



Cougar Pause

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

SEPTEMBER 2023

South High School | Salina, Kansas

Principal's Message

On an annual basis, students have the opportunity to participate in a belonging survey. This year at South High School, we developed a Student Advisory Council (SAC) to review the prior three years of belonging survey data and provide input on methods to improve our students' sense of belonging.

At the first meeting, the two areas our students chose to focus on this school year were: 1) Students are included in a lot of activities. 2) Students' opinions are equally valued. A committee of teachers and administrators will work together to brainstorm ideas, implement strategies and work as one South family to meet our goals. Our collaborative goals work alongside the mission of Salina Public Schools, to be the best place to learn and work by embracing challenges, creating belonging, fostering pride and inspiring hope.

We work daily to create an environment in which our students feel a sense of belonging. Teachers at SHS care for each and every one of their students and it is apparent that feeling is historic, as 32 SHS alumni currently work within our building. Long term, we hope our students continue to feel the sense of pride and belonging as a student and/or alumni of SHS.

Dr. Ginger Jones
Principal





Make the Most of Your Parent-Teacher Conference!

Parent-teacher conferences provide an invaluable opportunity for adults at home and school to come together and discuss how to help students succeed. This open dialogue is an important support in students' school progress.

Scheduled for September 13 and 14, these meetings are an ideal avenue for parents to ask questions about their student's performance and behavior. Conferences provide space for communication with parents in a more personal manner, giving them insight into their student's strengths and weaknesses that they may not otherwise see from test scores or grades alone.

We look forward to visiting with you at parent-teacher conferences and working together to build a strong foundation that will help your student learn and grow. With continued communication between home and school, we can make sure our students get the support they need to succeed.

 SALINA HIGH
SCHOOL SOUTH

CONFERENCES

*PREPARING YOU FOR A
BRIGHTER FUTURE*

SEPTEMBER 13 & 14



September Conferences

Conferences will be September 13 & 14. Conference times for September 13 are from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Conference times for September 14 are 7:00 - 11:15 a.m., 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

This session of conferences are a walk-in format (no appointments) with teachers seated alphabetically in the Gym. Please be aware that the evening sessions are usually the busiest times.

Park on the east side of the building and enter through the Weight Room doors to sign in and receive a copy of your student's grades.

FAQ

Why does the school want the parent and student to attend conferences?

Research and best practices indicate that communication improves when both the parent and the student attend. Since we will be discussing the student's career interests, Xello, Four-Year Course Plan, and any post-secondary plans, it is imperative that both the parent and the student participate in the discussion. KSDE also requires that schools communicate with parents and students about the Individual Plan of Study.

What if I want to know my student's grades?

Parents can look up their student's grades using Skyward. If you need a username and password, please call 785-309-3715. We will also provide parents with a copy of their student's grades as they check-in at conferences.

What if I still have questions about my student's grades, discipline, course selection, and individual plan of study following the conference?

Administrators, counselors, and additional support staff will be on duty to assist parents and students if they need more assistance. Our school's mission is to build a positive partnership between home and school so that all students are safe, honorable, and successful. We will work hard to ensure parents and students do not leave our building with any questions.





Salina South High Booster Club

We are excited to get our 2023-2024 school year started and we are in full force in supporting all of our student athletes. We are looking forward to you joining us supporting the Salina South Booster Club. Not only is your financial donation appreciated, we also need you physically.

The SHSS Booster Club is a non-profit group that raises money through membership donations, fundraisers & tailgate dinners to help purchase items & give financial support to SH sports teams.

Where does the money go? Recent profits have went to:

Athletic Software for team use
Spirit Supplies for Cheer & Peppers
Homecoming Week
Half-time Games and Giveaways
Senior Night

Pitching Aids for Baseball
Time Clocks in the Locker Rooms
After Prom
State Yard Signs for Golf
State Tickets for Softball Fans

We appreciate your continued support!

