Raider Family Focus











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

Travis Gatewood





Tweet of the Week!

Tony Econogov @TonyBudetti · 11h Our Categories team had a great time today! Feel free to watch the contest on the local @theSMSD channel. Love these awesome kids!

@SMSRaidersAD @SMSouthTDain



Follow Dr. Dain @SMSouthTDain

Travis Gatewood teaches English and AP Seminar at South and was nominated by his colleagues: "Mr. Gatewood has taken on the planning and teaching of the district's pilot of AP Seminar as well as the responsibility of leading the English Language Arts department. Mr. Gatewood works across the South attendance areas and across the district high schools in coordinating the ELA curriculum. Most importantly, Mr. Gatewood builds great relationships with students to support their learning in these rigorous classes." Thank you Mr. Gatewood for all you do for 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
JAN 13	JAN 14	JAN 15	JAN 16	JAN 17
Traditional Schedule	Traditional Schedule	Odd Block	Late Start - PLC	Traditional Schedule
			Even Block	
	7:00pm Father's Club			
	Meeting			
JAN 20	JAN 21	JAN 22	JAN 23	JAN 24
NO SCHOOL	Traditional Schedule	Odd Block	Late Start - PLC	Traditional Schedule
Martin Luther King Jr. Day			Even Block	
JAN 27	JAN 28	JAN 29	JAN 30	JAN 31
Traditional Schedule	Traditional Schedule	Odd Block	Late Start - PLC	Traditional Schedule
		Come Look at South	Even Block	
		Night 6:30pm		
FEB 3	FEB 4	FEB 5	FEB 6	FEB 7
Traditional Schedule	PTSA Meeting 8:30am	Odd Block	Late Start - PLC	Traditional Schedule
	Traditional Schedule	Parent Teacher	Even Block	
	Faculty Meeting	Conferences		
	7:00am or 2:55pm	5:00-8:00pm		
FEB 10	FEB 11	FEB 12	FEB 13	FEB 14
Traditional Schedule	Traditional Schedule	Odd Block	Late Start - PLC	Traditional Schedule
			Even Block	

2020 ACT TEST DATES & REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 22, 2020
July 18, 2020*	June 19, 2020	June 20-26, 2020







Respectful to Others Initiates Change School Pride Empowered Learner #RaidersRise 1 or less unexcused absences 1 or less tardies 90% attendance rate 0 discipline referrals No Fs



PURPOSE

Monthly reward raffle for qualifying students who help Raiders RISE above expectations and develop an accepting and safe culture.

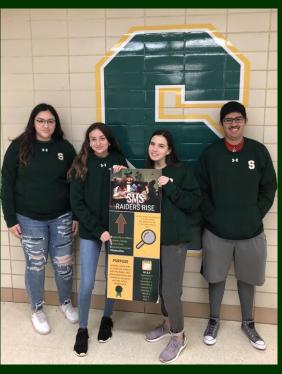
#RaidersRise





R.I.S.E

September 6
October 4
November 1
December 6
January 10
February 7
March 6
April 3
May 1



December
Raiders R.I.S.E.
Under Armour winners:
Natalie Spoonmore
Veronica Caballero
Grace Klein
Pedro Corona



#CultureWins



Follow SMS PTSA on Facebook at:

Shawnee Mission South PTSA

& Twitter: **@SMSRaiderPTSA**

Thank you in advance for your support!

JOIN US AT A MEETING!

PTSA meetings, held in the library, are a great way to get to know what is going on at South and updates from Dr. Dain and the PTSA board.



