



South Heart Public School

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To: South Heart School Students, Parents, Staff, and Community

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) - School Closing Information

Hello everyone!

Below are some updates as we begin to prepare for school on Wednesday, April 1st.

A. School Resumes Wednesday, April 1, 2020

South Heart School will resume on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, using our new Distance Learning Plan. Teachers have begun and will continue to contact students and parents to provide direction on how each individual teacher will accomplish this goal. The key to our success will be communication and daily interaction between students, teachers, and parents is highly encouraged. This is completely new for all of us, but by working together we will be successful in providing the best education possible.

B. School Calendar

Beginning April 1, we will proceed with having school as per the school calendar.

Notes: April 1 was originally an early-out day. This has been changed to a full day of school.

April 10 (Good Friday) and April 13 (Easter Monday) will remain as non-school days.

May 8 (Storm Make-Up Day) will remain as a non-school day.

May 21 is still the projected last day of school

May 24 is Graduation. At this time, no decisions have been made regarding graduation plans. It is our hope that a graduation plan will be decided in early May.

C. Access to School Facilities:

No change: Per Governor Burgum's directive, only essential staff are permitted to use any and all school facilities. This includes administration, teachers, office staff, paraprofessionals, custodians, and kitchen personnel. Nobody else is permitted to use school facilities (both indoor and outdoor) unless authorized directly by Superintendent Calvin Dean.

Many of our staff will be working from home and may or may not be in school on a daily basis. Those staff working from home will provide students and parents information on how to be contacted. The expectation is that all staff will be available at least from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm on school days.

D. North Dakota State Assessment:

We were recently notified that the North Dakota State Assessment for English, Math, and Science will not have to be administered this spring.

E. Distance Learning Plan:

Our Distance Learning Plan was submitted to DPI on Friday, March 27, 2020. We are currently waiting for approval of our plan but have been advised to begin school April 1 even if the plan is not completely approved by that day. We will make the necessary adjustments as requested by DPI once we are notified.

7-12 Class Schedule

As part of our Distance Education Plan, South Heart High School (Grades 7-12) will be implementing an alternate class schedule. Please access this schedule on our school website using the link titled "South Heart High School Distance Learning Schedule."

F. School Board Election:

If you are interested in running for the South Heart School Board, applications must be hand-delivered to Kristine Mehrer, Business Manager, by 4:00 pm April 6th. Application paperwork can be found on the right-hand side of our school website. Please call for an appointment when ready to submit paperwork to Kristine. FYI: She can also notarize your paperwork as required.

G. Cougar Connection:

Until further notice, we will not be publishing a Cougar Connection for the remainder of the school year. Instead, we will continue to provide updates using this same letter format.

CONTACT US:

Please feel free to call the school at 701-677-5671 to ask questions. Various staff (perhaps not all staff depending upon circumstances) will be here on days that school is in session per our school calendar.

Thank you, and please be safe! Let's all work together!

Cougar Pride!

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Calvin Dean, Superintendent

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