

# SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2020



### CURRENT EVENTS

- Mar 6** Storybook Character Day
- Mar 13** Early Release-**DISMISSAL 12:45pm**  
Star Pride/Saints T-shirt Day
- Mar 19** End of 3rd Quarter  
Kindergarten Registration Night
- Mar 20** Teacher Workday-**NO SCHOOL**
- Mar 23** Fourth Quarter Begins
- Mar 27** Career Day



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 2** Conferences 3:30pm-7:30pm
- Apr 3** Star Pride/Saints T-shirt Day
- Apr 7** Conferences 3:30pm-7:30pm
- Apr 8** **NO SCHOOL**  
Conferences 7:30am-3:30pm
- Apr 9-14** **SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL**
- Apr 15** Classes Resume
- Apr 17** Pajama Day
- Apr 23** South Shine Night 5:00-7:00
- Apr 24** Early Release-**DISMISSAL 12:45pm**  
Star Pride/Saints T-shirt Day

## 2020 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NIGHT



South Elementary

1405 South Seventh Street, Saint Peter

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2019, at 6 p.m.**



If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020, he/she is eligible to enter kindergarten.

Children will have the opportunity to see the school, meet the Kindergarten teachers and learn about programming. Parents will have a chance to submit all of the school entrance paperwork that will be mailed to them with their Kindergarten Packet in early February.

Registration materials are available on the St Peter District 508 website: [www.stpeterschools.org](http://www.stpeterschools.org)

Questions call Marlene Willson: 507-934-2754, ext 3045

### **PARENT COUNCIL CORNER:**

South Parent Council will meet from 6:30-7:30pm on Monday, March 9th. We would love to have you join us! As you know, South has implemented both a new math and reading series this year. South teachers will share information about the new programs and answer any questions you may have about supporting your children in these areas.

This meeting will also serve as one of our South Site Council meetings. Site specific goals in the areas of Achievement and Integration, World's Best Workforce, and assessment will also be shared.



Free daycare will be provided. We hope to see you there.

### **BINGO Game Night**

Thursday, March 26th  
5:30-7pm

@South Elementary School  
Food available for purchase  
starting at 5:30pm  
Games start at 6:00pm



 **Notes from the Health Office:** 

Open Door Health Center will be at South Elementary for the School Based Dental Outreach Program. The screening is scheduled for the morning of Monday, March 30th. There is no cost to participate in this program.

Sign-up sheets and more detailed information will be coming home with the students soon!

**REMINDER TO PARENTS:**  
**DRESS YOUR CHILD FOR THE COLD WEATHER:**  
**COATS, HATS, MITTENS/GLOVES, BOOTS, SNOWPANTS, ETC..**

Now that students are wearing boots to school, please make sure to bring shoes or keep shoes at school for Physical Education. The school has a very limited supply of extra shoes at school. Thank you!

Flexible Learning Day (FLD) packets were sent home with all kindergarten and first grade students at conferences. Classroom teachers have designed these packets for their students to use in the event that weather prevents them from coming to school. The packets are designed to help students enjoy their snow day and reinforce the idea that learning doesn't just happen at school. Playing in the snow, baking cookies, and spending time with friends and family can be great learning experiences as well. FLDs aren't intended to bring unnecessary stress to your household. Have fun with it! In true Minnesota spirit, we invite you to embrace the snow and enjoy this beautiful season!



**Mark your calendar!**

South Shine will be held on Thursday, April 23 from 5-7pm at South Elementary. Students will be invited to explore hands-on activities with their families using common household materials. Students' artwork will also line the hallways for families to see. The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library for families to purchase books if they wish. A spaghetti dinner sponsored by the All Night Graduation Party committee will be available for purchase in the lunchroom during the evening as well. Watch for more information as the date approaches! We hope you can join us!



In April, the teachers will be doing class lists for the 2020-2021 school year. As professionals, they have the opportunity to see your child with their peers and create classrooms that best support the learning needs of all of our students. A great deal of time, effort, and thought goes into this process with numerous factors being taken into consideration. If there is any information that you would like us to take into account for this, Parental Input forms will be available in the South Office beginning March 23rd. Please note that this form will focus on your child as a learner and **specific teacher requests will not be accepted. The last date to submit these forms to the office is April 8, 2020.**



### Snack Cart Reminder

The South Snack Cart Program is available for \$20/quarter. If you choose to have your child participate in this program, please send \$20 for Quarter 3 with your child to give to your child's teacher. Checks can be made payable to South Elementary. Please note in the memo line your child's name. You can also go online to Infinite Campus and make your payment. If you have any questions, please call Marlene B. in the office at South (934-2754 ext. 3028).

Thank you!



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**Remember to turn in your  
"I Love to Read"  
(pink sheet) minutes to your  
teacher!**

**CALM BOXES!** Our early release on February 14 involved a staff training for our new Calm Boxes. South and North were awarded a grant from the St. Peter Education Foundation to equip each classroom with additional emotional supportive tools. When a student gets too tense, too angry, or even too excited, they will have the opportunity (with teacher permission) to be able to give themselves a 5 minute structured break to calm their body and/or mind. This structured break will be in the classroom using the Calm Box and will involve breathing techniques, grounding exercises, etc.

**Please continue to bring in Family Fresh receipts & labels, Hy Vee receipts, Box Tops, and can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.**



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**YEARBOOK**

Yearbooks are now available to order for \$14.00. They may be ordered through an order form or online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) enter ID code 14074520. The deadline is Thursday March 19th. If you have any questions you can either email: [Tjohnson@stpeterschools.org](mailto:Tjohnson@stpeterschools.org) or call Tara Johnson at 507-934-2754 Ext. 3041.