Here is the schedule:

Monday, Jan. 13 7:00pm *Project Graduation Meeting

• Tuesday, Feb. 4 8:30 am (coffee from Green Bean)

Wednesday, Mar. 4 7:00 pm

- *Shelby Rebeck, SMSD Director of Health Services will be our share a presentation regarding the dangers of Vaping.
- Tuesday, April 7 8:30 am (coffee from Green Bean)



Upcoming College Visits

To sign up, come see Mrs. Ross in Counseling

January

Tuesday, January 28 Friday, January 31

Pittsburg State University-9:30 Kansas State University-9:30

February

Wednesday, February 12 Washburn University-1:15

Counseling Department Class Codes for Google Classroom:		
Class of 2023 (9th grade)	x0ixyj2	
Class of 2022 (10th grade)	nxrp58	
Class of 2021 (11th grade)	ax6mno	
Class of 2020 (12th grade)	vx1qyy	

Reminders from the SOUTH Counseling Department

- Pre- ACT, PSAT, and Practice ACT results from the October National Testing Day will be returned to students in January. There was a slight delay beyond our control.
- 2020-2021 ENROLLMENT- Counselors will be visiting classrooms Jan 10-Feb 10th to work with students on course selections for next school year. More specifics to come in January via Family Focus & Parent Email.
 - O What can you do now to help your child(ren)?:
 - Please discuss future plans over winter break and view courses that align with your child's interests/aspirations. The program planning guide is a very useful tool.
 - <u>Program Planning Guide</u>
 <u>En Español- Programa de Estudios</u>
 - Have your child share their Xello Career Exploration activities with you and/or Skyward 4 year plan to spark conversations.
 - Use Student Skyward Graduation Requirements and 4 year planning links to help plan future course selections.
 - Visit SMSD's <u>CTE Pathways</u> and <u>CTE Internship Opportunities</u> to see if any of these opportunities interest your child.

ACT TEST PREP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Feb 18th (No School Day) @ SMW AM Session 7:30am-11:45am
 https://powerprepinc.com/shawnee-mission-school-district-february-2020-morning-class/
- Feb 18th @SMS PM Session 12:30-4:45pm https://powerprepinc.com/smsd-february-2020-afternoon-class/

Calling All Dads!!!

Shawnee Mission South FATHER'S CLUB

https://fathersclub.org/

Kickoff Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 7:00pm - SM South Band Room



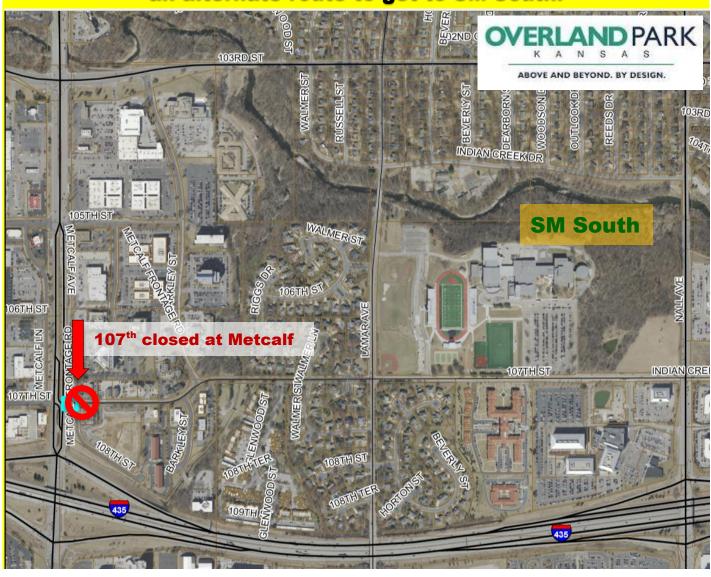
THE MISSION: The Father's Club is a dad-led, grassroots effort creating simple ways for dads to be intentional with their KIDS, with other DADS and within their COMMUNITY. With resolve, humility, and love, our mission is to be a catalyst for positive influence around the world.

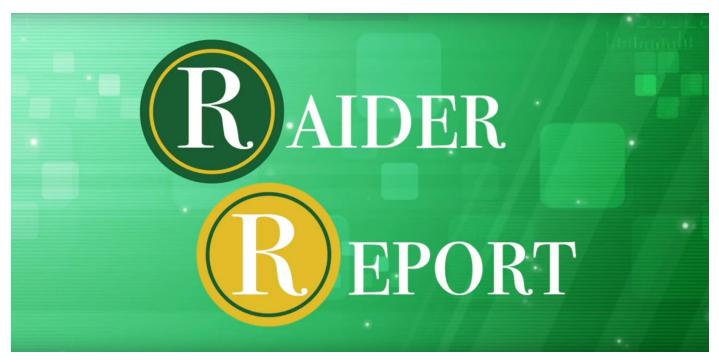




Starting Wednesday, January 15,

Overland Park will close 107th street at Metcalf to complete storm/sewer repair. Construction work is expected to last approximately 14 days. Busses and car riders will have to use an alternate route to get to SM South.





