



Cougar Pause



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

August 2023

South High School | Salina, Kansas

Principal's Message

Welcome to a new school year!

I am excited to be the South High Principal. I am truly honored to become part of this community, which has already given me such a warm welcome. It is my goal to continue the legacy of success at South through collaboration, a dedicated staff, hard work, and a strong community partnership.

For more than twenty-five years I have been dedicated to the field of education. Prior to becoming the principal here; I worked as a career and technical education teacher, assistant principal, high school principal, and assistant superintendent. I am excited to work with our families and community as partners in education.

We appreciate your support of South High School and for being a part of our Cougar family. South High School's motto is Safe, Honorable, and Successful. We will continue to focus on a safe environment in which both students and staff have a sense of belonging. In conjunction with our District Strategic Plan; South High School will concentrate on written communication, critical thinking skills, building leadership capacity within our student body, and providing quality preparation for postsecondary opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 785-309-3702 or ginger.jones@usd305.com.

It's a great day to be a Cougar!

Dr. Ginger Jones

Principal



Temporary Changes at the South High School Parking Lots

Work on the South High School parking lot has resulted in closure of the Magnolia Street entryway located west of the building. Temporary changes are required until the west Magnolia entryway is reopened.

The temporary changes include:

- Student drivers will enter and exit the west student parking lot from Edward Street only, due to the Magnolia entryway closure.
- Both lots will exit onto Edward.
 - *When exiting from the west parking lot onto Edward, students must turn right.
 - *When exiting from the east parking lot onto Edward, next to the softball fields, students must turn left.
- Parents dropping off and picking up students will use the east parking lot, next to the softball fields. Please follow the signs for traffic flow.
- Buses will not be affected. They will still use the north Magnolia entryway to deliver and pick up students from the north side of the school.

Additionally, there will be no parking along the north side of Edward Street from the South High School entryways to Magnolia. Residents in areas south of the school are likely to see increased traffic around dismissal time, 2:40 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to plan ahead when dropping off or picking up their student in order to avoid any traffic congestion during peak times of arrival and dismissal. The increased volume of traffic on Edward Street is likely to cause minor delays, so leaving a little extra time in your schedule would be beneficial.

As always, safety is our top priority. Drivers are asked to follow all safety guidelines and speed limits while they are on the school campus.

Your understanding and cooperation during these temporary changes are greatly appreciated.





Please note the west Magnolia entryway to the parking lot is closed. Drivers can access parking lots from Edward Street.





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
18 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
* In-service/Teacher Workday (one half day each)
• In-service
^ Conferences

JANUARY 2024						
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Welcome!

Freshmen will start school August 11. We are very excited that your student will be attending SHSS!

Students should report to the commons by 7:35 a.m. Parents dropping off students should drop them on the east parking lot, by the softball fields. Please follow the signs for traffic flow. Students riding the bus will be dropped off by the front doors and will report to the commons as soon as they arrive. No school supplies are needed this day.

Freshmen will attend several orientation meetings and become familiar with the building, lunch procedures, and his/her schedule. They will also have a chance to meet our staff and faculty, and to learn about opportunities for clubs, activities, and other features of South High.

On orientation day, we will have students become familiar with student life at South High by working in small groups led by upper classmen who have gone through the Link Leader Program. Students will also get a tour of the building and have an opportunity to walk through their schedules and meet their teachers.

New students in grades 10-12 should report at 10:20 a.m. to the commons. They will receive a building tour and will run through their schedules as well. No school supplies are needed this day.

All students will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m. and should be picked up on the east side, or if riding the bus, report to the front entrance to the bus drop off/pick up area.

We look forward to meeting the students on orientation day!

SALINA HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH BELL SCHEDULE

Green Day		Gold Day	
1	7:45 – 9:05	2	7:45 – 9:05
3	9:10 – 10:30	4	9:10 – 10:30
5	10:35 – 12:25 (lunch)	6	10:35 – 12:25 (lunch)
7	12:30 – 1:50	8	12:30 – 1:50
ELO	1:55 – 2:40	ELO	1:55 – 2:40





August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Calendar of Events

- The First Day of School for Freshmen is August 11
- The First Day of School for Returning Students is August 14
- Fall Sports Practices begin August 14
- There will be No School on August 25; that is a Teacher In-Service Day
- School Pictures are August 22 and 23



Do you need to call in your student's attendance? 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 appointment, you can do so at southhigh.attendance@usd305.com. If you email, please be sure to give the office plenty of time in advance to dismiss the student if needed.

