Cougar Pause

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

November 2026

South High School | Salina, Kansas

Cougar families,

Welcome to the second quarter! As we head into the fall and holiday stretch, we're excited to continue supporting students' learning, growth and success.

As first-quarter report cards and progress are reviewed, families and students can use them to set goals for the second quarter. Please check your student's progress regularly in Skyward. Feel free to reach out to teachers and counselors if you have questions about grades, missing work or next steps.

Mr. Allen	**Grade 9/College and Career**
Ms. Smith	**Grade 10**
Mr. Magnall	**Grade 11**
Mrs. Wagner	**Grade 12**
Mrs. Goodrich	**PBD**
Mrs. Potocnik	**Social-Emotional**

Regular attendance matters. Being at school consistently helps students stay engaged, keep up with coursework and participate in classroom activities. Attendance is especially important around holidays, when missed class time can make it harder to stay on track. If your student is having difficulty attending or keeping up, please contact us so we can work together.

Students should begin preparing for semester exams by keeping up with coursework and asking teachers about areas where they need support. Students who need extra help should speak with their teachers about available help, tutoring or getting extra help during ELO.

We encourage students to get involved in clubs, activities and athletics. Fall activities are wrapping up, and winter sports, concerts and performances are getting underway. Participation can help students build connections, develop skills and feel part of the school community. Check for schedules, events and participation information on our school website.

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to a productive second quarter. Please contact us with questions or if your family needs support (785) 309-3715.



Warm regards,
Dr. Jones, Principal

Senior Photos for the Yearbook

The deadline for senior photographs for the yearbook is December 17, so plan now to meet the deadline. Photographs can be turned in as printed pictures, digitally on a CD or jump drive or emailed to salinasouthgrad@gmail.com. If you are sending them digitally, make sure they are at a high resolution or the reproduction in the yearbook will be unsatisfactory. Senior portraits must meet the following criteria to be used in the yearbook:

- Head and shoulders photo or can be cropped to head and shoulders photo (we can crop it for you)
- No hand or selfies
- Shoulders should be clothed
- Color (not black and white or duo-tone)
- Plain background (it can be outside); no cars, animals, props, etc.
- Vertical photo or croppable to a vertical

The rationale behind these regulations is that head size remains consistent among all pictures and that all portraits command the same amount of attention rather than one individual standing out on the page. If you have any questions about the requirements or want the yearbook advisor to look at a photograph to see if it meets requirements, contact Kim Warren at kim.warren@usd305.com or 785-309-3798.

Yearbook staff members are also available to take a senior portrait for the yearbook. Please contact Mrs. Warren to set up an appointment in the fall.

Inter-State Studio school pictures can also be used. The yearbook staff has access to the photos, but students just need to let Mrs. Warren know they want these used.

These photos are also used for the senior slideshow at graduation.

Extra 2025-26 Yearbooks

There are about a dozen extra 2025-26 yearbooks for sale. They can be purchased in the main office for $69 on a first-come, first-served basis.

2026-27 Yearbooks

Be sure to order the 2026-27 yearbooks thru Rev-Tek on Skyward. We order very few extra so ordering one guarantees that you get one. Payment for yearbooks is due by May 1, 2027.

October Teacher of the Month



Tamara Brooks is an English and Health and Wellness teacher at South High School. She has been teaching for 26 years, with this year being her first at South High. Ms. Brooks was inspired to become a teacher through her love of helping people. Her favorite part of teaching is that she gets to help her students become their true, authentic selves and reach their full potential. A fun fact about Ms. Brooks is that she was an international teacher for six years in Brazil and Saudi Arabia.

October Students of the Week



Emma Greenemeyer is a senior at South High School. At school, she is involved in Student Council, HOSA and is on the volleyball team. She enjoys being a student aide for Mr. Ballenger's class after having him as a teacher last year. After graduation, she plans to attend Fort Hays State University to become a radiology technician. Some fun facts about Emma are that she babysits and enjoys playing pickleball and baking.



Armando Franco is a senior at South High. At school, he is involved in HOSA, National Honor Society and is on the football team. His favorite part of school is strength and conditioning class. After graduation, he plans to attend Kansas State University to major in biomedical engineering and then attend medical school to become a doctor. Some fun facts about Armando are that he enjoys golfing and fishing.