Parent Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

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DONATION AMOUNT (Names for all levels will be printed on program)

- ☐ **Green Booster** (Donation of \$20)
- ☐ **Gold Booster** (Donation of \$50)
- ☐ **Captain Booster** (Donation of \$75)
- ☐ **MVP Booster** (Donation of \$100)
- ☐ **Cougar Booster** (Donation of \$200 or more)

Checks payable to: South High Booster Club

Mail or drop off completed membership form with check to: South High Office, 730 E. Magnolia Road, Salina, KS 67401, Attention Lynsey Webb, or Lynsey Webb 1413 Lakeview Dr Salina, KS 67401. You can pay using Venmo: Lynsey Webb @Lynsey-Webb-2. Please enter parents name, email, and students name and grade.

Please Mark a committee that you are willing to help support!

- ☐ Halftime Games during Basketball Season
- ☐ Football Tailgate Committee
- ☐ Popcorn Committee
- ☐ Homecoming Week Committee
- ☐ Senior Night Committee
- ☐ Booster Club Events and Planning





Middle School Girls Basketball Skill Sessions

Objective: To providing an opportunity for any girls in grades 6-8 to enjoy the game of basketball, develop basketball skills, and connect with Salina South High School coaches prior to starting their season at the Middle School or other basketball experiences. All sessions will be held at Salina South High School in the back lower gym.

Program Schedule: A four-week (8 Sessions) basketball program during the months of September and October. The focus will be on improvement of basketball skills prior to beginning an organized season. Athletes can attend any or all sessions throughout the four weeks.

Sunday Sessions: Sundays, September 17, September 24, October 1, & October 8 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday Sessions: Tuesday, September 19, September 26, October 3 & October 10 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Any questions can be directed to Justin Ebert at justin.ebert@usd305.com or by calling 785-309-3767. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for our Group "Salina South Girls Basketball" and/or Twitter at @SalinaSouthGBB. Sessions are Free! Online registration through a Google Form is available using the QR code.



The Earl Bane Foundation has once again graciously donated money for USD 305 high school students who are taking a concurrent/blended/dual college credit class for the first time. Qualifying students can earn one \$250 scholarship.

The following is a link to the Google Form for students to submit their applications.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYMcE6alpS28M6udnS93eBnLeIVb1LukmzCvEsJZRyon9Rig/viewform>

Check with your counseling department for the deadlines and for more information.





September

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Calendar of Events

- September 4 ~ No School Labor Day
- September 13 ~ Conferences - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- September 13 ~ Senior Parent Night - 6:00 p.m. - Auditorium
- September 14 ~ No School. Conferences 7:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- September 15 ~ No School

SHSS is excited to have fifteen Culinary Interns for the 2023-2024 school year! They are off and running with two events to prepare for already! Our Interns baked five kinds of cookies for the Open House on August 28.

They are also very excited to be preparing the dessert course for the "Feast on the Fe" this year. These events give our students real-world experiences to carry with them beyond their years at South High. They will be running Common Grounds, our coffee bar, that is open to staff and students, in addition to the many catering requests they receive each year.

