

**SM SOUTH**



### Values

We care about ALL students.

### Beliefs

We believe ALL students can and will learn.

### Vision

All means ALL! Personalized Learning for ALL students.

## Hard-Hat Hero

Staff member of the week

**PJ Born**



## Tweet of the Week!



**SMS Speech & Debate @smsdebate · 5d**  
After a long weekend of debates against the best teams in the state, Clare Bradley & Brooklynn Hato are your Kansas Debate Coaches Invitational 2023 Champs!!! We are so proud of SMS BH who did not drop a ballot all weekend! #RaiderDB8fam



**Follow Dr. Dain on**  
**Twitter@SMSouthTDain**  
**Instagram@SMSouthTDain**

PJ Born teaches Environmental Education at South and was nominated by his colleagues: "Earlier this fall, Mr. Born coached our teams to a 1<sup>st</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the State ECO meet! P.J. is someone we can always rely on and goes above and beyond to make South the best place to work. P.J. always makes time to help students and anyone that needs his help." Thank you Mr. Born for making South awesome!

**Email Dr. Dain to nominate a South staff member for the Hard Hat Hero Award**

# SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JAN 16 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	JAN 17 Even Block	JAN 18 Odd Block	JAN 19 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	JAN 20 Odd Block
JAN 23 Traditional Schedule	JAN 24 Even Block Come Look at South 6:30-8:30pm	JAN 25 Odd Block	JAN 26 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	JAN 27 Odd Block
JAN 30 Traditional Schedule	JAN 31 Even Block	FEB 1 Odd Block	FEB 2 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	FEB 3 Odd Block
FEB 6 <b>Sweetheart Assembly</b> Traditional Schedule 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	FEB 7 Even Block	FEB 8 Odd Block Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm	FEB 9 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	FEB 10 Odd Block
FEB 13 Traditional Schedule	FEB 14 Even Block	FEB 15 Odd Block	FEB 16 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	FEB 17 Odd Block
FEB 20 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	FEB 21 Even Block	FEB 22 Odd Block	FEB 23 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	FEB 24 Odd Block
FEB 27 Traditional Schedule	FEB 28 <b>Kansas ACT Test</b> Even Block	MAR 1 Odd Block	MAR 2 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	MAR 3 Odd Block
MAR 6 Odd Block 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	MAR 7 Even Block	MAR 8 Odd Block	MAR 9 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	MAR 10 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
MAR 13 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MAR 14 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MAR 15 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MAR 16 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MAR 17 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK



Join us  
**PTSA**

## **PTSA Meetings - 7:00pm - Library**

**Monday, February 6\***

**Monday, March 6\***

**Wednesday, April 5**

*\*updated!*

# **Project Graduation**

Hi Parents of 2023 Seniors,

The Project Graduation Committee has been busy planning a fun night for our seniors! After graduation on May 16th, the seniors are invited to attend the post-graduation party at The Main Event from 9pm - 1am. We have more opportunities for you to be a part of this fun night and to share your thoughts, talents or time. Our next meeting is Monday, **2/6/23 at 6:00 pm** in the SMS Library. Contact Dara Giuliani [daragiuliani@gmail.com](mailto:daragiuliani@gmail.com) or Molly Gray [dmgray0502@gmail.com](mailto:dmgray0502@gmail.com) with any questions! Let your Senior celebrate their Senior status with a 2023 Senior T-shirt! Order your SMS Class of 2023 T-shirt today & support Project Grad. Order deadline is 1/22/2023 <https://smsseniors.itemorder.com>.

