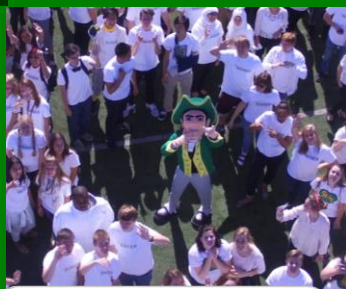


SM SOUTH



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

Lindsay Stephenson



Tweet of the Week!

You Retweeted



Theresa Love @TLoveEDU · 5d

Shawnee Mission South keeping us "safe and stylish!" Thank You!! #theSMSD #SMSouth #RaiderPride



Follow Dr. Dain @SMSouthTDain

Lindsay Stephenson serves as our instructional coach at SM South and Digital Learning Coach for the District. She was nominated by her colleagues: "Lindsay has spent countless hours dedicated to training teachers across the district prepare for online learning platforms. She is so committed to helping anyone and everyone who needs help. So much of her time has been diverged to teachers across the district, but she always makes time for us at South! Thank you Mrs. Stephenson for making this difficult transition easier for all of us!"

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

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUG 31 Building OPEN by appointment Only	SEPT 1 Building OPEN by appointment Only	SEPT 2 Building OPEN by appointment Only	SEPT 3 Building OPEN by appointment Only	SEPT 4 Building OPEN by appointment Only
SEPT 7 LABOR DAY	SEPT 8 1st Day of School Grade 9 & 12 Only 7 -Period Day	SEPT 9 1st Day of School All grades Block 1-2-3-4	SEPT 10 Block 5-6-7-Seminar	SEPT 11 7 -Period Day
SEPT 14 Block 1-2-3-4	SEPT 15 Block 5-6-7-Seminar	SEPT 16 Block 1-2-3-4	SEPT 17 Block 5-6-7-Seminar	SEPT 18 7 -Period Day

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)
 CHECK IN 12:55-1:05 (10 minute period)
 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)
 CHECK IN 12:55-1:05 (10 minute period)
 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)
 CHECK IN 12:40-12:50 (10 minutes)
 Hour 6 12:55 - 1:45 (50 minutes)
 Hour 7 1:50–2:40 (50 minutes)



Student Schedules: Administrators and counselors are making adjustments to our master schedule to create sections for learners in our remote and in-person models. We will make schedule changes and provide as many options to students as possible. We will reach out to students and families to adjust electives as needed. This requires numerous changes; therefore, the UPDATED schedules will not be available in Skyward until the process is completed. Whether you are in the remote learning model or in-person model, this resource includes answers to many questions. We are still making last minute adjustments with scheduling and staffing to meet the needs of our students. We are targeting **September 4th** to have all schedules and rosters ready to go for our first day of school on September 8th.

Device Distribution Update: SM South began distribution of new laptops to our students this past week. In order to start laptop distribution, schedules and rosters need to be “turned on” in the Skyward system. Normally, this would not be a problem, as those schedules and rosters would have been completed and entered, but as you know we are working on a different timeline than usual for the start of school. **Please Note: Although rosters and schedules may be visible in Skyward, please know they are NOT correct, and could easily change between now and the start of school.**

Technology Support: If you have not already, please save the Student Technology Support link below as it will direct you to helpful information and be a reference when troubleshooting your MacBook during remote instruction. [Student Tech Support Reference](#)

MacBook Start Up Helper Issues: Is start up helper preventing students from using their device? Here are the directions to fix it. [Fixing Start up Helper](#)

Returning SMSD Students with a MacBook: If you are a returning SMSD student and currently have a computer, please make sure you update your computer to the latest software: macOS Catalina. Currently, we have over 1,000 students who have not updated. The link for directions to update: [Updating your Mac to macOS Catalina](#)

Canvas Learning Management System (LMS): The district has adopted Canvas, an LMS that will allow students to manage all of their respective class expectations, assignments, feedback and grades. This will be the one place students will go for course information. Once school opens, you will set-up your account. Teachers will provide instructions on how to navigate each of their classes in Canvas. Here is a link to a Canvas webpage with an overview video of what Canvas looks like from the student view: [Canvas Video](#).