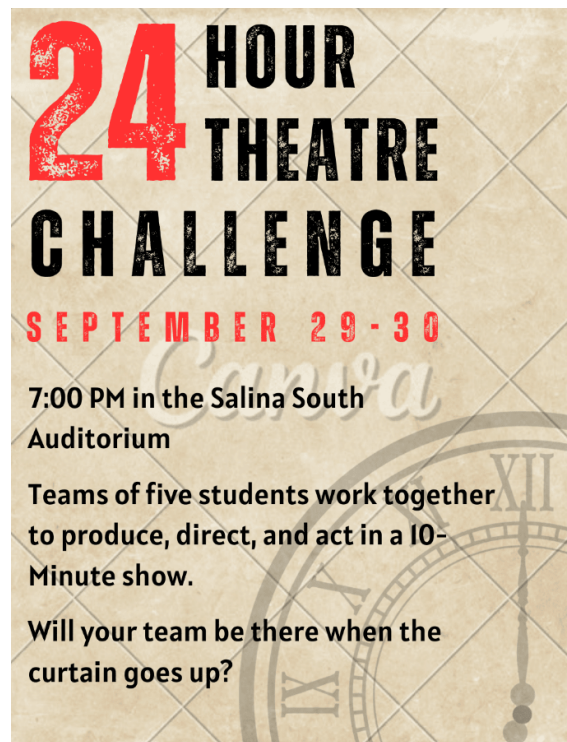
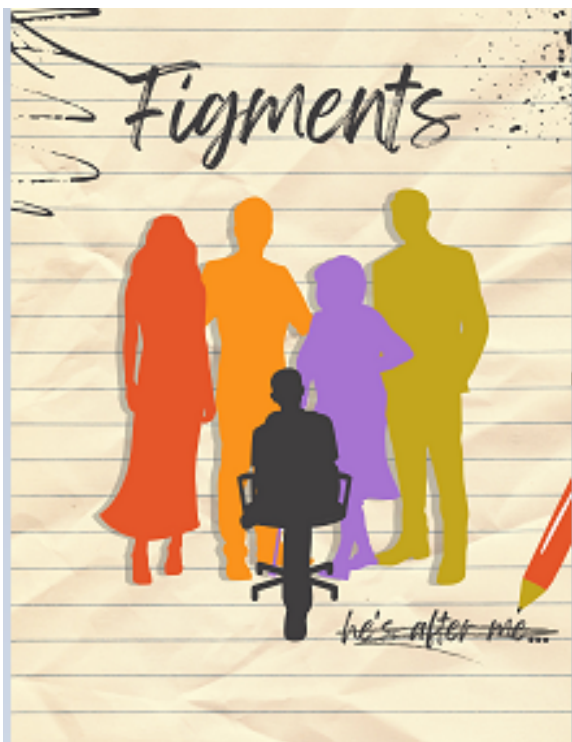




Five of our Drama officers attended the Kansas Thespians kick-off event in Olathe, Kansas on August 19, 2023. It was a day full of meeting thespians from other school districts across the state. There were several rotations of informational learning opportunities for both Ms. Wheaton and the student State board members. It was an exceptional learning experience for all who attended.

Moving on to the topic of auditions for the fall play, the fall play is a comedy entitled "Figments" which tells the story of Rick, a playwright struggling with writer's block. Follow Rick in this hilarious comedy as he dips in and out of his own imagination. The auditions for Figments will be on September 5. Please sign up on the call board in Ms. Wheaton's room. It is recommended that students have all lines memorized or very familiar with for the audition. It is also recommended that students audition with people auditioning for roles in the same scene as the student.

Last but not least, the 24-Hour Theatre Challenge. The 24-Hour Theatre Challenge will take place September 29-30. Students will pair up in teams of six as they work for 24-Hours to produce a 5-10 minute show. The deadline for team submissions is September 26, and there is a \$10 fee. Students will arrive at 7:00 p.m. on September 29, leave at 10:00 p.m., and need to be back by 10:00 a.m. on September 30, or they are out of the competition. Tickets are \$5, the show will start at 7:00 p.m. on September 30. Will you be there when the curtain opens?





HANDLING UPSET *The Adult-First Mindset Shift*

Salina Public Schools and Saline County are excited to bring **FREE** training opportunities to our community.

Gain insight about why an adult-first approach to self-regulation is absolutely necessary and respond to others with positive intent and composure; modeling and teaching the behaviors we want children to acquire.

Through this social-emotional program, we will learn to discipline ourselves to help our children learn. Conscious Discipline provides an array of behavior management strategies that anyone can use to turn everyday situations into learning opportunities.

Who Should Attend:

Free and open to all adults

When & Where:

This event has 3 time options to choose from. Content and materials at each time option will be the same.

