complete a Math and an English Language Art assessment. Students in fourth grade will also complete a Science assessment.

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Olson

Dates to Watch:

March 1, 2021 - ACT Registration Deadline for April 17 ACT Test (Seniors)

March 2, 2021 - ACT Test (Juniors)

March 31, 2021 - Drivers Education registration deadline

April 17, 2021 - ACT Test (Seniors @ DSU)

April 24, 2021 - PreACT Test (Sophomores)

April 15th, 2021 - FAFSA Priority Deadline

Seniors: be aware of scholarship deadlines, check my webpage for applications. Many deadlines have come and gone or are fast approaching, so schedule some time to apply. 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.

Don't forget to complete your FAFSA so you can qualify for financial aid (scholarships, grants and student loans). The priority deadline is April 15th, so as soon as your parents finish their taxes, go online to www.fafsa.ed.gov and apply.

WorkKeys Test: The ACT WorkKeys Test will be offered to seniors that want to meet the qualifications for the ND CTE Scholarship. Contact Mrs. Olson if you would like to take this test or to see if you meet the scholarship requirements.

Sophomores: The PreAct test will be given on April 24 to Sophomores to help them prepare for the ACT Test which they will take as a class in their junior year.

Drivers Education: This summer the South Heart School will be offering a Driver's Education course for students who will have completed the 8th grade and are 14 years of age or older. Registration information is available at the school office. The deadline to register is March 31st for South Heart students. Letters will be sent home to parents of 8th and 9th grade students eligible to take Driver's Education this summer. Letters only went home to students in those grades, however, any student above the age of 14 that has completed the 8th grade and 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. The cost for the class is \$125, however if parents attend the parent meeting indicated in the letter, the price is reduced to \$100. Students must sign up and turn in their registration information to the office prior to March 31st. The registration sheet is on the front desk at the office. Checks can be made out to SHHS for the fee and must be paid by the Parent Meeting on May 7th.

Notes from Ms. Schweigert

On Monday, March 15, several of the band students in grades 7-12 will be participating in the Region 10 Instrumental Festival held at Dickinson State University. The festival this year will only include solos and small ensembles. We have several students participating in small ensembles this year!

Thank you to everyone who purchased cookie dough during the recent music department fundraisers! Money raised will be going toward the students' future music tours.

CPASS

There is a CPASS meeting Monday March 1 at 6:30 in the school lobby. Please try to attend if you can help with the After Prom Party, because without parents stepping up to assist, we cannot continue supporting our students with these types of activities.

We are also going to need workers for the After Prom Party on May 1. Please email lindzee.schneider@k12.nd.us if you can help work the event.

MathCounts

Congratulations to 8th grader Deilya Bach on advancing to the Chapter Invitational MathCounts competition! Also competing for South Heart School were 7th graders Serra Buerkle, Alex Dutke, Asia Dutke, Megan Robb, and Holly Stuber and 8th grader Grayson Geis. Things were a little different this year as competitors competed online. Deilya will compete online again on Thursday, February 25, and could possibly advance to the state competition. Good Luck, Deilya!



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February 11, 2021

To: South Heart School Students, Parents, Staff, and Community

Re: Intervention Fridays – 2nd Semester – Change to Normal School Days

On February 10, 2021, the South Heart School Board held a regularly scheduled School Board meeting.

Included in the agenda was the topic of Intervention Fridays for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. After a lengthy discussion, the South Heart School Board voted to change remaining Intervention Fridays back to normal school days for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. ALL students are therefore expected to attend school on these Fridays per the School Board-approved calendar.

An updated 2020-21 South Heart School Calendar can be found on the South Heart School website under the Calendars/Menus tab. This same calendar can be found below by scrolling to the 2nd page of this letter.

Thank you,
Calvin Dean, Superintendent
South Heart Public School

South Heart School

| AUGUST '20 | | | | | | | 9 days |
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| OCTOBER '20 | | | | | | | 19 days |
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| NOVEMBER '20 | | | | | | | 17 days |
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| DECEMBER '20 | | | | | | | 16 days |
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2020-21 Calendar

School Board Approved 2/12/2020
Amended 8/6/2020, 12/9/2020, 2/10/2021

2020

Aug 13 _____ Registration 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Aug 17 _____ In-Service & Open House
 Aug 19 _____ First Day of School
 Sep 7 _____ Labor Day – No School
 Sep 24 — Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45 – 6:45)
 Oct 1 — Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45 – 6:45)
 Oct 2 _____ No School/In-Service 8am -12pm
 Oct 16 _____ End of Quarter 1 (41 days)
 Oct 22 & 23 _____ NDCEL Convention - No School
 Nov 11 _____ Veteran's Day - No School
 Nov 25 _____ No School/In-Service 8am -12pm
 Nov 26 - 27 _____ Thanksgiving Break - No School
 Dec 22 _____ End of Quarter 2 (41 days)
 Dec 23 - Jan 1 _____ Holiday Break - No School


