

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

Luanne Fox



## Tweet of the Week!



Tucker Love @tlovejournalism · 3d

Best part of my day: wearing this while listening to a bunch of seniors chit chat with their friends and teachers during a Zoom spring royalty announcement. Went for a run right after! @somegoodnews #OurSouthStory #SGN



Follow Dr. Dain @SMSouthTDain

Luanne Fox teaches special education at SM South and was nominated by her colleagues: "Luanne has done a great job during the continuous learning period. She's identified students who need one on one support and scheduled individual virtual meeting times to meet their needs. She's gone above and beyond to ensure graduation and social interaction needs are met with many students!"

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

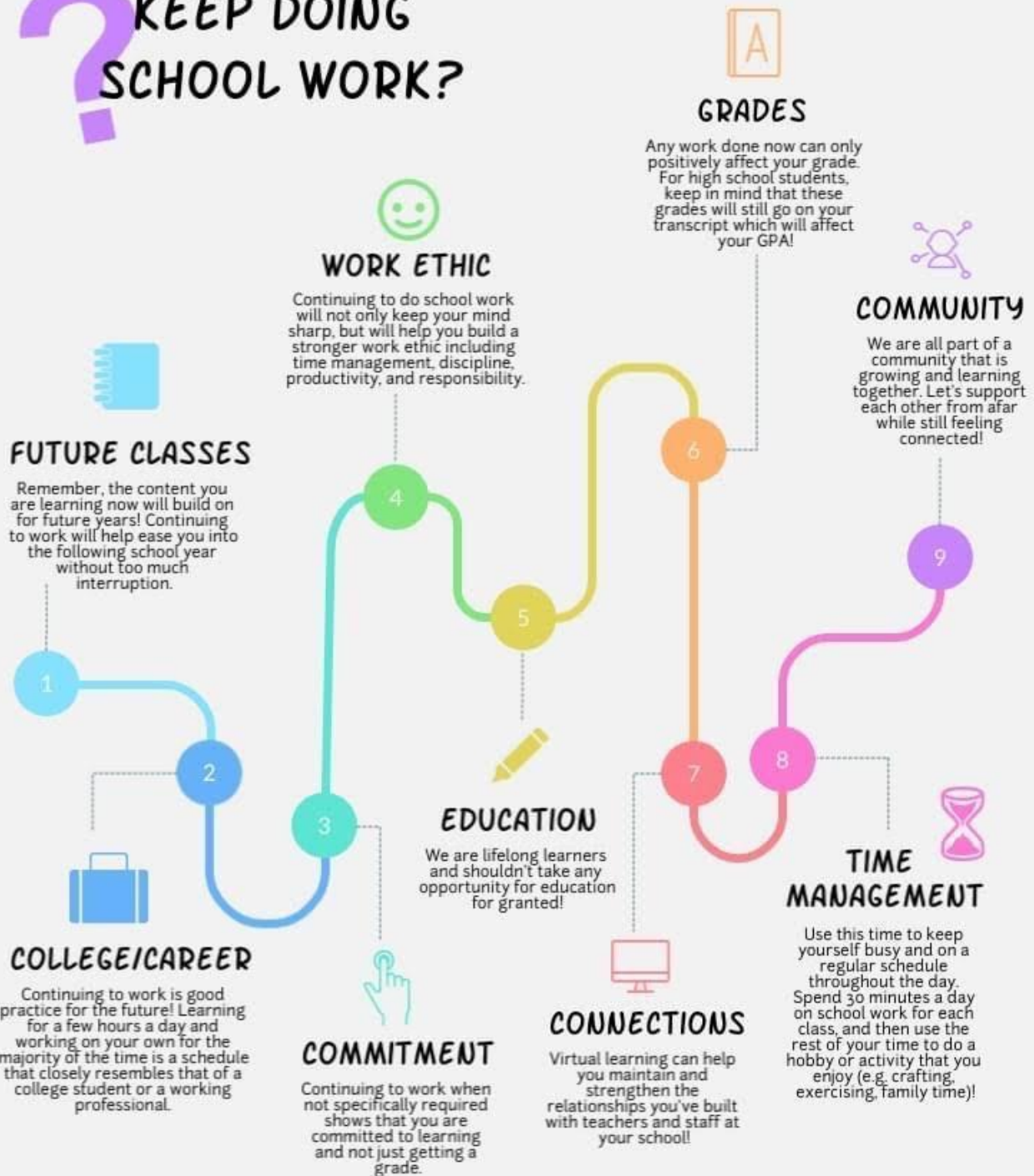
# SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAY 4</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Professional Learning</b>	<b>MAY 5</b> <b>Traditional Schedule</b>	<b>MAY 6</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>	<b>MAY 7</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>	<b>MAY 8</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>
<b>WEEK 1 - AP EXAMS - MAY 11-15</b>				
<b>MAY 11</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b> <b>*SENIORS LAST DAY</b>	<b>MAY 12</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>	<b>MAY 13</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>	<b>MAY 14</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>	<b>MAY 15</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>
<b>WEEK 2 - AP EXAMS MAY 18-22</b>				
<b>MAY 18</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>	<b>MAY 19</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>	<b>MAY 20</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>	<b>MAY 21</b> <b>Continuous Learning</b>	<b>MAY 22</b> <b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS!</b>