Handling Upset is an 8 week E-Learning course from Conscious Discipline. Attendees will be provided with:

- **FREE KDHE Hours**, pending approval
- Material resources
- Individual registration for E-Learning course
- Free childcare, limited slots available
- Snacks

Option 1:

- **Monday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**
- 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/02, 10/09, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30
- Central High School, Cafeteria, 650 E. Crawford St.
- Facilitator: Karas Fairchild
- Free childcare for ages 2+ provided, limited slots

Option 2:

- **Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m.**
- 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/07, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/04
- Heartland Early Education, 700 Jupiter Ave.
- Facilitator: Loree Beason
- Free childcare for ages 8 months+ provided, limited slots

Option 3:

- **Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- 9/21, 9/28, 10/05, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09
- South High School, Commons, 730 E. Magnolia Rd.
- Facilitator: Graysyn Krebs
- Free childcare for ages 2+ provided, limited slots

Questions? Contact Jody at jody.craddockisellin@usd305.com

Facilitators:

Option 1: Karas Fairchild

Karas has worked in the family services field for 15 years and has been with Heartland for six years as a Mental Health Consultant. In her sessions you can expect humor, easy to understand analogies and connections.

Option 2: Loree Beason

Loree has enjoyed 28 years of working in Early Childhood Education. She has held a variety of positions during these years from preschool teacher to center director. Loree's high energy makes for a fun filled learning experience.

Option 3: Graysyn Krebs

Graysyn has worked with USD 305 for the past six years, in the classroom and as a support staff. Graysyn was raised by a mother who practiced Conscious Discipline. She now passes that knowledge on to the next generation.



[CLICK HERE](#)

Register by either clicking the button or scanning the QR code. Registration will close one week before the first day of class.

This event is being presented by Salina Public Schools. We extend our thanks to Saline County for their sponsorship.





Salina High School South Calendar 2023-2024

AUGUST 2023						
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Classes Begin
Classes End

August 11
May 22

AUG. 7 Teachers Begin
11 First Day of School
25 In-Service

SEPT. 4 Labor Day Recess
13 PM Conferences
14 All Day Conferences
15 No School

OCT. 12 End of First Quarter
13 In-service/Teacher Workday
16 Start of Second Quarter

NOV. 22, 23, 24 Thanksgiving Break

DEC. 19 End of Second Quarter
20 Teacher Workday
21 Winter Break

JAN. 1-2 Winter Break
3 In-service
4 Classes Resume
4 Start of Third Quarter
15 No School

FEB. 7 PM Conferences
8 All Day Conferences
9 No School
12 No School

MAR. 7 End of Third Quarter
8 In-service/Teacher Workday
11-15 Spring Break
16 Start of Fourth Quarter

APR. 8 No School

MAY 19 Graduation (5:00PM)
22 Last Day for Students
23 Last Day for Teachers
27 Memorial Day

GRADING PERIOD

August – October 44 days
October – December 44 days
January – March 44 days
March – May 46 days

STUDENT CONTACT DAYS 178 DAYS

TOTAL CONTRACT DAYS 188 DAYS

LEGEND

— No School
() Teacher Workday
() End of Quarter
+ In-service/Teacher Workday (one half day each)
+ In-service
+ Conferences

JANUARY 2024						
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MARCH 2024						
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APRIL 2024						
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MAY 2024						
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Upcoming

Senior Parent Night will be Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the South High Auditorium. Immediately following this important event, a special guest from the Greater Salina Community Foundation will be presenting "Scholarship Bootcamp" for interested students and parents.

There is no school on October 13 - that is a Teacher In-Service day.

Thanksgiving break is November 22-24.

Parents & Students - are you aware of the fabulous travel opportunities available to your student at South High? Both Mrs. Edson and Mrs. Geist will be leading trips to Europe in 2024 and 2025! Join us on September 11 to find out how to enroll your student for the trip of a lifetime! We will meet in room 1236 (Culinary Essentials room, in the commons) at 6:30 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!

Holiday Break starts December 21 with a Teacher Workday, and runs through January 3.

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