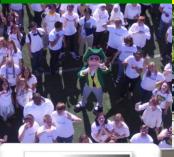
Raider Family Focus











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









SMS Yearbook @smsheritage · 1d ---Two big deals coming up next week —
picture day retakes (12/16) & senior tribute
deadline (12/18)!

Check the announcements course card in Canvas for more information about both of these things. If you have questions, contact @tlovejournalism and he can help you out.







Follow Dr. Dain on Twitter@SMSouthTDain Instagram@SMSouthTDain

Fabiola Young serves as our ELL aide and was nominated by a colleague: "Ms. Young has helped my four fifth hour ELL students by leaps-and-bounds since the first month after school started. Being remote students and having a language barrier, they had all but given up in the first month, and she stepped in when she didn't have to, has attended every single one of my classes since then, worked with them separately in Webex breakout rooms, and communicated with me via email and Webex so that we are on the same page to help them be successful. It has been pretty stressful trying to create a classroom community, develop relationships with students, and tackle parent surveillance of Webex meetings with virtual learning, and she is a bright light in it all. She is so nice, positive, and patient!" *Email Dr. Dain to nominate a South staff member for the Hard Hat Hero Award*

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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*We will follow the remote learning schedule through the rest of the semester which concludes on Friday, Janauary 22, 2021

2020-21 Remote Learning Bell Schedule

Remote Learning Schedule (100% of students attending every day)

- Students will attend each class 3 times each week
- Hours 1-4 will meet on Mondays, Wednesday, & Fridays
- Hours 5-7 will meet on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

Hour 1 7:40–9:10 (90 minute period)

Hour 2 9:15–10:45 (90 minute period)

Hour 3 10:50-12:20 (90 minute class)

Lunch 12:20-12:50 (30 minutes)

Hour 4 1:10–2:40 (90 minute period)

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Hour 5 7:40–9:10 (90 minute period)

Hour 6 9:15–10:45 (90 minute period)

Hour 7 10:50-12:20 (90 minute class)

Lunch 12:20-12:50 (30 minutes)

Seminar 1:10–2:40 (90 minute period)

FRIDAY

Hour 1 7:40–8:30 (50 minutes)
Hour 2 8:35–9:25 (50 minutes)
Hour 3 9:30–10:20 (50 minutes)
Hour 4 10:25–11:15 (50 minutes)
Hour 5 11:20-12:10 (50 minutes)

LUNCH 12:15–12:40 (30 minutes)

Hour 6 12:55 - 1:45 (50 minutes) Hour 7 1:50–2:40 (50 minutes)



Support Your Student During Remote Learning

- Check In check in with your child on how they are feeling emotionally and how their stress levels are
- Focus on Skills ask them what skills they are learning or what they are reading in their classes
- Praise Effort find small successes and let them know their effort is noticed even if their answers are not always right
- Set Routines help them to set routines and systems to help them be successful
- Encourage Socially Distanced Learning encourage them to set up study groups or check ins with their friends online
- Support help them find audiobook if needed, sit and quiz them on vocabulary or other content

More Info Here: https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/keeping-kids-motivated-for-online-learning

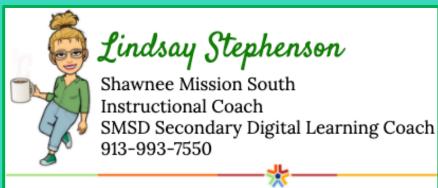
Study Tool for Students



An app that automatically turns your notes into review quizzes, flashcards, and assignments.