## Building Access update:

Kansas Department of Health has indicated that personal interactions and school **building access remains absolutely prohibited for ALL students until further notice.** <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/255/Stay-at-Home-Order-FAQs>  
 Access will be prohibited until KDHE relinquishes the hold, and staff have been given permission to re-enter.

# WHY SHOULD I KEEP DOING SCHOOL WORK?



"Right now you have a precious opportunity to pause and ask yourself questions far too few high school students (and too few people in general) ever do: what drives and motivates me? Why am I doing this?"





## RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2020 – GOING VIRTUAL

Due to the school closure, we are not able to host the in person R&D Forum this year. To honor the innovative spirit that first fueled the R&D Forum and with our new continuous learning from home model, we are launching a **Virtual R&D Forum**. We invite students and families to engage in activities that support Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math or STEAM activities.

This year, we are calling on our SMSD community to share and showcase any STEAM related activities students are creating at home by posting on **Twitter** under the hashtag **#SMSDRandD**.

For more information please read the Research & Development Forum 2020 – [Going Virtual Flyer](https://www.smsd.org/academics/rd-forum). <https://www.smsd.org/academics/rd-forum>

Thank you for sharing your learning experiences and helping us honor the legacy and tradition of the R&D Forum!



## South Parent Digital Learning Support

Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Create a quiet learning space with limited distractions.</a></li> <li>• Have supplies (pencils, pens, headphones, paper) available in the learning space.</li> </ul>
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure time that works with your home.</li> <li>• No more than 30 min per subject daily. (<i>No more than 3 hours a day total</i>)</li> <li>• Stay flexible.</li> <li>• Work in <a href="#">Brain Breaks</a> every 15 minutes.</li> <li>• Have kids get exercise, movement and fresh air.</li> <li>• Create screen time breaks.</li> <li>• Provide choices for students in their work order</li> </ul>
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> - communication</li> <li>• <a href="#">Google Drive Tips for At Home</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Zoom</a> or <a href="#">Webex</a> - communication</li> <li>• <a href="#">Video Conferencing Tips</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Digital Citizenship Review</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Internet Access</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Google Keyboard Shortcuts</a></li> </ul>
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have your student read daily</li> <li>• <a href="#">Priority Standards</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Online Annotation - Highlighter Add On Google Docs</a></li> </ul>
Feedback and Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check in with teachers</li> <li>• <a href="#">Feedback Tips</a></li> <li>• Allow students privacy when they are online with class meetings</li> </ul>
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Reading Comprehension Support</a></li> <li>• Math Support: <a href="#">IXL</a>, <a href="#">Kahn Academy</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Grammarly</a></li> </ul>

