

Tackling stereotypes, female joins football varsity team

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For the first time in 21 years and the second time in South's history, the varsity football team has a female player. Her name is Elycia Willis. She plays safety.

"It was senior year, I needed something to do," said Willis on joining the team. "I knew that sports had helped me in the past to keep my grades steady and I also had some friends on the football team."

Head coach Rodney Lossow, does not believe Willis joining the team will have many widespread changes. "Girls have played before at South and Roosevelt when I was the head coach there. I feel it just means a girl played this year."



Photo: Spencer Kimball

Elycia Willis, number 14 pictured above, is the second female varsity player in South history. She is fighting the misconception that only males can play football. "It actually feels pretty cool, bringing it to light that some girls wanna play football. Showing them that they can, is pretty cool," said Willis.

Willis believes she is leading the way for more women to join the team in upcoming years.

Students produce album for Red Cross relief



Amid news headlines of earthquakes and hurricanes, Ms.

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students asked "What's

our responsibility, here, as musicians?" In answer to that, they came up with the idea of producing and selling an album with all proceeds going to the Red Cross!

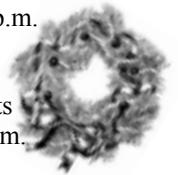
Go to the South High website <http://south.mpls.k12.mn.us> to hear a sample and:

- **Buy the album!**
- View the making of the album in "**Welcome to Class!**"
- Read about **McNally Smith College** and legendary producer **Chopper Black!** who helped make it all possible. Thank You!

Celebrate the season, buy a wreath!

SHS Wrestling is selling 20 inch, hand tied pine wreaths complete with berries, pinecones and cedar incenses. The cost is \$25.00. You can buy yours at the Y's tree lot at 42nd Street and Hiawatha Avenue Monday-Friday 4:30-8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Profits from wreaths go to support equipment costs and traveling expenses for the South wrestling team.

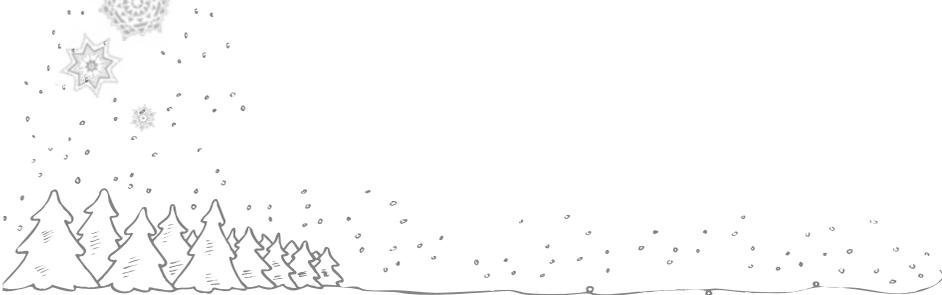


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Happy Holidays!



EVENTS 2017-18

South High Foundation Meetings at South High School second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. each month

South Theater Performances 7 p.m. in the auditorium, tickets: \$9 adults/\$7 students, at the door

- **December 14 & 15** — Social Justice Theater piece created by students along with dance performances.

- **March 15-17** — *High School Musical* (includes a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m.)

South High Musical Concerts 7 p.m. in the auditorium (*unless noted) tickets: \$5 adults/\$3 students

- **December 10** — **South Holiday Music Festival** at the Mall of America, 4-5 p.m. *free
- **December 15** — **South Holiday Music** at the IDS Tower, Noon-1 p.m. *free
- **December 19** — **South Holiday Concert** South High Community Bands & Pop Singers *(free will donation)
- **January 19** — **South High Swing Night** (Formerly *Singer Showcase*)
- **February 1** — **11th Annual South Pops Concert**
- **February 13** — South High Community and Jazz Bands Winter Concert

- **April 29** — **Pancake Breakfast**

- **May 9** — **All Alumni Spring Luncheon** 11 a.m. Social Hour, 12 p.m. lunch

- **June 25** — **Golf Tournament** at Crystal Lake Golf Club



Annual Singer Showcase and Swing Dance

SOUTH HIGH SWING

NIGHT

**Friday, January 19
at 6:30 p.m.**

with special guest artist

Lila Ammons



South High welcomes everyone to it's annual Swing Night for music and dancing. Don't miss this fun event open to students, alumni, friends and family.