Check out https://knowt.io/

Students can upload their class notes and it will make automated quizzes to help them study! It is a program designed and run by college students and completely free



Parent Digital Learning Supports				
Environment	 Create a quiet learning space with limited distractions. Have supplies (pencils, pens, headphones, paper) available in the learning space. 			
Organization	 Structure time that works with your home. Stay flexible. Work in <u>Brain Breaks</u> every 15 minutes. Have kids get exercise, movement and fresh air. Create screen time breaks. Provide choices for students in their work order 			
Technology	 Canvas - communication Google Drive Tips for At Home Webex - communication Video Conferencing Tips Digital Citizenship Review Internet Access 			
Curriculum	 Have your student read daily Priority Standards Online Annotation - Highlighter Add On Google Docs 			
Feedback and Support	 Check in with teachers Feedback Tips Allow students privacy when they are online with class meetings 			
Resources	 Reading Comprehension Support Math Support: IXL, Kahn Academy Grammarly 			



Citizenship Writing Contest! Due December 15th

(Poem or Essay) Theme: "Caring For My Community Looks Like..."

Entry form & rules at smac-pta.org

Questions Contact: Marlene bmridge@icloud.com





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<u>College Advisor:</u> Ms. Hymer serves as our college adviser here at Shawnee Mission South and is available to assist all students as they plan for life after high school. She can assist with ACT registration, college applications, scholarships, financial aid, and much more. You can contact her at <u>mclainhymer@smsd.org</u> or 913-993-7529.

McLain Hymer (she/her/hers) College Adviser | Kansas State College Advising Corps Shawnee Mission South | 913-993-7529 | @SMSMsHymer

- Juniors- Free ACT and/or ACT WorkKeys registration is open in the STUDENT's skyward online forms. Registration deadline is next Friday, Nov. 20th. Exam is Feb 23rd @ SMS.
- Class of 2024 Free T-shirts for remote students are available for pick up outside the counseling center in the back of the building Nov 16-Nov20th 7am-3:30pm. In Person students received their Tshirts this past week during seminar. Inform your seminar teacher if you were absent and would like a free Class of 2024 T-shirt.
- Nov 19-Nov 30th will be the window to choose your student's learning mode for 2nd semester. Be on the lookout for more information from the district.
- YouScience is coming soon to all students. The power of YouScience lies in performance measure
 of aptitudes and ability to connect natural talent with in-demand careers. Students will receive their
 log in information soon. https://smsouth.smsd.org/students/counseling/youscience
- Johnson County Mental Health Center is working to reduce barriers for individuals in need of mental health services. JoCo Covid Relief Funds
- In need of some help? Fill out the <u>Family Assistance Request Form</u> or simply call 913-993-7530 to talk with a social worker.
- Do you have a senior? Do you have questions about college applications, scholarships, and/or FAFSA? Contact our college advisor Miss Hymer @mclainhymer@smsd.og
- Are you Moving? Please fill out the <u>SMS Withdrawal Form</u>
- All transcript requests for current students must be requested through the student's Xello account. Visit Transcript Requests on our SMS Counseling website for a step by step tutorial.
- Visit <u>Johnson County Mental Health Center</u> and <u>Johnson County Family Resources</u> for family/adolescent support.
- As always, in the case of a mental health emergency call 911.

<u>Social Workers:</u> South has 2 School Social Workers available to support your student's mental health. Johanna Fredenberg works with students with the last name A-K and Erin Burvee works with students with last name L-Z. We are here to support your student's mental wellness!

Visit Johnson County Mental Health Center and Johnson County Family Resources for family/adolescent support.

Upcoming Virtual College Visits

College visits are virtual for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in attending a specific virtual visit, please contact Mrs. Ross, Counseling Secretary, at christinaross@smsd.org.

December

Tuesday, December 15 Thursday, December 17 University of Missouri, Kansas City-1:10

New York Film Academy-1:10

February

Tuesday, February 9

Emporia State University-1:10

INTERACT CLUB

Looking for ways to give back this holiday season?

The Interact Club is partnering with **SMS PLS** to donate stuffed animals and holiday treats to refugee children from NC4 Youth Organization and Wayside Waifs.