**Monday, February 6, 2023 – 6:00pm**

**SMS Library** *(note time change)*



*Follow @counselingSMS on twitter  
Facebook 'Shawnee Mission South Counseling'*

- **2023-2024 Enrollment began this week. This is where students plan and choose their course selections for the following school year. The deadline for course submissions is 1/27. Counselors will be presenting to students in ELA classes 1/10 through 1/18 and then will be available for individual appointments from 1/18-1/27. Please keep an eye on your email for more information.**
- Jan 12 @ the CAA 8:30-11:30am- Low Income Energy Assistance Program Application Assistance. For more information please call 993-6200
- KC Scholars is a great scholarship opportunity for Freshmen and Juniors! The application is now open and the deadline is 2/24. Visit [www.kcscholars.org](http://www.kcscholars.org) for more information or reach out to our College Adviser.
- Is your child struggling in a class? Academic First Tutoring is available after school. Reach out to your child's teacher or their counselor for more info.
- Need help with the FAFSA? Our College Adviser, [Lucycoopman@smsd.org](mailto:Lucycoopman@smsd.org), is happy to assist senior families with the FAFSA and the college application process.
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders who may be interested in taking a SMSD Signature Course in the future should contact [tracjohnston@smsd.org](mailto:tracjohnston@smsd.org) for more information. Tours are available this month. More info to be shared during the enrollment presentation. View [SMSD Signature Programs](#) and [SMSD Career Technical Education](#) for more information
- In need of some help? Fill out the [Family Assistance Request Form](#) or simply call 913-993-7530 to talk with a social worker.
- Visit [Johnson County Mental Health Center](#) and [Johnson County Family Resources](#) for family/adolescent support.
- Recursos en Español- [El Centro](#) [JoCo Salud Mental- se habla Español.](#)



### Upcoming College Visits to South 2022-2023

College and University admissions representatives come to the Counseling Center at Shawnee Mission South to share about the college/university they represent. If you are interested in attending a specific visit, please contact Mrs. Ross, Counseling Secretary, at [christinaross@smsd.org](mailto:christinaross@smsd.org).

#### January

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Missouri Western State University	Wednesday, January 18	9:20
Minneapolis College of Art & Design	Wednesday, January 18	1:05 (virtual)
Missouri Welding Institute	Wednesday, January 25	1:05

#### February

Washburn University	Monday, February 6	12:55
Missouri University of Science and Technology	Tuesday, February 7	1:05
Kansas State University	Tuesday, February 21	1:05
Truman State University	Friday, February 24	1:05
Johnson County Community College	Monday, February 27	10:30

#### March

Oklahoma Christian University	Monday, March 6	10:30
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#### April

Marquette University	Wednesday, April 5	1:05
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## SMS Raiders RISE

Respectful to Others  
Initiates Change  
School Pride  
Empowered Learner

#RaidersRise

### PURPOSE

Monthly reward raffle for qualifying students who help Raiders RISE above expectations and develop an accepting and safe culture. RISE recipients are announced the first Monday of the month.

### HOW TO QUALIFY

- 1 or less unexcused absences
- 1 or less tardies
- 90% attendance rate
- 0 discipline referrals
- No Fs

**Congratulations to our JANUARY**  
**Raiders R.I.S.E. winners:**  
**Freshmen: Elise Pai**  
**Sophomore: Lexie Johnson**  
**Junior: David Derr**  
**Senior: Angelo Sanders**



UNDER ARMOUR



# Parent Teacher Conferences

## Wednesday, February 8

### 5:00-8:00pm



**Conferences held in teacher classrooms/offices.**

**\*\*We will use 'Open' scheduling, with no appointment needed. We ask parents to keep conversations to 5-10 minutes. If conference is taking place, please wait in the hallway or come back later.**

# TECH TIPS

## CANVAS

### Observer Access

As we move into a new semester, you may find that you want more access to your student's Canvas. With parent/guardian access in Canvas, you act as an Observer. As an observer, you can:

- View student grades
- View the calendar
- View a list of assignments with due dates
- Read announcements
- Receive email or text notifications for announcements, assignments, and more

[READ MORE](#)



# Health Office Update

## Health Office~ January 2023

**REMINDER~~Parents~~** if your student has texted you to go home, please call them out of attendance 993-7545.

**Please do not send them to the nurses office to be called out.** Thank you.



**Start the new year off right~ Eat Breakfast, Get enough sleep, and stay hydrated. We have water bottle filling stations. BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE**

**If you are still missing any state required Immunizations, our deadline is Jan 13, 2023. Send them into [SOYORK@SMSD.ORG](mailto:SOYORK@SMSD.ORG)**



