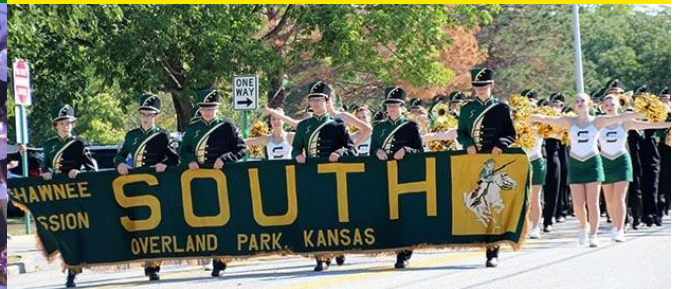


SM SOUTH



### Values

We care about ALL students.

### Beliefs

We believe ALL students can and will learn.

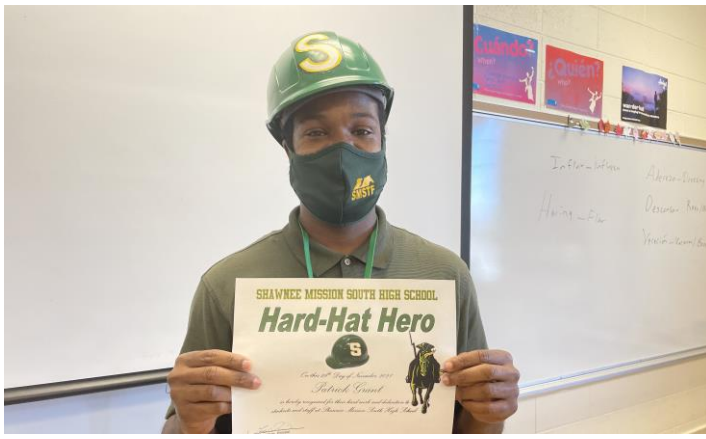
### Vision

All means ALL! Personalized Learning for ALL students.

## Hard-Hat Hero

Staff member of the week

**Patrick Grant**



## Tweet of the Week!



Theresa Love @TLoveEDU · 3m

Apple Pie Competition at the Center for Academic Achievement!... 🍏 #theSMSD #OurSouthStory #SMSouth #CultureWins #RaiderPride 📖



Follow Dr. Dain on  
Twitter@SMSouthTDain  
Instagram@SMSouthTDain

Patrick Grant teaches Spanish and was nominated by his colleagues: "He continues to be a source of inspiration for his students and colleagues. He's dedication to learning and equity in the classroom make him a key resource for the South community. He's always happy to lend an ear and provides thoughtful feedback and perspectives. Thank you for all of your hard work, Mr. Grant!"

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

# SM SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DEC 6 Traditional Schedule	DEC 7 Even Block	DEC 8 Odd Block	DEC 9 LATE START Even Block	DEC 10 Odd Block
DEC 13 Odd Block	DEC 14 Even Block	DEC 15 Odd Block	DEC 16 LATE START Even Block	DEC 17 Odd Block 1st & 3rd Hour FINALS
DEC 20 Even Block 2ND, 4TH, 6TH Hour FINALS	DEC 21 Odd Block 5th & 7th Hour FINALS Early Dismissal	DEC 22 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	DEC 23 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	DEC 24 NO SCHOOL Winter Break
DEC 27 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 3 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	JAN 4 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	JAN 5 Traditional Schedule	JAN 6 LATE START Even Block	JAN 7 Odd Block
JAN 10 Traditional Schedule	JAN 11 Even Block	JAN 12 Odd Block	JAN 13 LATE START Even Block	JAN 14 Odd Block
JAN 17 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	JAN 18 Even Block	JAN 19 Odd Block	JAN 20 LATE START Even Block	JAN 21 Odd Block
JAN 24 Traditional Schedule	JAN 25 Even Block	JAN 26 Odd Block Come Look at South 7:00pm	JAN 27 LATE START Even Block	JAN 28 Odd Block
JAN 31 Traditional Schedule	FEB 1 Even Block	FEB 2 Odd Block Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8pm	FEB 3 LATE START Even Block	FEB 4 Odd Block

