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## **SOUTH HIGH TO HOLD TRACK RE-DEDICATION**

**WHAT:** Re-Dedication of the Gelaine Orvik Track  
**WHEN:** **Thursday, May 7 at 1:30 PM**  
**WHERE:** South High Stadium, 1840 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fargo  
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South High School will hold a re-dedication ceremony of the school's refurbished track, the Gelaine Orvik Track, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7 at the South High School stadium. The re-dedication will occur prior to the Rotary Track and Field Meet hosted by the South High boys' and girls' track and field teams.

The track was named in honor of **Mr. Gelaine Orvik**, who coached track and field at South High from 1971 to 2001. The track was initially dedicated to Mr. Orvik in May of 2005. Mr. Orvik coached 33 Eastern Dakota Conference and 9 State championship teams during his tenure. He was inducted into the North Dakota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993 and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1997. In his retirement, Mr. Orvik was also a track and field official working meets at South High and around the state including the North Dakota State meet.

Mr. Orvik will be in attendance and recognized at the start of the meet as part of the re-dedication.

The installation of the new track was completed last October. The Rotary Track and Field meet will be the first hosted by the Bruins since the completion. The upgraded track surface will be used by the South High and Carl Ben Eielsen Middle School track and field teams as well as other athletic teams and the physical education classes at Fargo South.