

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

Scott Hirons



Tweet of the Week!



Tucker Love @tlovejournalism · 3d
More exciting news — congrats to the @smsheritage 2019 staff for their inclusion in @BalfourYB's 2020 YearbookYearbook! So glad I get to work with awesome students who do awesome things. Go check out all the work!
issuu.com/balfour/docs/2020-yearbook



Follow Dr. Dain @SMSouthTDain

Scott Hirons teaches social studies at SM South and was nominated by a student: "Mr. Hirons has gone above and beyond to prepare myself and my peers for the AP History tests. He has conducted bi-weekly Zoom video conferences to keep his students engaged. He has also actively responded to reviewing what students say they need the most help with. He is an excellent teacher, and we are so fortunate to have him at South!"

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

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

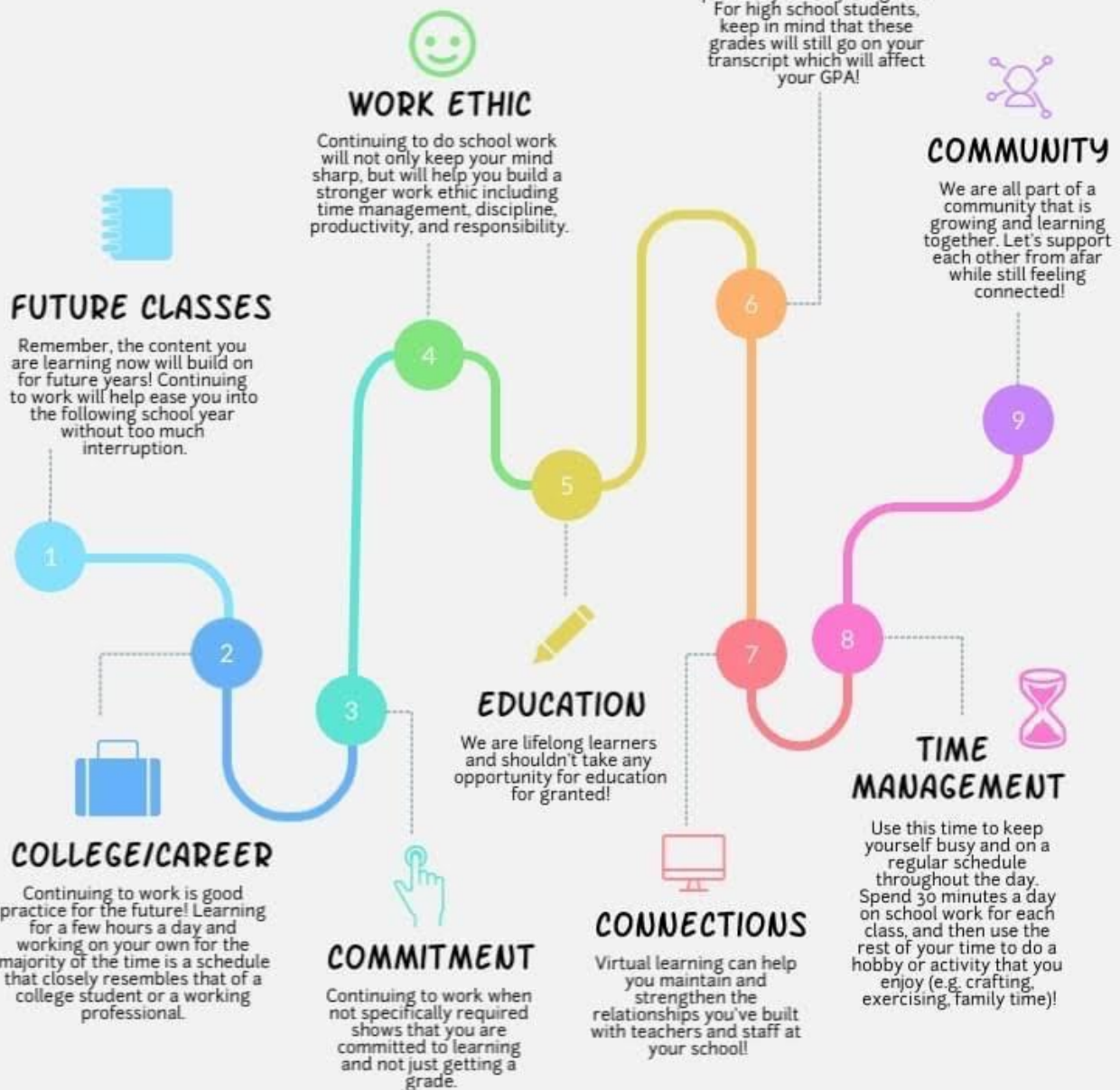
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APR 27 Continuous Learning	APR 28 Continuous Learning	APR 29 Continuous Learning	APR 30 Continuous Learning	MAY 1 Continuous Learning
MAY 4 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning	MAY 5 Traditional Schedule	MAY 6 Continuous Learning	MAY 7 Continuous Learning	MAY 8 Continuous Learning
WEEK 1 - AP EXAMS - MAY 11-15				
MAY 11 Continuous Learning *SENIORS LAST DAY	MAY 12 Continuous Learning	MAY 13 Continuous Learning	MAY 14 Continuous Learning	MAY 15 Continuous Learning
WEEK 2 - AP EXAMS MAY 18-22				
MAY 18 Continuous Learning	MAY 19 Continuous Learning	MAY 20 Continuous Learning	MAY 21 Continuous Learning	MAY 22 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS!