Strong Attendance Supports Student Success



As we approach Thanksgiving Recess and the holiday season, it's a great time to remember how each day at school supports student success.

Did you know that missing just two days of school each month can add up to chronic absenteeism? Every day at school is an opportunity for students to learn, connect and stay on track toward their goals!

As you plan for upcoming holidays and school breaks, take a moment to review our school calendar and schedule appointments, family trips and other activities outside the school day whenever possible. Families can also support strong attendance by tracking attendance in Skyward, watching for patterns and communicating with their school when challenges arise.

By working together, we can make attendance a priority, support student success and help every student attend today and achieve tomorrow!

Skyward

Calendar Page

Building Bridges 2026



Join us for Building Bridges 2026, a community event that brings together local businesses, industry partners, families, students, educators and community members to celebrate Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Salina Public Schools.

Guests will have the opportunity to tour our facilities, meet students, see their projects, hear their stories and enjoy hors d'oeuvres prepared by our talented culinary students.

This event is free and open to everyone. We hope to see you there!

- When: Thursday, November 12, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Where: Central High School Cafeteria, 650 E. Crawford St.

November

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
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29	30					

Calendar of Events

- 11/9-15 KSHSAA Buffer Week
- 11/10 Blood Drive
- 11/11 Athletic Signing Day
- 11/16 Winter Sports Begin
- 11/23-27 Thanksgiving Recess
- 11/23 Winter Sports Pictures

Fine Arts Booster Club

South High School now has a Booster Club supporting the Fine Arts! Keep up with happenings across all SHS Fine Arts programs and ways you can help by emailing shsfineartsboosters@gmail.com or by following us on social media. Your support means the world to us! Scan the QR Code below to join!



Class of 2029

Since 1958, HOBY Youth Leadership has provided transformative leadership development training to over 500,000 high school students around the world. Our seminars guide students through three phases of leadership - personal, group and service. These seminars educate 8,500+ students each year as they embrace a better sense of their leadership abilities, tangible ways to lead diverse groups and a challenge to serve their communities. The seminar dates are to be determined. HOBY takes place on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan, Kansas. The deadline for the HOBY application is November 13, 2026. Please see Mrs. Wagner, Class of 2027 School Counselor, if interested or have questions.

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Counseling Corner

GSCF Scholarship Bootcamp - the SHS Counseling department will host representatives from the Greater Salina Community Foundation. GSCF will be presenting "Scholarship Bootcamp" for interested seniors and parents on Thursday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m., in the SHS Auditorium. Seniors in attendance will be entered into a raffle for a $1,000 scholarship!

2027-2028 FAFSA - the 2027-28 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opened on October 1, 2026. Students enrolling in college for the 2027-28 academic year can submit their FAFSA at this time; families should use their 2025 income tax information. Before students and parents can complete the FAFSA, both the student and all parents/guardians in the household must create an FSA ID.

2027-28 Pre-Enrollment for grades 9, 10, and 11 will begin this month. Your student will work with their academic counselor between now and the first week of March to discuss their Individual Plan of Study (IPS), graduation progress, and confirm their requested classes in XELLO. Please take a moment to sit down with your student to review their IPS, along with the USD 305 Course Enrollment Guide, and discuss their desired classes for hte 2027-28 school year.

The Counseling Department will be visiting South Middle School on Monday, November 30, to meet with Grade 8 students for pre-enrollment and discuss the transition to high school. South Middle School Grade 8 parents are invited to attend Grade 8 Parent Night on Wednesday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m., in the SHS Auditorium. We will discuss the pre-enrollment process as well as the transition from middle to high school.

Class of 2028 Information - applications are now being accepted for Early Graduation (due December 1, 2026) and Flex Schedules (due March 1, 2027). To qualify, students must be in good standing, on track to graduate and up to date on all IPS lessons. Please contact Mr. Magnall, Class of 2028 Academic Counselor, with any questions.

Senior Campus Visit to Fort Hays State University - interested in checking out Fort Hays State University? South High is offering transportation for up to 14 seniors on Wednesday, November 18 (8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Pick up a field trip form in the Student Center and submit it by Wednesday, November 11. Spots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, pending approval of attendance, grades and behavior.

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