*Follow @counselingSMS on twitter and/or  
Follow on Facebook "Shawnee Mission South Counseling"*

- There is an **optional check** in on the Counseling Webpage. We'd love to hear from your child and will follow up with a hello and support.
- **AP Testing** - Here is the [link](#) with information from The College Board in regards to AP Exams. - please contact your teacher(s) or [kellilillis@smsd.org](mailto:kellilillis@smsd.org) for more info.
- Many colleges and universities are altering their **admissions processes, requirements and deadlines** due to the coronavirus. You can use this [searchable database](#) to find details on individual colleges. It is being updated frequently.
- Are you Moving? Please email [christinepearce@smsd.org](mailto:christinepearce@smsd.org) if you will not be attending SMS in the fall and she will take you through the checkout process.
- Email [susanwalter@smsd.org](mailto:susanwalter@smsd.org) for all Transcript requests. Final transcripts for the Class of 2020 will be available the first week of June.
- Here is information on the [Pick Up and Go](#) free breakfast and lunches you can get each weekday.
- If you would like a social worker or counselor to meet with your child please fill out the [Tele-Counseling Consent Form](#) and we will be happy to do so.
- **Summer School and E-school** adjustments are in progress. Updates will be posted on the SMSD Summer Academy [website](#) next week.
- **COVID-19 Parent Resources**- Please take a look at this site for community resources as well as activity ideas to help you and your family during this time.

**Please don't hesitate to reach out your SMS Counseling Support Staff  
---we are always here to help!**

## AP REMINDERS!!!

1. Please make sure to confirm your email address. If you've not received and confirmed your email address, please sign into your account and do that. [myap.collegeboard.org](https://myap.collegeboard.org). It's critical that the CB has the correct info to which they'll send your logon information for test day. The email they sent should have come on or about 4/13. If you didn't receive one, please log on and work through the steps to make that happen. If you've not been able to confirm, you can do so through 'Account Settings' in that link.
2. All students should plan to test on the first exam date, and on that date, should login about 30 minutes prior to the start of the exam. That way, you can work through any connectivity issues and respond to their identification questions without sacrificing any testing time. <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees>
3. If there are connectivity issues, you will be able to complete an incident report to swiftly report those issues to the CB. The website for CB connectivity issues is [www.cb.org/apexamsecurity2020](https://www.cb.org/apexamsecurity2020). Worst case scenario? You could go with your laptops and sit in the parking lot of the nearest SMSD school and take the exam there. I know it's not ideal, but you'll know you can connect . . .
4. If you absolutely cannot test according to the original dates OR you have connectivity issues on the original date, you can participate on the make up date. I would STRONGLY encourage you to try to test on the first date to leave the make up date as a back up. If you don't test on the first date, you'll be sent the credentials to take the second exam automatically.
5. Ignoring those emails and not testing on either of those dates cancels your test. If you know that you won't be testing, please go in through your Total Registration account and initiate a cancellation. That will initiate the process. We're strongly encouraging everyone to test, though! You've worked hard and should receive your credit!
6. All students should go into the system and make sure that the following things are correct: SMS School Code is listed as 172772, a correct and monitored email address is being used, and that you've indicated where you'd like scores sent. The deadline to change the destination for your score is 6/20, but the other things should be done prior to the test.
7. Please also go in and review the exam security policies. They are VERY strict this year. <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/security>. The CB is putting measures in place to make sure you aren't using the same routers, etc. They're also using sophisticated software to flag plagiarism. Additionally, the consequences are steep, ie. notifying colleges of academic dishonesty.
8. Students who are testing with accommodations are supposed to be flagged through the CB system to 'automatically' receive their accommodations. I will also email students who are to receive accommodations with their SSD information, which includes their number. Hopefully, everything will happen as the CB says. <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/coordinators/accommodations>