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>

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



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Follow on Facebook "Shawnee Mission South Counseling"*

- **Senior Signing-** Please fill out the [Senior Signing Form](#) by Monday, April 27th.
- **Graduation List- DEADLINE IS TODAY April, 24th** as diplomas are being ordered. Email donnacallewaert@smsd.org if you have want any changes to your name.
- 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 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 if you will not be attending SMS in the fall and she will take you through the checkout process.
- Email 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. 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. 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 if you have any questions
regarding college and career planning.**

Virtual College Exploration Week for Juniors

Strive Scan is offering four full days of virtual presentations for juniors to explore college opportunities. Over 300 colleges and universities are participating, and students will be able to hear tips from experienced college admission officers. This opportunity is free for students.

Register at strivescan.com/virtual

College Planning Resources

Virtual Campus Tours

YouVisit - youvisit.com

CampusTours - campustours.com

Also check university websites for information about their virtual tours and online events.

College Exploration

Big Future - bigfuture.collegeboard.org

College Scorecard - collegescorecard.ed.gov

College Greenlight - collegegreenlight.com

College Confidential - collegeconfidential.com

Career/Major Exploration

Agile Work Profiler - agilities.org/awp

MyMajors - mymajors.com

CareerOneStop - careeronestop.org

O*NET Online - onetonline.org

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 or Christa Rupp at 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 97th Place, Leawood, KS 66206. If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Jennifer Burns jboresow@gmail.com or Christa Rupp christarupp1222@gmail.com.



Raider Report for April 24, 2020:

<https://youtu.be/iswqGXb7hQ0>



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. 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 and
Karen Wagner, Athletic Secretary, karenwagner@smsd.org



Updates From the Health Office

COVID
CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE **19**

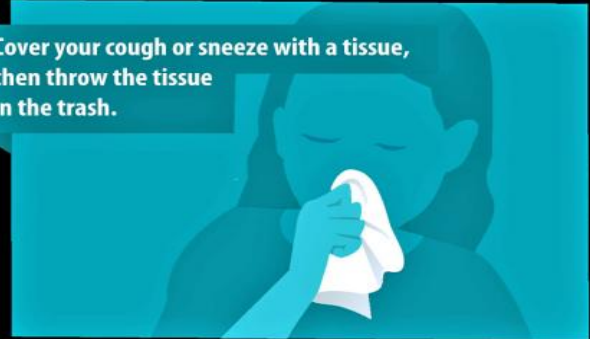
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

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 Witrbrod -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 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](#)



SMS Debate and Forensics Pampered Chef Fundraiser

April 22-April 29, 2020

See the SMS Debate and
Forensics page on FB for more
information!

Order Graduation and Mother's Day
gifts now!

Join the party here at

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/carolyncook0422>

Questions? Email Maggie Bradley at
mbradleyrnkc@gmail.com

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AUGUST 15

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