Join us in bringing some holiday cheer by doing the following:

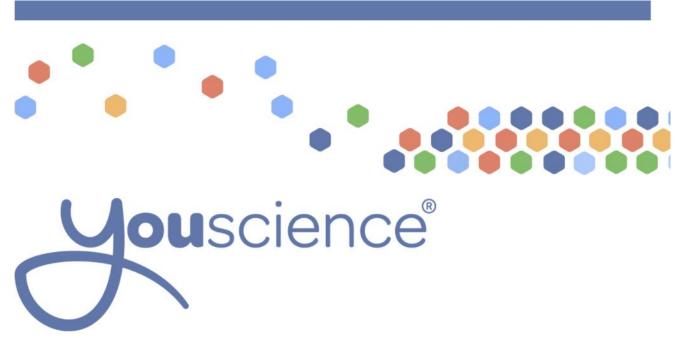
- Craft or buy holiday cards for children
- Donate a small box of hot chocolate, cookies, etc. for children
- Donate homemade or store bought dog treats for Wayside Waifs





For more information, please contact Kelly Lillis in the counseling office. kellylillis@smsd.org





KSMS YouScience video:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgi84gLrNjQ

Students in seventh through 12th grade will be involved in generating their individual **YouScience Profile**. YouScience is a researched-based tool with a goal to identify your student's interests and aptitudes and connect them with in-demand careers. Through a series of scientific-based assessments, YouScience uncovers your student's natural talents, then combines those aptitude measures with interests to generate their specific profile. High school student exercises will take 90 minute and be done in five-15-minute segments over two to three days. The scientific-based assessments will include exercises related to a variety of focus areas such as numerical reasoning, vocabulary, interpersonal style, etc.

 An overview of YouScience may be seen on Canvas here: https://smsd.instructure.com/courses/22427 or on the district website here: https://www.smsd.org/academics/stu-rs/youscience

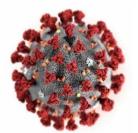
Your student's profile will provide powerful and actionable insight that can be applied to their academics. There is also practical information, like what they can expect to get paid for a specific profession. The profile includes:

- Your Aptitudes
- Best Career Fits
- Essay & Resume Help
- Find a College

Your student's YouScience Profile will travel with them throughout their SMSD career. Depending when they begin the process, they may take the tests again, for example a seventh-grade student would retake the assessments in high school. YouScience is funded through a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and is part of our strategic plan to prepare every student for college and career. Please contact our counseling office at 913.993.7530 with questions.

Updates From the Health Office December 2020

Raiders~~ Stay Safe and Healthy~~ Remote classes until January 2021



COVID~~ There are a number of free testing resources available across Kansas City; I wanted to share these in case you know someone who may need a test. Each of these is free, but all require registration. If you don't see any appointments available keep checking – there are often cancelations. Please Note: If you are Staff or Student of SMSD, contact your school nurse as we offer free drive up testing at school.

Free tests are available through these organizations – registration is needed:

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (if you live or work in Johnson

County): https://jocogov.org/schedule-covid-19-test

Come Back KC (lists locations all across the metro):

https://www.comebackkc.com/testing-events/

CVS~ Walgreens~ Primary Care Provider

Remember to test using **PCR** not Antigen or Rapid tests as SMSD does not recognize a Negative Antigen test.

WE STILL NEED Immunizations~~ Remember as you receive your immunizations please make sure that the Health office gets a copy so we can update your records~~~ **Juniors** you should have received your Meningitis Vaccine after your 16th Birthday, if not get them done and turn in a copy to us. All Immunization updates can be faxed to 913-993-1474 or emailed to soyork@smsd.org

Keeping our Community Safe

We have asked members of the Shawnee Mission School District community (students and staff) to avoid participating in large gatherings, particularly where mask and social-distancing guidelines are not being followed. We are seeing cases rise in our community and want to do all we can to keep our students and staff safe and healthy. **Thank you for doing your part.**



Call 913-993-7516 or Email soyork@smsd.org with any of your COVID questions or concerns.