**Please take note of these suggestions and let me or your teacher know if you have questions!  
Good luck on your test and stay well!! Mrs. Lillis**



# College Advising Announcements

College Adviser - *Ms. Hymer*





**I am still available for virtual advising and support!  
Email me at [mclainhymer@smsd.org](mailto:mclainhymer@smsd.org) if you have any questions  
regarding college and career planning.**

## NAVIGATE 2020 Virtual Conference and College Fair

Over 20 colleges in Kansas (including 4-year public, 4-year private, community colleges, and technical colleges) are expected to participate in this virtual college fair event. Make sure to head to their website to register ahead of time!

## NAVIGATE 2020

Virtual College Fair | May 4-6 | 11-7 P.M. CST

-  Explore your college options
-  Chat and meet with colleges in real time
-  Check out videos, quick links and other info
-  Watch information sessions

NAVIGATE is FREE for high school students, parents and counselors!

Register now at [virtual.gotocollegefairs.com](https://virtual.gotocollegefairs.com).



## College Advising Resource Center

This website was created by local college advisers and contains a ton of resources related to college planning, financial aid, ACT test preparation, and much more!

<https://sites.google.com/view/college-advising-summit-2020>



# ***SM SOUTH PTSA***

## **Needs Volunteers!**

**We need your help for next year! If you would like to be involved in the South PTSA (big or small) please let us know.**

**We are filling positions for next year!**

E-mail Jennifer Burns at [jboresow@gmail.com](mailto:jboresow@gmail.com) or Christa Rupp at [Christarupp1222@gmail.com](mailto:Christarupp1222@gmail.com)



## **PTSA College Scholarship Application Class of 2020**

Please complete the application (attached to this email) along with your resume listing items requested. The scholarship will be weighted by points. The top 2 will each receive a \$250.00 scholarship. The scholarship payment will be paid to the student. All applications must be submitted no later than **May 12, 2020**. Forms may be mailed to SMS PTSA, Jennifer Burns 3517 West 97<sup>th</sup> Place, Leawood, KS 66206. If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Jennifer Burns [jboresow@gmail.com](mailto:jboresow@gmail.com) or Christa Rupp [christarupp1222@gmail.com](mailto:christarupp1222@gmail.com).

# RAIDER ATHLETICS UPDATE

Dear Raiders,

The past month has been difficult, as we've faced challenges associated with the Covid-19 outbreak. The focus by the entire SM South coaching staff and administration is on the Raider family. Recognizing outstanding senior athletes that are graduating, keeping returning athletes focused and engaged with their coaches and communicating with our incoming freshman class is important to us during this time.

The SMSD is working with the Kansas State High School Activities Association and the Kansas Department of Health on a timeframe for activities. Today's update is to provide you with tentative information until we gain clearer visibility for a return to normalcy.

Summer camps have been planned for several of our sports. These camps have tentative dates. Please keep checking back to our website for updates. Use this [link](#) for information on these camps. If camps are cancelled, any funds collected will be returned.