Raider Report for January 10, 2020:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1o8BZiqmX8



Ms. Hymer | College Adviser Announcements: January Checklist:

- Have you filed your FAFSA? It's not too late!
 - Filing the FAFSA is a good idea for any student that is planning on attending college.
 - It can provide grants, low-interest loans, and/or work study options that can help cover the cost of college.
 - The FAFSA takes many things into consideration: how many people in your family are currently in college, how many people are in your family, your family's ability to pay for college, etc.
 - I can help with your FAFSA! Feel free to schedule an appointment with me to get your FAFSA filed, or to answer any questions you may have.
 - Apply for scholarships! See below for specific scholarship opportunities coming up.
- If applicable, sign up for the February ACT by January 10th
 - Students enrolled in free or reduced lunch qualify for two ACT fee waivers.
 - Let me know if you need one.
- Continue visiting and applying to colleges

Mark Your Calendar:

- Friday, January 10th: Registration deadline for the February 8th ACT
- Friday, January 17th: Late registration deadline for the February 8th ACT
- Monday, January 20th: No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- FAFSA Help Events at MCC Maple Woods Computer Lab
 - o January 22nd and January 29th from 2:00-6:00pm;2601 NE Barry Rd. Kansas City, MO 64156
- College and Career Planning Event at Blue Valley Library
 - o Tuesday, February 18th from 6:00–7:30 PM at 9000 151st St. Overland Park, KS 66221
 - Community America Credit Union's College and Career Consultant Jason Anderson will discuss the college admissions and financial aid landscape.
 - Register here: https://www.jocolibrary.org/node/155653/register

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:

- Taco Bell Live Más Scholarship Deadline: January 23rd
 - Application link
- Greater Kansas City Community Foundation Scholarships Deadlines vary
 - Application link
- Hispanic Development Fund Scholarship Deadline: March 1st
 - Application Link
- Great Plains ACAC Student Scholarships Deadline: February 15th
 - Application link
- Kansas Board of Regents Scholarships Deadlines vary (Most either April 1st or May 1st)
 - Application link
- Check out this google doc for more scholarship opportunities:
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1J3I7ynJ-u7CZhomlQc5WAeKAqhWLoAtt8TmAWWqJU5k/htmlview

Scholarship Search Websites:

- Big Future College Board
- College Greenlight
- FastWeb

THIS IS YOUR OPENING

APPLICATIONS OPEN JAN. 1, DUE FEB. 28, 2020

TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- · Current 11th grader
- Homeschooled or attend a public, charter or private school in one of the six eligible counties (Kansas: Wyandotte, Johnson, Missouri: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte.)
- · Low- or modest-income
- 2.5 cumulative unweighted high school GPA OR at least a 16 on the ACT or at least an 800 on the SAT
- · Lawfully present in the United States or DACA eligible and DACA applied/approved

ADULT LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

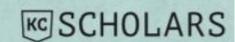
- Age 24 and up (as of August 31, 2020)
- Live in one of the six eligible counties (Kansas: Wyandotte, Johnson, Missouri: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte.)
- · Low- or modest-income
- Lawfully present in the Untied States OR either DACA eligible or DACA applied/approved
- Previously earned at least 12 college credits at an accredited, Title IV, postsecondary institution and has not earned a degree OR have previously earned an associate degree and will use the scholarship to earn a bachelor's degree
- Not enrolled in a postsecondary institution in Fall 2019

COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT/MATCH

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- · Current 9th Grader
- Homeschooled or attend a public, charter or private high school in one of the six eligible counties (Kansas: Wyandotte, Johnson. Missouri: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte.)
- · Low- or modest-income
- · 2.5 unweighted GPA in 9th grade
- U.S. citizen or resident alien with a verified permanent U.S. address and valid Social Security number or other taxpayer identification number.