BETTERING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Shawnee Mission South DECA

To learn more about mental health, and what you could do to help yourself or your kids, visit: <u>www.nimh.nih.gov</u>

3057130esmsd.org, 3069631esmsd.org, 3073957esmsd.org

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273 TALK (8255) or Text 741741 Johnson County Mental Health 24 hr. Crises Line – 913-268-0156 Call 911

If you would like to speak to someone at school because you believe your child is experiencing mental health issues, here are good resources: Johanna Fredenberg -SMS Social Worker (sofredenesmsd.org)

Erin Burvee -SMS Social Worke (erinburveeasmsd.org

BY ANNIE DONOVAN, LUCY FOLEY, ANNKA LOWLAND
Also if you are interested in helping with our research, contact us at:

WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH?

*a person's condition with regard to their psychological and emotional well-being.

Mental health can be affected by feeling pressured, stress, loneliness, and any changes in day-to-day life. We are researching ways to improve students, parents, and teachers mental health. With the unprecedented times, we wanted to inform everyone of the risks and effects of mental health, as well as tips to overcome personal difficulties.



TIPS

- Journal
 - Writing down how you are feeling can help let out your emotions
- Meditation
 - Meditation can help you find a moment of silence and relaxation in your day
- Maintain a daily routine
 - Keeping a pattern in your schedule helps cut down on stress.
- Get involved
 - Join a club or sport at schoo
 - $\circ~$ Join a virtual club to stay safe at home
- Talk to someone you trust
 - Counselor/teacher
 - Parent/guardian
 - Therapist

STATSTICS

- More than 11% of adolescents and teens report experiencing at least one major depressive episode in the last year, and the numbers continue to climb
- 50% of mental health issues are established by the age of 14, and 75% by age 24.
- Worldwide, 15-23% of children live with a parent with a mental illness. These children have up to 50% chance of developing a mental illness





2020-21 Heritage Yearbook

The 2021 yearbook plans to cover all aspects of student life — whether online at home, or inperson at SM South. Don't miss out on a historic book, chronicling the 2020-2021 school year. The yearbook staff are encouraging families to purchase their yearbook online this year, using a credit card and avoiding any cash or check transactions in an effort to limit traffic at school and create a zero-contact situation. If you do not purchase your yearbook during online fee payment, you may purchase one with a credit card over the phone with the bookkeeper until **December 11**. You also have the option to purchase your yearbook using a credit card at www.balfour.com starting September 8. Choose YEARBOOKS, search for Shawnee Mission South and follow the website prompts. There is a \$1.00 service fee if you choose to purchase through Balfour.com.

After December 11, the only way to purchase your yearbook is through Balfour.com. The cost of the yearbook goes up to \$60 starting January 1 so purchase your copy early! If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact yearbook adviser, Tucker Love at (913) 993-7605. (This email was sent to all students and parents. Please disregard this message if you have already purchased a 2021 yearbook.)

Picture make-ups and retakes Wednesday, December 16 ~ 3:30-6:30pm

The SM South picture make-up day will be **Wednesday**, **December 16**th from 3:30 6:30. We will be utilizing a Sign-Up Genius to schedule student's attendance. If time slots for the picture day fill up, we will expand the time frame to 3:30–7:30.

The 400+ students who did not have a picture taken during our October picture days will receive an email on November 30th. This email will include information to sign up for a picture day time slot. These students will have a week to sign up for a time before students requesting a picture retake gain access to the

Students who wish to have a RETAKE picture done — meaning, you had a picture taken in October and would like to have a new one taken — will receive the information to sign up for a picture day time slot on December 7th.

Students will be required to wear a mask over their mouth and nose in order to enter the school building. They will wear their mask until their photographer instructs them to take it off for their picture. Once the picture is taken, students must put their mask back on before exiting. Any student not wearing a mask or refuses to wear a mask correctly will not be allowed to enter the building. Physical distancing measures will be in place in order to keep students separated. Adult staff will be present and signs will be posted to help direct students to the spaces they need to go to and keep them distanced. We request that parents and guardians do not come in with their students in order to minimize the number of people inside the building and the picture taking location. If you must come in, you will also be required to wear a mask over your mouth and nose.