SHSS welcomes new staff for the 2023-2024 school year! Pam Ash - Science, John Hernandez - Spanish, Dr. Ginger Jones - Principal, Emily Kutz - English, Janelle Lillard - Interventionist, Cole Martins - English, Autumn McCosh - Math, Tim Quinn - Assistant Principal, Benjamin Ristow - Debate, Terek Smith - Science, and Shiland Wheaton - Drama.





Information for Students Taking a Class at Central High School

Due to the expanded learning opportunities provided by USD 305, students have the opportunity to travel to each high school to participate in a variety of programs. Taking an out-of-building class comes with responsibility, time-management and strong communication skills. Students who sign up for this opportunity have two options for traveling to Central High School. The student can take advantage of the district provided shuttle bus or he/she has the option to drive him/herself to Central. The method of arriving at Central is left up to the individual student's family.

The expectations are outlined below.

- Students will be released 15 minutes before class ends to catch the bus or exit to their vehicle.
- Students need to be punctual arriving to the bus to ensure delivery to class on time.
- The bus will not wait for tardy passengers. If the student misses the bus, it is the student or parent's responsibility to provide transportation.
- South High will not provide alternate transportation after the bus runs.
- Students are expected to be in class on time taking the most direct route with no additional stops.
- Students who are repeatedly tardy to class will have disciplinary consequences.
- Upon returning to South, students are expected to enter on the east side of the building at the student entrance.

Dropping Off or Picking Up Students

When dropping off or picking up your student, please do so in the east parking lot next to the softball field until our parking lot construction is finished. Please follow the signs for traffic flow. If you have anything to bring to the school for your student during the school day, please use that same side for your convenience. *Late students must enter through the attendance office.*

The parking lot in front of South High (off of Magnolia Road) is open primarily for buses, faculty, and visitors. Due to the front lot's limited space, it is not conducive for student drop off and pick up. The east lot, next to the softball field, is designated for dropping off and picking up students. Using this designated area will prevent traffic back-ups, blocked parking lot areas, and an unsafe environment.

Screen Your Student for Symptoms of Illness

It is important to screen your student for illness every day before coming to school. Keep your student at home if sick with any illness. By making sure students are healthy when they come to school, we all can help prevent illnesses that disrupt learning. Thank you for your support!

Examine a su Estudiante para Detectar Síntomas de enfermedad

Es importante evaluar a su estudiante para detectar enfermedades todos los días antes de venir a la escuela. Mantenga a su estudiante en casa si está enfermo con alguna enfermedad. Al asegurarnos de que los estudiantes estén sanos cuando llegan a la escuela, todos podemos ayudar a prevenir enfermedad que interrumpen el aprendizaje. Gracias por tu apoyo!





Steps to Success: Communicating with Your Child's School

We strive to be the best place to learn. The only way we can improve is to know about concerns so we are able to address them. Here are some tips for communicating with your child's school when concerns arise.

The fastest way to a positive result is to start with the people closest to the situation in the school. Talk with the teacher or coach about your questions and concerns before going to the principal.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to reach out to teachers and school staff by:

- Calling the school's phone number. Because they are teaching, you often will need to leave a message for your child's teacher or coach.
- Emailing the teacher or coach directly. All teacher emails are available on our school website.

We want to be responsive to parents' questions and requests for information. Our staff will respond to your call or email as soon as possible, in most cases within 2 school days.

If you have had a conversation with your child's teacher and the principal and are still needing assistance, the director of elementary or secondary programs will be able to provide additional support.

We are excited for this new school year and look forward to partnering with you to support a great school experience for your student.

Pasos para el Éxito: Comunicarse con la Escuela de Su Hijo

Nos esforzamos por ser el mejor lugar para aprender. La única forma en que podemos mejorar es conocer las preocupaciones para poder abordarlas. Estos son algunos consejos para comunicarse con la escuela de su hijo cuando surjan preocupaciones.

La forma más rápida de obtener un resultado positivo es comenzar con las personas más cercanas a la situación en la escuela. Hable con el maestro o entrenador acerca de sus preguntas e inquietudes antes de ir al director.