LEARN MORE AT KCSCHOLARS.ORG



Updates From the Health Office January 2020

WELCOME BACK RAIDERS

Immunizations~~ If you are a Junior you must have the second Meningitis ACWY Vaccine after your 16th Birthday. We need all documentation in our office as soon as you receive your shot. *Our Exclusion date is January 17, 2020*

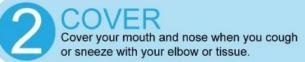


Staying Healthy~~ Raiders if you have been diagnosed with Flu you must be kept home for 5 days from the onset of your symptoms, or until you are fever free for 24 hrs. without the aid of medication, whichever is longer. (Please notify the nurse ASAP if this is you as we are keeping track and can communicate with your teachers)



gastrointestinal and respitory illness at this time of the year, we ask that you take precautions to prevent the spread of germs.

WASH
Wash your hands for at least 30 seconds (sing Happy Birthday twice) with soap and warm water.











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SAVE THE DATE



Community members, families, staff, and alumni are all invited to attend this special event.

>Taste food from different decades created by alumni guest chefs
>Enjoy student music and artwork
>Share a memory for SMSD Story Corps
>Tickets are \$10, make your reservation at bit.ly/smsd50

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 5 - 8 p.m. Center for Academic Achievement 8200 W. 71st Street



A Community Education Event

LGBTQ and You

Supporting our LGBTQ Youth

Learn from a panel of LGBTQ advocates and experts:

-what it means to be an ally to LGBTQ youth

-community resources

-ways to positively parent your LGBTQ youth

Westridge Middle School

Wednesday, January 22nd 6pm

RSVP here: bit.ly/smsdlgbtq

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support SM South Girls Basketball. Come in to the Chipotle at **6879 W. 91st Street** in Overland Park on **Tuesday, January 14th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to SM South Girls Basketball.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

SM South Activities Calendar January 13-18, 2020

Access all SM South athletics and activity event calendar with real-time updates at www.sunflowerleague.org
Monday, January 13, 2020 - TRADITIONAL

3:45pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Shawnee Mission South High School		
3:45pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman A Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Shawnee Mission South High School		
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Shawnee Mission South High School		
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Shawnee Mission South High School		
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Shawnee Mission South High School		
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Shawnee Mission South High School		
7:00pm	Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Shawnee Mission South High School		
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Shawnee Mission South High School		
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 - TRADITIONAL				
7:00am	National Honor Society Meeting	Cafeteria		
3:00pm	Bowling: JV/V Match	vs. Multiple Schools@ College Blvd. Lanes		
4:00pm	Swimming: Boys JV / V Triangular	vs. Multiple Schools @ Prairie Trail Middle		
7:00pm	SM South Father's Club Kickoff	@ SM South Band Room		
Wednesday,	January 15, 2020 – <mark>OD</mark>	D BLOCK		
5:00pm	Wrestling: JV / V Meet	vs. Blue Valley Northwest @ Blue Valley Northwest High School		
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Lansing @ Lansing High School		
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Lansing @ Lansing High School		
Thursday, January 16, 2020 - EVEN BLOCK - Late Start / Academic Support				
3:30pm	Bowling: JV / V Match	vs. Multiple Schools@ College Blvd. Lanes		
4:00pm	Swimming: Boys JV/ V Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-East @ SM Aquatic Center		
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. SME @ Shawnee Mission East High School		
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman A Game	vs. SME @ Shawnee Mission East High School		
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman B Game	vs. SME @ Shawnee Mission East High School		

Friday, January 17, 2020 - TRADITIONAL

4:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. SME @ <u>Shawnee Mission East High School</u>
4:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. SME @ Shawnee Mission East High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. SME @ Shawnee Mission East High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. SME @ Shawnee Mission East High School
6:00pm	Middle School Dance - Orchestra	Cafeteria
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. SME @ Shawnee Mission East High School

Saturday, January 18, 2020 - TRADITIONAL

9:00am	Wrestling: JV Invitational	vs. Shawnee Mission-Northwest @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
9:00am	Wrestling: Varsity Duals	vs. Blue Valley West @ Blue Valley West