More information will be shared as location details are finalized. Questions should be directed to student publications adviser Tucker Love via email, tuckerlove152@smsd.org.

Need Help Paying for Internet?

The COVID-19 pandemic has made internet access more important than ever. If you need internet access for work, school, job seeking, or accessing services, we may be able to help.

This program is open to people who live in the greater KC region. It is only open to households with limited incomes.

It can help you:

- Find affordable internet service
- · Pay off an old balance
- · Get caught up on your current internet service
- · Pay for internet service for six months

Funds are limited. Apply Now!

Call 816-200-0599, visit https://kcconnect.me or scan this code with your mobile device.

Some restrictions apply.



Please note there are a limited number of funds available and applications must be received and processed prior to **December 31, 2020**. Please direct questions about the program to KC Digital Drive at help@kcconnect.me.

To apply you need to complete a short online form. As part of that application, you will need two documents: 1) a copy of your Free/Reduced Cost School Lunch qualification letter and 2) a copy of your latest internet bill (if you currently have service and want to keep that service).

If you don't have a copy of the qualification letter, please call the District Food Services Department at 913-993-9710 and request a copy. If you have not applied for free/reduced meals this year and would like to do so, you may also call the District Food Services Department to complete the free/reduced meal application. This link will take you to the IASP form: https://www.kcconnect.me/smsd



WATCH RAIDER ATHLETICS ALL YEAR LONG!!

Watch the RAIDERS on the NFHS Network! The NFHS Network is your home for LIVE Shawnee Mission South athletics.

Get unlimited access to watch all RAIDER events this year on the NFHS Network. We've invested in new technology that will bring you every game (VARSITY THRU SUB VARSITY) from our field and gym LIVE.

Full access to ALL content on the Network:

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Watch from anywhere







Subscription Options for Raider Fans

Annual Pass-\$69.99 Month Pass- \$10.99/month

Visit www.NFHSnetwork.com - Search for Shawnee Mission South High School, then Subscribe and Follow

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by Joining us for a fundraiser to support Shawnee Mission South Project Graduation. Come in to the Chipotle at **6879 W 91st St** in Overland Park on **Tuesday**, **December 15th** 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 Shawnee Mission South Project Graduation.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code N6AED6X before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



MADNESS GIVES BACK!

DINE WITH US SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

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THE MUSIC DEPARTMENTS ARE COLLECTING FUNDS TO HELP OUT SOUTH STUDENTS IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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THROUGH DECEMBER 17
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Scan the QR Code at left to view the digital graduation product brochure!

balfourkc.com

SM South Athetics Calendar December 14-19, 2020

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

Monday, December 14, 2020 -BLOCKS 1-2-3-4

Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Spring Hill
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Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Spring Hill
Basketball: Boys Freshman A Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Spring Hill
Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. Spring Hill @ Spring Hill
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Tuesday, December 15, 2020 - BLOCKS 5-6-7-Seminar Wednesday, December 16, 2020 - BLOCKS 1-2-3-4

3:30pm	Swimming: Boys JV / V Triangular	vs. Multiple Schools@ <u>SM Aquatic Center</u>
6:00pm	Wrestling: JV / V Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Thursday, December 17, 2020 -BLOCKS 5-6-7-Seminar Friday, December 18, 2020 - 7 Period Schedule

TBD	Wrestling: Varsity Classic	vs. TBA @ TBA
3:30pm	Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. Olathe West @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym
3:45pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Olathe West @ Olathe West High School
4:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman A Game	vs. Olathe West @ Olathe West High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Olathe West @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman B Game	vs. Olathe West @ Olathe West High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Olathe West @ Olathe West High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Olathe West @ Olathe West High School
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Olathe West @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym

Saturday, December 19, 2020

10:00am Wrestling: Varsity Classic

vs. Multiple Schools @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School





