

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

Mandeep Ballagan



Tweet of the Week!



Erin Burvee @SMSMrsBurvee · 2d

Hey Raiders, kindness is catchy! Make a note of who/what you are grateful today during lunch!

@counselingSMS @SMSouthTDain @SOS_KansasCity



Follow Dr. Dain on
Twitter@SMSouthTDain
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Mandeep Ballagan teaches English at South and was nominated by her colleagues: "Mandeep is a dynamic ELA teacher who cares deeply about her students, and she is always looking for ways to make learning relevant for her students. Her students are always engaged, and they love learning from her. She is also assisting with coaching Pacesetters and is doing a great job building relationships with all of the dancers. We are so grateful that she is a Raider!"

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 30 Odd Block	JAN 31 Even Block	FEB 1 Odd Block	FEB 2 LATE START Even Block	FEB 3 Odd Block
FEB 6 Sweetheart Assembly Traditional Schedule 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	FEB 7 Even Block	FEB 8 Odd Block Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm	FEB 9 LATE START Even Block	FEB 10 Odd Block
FEB 13 Traditional Schedule	FEB 14 Even Block	FEB 15 Odd Block	FEB 16 LATE START Even Block	FEB 17 Odd Block
FEB 20 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	FEB 21 Even Block	FEB 22 Odd Block	FEB 23 LATE START Even Block	FEB 24 Odd Block
FEB 27 Traditional Schedule	FEB 28 Kansas ACT Test Even Block	MAR 1 Odd Block	MAR 2 LATE START Even Block	MAR 3 Odd Block
MAR 6 Odd Block 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	MAR 7 Even Block	MAR 8 Odd Block	MAR 9 LATE START 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
MAR 20 Traditional Schedule	MAR 21 Even Block	MAR 22 Odd Block	MAR 23 LATE START Even Block	MAR 24 Odd Block
MAR 27 Traditional Schedule	MAR 28 Even Block	MAR 29 Odd Block	MAR 30 LATE START Even Block	MAR 31 Odd Block



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 or Molly Gray 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 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, is happy to assist senior families with the FAFSA and the college application process.
- 9th and 10th graders who may be interested in taking a SMSD Signature Course in the future should contact 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.

February

Washburn University	Monday, February 6	12:55
Missouri University of Science and Technology	Tuesday, February 7	1:05
University of Missouri, Columbia	Monday, February 13	9:30
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

ORGANIZING CANVAS PARENT ACCOUNT

If you've set up an observer account on Canvas, there are some ways that you can organize your account. Below are four different ways you can organize your Canvas parent account. With each method, there is a link to instruction on how to set it up. 



1

Color Code the Dashboard
<https://bit.ly/colorcodecanvas>


2

Nickname Course
<https://bit.ly/nicknamecourse>

3

Personalize the Dashboard
<https://bit.ly/personalizedash>

4

Turn Off Notifications You Don't Need
https://bit.ly/no_notifications 

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



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



♥ Sweetheart Court ♥ 2023

Evan Allison
Pierce Allison
Aiman Boullaouz
Veronica Fast
Lettie Featherston
Megan Flint
Marek Gregory
Melanie Interiano
Ilan Khalil
Hayes Lavergne
Noel Mohamed
Madison Mower
Chabelly Palacio
Logan Penny
Irene Rues
Ava Smith
Kate Swift
Eliot Wagner
Andrea Walters
Ben Webb
Matt Wilson
Havely Wolff

Parents Sign Up HERE to Help with Sweetheart!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EACAA23AB9-sweetheart>



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Sweetheart Dance Volunteers



Erin Emley



Contact

Already signed up?

[Change my sign up](#)

South Families: We are looking for volunteers to help with the Sweetheart Dance Saturday Feb 11, 2023. There are multiple ways to help.

**Date** 02/11/2023 (Sat.)**Time** 7:30PM - 9:45PM CST

Share



Dates shown as mm/dd/yyyy CST

Available Slot

Water Bottle Donations

[Sign Up](#)

Cases (drop to aux gym 12-3p 2/11/23)

2 of 25 slots filled

Dara Giuliani

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DG

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

SMW: annestowers@smsd.org

SMS: 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](#).

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EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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
Traci Johnston @ tracjohnston@smsd.org

OR

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



CCP Interest Form



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**.



AP SEMINAR (Year 1)
Team Project & Presentation
Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation
End-of-Course Exam
AP RESEARCH (Year 2)
Academic Paper
Presentation & Oral Defense
4 AP COURSES & EXAMS
(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

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4PM-8PM

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CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
**SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH
GIRLS BASKETBALL**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH | 5-9PM
6879 W 91ST ST, OVERLAND PARK, KS, 66212

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **P3XP3TA**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



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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.

