



Cougar Pause



We build positive relationships between home and school so that all students are safe, honorable, and successful.

November 2023

South High School | Salina, Kansas

Principal's Message

As the second quarter begins, we enter this season of thanksgiving and gratitude. Let me take a moment to thank you, our parents, guardians, and families, for your continued support in partnering with us to educate your students. Also, we would like to thank our faculty and staff for their hard work and time spent making South a safe and positive learning environment. South High School's motto is Safe, Honorable, and Successful. The dedication of so many adults is an indication of our community's belief in our school and students.

Our students have been working with their individual plans of study, which will help to guide them during and beyond high school. We are grateful for the opportunities our community provides for our students. Student interns have had the opportunity to gain real-world experiences. Many students are getting college credits through post-secondary education partnerships. There are many more great things happening every day at South High. We are excited for many more great opportunities as our winter season of activities and athletics begins.

The semester will end December 19. Please take time to monitor your students' progress in Skyward. If you have questions or concerns, please communicate with teachers. Working together we will continue to do incredible things for our students this year both academically and socially.

Dr. Ginger Jones, Principal



BUT IT'S JUST 10 MINUTES

- • How do you feel when you are late for class,
- • work, an appointment, a movie, or plans with
- • family or friends?

- • We have all been in these situations and
- • understand that being late can make us feel
- • anxious, nervous, embarrassed, or even frustrated.

Attendance Matters

- • Being just 10 minutes late per day for school
- • can really add up.

- • That's about an **HOURL** per week
- • OR

- • **1 1/2 WEEKS** per school year
- • OR

- • **1/2 a SCHOOL YEAR** over a school career.

- • Building good habits, such as being on time,
- • can help you accomplish your goals.

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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	*22	*23	*24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Calendar of Events

- Thanksgiving Break November 22 - 24
- Looking ahead -
 - Holiday break December 21 - January 2
 - Teacher In-Service on December 20 and January 2
 - Classes resume January 4



Apply South High

Attention Seniors! SHSS will host our annual "Apply South High" event on November 7 in the library media center at South. This event is coordinated with the state-wide Kansas Apply Free event taking place November 7 – 9.

During this time all of our public and some private universities, community colleges & technical colleges will waive their application fee for Kansas residents applying for a bachelor degree, associate degree, certificate or general application.

Students participating in the #ApplySouthHigh event will receive support during their school day to complete and finalize applications to the institution(s) of their choice.

Make sure you sign up by November 6 by visiting the following link:

<https://forms.gle/zSZvKvpWyuHpZiBR9>.

Class Presentations Found Here

There are links to each of the Class Presentations that were presented by each grade level counselor. Please visit www.usd305.com, click on the counseling website, and then on the grade level announcements.





Act Registration

2023-2024 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Registration Fee Required)
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21



ACT Test Options and Prices - 2023-2024

Testing Options	Fee	Details
The full ACT (no writing)	\$88.00	Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges (if codes are provided when you register).
The full ACT with writing	\$93.00	Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges (if codes are provided when you register). More about the ACT with writing
Test option change	\$25.00	The writing test fee is refundable on written request if you are absent on test day or switch to ACT (no writing) before testing begins.



2023 State Masonic Public School Essay Contest
awarded to juniors & seniors
\$12,000

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2023 State
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Masonic Lodges support
public education and value
highly the seven classic
liberal arts and sciences:
grammar, rhetoric, logic,
arithmetic, geometry, music
and astronomy.

Scan to enter



Essay Contest



American Education Week

Take the time to celebrate greatness in your school community during November 13 - 17 for American Education Week! SPS is growing greatness and we wanted to share some of the latest news. Our district is proud of who we are and proud of what we do!

- SPS is always looking for new and engaging ways to make STEM approachable and fun. At South Middle School, students are learning how to fix, fly, and fine tune their technical skills with the brand new Drone Club. Students meet once a week to practice using a simulator and take turns piloting the drones around the classroom.
- The Growing Greatness Award is a new program celebrating the staff in our buildings. Our very first winner in September was Jayne Benson, an FNS cook. Congratulations to this amazing staff member whose work supports our teachers and students! This award is sponsored by Nex-Tech.

Check out our district social media pages from November 13-17 to learn more about the greatness that takes place every day, thanks to the amazing staff and community in our buildings.

Building Bridges 2023

Salina Public Schools is gearing up for its third annual Building Bridges event on November 9 from 5:15-7:30 p.m. at the Stiefel Theatre. This dynamic, free event will bring together community members, businesses, industry, families, and educators to discuss Career and Technical Education (CTE).

Guests will hear from keynote speaker Travis Young, CEO of Vortex, and SPS students in construction, animal science, welding, medical investigations, and marketing pathways who will discuss their CTE projects.

Attendees will tour unique downtown Salina locations and discuss how to strengthen Salina's culture through fine arts and CTE. Snacks, prepared by South High culinary students, will be provided.

Don't miss this exciting event! Join the discussion, share ideas about how to encourage local talent to flourish in Saline County, and let your voice be heard!





COUGAR FULL COURT CLUB

Objective: Providing an opportunity for girls in kindergarten through 5th grade to enjoy the game of basketball, develop basketball skills, and connect with South High players through basketball experiences. All practices will be held at Salina South High School in the back lower gym.

Cost: Suggested donation of \$20

Program Schedule: A month of Cougar Basketball on Saturdays in December. The focus will be on improvement and fun with Salina South players and staff along with some structured competitions.

Club Days: Saturdays, December 2, 9, & 16

Club Times: 10:30-11:45 a.m.

You can find us on Facebook by searching for our Group “Salina South Girls Basketball” and/or Twitter at @SalinaSouthGBB.

Online registration through a Google Form is available using the QR code below.





October's Teacher of the month was Shelby Mann.

Students of the week were: Ava Lemaster, Sofia Burns, Alexa Cruz Rivera, and Jozlyn Jones.

Do you need to call in your student's absence? Let us know of an upcoming absence or late arrival? If so, please call the Attendance Office directly at 785-309-3706. The main number to the front office for other calls is 785-309-3700.

You can also email the attendance office at southhigh.attendance@usd305.com. Please be sure to give the office plenty of time to meet your request.

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