The evening will feature South High Jazz I, Jazz II, select soloists from South High Pop Singers, South Dance Department, South High Community Jazz Band, and guest artist Lila Ammons.

Lila Ammons is currently based in Minneapolis teaching and performing jazz and blues music. As a child she wanted to become a cultural ambassador and fortunately her singing has taken her to many places. She was formerly based in New York City, where she trained and began performing opera, oratorio and recitals 33 years ago.

Throughout the years she has performed in international jazz and blues festivals in Austria, Germany, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Brazil, Bulgaria, Italy, France, Belgium, England, Ireland, Spain, Minneapolis, Chicago, New York City, Cincinnati, Ohio, Michigan and Texas. During her travels she has worked with many wonderful musicians, such as Axel Zwingenberger, Charlie Watts, Ben Waters, Jools Holland, Bruce Barth, Chris Jagger and Judy Carmichael, to name a few.

Once again, South High singers have the opportunity to learn from Ammons as she helps them get ready for Swing Night.

Call the South High School office at **612-668-4300** or go to the website: www.south.mpls.k12.mn.us for ticket information.

It is not too late to make a tax deductible gift to the Foundation for the year 2017. How about starting the new year off by becoming a volunteer? We need grant writers, data entry volunteers, fundraisers and volunteers for the pancake breakfast. Can you help? Contact the Foundation Office.

We need you!



Greetings!

The mission of the Foundation is to enhance the education of the students at South and a number of grants to various programs at South have been provided already this year. Lacrosse will be getting some new equipment, five professional brass musicians will be working with South students, and buses will be available to transport the choir to various performances. (Do you realize that the cost of one bus varies from \$210 - \$350, depending on the day and time of day needed?).

The holiday break gives us all time to step back and catch our breathe and get ready for a busy 2018. On behalf of the Board of the South High Foundation, I want to wish you all a happy and joyful holiday season!

Judy Ayers
Judy Ayers, President
South High Foundation



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Foundation,



As I write this, droves of families are signing up to tour South High, no doubt drawn by the Tiger traditions and innovative efforts you make possible each year. It is my privilege to have your support and I hope you know your gifts are not only appreciated but are absolutely transformational.

Among the highlights:

- The **South High Art Show**, last spring, featuring a gallery week dedicated to the talent of our visual arts students who displayed photography, ceramic, painting and drawing works. The pieces were mesmerizing and gave our students a platform to showcase their creativity and allow our community to celebrate it as well!
- Your support also gave honor to the cultural heritage and traditions of our Native students when the Foundation funded a **Lacrosse Goal and Equipment**. The history of the sport and the sport itself continue to be an important part of the South High Physical Education program which benefits all students.
- For decades now, the Partnership Program has made graduation dreams possible for a significant number of students, facing life challenges, and your contributions have enhanced efforts by funding **Partnership Enrichment Activities**.

The list goes on and on. Your gifts to **debate, dance, theater and the Mobile Somali Museum** are among the many ways you are changing lives, honoring lives and setting up students for success. Please, celebrate this holiday season knowing you're making a profound difference for which we are exceedingly grateful.

Principal Reynaldo Aponte
South High School

The great get-together resumes in 2018

Plan on attending the coming pancake breakfast on **April 29th**. Coordinators are in the planning stages now and look forward to a big turnout at the 2018 breakfast. Mark your calendars and call classmates, friends and family.

Complete this form (please print) an mail with your check to: **South High Foundation, 3131 19th Ave. S., Mpls. MN 55407**

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- \$250 Silver Tiger
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- \$25 Medallion
- \$ _____ Other



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