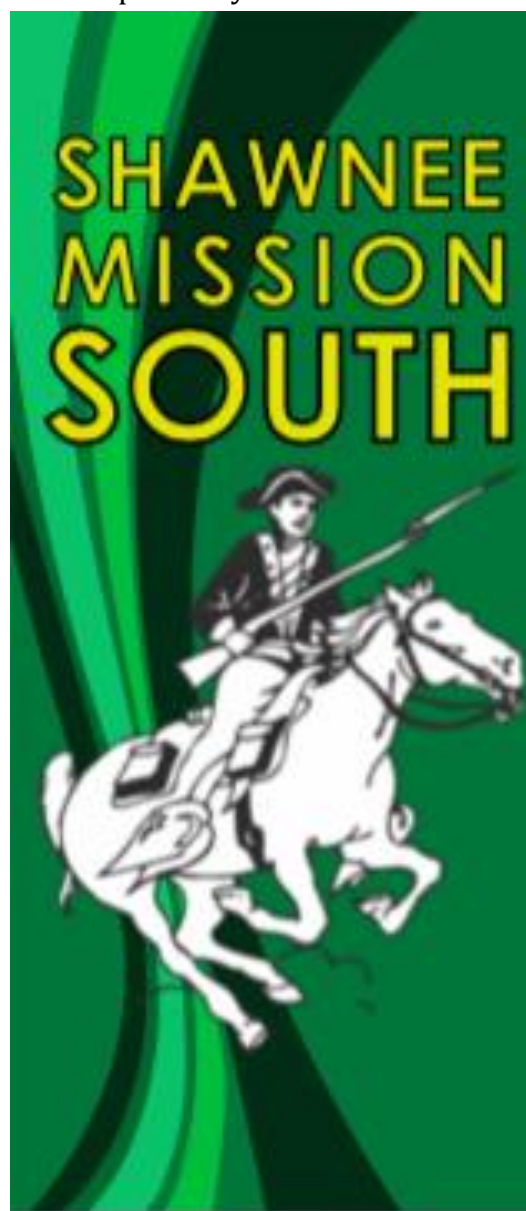
A physical examination, conducted by a healthcare professional after May 1st, is required each year to participate in sports and spirit teams. The forms have been revised for 2020-2021 and are now [posted](#) on our website. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, many healthcare facilities are not taking appointments for non-emergency visits. The KSHSAA is in discussions as to the direction for fall athletes. Please check back for updates.

We are in the process of developing our new Raider Athletic/Activities website -check it out at [smsouthraiders.com](https://smsouthraiders.com). Our coaches and sponsors are in the process of creating and updating their pages. We hope it will be a great resource this year!

You will also find us on Twitter [@SMSRaiderAD](https://twitter.com/SMSRaiderAD).

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us about anything! We look forward to seeing you all soon! Stay healthy!

John Johnson, Athletic Director, [johnjohnson@smsd.org](mailto:johnjohnson@smsd.org) and Karen Wagner, Athletic Secretary, [karenwagner@smsd.org](mailto:karenwagner@smsd.org)



## Updates From the Health Office

**COVID**  
CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE **19**

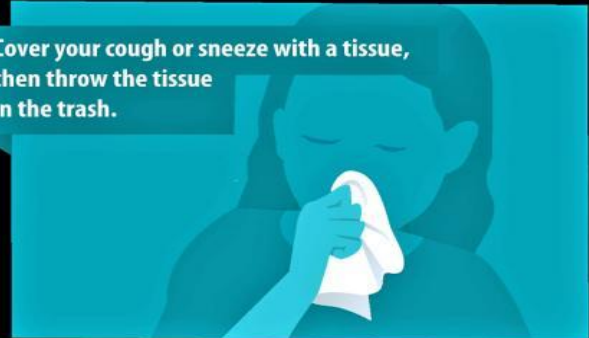
# STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

**Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.**

**Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**



**Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.**



**Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**



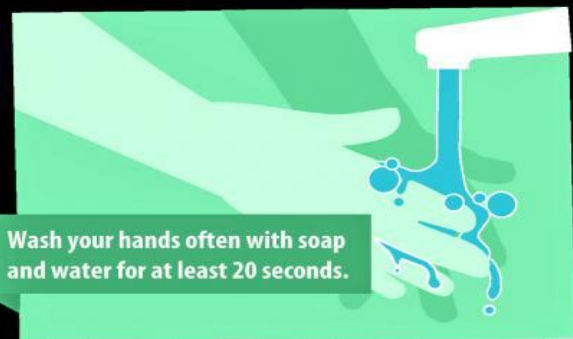
**Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.**



**Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.**



**Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**



For more information call the NYSDOH Hotline at: 1-888-364-3065



## Congratulations to our President's Volunteer Service Award winners:

Haden Witbrod -Gold  
Nathan Tompkins -Silver  
Anna Creamer -Silver  
Katie McElroy -Bronze



