



Cougar Pause



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

October 2023

South High School | Salina, Kansas

Principal's Message

South High Families

We will be scheduling various events throughout the year to connect with our students, our families, and our community. We encourage you to be an active part in our school. We have wonderful faculty and staff that want all of our students to show academic progress throughout the semester. One of the biggest determiners to showing academic success is by being present and engaged in the classroom every day.

Attendance is very important to the success of our students.

- A parent or guardian must notify the school each day his/her child will be absent and state the reason for the absence.
- Parents/guardians have 24 hours to excuse an absence or the absence will remain unexcused.
- An unexcused absence is an absence for which no accepted excuse is provided by the parent/guardian or an absence where neither parent nor school is aware of the absence until after it occurs.
- Students who choose to "cut" or leave a class will receive an unexcused absence.
- Parents will be notified if a student is reported absent for two or more consecutive classes.
- Please be sure to check Skyward for up-to-date attendance information.

Ways to contact the Attendance Office: Email southhigh.attendance@usd305.com, or call 785-309-3706. You are able to leave a message at any time, day or night. Our attendance staff checks incoming messages throughout the day and will only return a call if requested.

Additionally, our students need to be engaged in learning. We have academic expectations for all students.

- Students will be expected to do homework and/or assignments when not at school.
- Students who need additional academic support should schedule a.m. or p.m. time with their classroom teacher or during ELO period.
- Students who miss class for school activities/athletics, should complete work prior to the absence.

We truly want all of our students to be successful. Feel free to contact any of our school counselors if you have any questions regarding student support available at South High School.

Lindsey Sellers - Director/Counselor- PBD program, Dept. Chair - 309-3711 - lindsey.sellers@usd305.com

Jim Allen - Senior Class Counselor (Class of 2024) - 309-3710 - jim.allen@usd305.com

Melanie Goodrich - Junior Class Counselor (Class of 2025) - 309-3786 - melanie.goodrich@usd305.com

Heather Smith - Sophomore Class Counselor (Class of 2026) - 309-3709 - heather.smith@usd305.com

Amy Wagner - Freshman Class Counselor (Class of 2027) - 309-3712 - amy.wagner@usd305.com

Elise Potocnik - Student Support Counselor - 309-3725 - elise.potocnik@usd305.com

Dr. Ginger Jones

Principal



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	*13	14
15	16	17	18	16	20	21
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Calendar of Events

- October 13 - No School, Teacher In-Service Day
Looking Ahead - Thanksgiving Break is November 22-24

Do you need to call in your student's absence? Let us know of an upcoming absence or tardy? If so, please call the Attendance Office directly at 785-309-3706. For all other calls, please dial the main office at 785-309-3700.

The Attendance Office hours are 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you need to get a message to your student that is not urgent, you can always email your student through his/her email account.

If you prefer to email the Attendance Office concerning an absence, tardy, or an appointment, you can do so at southhigh.attendance@usd305.com. If you request a student to be dismissed early, please be sure to give the office plenty of time in advance to meet your request.

September's Teacher of the Month was Mr. Cameron Magnall.

Students of the Week were: Carson Power, Carson Crow, Hanna Householter, and Isabel Fulkerson.



There are a few extra 2022-23 yearbooks still for sale in the main office for \$70 on a first-come, first served basis.

Be sure to purchase the 2023-24 yearbooks through Rev-Trak on Skyward. We order very few extra so ordering one guarantees that you get one. Payment is due by May 1.



Sophomores - If you are interested in improving your leadership skills, then HOBY is the opportunity for you. The HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth) Leadership Conference will take place June of 2024. HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop the global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation.

At HOBY, they believe all students have the potential to lead. The seminars bring students together across different backgrounds, cultures and communities. They help students discover a newfound sense of awareness, confidence, connection, and purpose. The seminars are proven to cultivate personal growth and inspire action. Students leave HOBY with the knowledge and passion needed to make a positive impact on the world around them. Being a part of the HOBY community unlocks a world of opportunities and connections beyond the seminars. If you are interested, please contact Amy Wagner, class of 2027 counselor, at 785-309-3712 by October 12.

Class of 2024 Senior Photos for the Yearbook

The deadline for senior photographs for the yearbook is December 19, so plan ahead now to meet the deadline. Photographs can be turned in as printed pictures, digitally on a CD or jump drive, or emailed to salinasouthgrad@gmail.com. If you are sending them digitally, make sure they are at a high resolution or the reproduction in the yearbook will be unsatisfactory. Senior portraits must meet the following criteria to be used in the yearbook:

- Head-and-shoulder shot or can be cropped to head-and-shoulder shot
- No hands or selfies
- Shoulders should be clothed
- Color (not black and white or duo-tone)
- Plain background (It can be outside.)
- Vertical picture

The rationale behind these regulations is that head size remains consistent among all pictures and that all portraits command the same amount of attention rather than one individual standing out on the page. If you have any questions about the requirements or want the yearbook adviser to look at a photograph to see if it meets requirements, contact Kim Warren at kim.warren@usd305.com or call her at 785-309-3798.

Yearbook staff members are also available to take a senior portrait for the yearbook. Students can contact Kim Warren to set up an appointment. Inter-State photos can also be used. The yearbook staff has access to the photos, but students need to let Mrs. Warren know they want these used.



SALINA PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SCHOOL LIBRARY CARDS



AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS

**Visit the Youth
Services desk after
school to get a free
after school snack!**

Donations are welcome!
Prepackaged and sealed
snacks only.



Access Your School Library Card

1. Visit salinapubliclibrary.org and click the "LOGIN" button
2. On the sign-in page, enter your school email in the "library card" section and enter your district number as the "PIN" (example: USD305)
3. To find your card number, click on "Your Library Card" in "My Account"
4. Download the App or tell library staff your name at checkout



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your account and more
all on your mobile device.**

**Students can use the
SPL App to check out at
the kiosks.**



What You Can Access

- Check out up to 10 items at a time
- 75+ digital resources
- eMaterials including music, movies & more
- Computers and WiFi in the Library
- Free printing up to \$1 for school-related work



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- homework help
 - online tutoring
 - test prep
 - study tools
 - writing lab
- and so much more!



Library Policies

Library Catalog Access for Families:

Parents have access to the library materials currently checked out by their student(s). For access, parents will have their student log into Destiny, the library card catalog:

1. Go to the school's website.
2. Under the Our School tab, click on Library.
3. Under Library, click on the school's library Card Catalog tab.
4. For your student to log in, they can click the Log In button on the top right corner.
5. Next, click on the Sign in with Google button.

Process for Parental Oversight:

Library media specialists should be contacted directly if parents would like to provide expressed permission before their student checks out any book. At elementary, the library media specialist will notify parent by email or phone regarding the book the student would like to check out to get permission. At middle school and high school, the student will provide their parent with the title of the book they wish to check out. The parent will contact the library media specialist by email or phone to give permission.

Checking Out Materials and Loan Periods:

Elementary: Students may check out books for a two week period. (The number of books a student can check out depends on the student's grade level.)

Middle School: Students may check out 3 books for a three week check out period.

High School: Students may check out 8 books for a three week check out period.





Upcoming

With a change in seasons comes our first major testing window of the year!

All assessments will be given in our building on the following dates:

October 4 - WorkKeys assessment offered to juniors

October 18 - PreACT given to all freshmen

October 19 - PSAT offered to sophomores and juniors

If you have any questions, please email Melanie Hammond at melanie.hammond@usd305.com.



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