Download Webex Teams and WebEx Meetings: SMSD classes will use Webex products for video conferences and classes this school year. ZOOM is not supported by district for a variety of reasons. Open up **Manager** on your MacBook and then select Webex Meeting and Webex Teams to initiate the download. There are more WebEx tutorials below:

WebEx meetings for students: [Quick Start Guide for Students - Webex](#)

<https://www.webex.com/content/dam/webex/eopi/assets/education/EducationK12StudentWebexMeetingsQSG.pdf>

Webex Meetings Quick Start Guide for Students Join a class virtually: 01. Select the Join button on the Cisco Webex Meetings notification a few minutes before class or the meeting will start. 02. The join button appears up to 15 minutes. www.webex.com

WebEx teams for students: [Quick Start Guide for Students - Webex](#)

<https://www.webex.com/content/dam/webex/eopi/assets/education/EducationK12StudentTeamsMeetingsQSG.pdf>

Trying to remember a past assignment or due date? Find People, Spaces, Messages, and Files: 01. Click Search. 02. Enter the keyword of what you're looking for. www.webex.com

WebEx for parents: [Webex FAQ for Parents](#)

<https://www.webex.com/content/dam/webex/eopi/assets/education/parentimage1.pdf>

What is Webex? Webex is a tool we will use to bring video conferencing into the classroom. Webex Teams is a communication app students and teachers will use. www.webex.com

Payment / Registration 20-21: Due to COVID 19, we will NOT host a Registration Day. Most students including freshman will already have their laptops and we will plan to take their yearbook/ID photos upon their return to school. Families are strongly encouraged to pay fees online. With the delayed start and 2 different learning options, all fees will be adjusted accordingly, so pending board approval, the target date for the online fee payment portal to go live as soon as all schedules are finalized..... **hopefully on September 4.**

Given current health guidance, we are only able to accept fee payments remotely. Families will have 3 options for paying fees:

- 1) Register/Pay online: www.smsd.org/families/pay-fees
- 2) Mail-in your payment along with registration form on the following page.
- 3) Payment plans / arrangements can also be made by e-mailing our bookkeeper, Sharon Anderson at soanders@smsd.org.



JOIN SM SOUTH PTSA TODAY!!

<https://shawneemissionsouth.new.memberhub.store/store>

Questions: Tania Schmierer Knust 816.729.0780



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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

- Schedules are in progress. Please keep an eye on your emails (and tell your children to do the same) and answer all phone calls from 993 numbers. Counselors may need to discuss potential conflicts. Schedules will be viewable Sept. 4th. Thank you for your patience while we complete this challenging task.
- 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
- Are you Moving? Please fill out the [SMS Withdrawal Form](#) if your child will not be attending SMS this fall.
- Visit [Food Services](#) for more information about remote learning breakfast and lunch options.
- 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 [Johnson County Mental Health Center](#) and [Johnson County Family Resources](#) for family/adolescent support.
- Recursos en Español- [GKCHC](#) [El Centro](#) [JoCo Salud Mental- se habla Español](#). JoCo Salud Mental- se habla Español.
- As always, in the case of a mental health emergency call 911. Siempre, en caso de una emergencia de salud mental llama 911.

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 mclainhymer@smsd.org or 913-993-7529.

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Attention Golfers!!

8th Annual Shawnee Mission South Foundation Golf Classic
Thursday, September 17, 2020



Join us for a fun afternoon to benefit a great cause-SM South students, teachers, and families.

See the SMSF Golf Classic website for registration details. Or register using our online forms. Payments can be made by check or PayPal.

Don't golf? We need hole Sponsors and auction/raffle items.

Contact Susie Bebow: 913.244.5309

email SMSOUTHGOLFCLASSIC@GMAIL.COM

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Updates From the Health Office

Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.





Pandemic EBT

While schools are closed due to COVID-19, families with children age 5-18 who received free or reduced-priced meals from August 2019-May 2020 will receive up to \$291 per child in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits to purchase food. This benefit is in addition to any other services families are currently receiving.

How will families receive their P-EBT benefits?

Most families with eligible children recently or currently participating in Food Assistance, Child Care or TANF (cash assistance) programs will automatically receive the one-time benefit to their EBT card in the next few weeks.

Families not actively participating in these programs, but whose children receive free or reduced-price meals will be mailed a Kansas Benefits Card with benefits pre-loaded in the next few weeks. If these families do not receive a Kansas Benefits card by **June 5th**, they may need to provide additional information to DCF. These families should watch for a confidential weblink provided by their school district.



Use it like a debit card.

Families will receive the P-EBT benefit on a Kansas Benefits Card. This card functions like a debit card and can be used to purchase eligible food items at EBT authorized retailers. Non-food items *may not* be purchased with this card.

Questions?

Call 1-888-369-4777 for help.

Kansas will continue to comply with civil rights requirements, including providing equal access to individuals with disabilities and individuals who are limited English proficient.