## Order Your Senior Class Photo

The SMS 2020 Senior class picture has been posted on [www.pecsports.info](http://www.pecsports.info) to our online order site. Students can go to the direct link below to view and order the class picture. The class picture has been created with a border and logo for the students to order. The link will be open through the end of the school year: [SM South 2020 Senior photo](#)





# Congratulations 2020 Heritage Royalty

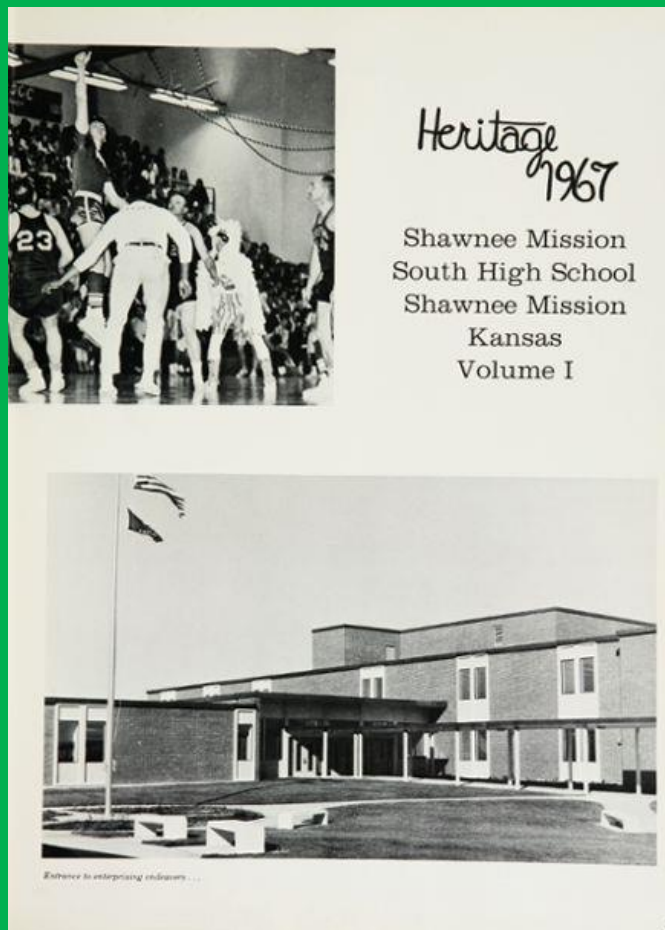
Here is the recorded on Zoom Announcement, from April 27<sup>th</sup>.

<https://youtu.be/SVs3N5kh0P4>

**Second Attendants: Elias Henderson & Arden Larsen**

**First Attendants: Sam Aldeguer & Alma Harrison**

**King & Queen: Ben Shaw & Katie Cooper**



## Looking for a **VIRTUAL ACT TUTOR** this summer?



### What You'll Get

- **16 group hours**, conducted via Zoom
- Customizable **individual tutoring hours**
- Dozens of tips and strategies proven to help master the ACT
- Multiple strategies for approaching problems, so you can learn what works **BEST** for YOU
- Specific tips for each ACT section, so that you can master the entire test

### Why Prepare with Micah?

- Over **10 years** of ACT tutoring experience
- Experienced English AND Algebra teacher
- Experience teaching online courses
- Small group setting
- Fun, engaging atmosphere
- Over **50% cheaper** than comparable Kaplan course

### **Past students have said...**

"Micah's attitude and overall willingness to interact with the class was great."

"I felt that the ACT was very hard before this. My ACT scores have gone up a considerable amount."

"I am so much more confident about taking the ACT than I was before this class."

"After each class, I felt I learned a lot about how to maximize my chances of doing well on the test."

For more information, please contact **Micah Margolies** via phone or e-mail:

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