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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 Theatre @smsouththeatre · 1d
Thanks for coming to Stocking Stuffers!!
We're already dreaming about our next
production, and here's the cast list!
Congratulations to all! Almost, Maine
coming to Shawnee Mission South in
February 2021!







Follow Dr. Dain on Twitter@SMSouthTDain Instagram@SMSouthTDain

Leslie Selzer teaches Math at South and was nominated by her colleagues: "Mrs. Selzer shows a deep concern for all of her students, and has taken time beyond the school day to communicate both with them and their families on how they can be successful in her classes. Mrs. Selzer has been committed to high levels of engagement with her Engineering Design students and has overcome some recent technological challenges to promote their learning and the production of their projects. The students and families at South are fortunate to have Mrs. Selzer as an advocate for their academic success!"

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

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DEC 28	DEC 29	DEC 30	DEC 31	JAN 1
NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
JAN 4 NO SCHOOL Professional Development	JAN 5 Block 5-6-7-Seminar	JAN 6 Block 1-2-3-4	JAN 7 Block 5-6-7-Seminar	JAN 8 Block 1-2-3-4
JAN 11 Block 1-2-3-4	JAN 12 Block 5-6-7-Seminar	JAN 13 Block 1-2-3-4	JAN 14 Block 5-6-7-Seminar	JAN 15 7 -Period Day
JAN 18	JAN 19 Block 5-6-7-Seminar	JAN 20 Block 1-2-3-4	JAN 21	JAN 22 Block 1-2-3-4
MLK Day	Block 5-6-7-Seminar	BIOCK 1-2-3-4	Block 5-6-7-Seminar	End of Semester 1
JAN 25	JAN 26	JAN 27	JAN 28	JAN 29
NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day	Block 5-6-7-Seminar 2 nd Semester Begins	Block 1-2-3-4	Block 5-6-7-Seminar	Block 1-2-3-4
FEB 1	FEB 2	FEB 3	FEB 4	FEB 5
Block 1-2-3-4	Block 5-6-7-Seminar	Block 1-2-3-4	Block 5-6-7-Seminar	7 -Period Day
FEB 8	FEB 9	FEB 10	FEB 11	FEB 12
Block 1-2-3-4	Block 5-6-7-Seminar	Block 1-2-3-4	Block 5-6-7-Seminar	7 -Period Day
FEB 15	FEB 16	FEB 17	FEB 18	FEB 19
NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	NO SCHOOL Professional Development	Block 1-2-3-4	Block 5-6-7-Seminar	7 -Period Day
FEB 22	FEB 23 Kansas ACT Test	FEB 24	FEB 25	FEB 26
Block 1-2-3-4	Block 5-6-7-Seminar	Block 1-2-3-4	Block 5-6-7-Seminar	7 -Period Day

*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

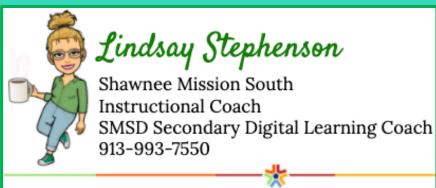
Study Tool for Students



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 			



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

<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.

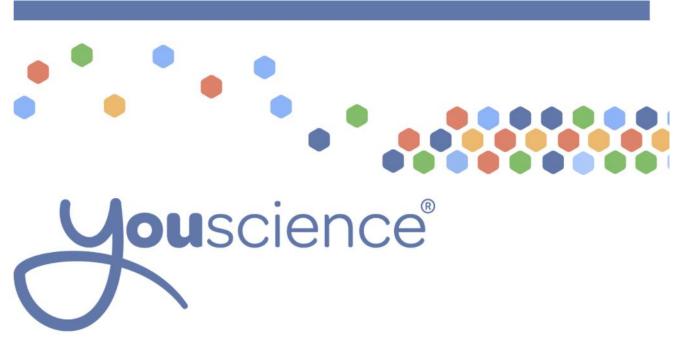
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE SMS STUDENT SERVICES CENTER. HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE WINTER BREAK!

- All transcript requests for current students must be requested through the student's Xello account.
 Visit <u>Transcript Requests on our SMS Counseling website</u> for a step by step tutorial. The counseling office will be closed from Dec 23rd Jan 4th. Requests must be submitted prior to noon on the 22nd to be sent prior to winter break.
- 2nd Semester Scheduling has begun. If you wish to change from an Honors course to a regular course please email your counselor. Schedules will be viewable to students on Jan 13th.
- If your student will not be returning to SMS for 2nd semester please fill out the <u>SMS Withdrawal</u> Form or call 993-7530 to withdraw.
- SMS will host an ACT PowerPrep course on Feb 16th for interested students. Cost is
 \$55 Registration will open after winter break. www.Powerprepinc.com
- 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.org
- 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.



