

# Southern Spotlight



The Raider Closet has donated teenage clothes (good quality, lightly used), toiletries (new), and non-perishable food items for Southern students to have

as they need them, no questions asked. The closet is located in the library and is open during the school day. Currently, the Raider Closet is at the high school with hopes to expand to the elementary.

We are hoping this is a comfortable place for students to get items that are needed to feel confident at home, at school, and in the community.

Donations are always welcomed and if you have any questions contact Mrs. Fralin. [cfralin@southernschools.org](mailto:cfralin@southernschools.org).

Southern High School hosted the Instrumental Pioneer Conference Clinic this year on January 23rd. We welcomed students from Diller-Odell, Friend, Lewiston, Sterling, and Tri County for a total of 74 students. Each school had practiced the music prior to the event, but the students only practiced together as a whole group that afternoon before the concert. We brought in Rex Barker, a renowned director in Nebraska who was recently inducted into the Nebraska Music Educators Association Hall of Fame, to work with and conduct the students. As directors, we decided to add in a directors' piece, showcasing the directors with a brass quintet rendition of "The Sound of Silence", which very well may be the beginning of a new tradition. Overall, to see firsthand the power of coming together to produce music in collaboration was truly evident through their performance.



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Students in 1st-8th grades will be competing in a school-wide spelling bee! The students will first compete in a grade level spelling bee to determine the top three spellers for that grade. Those top three students will then compete against each other and other grade levels in front of the whole school on February 8th. The winner of the 7th and 8th grade bee will compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Omaha on March 18th!