



Cougar Pause



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

August 2026

South High School | Salina, Kansas

Cougar Families,

I hope this message finds you well as we prepare for an exciting new school year! This year, we will continue to emphasize the student dispositions of perseverance, accountability and willingness as we support each student's growth. I wanted to reach out and express my sincere gratitude for your partnership and support. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and together we will create a year filled with growth, achievement and meaningful learning experiences.

We are thrilled to welcome our new Cougars to Salina South High School! Freshmen and students new to SHS will begin school on Wednesday, August 12, for orientation. This special day is designed to help your child feel confident and connected as they start their high school journey.

During orientation, students will:

- Participate in small group activities led by our Student Council members
- Receive a comprehensive building tour
- Walk through their class schedules and meet their teachers
- Learn about clubs, activities and opportunities available at SHS
- Become familiar with lunch procedures and daily routines

New Students in Grades 10-12

Upper level new students should report at 10:20 a.m. in the commons. They will receive a building tour and walk through their schedules. All students will be dismissed at 2:55 p.m.

Pick-up and Drop-off Location

- Students will be picked up on the west side of the building (by the auditorium) - this will be the daily pick-up and drop-off location for parents throughout the school year
- Students riding the bus should report to the front entrance bus drop-off/pick-up area

We invite you to stay engaged with our school community throughout the year:

- Visit our school website for updates and important information
- Follow our newsletters for regular communications
- Connect with us on social media for announcements and event highlights

Your participation strengthens our school community! We encourage you to:

- Attend parent-teacher conferences to celebrate your student's progress
- Join us at school events and activities
- Participate in site council meetings
- Share your insights and feedback with our staff

Your presence and voice matter as we work together to support every student in reaching their full potential. I look forward to a wonderful year of partnership, growth and success. Thank you for entrusting us with your student's education!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ginger Jones, Principal



Attendance Procedures

 [Attendance Office](#)

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. to 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 above. 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 child.

SHSS BELL SCHEDULE 2026-27 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





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 below.



SHS 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)





August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	31					

Calendar of Events

- 8/11 Parents Sports Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 8/12 New students first school day
- 8/13 Returning students first day
- 8/17 Fall sports practice begins
- 8/17 Open House
- 8/25 & 26 School picture days

Cougar Athletics



Bound

- The 2026 All Sports Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, at 7 p.m. in the South High Auditorium.
- The first day of fall sports practices/tryouts will be August 17.
- You must register and complete all required forms on Bound (see link above) before you are allowed to participate in practice or tryout for the sport of your choice.
- South High students get in free to all South High home events with their school picture ID.
- 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 Admissions - \$7 (K-Adult)





Counseling Corner



South High Counseling

Mrs. Carlson

Counseling Administrative Assistant

For general information or support, please feel free to contact Mrs. Carlson at 785-309-3715. She provides support to all students and families and is the first contact within the counseling department.

Mrs. Froome

Registrar

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.

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

Mrs. Goodrich

Performance-Based Diploma (PBD) Counselor

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

Mr. Allen

College & Career Counselor

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

Ms. Bruce Mrs. Harvin Social Workers

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

Mrs. Potocnik Social-Emotional Counselor

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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