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MEDIA ALERT – Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Fargo Public School District #1

US AIR FORCE HELICOPTER TO LAND AT SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOR TOURS, CAPABILITIES BRIEFING

Scanning the parking lot at South High School on Thursday, onlookers will spot the usual fare: sedans, vans, SUVs, pickups, and ... a helicopter.

WHAT: UH-1N Huey Helicopter Tour at South High School
WHEN: **Thursday, February 15** from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: South parking lot, South High School, 1840 15th Avenue South, Fargo
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The south parking lot at South High School is turning into a helipad this Thursday as a United States Air Force UH-1N Huey helicopter makes a stop for a “Pet the Jet” event at the school for tours from about noon to 2 p.m. The event is part of the Aviation Inspiration Mentorship Program.

The helicopter will land in the parking lot at about 11:45 a.m. and the crew will give a capabilities briefing to Fargo Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets, along with any other interested students, at about noon. AFJROTC students from other area high schools have also been invited. The crew will give tours of the helicopter in the parking lot until 1:45 ahead of the 2 p.m. departure time. All South students are invited to tour the helicopter and attend the briefing.

Captains Allison Grozdanich and Nicolas Sanchez of the US Air Force will be piloting the UH-1N Huey from the Minot Air Force base to North Carolina with a planned fuel stop in Fargo. After refueling, they will fly to South High School.

The Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force and the 582nd Helicopter Group have prioritized inspiring youth to join Air Force aviation, and have created the Air Force Inspiration Mentorship Program. The program, focused on high school-aged students and younger, aims to introduce aviation to youth who would not normally have the opportunity to interact with aircraft or aviators.

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