**Pack extra clothes~~~ stuff happens, plan ahead. The Health Office is very limited on space and we do NOT have any extra clothes. Please toss in your backpack, locker or car.**

**Angie York - SM South Nurse**  
**913.993.7516**  
**[soyork@smsd.org](mailto:soyork@smsd.org)**



# Job Speaker Series

During Seminar

Come learn a little more about different professions

**11/29- Abby Eden**  
**Television Journalist**

**12/06- Roginia Moore**  
**Realtor**

**01/31- LaDonna Thompson**  
**Vet Tech**

**02/14- Meghan Dudek**  
**Interior Design**

**02/21- Zach Olinger**  
**IT Solutions Architect**

**03/21- Christi Mook**  
**Fashion Merchandising**

**03/28- Bridget Anaya**  
**Funeral Director**

**04/11- Maggie Flynn**  
**Risk Managment/  
Insurance**

**04/18- Macee Kelly**  
**Esthetician**



**Sign up here**  
You must sign up to  
attend



# SMSD COMMUNITY READ

Scan here for more information



## WHAT IS IT?

Reading books is a great way to connect with one another! The Project Lit chapters at SM Northwest, SM West, and SM South would like to invite all members of our school communities to read a book alongside their child.

Students identified the topics they wished the adults in their lives had a deeper understanding of, and then chose books that address those topics. Students--if you want to participate, regardless of whether or not an adult in your life is, that's awesome and we'd love for you to join us!

Parents, caregivers, and students can choose a book to read--maybe you and your child choose the same one, maybe you don't. We will all come together one evening to discuss the books and hopefully create meaningful connections and a better understanding of one another.

## HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Please visit the [SMSD Community Read website](#).

There you will find more information, tentative dates (late February), links to descriptions for each book, and a Google form to fill out if you are interested.

SCAN HERE TO FILL OUT  
THE GOOGLE FORM



## I'M IN! WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If you have questions, please email the following people:

SMNW: [rebeccaanthony@smsd.org](mailto:rebeccaanthony@smsd.org)

SMW: [annestowers@smsd.org](mailto:annestowers@smsd.org)

SMS: [juliefales@smsd.org](mailto:juliefales@smsd.org)

If you are ready to commit and choose a book, please scan the QR code to the left and fill out the [Google form](#).



Are you looking to collaborate with students on an idea or project?



SMSD is always looking for new projects and partners, especially now with the spring semester approaching! Projects provide an opportunity for learners to work alongside you to either solve a problem, create something new, or take advantage of an opportunity within your organization.



Our students can add a fresh perspective and contribute meaningful work to you and your organization!



Interested in working with us? Contact Traci Johnston at [TraciJohnston@smsd.org](mailto:TraciJohnston@smsd.org)





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## CLIENT-CONNECTED PROJECTS



SCAN ME

*check out  
some  
examples*

Client-Connected Projects (CCPs) are about giving students a chance to collaborate, gain experience, and work on authentic problems and projects in their community.

SMSD and the Kauffman Foundation are committed to providing these relevant, meaningful opportunities to young people, but we can't do it without the help of our community.



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"I think for me the biggest realization was that we can make a difference. This is something I'll take with me for the rest of my life. You don't learn this in a textbook."

-Megan Z, junior, Kearney School District

CCPs move our students one step closer to our community's vision of SMSD graduates who possess the key skills and attributes needed to succeed.



PORTRAIT OF AN SMSD GRADUATE

### Ready to explore the possibilities?

Email: Lindsey McFall @ [lindseymcfall@smsd.org](mailto:lindseymcfall@smsd.org)  
Traci Johnston @ [tracjohnston@smsd.org](mailto:tracjohnston@smsd.org)

OR

Fill out an [interest form](#), and we will contact you



CCP Interest Form

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE


**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH | 4-8PM**  
**6879 W 91ST ST, OVERLAND PARK, KS, 66212**

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **BMDB4RJ**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.





## AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA



# SM SOUTH AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A two year sequence of individualized, college-level research courses taken junior and senior year of high school

### How It Works

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of your choice, you'll receive the **AP Capstone Diploma**.

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, you'll receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate**.



<b>AP SEMINAR (Year 1)</b>
Team Project & Presentation
Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation
End-of-Course Exam
<b>AP RESEARCH (Year 2)</b>
Academic Paper
Presentation & Oral Defense
<b>4 AP COURSES &amp; EXAMS</b>
(Taken at any point throughout high school)



## CONTACT

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### academic benefits

- \*Earn college credit
- \*Develop research, writing, and presentation skills
- \*Complete Real World Learning targets



### graduation benefits

- \*Distinguish self on college applications
- \*Be recognized at graduation ceremony



### personal benefits

- \*Pursue passion projects
- \*Engage in individualized curriculum
- \*Develop project management skills

## SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar January 16-21, 2023

Access all SM South athletics and activity event calendar with real-time updates at [www.sunflowerleague.org](http://www.sunflowerleague.org)

**Monday, January 16, 2023 – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023 – BLOCKS 2 – Seminar – 4 – 6**

6:00pm [Basketball: Girls C Team Tournament](#) vs. Multiple Schools @ [Shawnee Mission East Main Gym](#)

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7**

3:30pm [Bowling: JV/Varsity Game](#) vs. Multiple Schools..@ Olathe Lanes East

5:30pm [Wrestling: Boys Triangular](#) vs. Multiple Schools..@ [Shawnee Mission South Main Gym](#)

6:00pm [Basketball: Boys Soph / Frosh-A Game](#) vs. Olathe West @ [Olathe West High School](#)

6:00pm [Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game](#) vs. Olathe West @ [Olathe West High School](#)

7:30pm [Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game](#) vs. Olathe West @ [Olathe West High School](#)

7:30pm [Basketball: Boys JV Game](#) vs. Olathe West @ [Olathe West High School](#)

**Thursday, January 19, 2023 – Late Start - BLOCKS 2 – Advisory – 4 – 6**

3:30pm [Basketball: Boys Varsity Tournament](#) vs. Junction City @ Dodge City, Ks

TBD [Swimming: Boys Varsity Dual](#) vs. Blue Valley Northwest @ [SM Aquatic Center](#)

3:00pm [Bowling: JV/Varsity Game](#) vs. Multiple Schools..@ Mission Bowl N'Olathe

5:30pm [Basketball: Girls JV Game](#) vs. Liberty North @ [Liberty North High School](#)

6:00pm [Wrestling: Boys JV Mixer](#) vs. Multiple Schools..@ [Blue Valley West High School](#)

6:30pm [Basketball: Girls C Team Game](#) vs. Liberty North @ [Liberty North High School](#)

7:00pm [Basketball: Girls Varsity Game](#) vs. Liberty North @ [Liberty North High School](#)

**Friday, January 20, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7**

TBD [Basketball: Boys Varsity Tournament](#) vs. TBA @ Dodge City, Ks

TBD [Swimming: Boys Varsity District](#) vs. TBA @ [SM Aquatic Center](#)

4:00pm [Wrestling: Boys Varsity Husky Invitational](#) vs. Multiple Schools.. @ [Blue Valley Northwest](#)

6:00pm [Basketball: Girls C Team Tournament](#) vs. Multiple Schools.. @ [Shawnee Mission East Main Gym](#)



**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

TBD	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Varsity Tournament</a>	vs. TBA @ Dodge City, Ks
TBD	<a href="#">Wrestling: Girls Varsity Invitational</a>	vs. Olathe South @ <a href="#">Olathe South</a>
8:00am	<a href="#">Swimming: Boys Varsity Invitational</a>	vs. Multiple Schools..@ <a href="#">SM Aquatic Center</a>
10:00am	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game</a>	vs. Blue Valley North @ Blue Valley North
10:00am	<a href="#">Wrestling: Boys Varsity Husky Invitational</a>	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ <a href="#">Blue Valley Northwest</a>
11:30am	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game</a>	vs. Blue Valley North @ Blue Valley North