2021



Jan 4 _____ School reconvenes after Holiday Break
 Jan 18 _____ MLK Day - No School
 Feb 11 — Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45 – 6:45)
 Feb 12 _____ No School/In-Service 8am -12pm
 Feb 15 _____ Presidents' Day - No School
 Feb 18 — Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45 – 6:45)
 Mar 12 _____ End of Quarter 3 (47 days)
 Mar 17 _____ No School (Storm Make-Up Day)
 Mar 18 _____ No School
 Mar 19 _____ No School
 Apr 1 _____ No School/In-Service 8am -12pm
 Apr 2 _____ Good Friday – No School
 Apr 5 _____ No School
 May 7 _____ No School (Storm Makeup Day)
 May 26 _____ End of Quarter 4 (46 days)
 May 30 _____ Graduation at 12:30 pm
 May 31 _____ Memorial Day


Quarter 1 (Aug 19 – Oct 16) 41 days
 Quarter 2 (Oct 19 – Dec 22) 41 days
 Quarter 3 (Jan 4 – Mar 12) 47 days
 Quarter 4 (Mar 15 – May 26) 46 days


Days of Classroom Instruction 175 days
 P/T Conferences Compensatory Days 2 days
 • Oct 2 pm, Nov 25 pm,
 Feb 12 pm, Apr 1 pm
 Holidays Counted 3 days
 • Sep 7, Nov 11, Nov 26
 Professional Development (In-Service) 3 days
 • Aug 17 – full day
 Oct 2 am, Nov 25 am – ½ days
 Feb 12 am, Apr 1 am – ½ days


Total 183 days

 School In Session – On-Site Instruction

 Distance Education Friday (1st Semester)
 Intervention Friday (2nd Semester)

 No School

 No School – Teacher In-Service

 Storm Make-Up Day

| JANUARY '21 | | | | | | | 19 days |
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| FEBRUARY '21 | | | | | | | 18 days |
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| MARCH '21 | | | | | | | 20 days |
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| APRIL '21 | | | | | | | 19 days |
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| MAY '21 | | | | | | | 17 days |
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Register for all Dickinson Soccer Club programs at:

www.dickinsonsoccer.com

or

Contact us at dickinsonsoccerclub@gmail.com

2021 Intro to Soccer - Summer Camp - Ages 4 & 5 year olds

Get your little one introduced to soccer with a camp style setting where kids will rotate learning ball handling, foot skills, shooting drills and play games during every session.

4 year olds must be born between July 2nd 2016 - July 1st 2017 to register in this age group.

5 year olds must be born between July 1st 2015 - July 1st 2016 to register in this age group

Dates: June 8th - July 1st (Tuesdays/Thursdays) *Space limited so register early!!*

Times: 4 year olds 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm

5 year olds 2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

Registration Fee: \$70 (DSC T-shirt included)

Registration Dates: February 22nd - April 7th

2021 Summer Soccer Rec Program: Ages 6 - 18 (birth years 2015*- 2002)

Join our summer soccer league to learn soccer and experience league games. The players meet 2x/week for either practice and/or games. Typical practices are between 5-8 pm for approx. 60 minutes. Games are played on Monday nights. Players will be separated by age and league games will be within age divisions. Registration includes soccer jersey and players need to supply shin guards, black shorts & black soccer socks for league play. Coaches are NOT provided. Our rec programming relies 100% on parent volunteers to coach. If a parent does not volunteer during the registration process, it is expected that one or more of the parents assigned to the team will step up to coach.

Dates: *May 10th - July 14th*

End of Season Tournament July 12th - 14th (Mon/Tue/Wed night games)

Picture Day/Kick-off games - May 22nd

Registration Dates: *February 22nd - March 28th*

Registration Fee: *Boys \$120 — Girls \$0 (Girls Recruitment Program)*

Late Registration: *March 29th - April 7th*

Late Fee: *Boys \$140 — Girls \$0 (Girls Recruitment Program)*

**** If your child is born AFTER July 1st 2015 we highly recommend you register them for the Intro to Soccer camp.***

Competitive Summer Soccer - Ages 8 - 18 (birth years 2012 - 2002)

The competitive program is focused on providing a higher level of training and competition. Games involve travel to tournaments and Jamboree's in the area. This program will challenge the player who is dedicated, possesses basic soccer skills & demonstrates a higher level of dedication and desire to improve their skills. Participants are grouped by age and ability & teams will be determined after numbers are assessed post registration.

Dates: April 19th - July 18th *Girls U13 & up: May 24th - July 18th*

Practice: Tuesday/Thursday (2 hour practices)

Registration: February 22nd - March 31st

Registration Fee: Boys \$140 — Girls \$0 (Girls Recruitment Program)

Additional fees: All tournaments, if available, are charged separately per event (*event fee + coach travel + coach hotel / number of players*) & uniform if needed

Tournaments TBD: Will attend 2-4 tournaments/Jamboree's