



# Cougar Pause

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

April 2026

South High School | Salina, Kansas

## Cougar families,

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, South High School continues to focus on student support and success. Our teachers are committed to helping every student finish strong by being clear about expectations and making learning visible.

Learning Intentions and Success Criteria are at the heart of our approach. Teachers communicate clearly so students understand:

- What am I learning today?
- Why am I learning this?
- How will I know that I learned it?

When students can see what success looks like, they're better equipped to reach it - especially as we approach the end of the year. To help our students finish strong, we ask parents/guardians to continue to talk about learning at home. Ask your child:

- What did you learn this week?
- How did you know you learned it?
- What's one thing you want to improve before the year ends?

These conversations reinforce learning and help develop our school's focus on Perseverance, Accountability and Willingness (PAW).

**Perseverance:** we encourage a growth mindset and provide multiple support options - ELO appointments, homework assistance before and after school - to help students succeed.

**Willingness:** through clubs, activities and community initiatives, we're building connections and encouraging students to try new things.

**Accountability:** students set goals, check their grades regularly, weekly grade checks with teachers and reflect on their progress regarding their Individual Plans of Study (IPS).

With clear expectations, family support and strong school systems, our students are set up to end the year successfully. Parents can look up their student's grades using Skyward. If you need help with a username or password, please call Mrs. Carlson in the counseling office at (785) 309-3715. Thank you for partnering with us!

Warm regards,



Dr. Jones, Principal



## ***Prom/Safe After Prom***

Prom season is upon us and the Midnight Masquerade is set for Saturday, April 11! Parents are welcome to be at the entrance of the Masonic Temple as the students promenade in from approximately 7:30-7:45 p.m. Parents and siblings of the King and Queen candidates will be allowed to enter the ballroom to observe the crowning ceremony from 8:30-8:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Massey, our junior class sponsor by emailing her [here](#).

Safe After Prom will follow at The Alley, from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Students do not have to attend prom to go to Safe After Prom, and is open to all Salina High School students (Sacred Heart, Central and South High) and their dates, in good standing.

## ***School Fees***

All school fees are due by April 30. Payments can be made in Skyward on your account or in person in the main office. Please see or call Mrs. Hanchett at 785-309-3708 if you have questions.

## ***Lost and Found Items***

Parents, are you wondering where your child's hoodie is? Or maybe their favorite water bottle? Have they lost a spare set of car keys, perhaps? There are multiple items located in our lost and found area at the Attendance Office. Please have your child check here for any long lost item - we just may have it!

## ***March Teacher of the Month***



**Selina Zeiler** is an ESL teacher at South High School. Mrs. Zeiler has been teaching for 10 years, with this year being her third at South High. She was drawn to teaching since childhood, and has enjoyed helping other students understand a subject or something they didn't know before. Her favorite part of teaching ESL is seeing students grow from their very first class as a shy freshman to their last class as a confident senior. Mrs. Zeiler also enjoys watching how much their personalities grow and seeing how fast they learn. A fun fact about Selina is that English is not her first or second language. She was born and raised in Germany, where she learned French and Latin before learning English in grade 8.





## March Students of the Week

**Tucker Peterson** is a senior at South High. At school, he is involved with NHS. His favorite part of school is getting to see friends he doesn't always get to see outside of school. He is also involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters. After graduation, he plans to pursue welding. Some fun facts about Tucker are that he enjoys going golfing, camping, fishing and spending time with friends and family.



**Jaelyn Gates** is a senior at South High. At school, she is involved in FFA and is the Outdoors Club president. Her art classes are her favorite part of school because she loves how creative they let her be. Outside of school, she is involved in 4-H, where she serves as her club's president and district vice president and participates in shooting sports. After graduation, she plans to attend Barton County Community College and Fort Hays State University to become an Ag teacher. Some fun facts about Jaelyn are that she enjoys being outdoors, hunting, fishing and hiking. She has one sister and a handful of unique pets including, two leopard geckos, a chameleon, two parrots, a snake, a crested gecko and a handful of fish and shrimp.

**Lauren Crow** is a senior at South High. At school, she is involved in basketball, volleyball, soccer, swimming and diving, student council, the writing center and NHS. Her favorite part of school is being able to play sports with all of her friends. Outside of school, she plays club soccer, is a lifeguard and referees soccer matches. After graduation, she plans to attend Kansas State University to major in elementary education. Some fun facts about Lauren are that out of all the sports she plays, soccer is her favorite, and she has two brothers and one sister.



**Kingston Montgomery** is a senior at South High. At school he is involved in BSU, Student Council, Belonging Committee and Cougar Connect. His favorite part of school is being able to create change and achieve his dreams with encouragement and support from classmates and teachers. Outside of school, he is an active member of his church and runs a detail and clothing business. After graduation, he plans to attend Hutchinson Community College and major in mass communications in hopes of being on TV in the future. Some fun facts about Kingston are that he loves fashion and is a content creator on Instagram and TikTok.





**SALINA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE PRESENTS . . .**

**THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES AGAIN**

By William Gleason

Based on the film by Blake Edwards and Frank Waldman

Showtimes are

April 18 - 7 p.m.

April 19 - 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

SHS Auditorium



Scan for tickets!





## April

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	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Calendar of Events

- 4/1 Hearing/Vision screenings
- 4/2 Hearing/Vision screenings
- 4/3 & 6 No school
- 4/11 Prom
- 4/18 & 19 Pink Panther play
- 4/29 Athletic signing day

## Cougar Pride Award Winners



Syrus Chavez  
Grade 9



Corbin Ebert  
Grade 10



Marin Morris  
Grade 11



Lawrence Underwood  
Grade 12





## Counseling Corner

**Senior Recognition Night** will be held on Monday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium. Seniors being recognized will receive an invitation in the mail to attend.

### Upcoming ACT Test Dates

- June 13 (registration deadline is May 8)
- July 11 (registration deadline is June 5)

The ACT test is \$68. Visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register.

## State Testing

From March 23 through April 24, the statewide testing window for the Kansas Assessment Program (KAP) will be open. This Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) program fulfills a mandate from the Kansas Legislature, and provides general education assessments, alternate assessments, career and technical education assessments and an English language proficiency assessment. Students in grade 10 will be assessed in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Students in grade 11 will be assessed in Science.

It is important to prepare as a family for upcoming assessment days. Stress the importance of showing off all that your student knows, and prepare each day with a good night's sleep and a balanced breakfast. Remind your student to charge their chromebook each night.

All student will be required to complete their grade level KAP assessment, so plan ahead now for your student to be present and on time for every class, each day. This is not a time to schedule extended absences. Thank you for your partnership in helping your student succeed to their highest potential on this important annual program.

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