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-19 COVID-19 testing information for Winter Break

There will be no testing done by the school district over winter break, if you need a place to get a PCR test for free, please go to https://www.gogettested.com/kansas to book an appointment. They have hundreds of same day appointments Monday-Saturday available at 3 JOCO locations and more are being added all the time. This website also has listings for other testing sites across the state. These are all approved by KDHE and are PCR tests which is the only test the district accepts.



Another place to be tested is at the JOCO health department in Olathe. To book an appointment there go to https://www.jocogov.org/schedule-covid-19-test

The school nurses and COVID team are <u>not</u> working over winter break, December 23rd to January 3rd. If you have questions about COVID please call the JOCO Health Department COVID hotline at 913-715-2819.

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 sovork@smsd.org

The Health Office is closed for break, will be back open January 4th 2021.

Call 913-993-7516 or email soyork@smsd.org with any questions or concerns and we will get back to you on January 4th, 2021.



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>

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 Work (erinburvee@smsd.org

BY ANNIE DONOVAN, LUCY FOLEY, ANNKA LOWLAND

Also if you are interested in helping with our research, contact us at: 3057130@smsd.org, 3069631@smsd.org, 3073957@smsd.org

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



- 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





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

RAIDER WINTER SURVIVAL KITS

ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT AND SUPPORT PROJECT GRADUATION

Fall semester is flying by, and that means that the end of the semester is right around the corner.

Project Graduation has the perfect item to help your student finish strong:

We are offering the RAIDER WINTER SURVIVAL KIT for \$10 per student. The kit will be delivered right to the doorstep of your son or daughter at their house a few days before the end of the semester. The kit is

loaded with fun and helpful items such as snacks, crackers, candy, and other surprises to help reduce stress and uplift spirits.

Send your own note. Personal message is included! Best of all, included in this kit is your own personal note to your student. We will attach your special message to your student's survival kit—all you have to do is complete the form below. Order one for each of your students, and include younger siblings (K-8), too! Simply copy this form and return them together.

Send cash or a check along with your order form to:

Anne Justine Morris 5519 W. 101st Street Overland Park, KS 66207

ORDER DEADLINE is Wednesday, January 6
Checks payable to SMS Project Graduation

STUDENT'S NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
ADDRESS:	
PARENT'S PHONE:	EMAIL:
SPECIAL MESSAGE TO STUDENT:	



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:

- All of your school's live and on-demand sports broadcasts
- All other sporting events from around the Nation





Watch from anywhere







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Month Pass- \$10.99/month

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SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- Up to \$10,000/year paid directly to the college, renewable for up to five years
- · Required to complete GPA and graduate requirements in senior year of high school
- At least 250 awards
- · Enroll full-time in college in Fall 2022

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Current 11th grader
- Be home-schooled or attend a public, charter, or private high school in one of the six eligible counties (Kansas: Johnson, Wyandotte. 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
- Be lawfully present in the U.S. or DACA eligible and DACA applied/approved

NETWORK OF COLLEGES

- Avila University
- Baker University
- Donnelly College
- Johnson County
 Community College
- Kansas City Art Institute
- Kansas City Kansas
 Community College
- Kansas State
 University
- Lincoln University
- Metropolitan
 Community College

- Park University
- Rockhurst University
- University of Central Missouri
- University of Kansas
- University of Missouri-Columbia
- University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Western Governors University
- William Jewell College

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(9TH GRADERS) APPLY 1/1/21 - 2/26/21





SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- Up to 250 9th graders will be selected for the College Savings Match program
- · Eligible to earn 1:1 match on college savings, not to exceed \$1,000, AND up to \$400 available for achieving college-ready milestones during high school
- · Match and incentives earnings will be paid directly to the college, in a one-time payment the first semester of college

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- · Low- or modest-income
- · 2.5 cumulative unweighted high school 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

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- Avila Universitu
- Baker University
- Donnelly College
- Johnson County Community College
- Kansas City Art Institute
- Kansas City Kansas Community College
- Kansas State University
- Lincoln University
- Metropolitan Community College

- Park University
- Rockhurst University
- University of Central Missouri
- University of Kansas
- University of Missouri-Columbia
- University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Western Governors University
- William Jewell College

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SM South Athetics Calendar Dec. 23, 2020 - Jan. 9, 2021

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

December 23-January 3 – Winter Break

Monday, January 4, 2021 - No School - Professional Development

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 -BLOCKS 5-6-7-Seminar

Wednesday, January 6, 2021-BLOCKS 1-2-3-4

Thursday, January 7, 2021 -BLOCKS 5-6-7-Seminar

Friday, January 8, 2021 -BLOCKS 1-2-3-4

3:30pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission North High School
4:00pm	Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission South Main Gym
5:00pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission North High School
5:15pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman A Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission North High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission South Main Gym
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman B Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission North High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission North High School

Saturday, January 9, 2021

9:00am <u>Wrestling: Varsity Quad</u>

vs. ON, BVN, SHHS @ Shawnee Mission South High School





