



Cougar Pause



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

August 2025

South High School | Salina, Kansas

Cougar Families,

I hope this message finds you well. As we approach the new school year, I would like to take a moment to touch base with you about our shared commitment to the success and well-being of our students at Salina South.

I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. Your involvement plays a crucial role in our school community, and together we can ensure a fulfilling and enriching experience for every student.

I encourage you to stay connected with us through our various communication channels, including our school website, newsletters and social media platforms, where you can find updates on school events, curriculum developments and important announcements.

Additionally, I invite you to attend our upcoming parent-teacher conferences, site council and school activities. Your presence and participation are invaluable to our school community. Your insights and feedback are essential as we work together to support our students in reaching their full potential.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated staff if you have any questions, concerns or any ideas you would like to discuss.

Freshmen and students new to South high school (SHS) will begin school on Wednesday, August 13. We are very excited that your student will be attending SHS! Freshmen and new students will attend several orientation meetings and become familiar with the building, lunch procedures, and schedule of classes. They will also have a chance to meet our staff and faculty, and learn about opportunities for clubs, activities and other features of SHS.

On orientation day, we will have students become familiar with student life by working in small groups led by members of our STUCO club. Students will also be given 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. All students will be dismissed at 2:55 p.m. and should be picked up on the west side (by the auditorium), or if riding the bus, report to the front entrance to the bus drop off/pick up area.

No school supplies are needed this day.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. I look forward to another successful year filled with growth, learning and achievement.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach me at 785-309-3705 or click the button below to email me.



Email me here!



Warm regards,

Dr. Ginger Jones, Principal



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 main line at 785-309-3700. Because they are teaching, you often will need to leave a message or voicemail for your child's teacher or coach.
- Emailing the teacher or coach directly. All teacher emails are available by clicking on our school website directory.



Website Directory

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 two school days.

If you have had a conversation with your child's teacher and the principal and are still needing assistance, the director of 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.

FERPA

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

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. The following information is considered directory information:

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





Attendance Procedures

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 6:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you prefer to email the Attendance Office concerning an absence, tardiness or an appointment, you may do so by clicking on the email button below. If you email, please be sure to give the office plenty of time in advance to dismiss the student if needed. For your convenience, you may pick up your student outside the Attendance Office entrance on the west side of the building. You **do not** need to come into the building to sign out your student.



Students who arrive to school after 7:45 a.m. need to enter through the Attendance Office on the west side of the building.

SHSS BELL SCHEDULE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

GREEN DAYS	GOLD DAYS
(1) 7:45 - 9:10	(2) 7:45 - 9:10
(3) 9:15 - 10:40	(4) 9:15 - 10:40
(5) 10:45 - 12:40	(6) 10:45 - 12:40
Lunch Shifts	Lunch Shifts
First: 10:45 - 11:10	First: 10:45 - 11:10
Second: 11:15 - 11:40	Second: 11:15 - 11:40
Third: 11:45 - 12:10	Third: 11:45 - 12:10
Fourth: 12:15 - 12:40	Fourth: 12:15 - 12:40
(7) 12:45 - 2:10	(8) 12:45 - 2:10
(ELO) 2:15 - 2:55	(ELO) 2:15 - 2:55





August

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	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Calendar of Events

- 8/12 Parent Sports Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 8/13 Freshmen/New students begin
- 8/14 All students return
- 8/18 - Falls sports practices begin
- 8/18 Open House - 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 8/25 & 8/26 School Picture Days

Cougar Athletics

- The 2025 All Sports Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12, at 7 p.m. in the South High auditorium.
- The first day of fall sports practices/tryouts will be August 18.
- You must have your Final Forms completed online and your physical paperwork turned in to Mrs. Weis in the main office before you are allowed to participate in practice or tryout for the sport of your choice.
- Please call or email Mrs. Weis at 785-309-3713 for any questions.



Mrs. Weis

Activity Ticket Prices

Adult Pride - \$80

Student Pride - \$40 (K-8)

Reserved Football with Adult Pride - \$90

Reserved Football with Student Pride - \$50

Reserved Football only - \$32
(4 home games)

General Admission - \$7 (K-Adult)

New This Year!

USD 305 has discontinued student activity tickets.

South High students get in free to ALL South High home events with their school picture ID.





Counseling Department

- There is a new look in the SHS Counseling Department.
- For general information or support, please feel free to contact our counseling secretary, Mrs. Carlson, at 785-309-3715.

Counseling Department Secretary

Mrs. Carlson

Our counseling secretary provides general information and support to all students and families and is the first contact within the counseling department.



Registrar

Mrs. Froome

Our registrar manages the academic records of all current and former SHS students.

Academic Counselors

Our academic counselors work with students and families regarding academic concerns and class scheduling.

- Mr. Magnall - Grade 10
- Mrs. Wagner - Grade 11
- Ms. Smith - Grade 12

Performance-Based Diploma (PBD) Counselor

Mrs. Goodrich

Our PBD counselor works with credit deficient students and families in meeting academic goals.

College & Career Counselor

Mr. Allen

Our college & career counselor works with students and families on college and career planning, support enrollment in college-level courses, and Grade 9 student scheduling.

Social Workers

**Ms. Bruce
Mrs. Harvin**

Our school social workers provide social-emotional support and resources to students and families.

Social-Emotional Counselor

Mrs. Potocnik

Our social-emotional counselor works with students and families to help support social-emotional needs and student emergencies.

Phone		785.309.3700
Principal		Dr. Ginger Jones
Assistant Principals		Krista DeVoe, Timothy Quinn
Athletic Director		Ryan Stuart
Office Manager		Julie Work
Website		305southhigh.com



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