Se alienta a los padres y tutores a comunicarse con los maestros y el personal de la escuela por:

- Llamando al número de teléfono de la escuela. Debido a que están enseñando, a menudo deberá dejar un mensaje para el maestro o entrenador de su hijo.
- Enviar un correo electrónico al maestro o entrenador directamente. Todos los correos electrónicos de los maestros están disponibles en el sitio web de nuestra escuela.

Queremos responder a las preguntas y solicitudes de información de los padres. Nuestro personal responderá a su llamada o correo electrónico lo antes posible, en la mayoría de los casos dentro de los 2 días escolares.

Si ha tenido una conversación con el maestro de su hijo y el director y aún necesita ayuda, el director de los programas de primaria o secundaria podrá brindarle apoyo adicional.

Estamos emocionados por este nuevo año escolar y esperamos asociarnos con usted para apoyar una gran experiencia escolar para su estudiante.





Directory Information

In accordance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), USD 305 has designated certain information as directory information. This information is considered public information which may be released from the school district without your prior consent. Please inform your school building in writing that any or all of the directory information should not be released without your prior consent (by August 25, 2023 to ensure it is not included in a parent directory). The following information is considered directory information:

- I. The student's name and age
- II. Parent's name, address and telephone number
- III. The student's major field of study and class designation (i.e. first grade, tenth grade)
- IV. The student's participation in officially recognized activities or sports
- V. The weight and height of members of athletic teams
- VI. Dates of attendance (period of time during which a student was enrolled in an educational agency or institution, i.e. academic year, spring semester)

Información de Directorio

En conformidad con los Derechos Educativos de la Familia y Ley de Privacidad (FERPA), USD 305 ha designado cierta información como información de directorio. Esta información es considerada información pública que el distrito escolar puede publicar sin su consentimiento previo. Por favor informe a su escuela por escrito de cualquier o toda la información del directorio que no debe ser publicada sin su consentimiento previo (para el 25 de agosto, 2022 para asegurar que no esté incluida en el directorio para padres). La siguiente información se considera información del directorio:

- I. El nombre del estudiante y edad
- II. Nombre de los padres, dirección y número de teléfono
- III. Campo principal de estudio del estudiante y designación de clases (ejemplo, primer grado, décimo grado)
- IV. Participación del estudiante en actividades oficialmente reconocidas o deportes
- V. El peso y estatura de integrantes de equipos atléticos
- VI. Fechas de asistencia (período de tiempo durante el cual un estudiante se inscribió en una agencia educativa o institución, ejemplo, año académico, semestre de primavera)



Free Event:

**South Middle School
Cafeteria
2015 Simmons Street
August 29, 2023
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**



Benefits:

- Connect to community resources
- Get answers to your questions

All students, parents, and interested community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Agencies scheduled to attend include:

- CKF Addiction Treatment
- Salina Public Schools
- Salina Police Department
- Saint Francis Ministries
- Tammy Walker Cancer Center



JOIN US FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION **COMMUNITY PANEL**



MAKING AN IMPACT: **Addressing Substance Use and Healthy Choices**

Join community advocates as they share their expertise on addiction, brain development, mental health, and healthy lifestyle choices.

This educational event is designed to help participants become aware of the impact of addiction.

Local panel experts will present information and answer questions during an open forum.

Questions?

Contact Jody at jody.craddockiselin@usd305.com



Upcoming

School pictures will be taken August 22 and 23.

There will be no school on August 25 (In-service day).

There will be no school on September 4 (Labor Day).

Conferences will be September 13 and 14. The conference times for September 13 are 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The conference times for September 14 are 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and again from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be no school on September 14 or 15. More information will be included in our September newsletter.

The Earl Bane Foundation has once again graciously donated \$10,000 for USD 305 high school students who are taking a concurrent/blended/dual college credit class for the first time. Qualifying SHSS students can earn a \$5,000 scholarship. The following is a link to the Google Form for students to submit the applications. Click here for the Google Form!

The application deadlines are :

For the Fall - Friday, October 13, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

For the Spring - Friday, January 19, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

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Principal		Dr. Ginger Jones
Assistant Principals		Krista DeVoe, Timothy Quinn
Athletic Director		Ryan Stuart
Secretary		Tressa Heyde
Website		305southhigh.com



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