SME vs. SMS

DONATION DRIVE



Giving the Basics

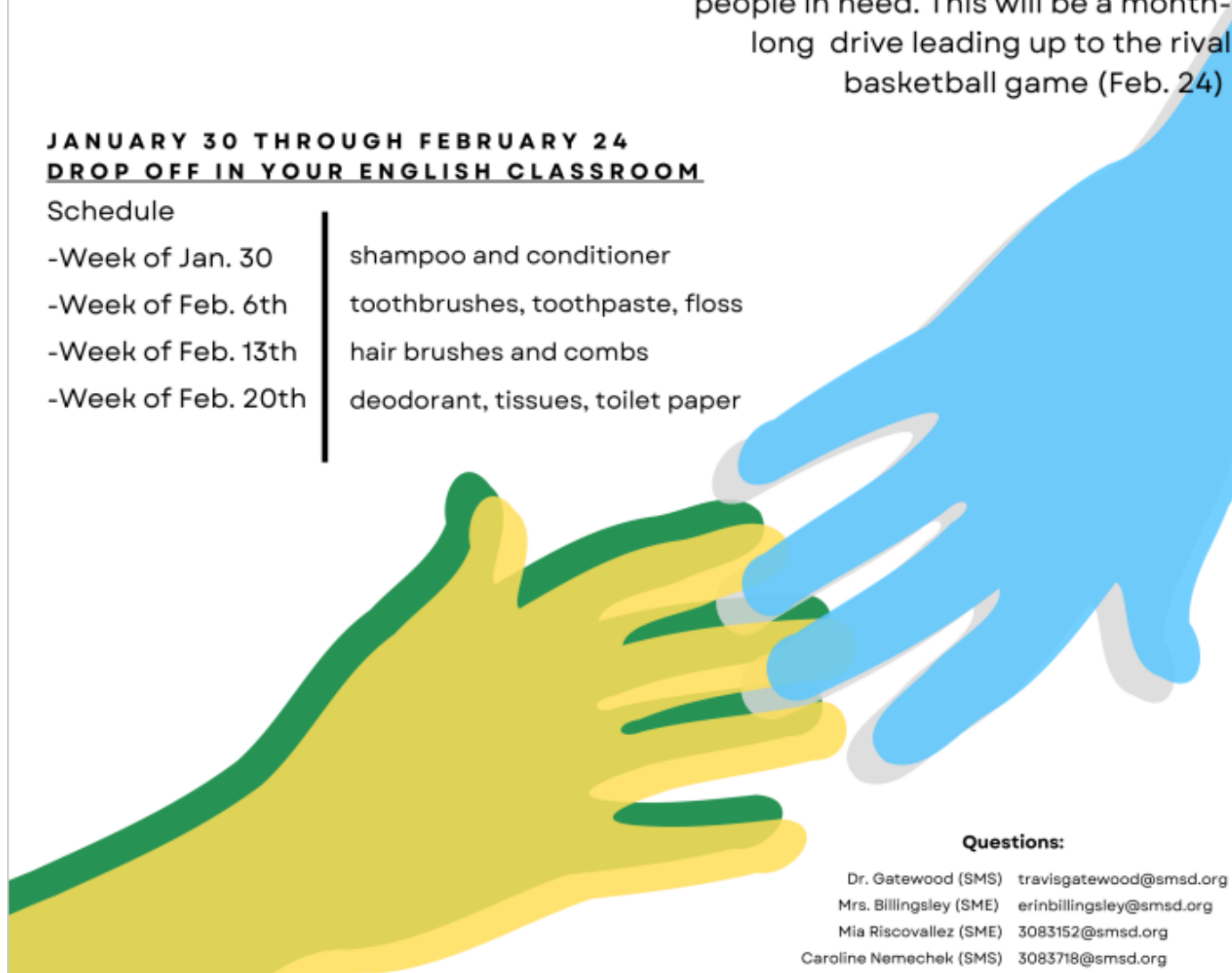
Help South beat East!

SME and SMS are **participating in a friendly competition** collecting hygiene products to donate to people in need. This will be a month-long drive leading up to the rival basketball game (Feb. 24)

JANUARY 30 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24
DROP OFF IN YOUR ENGLISH CLASSROOM

Schedule

-Week of Jan. 30	shampoo and conditioner
-Week of Feb. 6th	toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss
-Week of Feb. 13th	hair brushes and combs
-Week of Feb. 20th	deodorant, tissues, toilet paper



Questions:

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Caroline Nemechek (SMS) 3083718@smsd.org

SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar Jan. 30-Feb. 4, 2023

Access all SM South athletics and activity event calendar with real-time updates at www.sunflowerleague.org

Monday, January 30, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game	vs. Olathe North @ Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Olathe North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:00pm	Band & Orchestra Concert	
7:30pm	Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. Olathe North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. Olathe North @ Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 – BLOCKS 2 – Seminar – 4 – 6

3:00pm	Bowling: JV/Varsity Game	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Park Lanes
3:30pm	Swimming: Boys JV League	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Shawnee Mission Aquatic Center
3:30pm	Swimming: Boys JV League	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Summit Trail Middle School
3:45pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Olathe North @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Olathe North @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Olathe North @ Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Olathe North @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

Thursday, February 2, 2023 – Late Start - BLOCKS 2 – Advisory – 4 – 6

TBD	Swimming: Boys Varsity League	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Shawnee Mission Aquatic Center
3:00pm	Bowling: JV/Varsity Game	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Mission Bowl N'Olathe
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls C Team District	vs. SMNW @ S.M. Northwest Aux Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School

Friday, February 3, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

	Pacesetters Competition	@ Olathe Northwest
TBD	Swimming: Boys Varsity League	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Shawnee Mission Aquatic Center
TBD	Wrestling: Girls JV/Varsity League	vs. Olathe South @ Olathe South
4:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
4:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School

Saturday, February 4, 2023

[Pacesetters Competition](#)

@ Olathe Northwest

TBD

[Swimming: Boys Varsity League](#)

vs. Multiple Schools..@ Shawnee Mission Aquatic Center

TBD

[Wrestling: Boys JV/V League](#)

vs. Olathe South @ [Olathe South](#)

