

Cougar Connection

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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

End of School Year

The last day of school is May 26 with South Heart Graduation on Sunday, May 30, 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 great school year. It has certainly been a year to remember, but overall, it's been an awesome year, especially for our senior class. Thank you staff, students, and parents, for your perseverance, patience, and support! Have a great summer!!!! ENJOY!

Important Dates:

May 1: Prom at South Heart High School
May 3: Elementary Music Concerts Grades K-4
May 6: High School Music Concert 7:00pm Grades 5-12
May 7: NO SCHOOL (*Storm Make-Up Day*)
May 14: Band Night in Bismarck 5:30 Mountain Time (Grades 7-12)
May 19: Academic Awards Program 8:30am
May 24-26: Semester 2 Finals
May 26: Last Day of School
May 30: Graduation 12:30pm at South Heart High School

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“Learners for Life”

Final tests will be given May 24 - 26. 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 two (2) semester test; juniors may be exempt from one (1) semester test; sophomores may be exempt from one (1); and all students in grades 7 - 9 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 19, 2021: Academic Awards Program 8:30am @ SHHS

May 30, 2021: South Heart Class of 2021 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

The Principal Files: Mrs. Geis

Thank you to all the parents, guardians, teachers, staff, and students for working hard and making this school year successful. As we enter the last month of school, it feels great to know that we could stay in school as much as possible this year and make great connections with the students. We will finish the year strong with our music concerts on May 3 and May 6, a visit to the fire station on May 14, which we postponed from the fall, and classroom field trips. The specific date for classroom field trips will be in the classroom teachers' newsletters. **REMINDER: Students will need to bring a cold lunch with them for their classroom field trip, and their lunch must be NUT FREE.**

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Olson

Dates to Watch:

May 5: AP English Test (At South Heart Senior Center)

May 25: Driver's Ed Parents Meeting (**Mandatory for students**) 5:30-6:30 (El. Gym)


May 27: 1st Day of Driver's Education

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.


Elementary Music Events




Spring Program
for
Grades K-2

Amazing Animals

Monday, May 3, 2021

5:30 pm 

High School Gymnasium



Spring Program
For
Grades 3 and 4

Just for Fun!

Monday, May 3, 2021
6:30 pm
High School Gymnasium

Notes from Ms. Schweigert

Congratulations to the students who received Star (superior) ratings at the Region 10 Vocal Festival on April 10th! Also, due to this year's State Music Festival being cancelled, judges were able to award a small percentage of those regional superior ratings with a State Star (superior) rating. Results are as follows:

***Elizabeth Dean:** vocal solo = Regional Star & State Star

***Elizabeth Dean, Jersey Filkowski, Paige Jung:** vocal ensemble = Regional Star & State Star

***Brooke Canode, Elizabeth Dean, Madisen Jarrett, Paige Jung, Jersey Filkowski, Lelani Privratsky, Autumn Sackman:** vocal ensemble = Regional Star & State Star

***Kieva Brock, Reagan Krump, Gabrielle Mehrer, Molly Robb, Autumn Sackman:** vocal ensemble = Regional Star & State Star

The spring concert for students in grades 5-12 will be on Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. It has been a crazy year, but through it all we have still prepared some great music for you! Let us show you our True Colors...it just might be the Best Day of Your Life!

Put on your marching shoes! On Friday, May 14, 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.

Yearbook

The last day to pre-order a 2021 yearbook is May 6. The cost is \$35 and books are delivered in the fall when school begins.