



# South Heart Public School



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## Welcome Back to School! 2023-24

August 3, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Welcome back to South Heart Public School! On behalf of the South Heart School Board, Administration, and Faculty/Staff, we hope all of you have enjoyed a great summer and are excited to return to school.

**In addition to this letter, please review all Back-to-School documents that are located on our school website ([www.southheart.k12.nd.us](http://www.southheart.k12.nd.us)). Back-to-School documents are located near the bottom of the main page of the website.**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Day of School**  
Wednesday, August 16, 2023
- **Breakfast**  
8:00 am – 8:20 am
- **Elementary School - Academic Day**  
8:20 am – 3:15 pm
- **High School - Academic Day**  
8:10 am      1<sup>st</sup> period HS Music class period begins  
8:30 am      1<sup>st</sup> period begins for all other classes  
3:20 pm      End of Academic Day
- **New Staff**  
We are very excited to welcome new staff members to South Heart School.  
Those individuals are:

Jule Walker	High School Principal
Sara Gieseke	Ag Education Teacher/FFA Advisor
TBA	Business Teacher
Kandice Evenson	Kindergarten Teacher
Jerrica Praus	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Lindsay Peterson	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade (will start November 13 after student teaching)
LaRae Reisenauer	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Mary Freeman	Elementary Paraprofessional

- **Transfers / New Assignments**

Below are some transfers and other changes that will be happening with some of our staff

Savannah Stringer	to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade from 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Alyssa Radzak	to Title I from Title I/Interventionist
Shannon Paul	to Interventionist from Kindergarten (starting Nov 21) (Note: Mrs. Paul will be teaching 4 <sup>th</sup> grade August 16 – November 21, during which time Kayla Hecker will be the Interventionist)
Gretchen Falcon	Kindergarten from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Pamela Dean	to 7-12 Interventionist (from 7-8 Special Ed)
Bonnie Streitz	to 7-12 Special Ed (from 10-12 Special Ed)

- **Insurance**

As a reminder, South Heart School does NOT have insurance to cover injuries suffered before, during, or after school hours. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to provide insurance for their children/dependents.

- **Projected Enrollment**

We are currently projecting to have 404 students in grades K-12.

- **Directory Information**

**School Board Policy FGA**

The District may disclose directory information without parental/eligible student consent if it has given parents/eligible students a reasonable amount of time to opt-out of directory information release.

The Board approves release-of-directory information as follows:

- a. Publication on the district's website
- b. To board-approved vendors for purposes of sale of school-related items such as, but not limited to, yearbooks, school pictures, graduation items, district apparel, and book orders
- c. To military and college recruiters in accordance with applicable laws (NDCC 15.1-07-25.1 and 20 U.S.C. 7908)
- d. To official district newspaper for purposes of recognizing student accomplishments and coverage of extracurricular events
- e. To school-affiliated groups for purposes of communicating and fundraising
- f. To school-sponsored student publications including, but not limited to, newspapers and yearbooks
- g. When the Board receives and approves a directory information release request; directory information shall only be released and used for purposes specified in the release request and the Superintendent shall add approved requestors to the district's master list of individuals and entities having access to student information. The Board shall develop criteria in regulations for approving and denying these requests.

If you do NOT want directory information released to outside agencies for the 2023-24 school year, please complete and return School Board Policy FGA-E (located on the school website at <https://5il.co/wo1y>) and return to the school office asap.

- **Notice of Policy on Opting out of State/Federal Testing/Assessments  
School Board Policy GCE-E**

The South Heart School Board has adopted a policy on opting out of state and federal assessments, which is based on requirements in law. The policy can be viewed online by visiting <https://5il.co/wo2u> and the necessary form that must be completed to opt out of state and federal assessments can be found at <https://5il.co/wkqj>.

Again, welcome back to South Heart School.

The 2023-24 School year is going to be awesome!

Sincerely,  
Calvin Dean, Superintendent  
South Heart Public School District #9