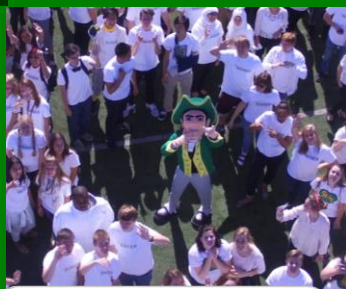


SM SOUTH



Values

We care about ALL students.

Beliefs

We believe ALL students can and will learn.

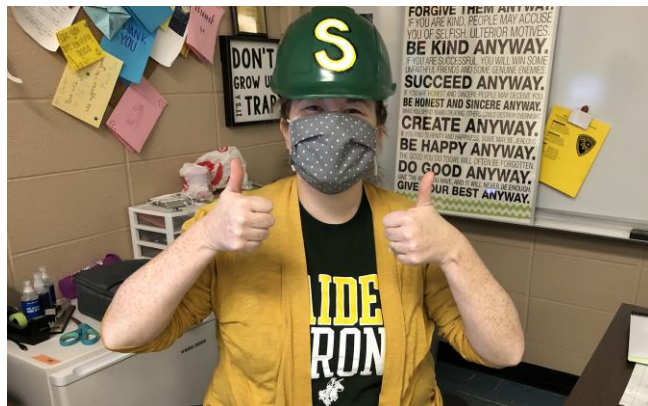
Vision

All means ALL! Personalized Learning for ALL students.

Hard-Hat Hero

Staff member of the week

Andrea Dale

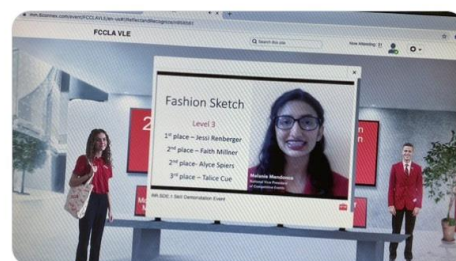


Tweet of the Week!



Rachel Neuman @SMSneuman · 1d

This fall Jessi Renberger competed in the virtual @NationalFCCLA Fashion Sketch Skill Demonstration event & last week it was announced during the Virtual Leadership Experience that she placed 1st!



Follow Dr. Dain on

Twitter@SMSouthTDain

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Andrea Dale teaches Math at South and was nominated by one of her students: "Mrs. Dale's teaching style makes AP Statistics understandable, and her activities have real-life connections, which makes learning fun! I was struggling to understand some concepts in our unit, so Mrs. Dale took time out of her plan period to meet with me and make sure I understood the material before I took the test. I know her job is to make sure students succeed, but I felt like she went above and beyond for me! I am so glad to have her as a teacher!!!"

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

****We will follow the remote learning schedule through the rest of the semester which concludes on Friday, January 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.commonsemmedia.org/blog/keeping-kids-motivated-for-online-learning>

Study Tool for Students

Knowt

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.
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Organization

- Structure time that works with your home.
- Stay flexible.
- Work in [Brain Breaks](#) 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*

College Advisor: 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.

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

**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 [Transcript Requests on our SMS Counseling website](#) 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 [SMS Withdrawal 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 [Family Assistance Request Form](#) 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 [Johnson County Mental Health Center](#) and [Johnson County Family Resources](#) for family/adolescent support.
- As always, in the case of a mental health emergency call 911..

Social Workers: 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:

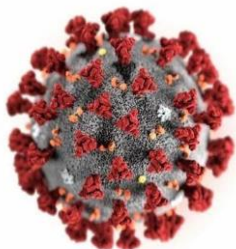
- Your Aptitudes
- Best Career Fits
- Essay & Resume Help
- Find a College

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~~ 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: www.nimh.nih.gov

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
(sofreden@smsd.org)
Erin Burvee -SMS Social Worker
(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

- 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 school
 - Join a virtual club to stay safe at home
- Talk to someone you trust
 - Counselor/teacher
 - Parent/guardian
 - Therapist



STATISTICS

- 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>



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Watch the **RAIDERS** on the NFHS Network!
The NFHS Network is your home for LIVE
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(11TH GRADERS)

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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

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| • Avila University | • Park University |
| • Baker University | • Rockhurst University |
| • Donnelly College | • University of Central Missouri |
| • Johnson County Community College | • University of Kansas |
| • Kansas City Art Institute | • University of Missouri-Columbia |
| • Kansas City Kansas Community College | • University of Missouri-Kansas City |
| • Kansas State University | • Western Governors University |
| • Lincoln University | • William Jewell College |
| • Metropolitan Community College | |

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(9TH GRADERS)
APPLY **1/1/21 – 2/26/21**



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- Up to 250 9th graders will be selected for the College Savings Match program
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- 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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SM South Athletics Calendar Dec. 21, 2020 - Jan. 9, 2021

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

Monday, December 21, 2020 –BLOCKS 1-2-3-4

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 – BLOCKS 5-6-7- NO SEMINAR

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	Wrestling: Varsity Quad	vs. ON, BVN, SHHS @ Shawnee Mission South High School
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