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER



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Facebook 'Shawnee Mission South Counseling'

- **Families in Need over the Holidays-** The Broadmoor Bistro has partnered with Pete's Garden, 15 and Mahomies Foundation and Lucky International Trading and will provide 250 FREE family-sized meals to the SMSD community. There is no cost, but families do have to sign up and pick a date/time for pickup here: [Free Meal Form](#)
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline to make any valid requests (missing a period, repeated course, missing a graduation req, Honors to Regular, injury hindering you from taking the course, etc.) for adjustments to 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedules. Most SM2 classes are at capacity so course options are extremely limited. Requests must be made by the student via the [Schedule Correction Form](#)
- Sophomore and Junior Practice ACT results were distributed two weeks ago during advisory. Please ask your child to see their results. PSAT and PRE-ACT (9<sup>th</sup> grade) results will be distributed next week.
- 2022-2023 Enrollment will begin mid-January. Visit <https://smsouth.smsd.org/students/enrollment> to preview enrollment information. Please keep in mind that updating is still in progress.
- The 2022 College Ambassadors Applications now open! For this program, **Junior students** will be chosen to help promote and assist in the college planning or postsecondary process that the College Adviser facilitates. Grab an application from the Counseling Center or apply on the College Advising - Juniors Canvas Page. Apps due December 16th.
- Is your child struggling in a class? Academic First Tutoring is available after school. Reach out to your child's teacher or their counselor for more info.
- Need help with the FAFSA? Our College Adviser, [Lucycoopman@smsd.org](mailto:Lucycoopman@smsd.org), is happy to assist senior families with the FAFSA and the college application process.
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders who may be interested in taking a SMSD Signature Course in the future should contact [tracijohnston@smsd.org](mailto:tracijohnston@smsd.org) for more information. View [SMSD Signature Programs](#) and [SMSD Career Technical Education](#) for more information
- In need of some help? Fill out the [Family Assistance Request Form](#) or simply call 913-993-7530 to talk with a social worker.
- Visit [Johnson County Mental Health Center](#) and [Johnson County Family Resources](#) for family/adolescent support.
- Recursos en Español- [El Centro](#) [JoCo Salud Mental- se habla Español.](#)

**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!

**Fall 2021 - Final Exam Schedule UPDATED 11.19.21**

<i>Friday, December 17</i>		
1st Hour	7:40 - 9:15am	<b>FINAL</b>
3rd Hour	9:20 - 10:55am	<b>FINAL</b>
5th Hour	11:00 - 1:00pm	Class/Lunch
7th Hour	1:05 - 2:40pm	<b>Review</b>

<i>Monday, December 20</i>		
2nd Hour	7:40 - 9:15am	<b>FINAL</b>
4th Hour	9:20 - 10:55am	<b>FINAL</b>
Seminar	11:00 - 1:00pm	Seminar/Lunch
6th Hour	1:05 - 2:40pm	<b>FINAL</b>

<i>Tuesday, December 21</i>		
Seminar	7:40 - 9:15am	<b>Makeup</b>
5th Hour	9:20 - 10:55am	<b>FINAL</b>
7th Hour	11:00 - 12:35pm	<b>FINAL</b>
Lunch	12:40 - 1:10pm	Lunch

*(Early Dismissal and busses leave at 1:17pm)*

## Updates From the Health Office

# December 2021



Parents, Please do not send your student to the health office to be called out. If your student has texted you to be picked up or go home, please call them out from attendance. **993-7545** Leave a message and allow 20 minutes for the message to reach your student.

**KINDNESS**  
is a gift  
everyone can  
afford to give.

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STORIES by stories

### COVID-19 Vaccines

Vaccines are available to individuals age 5 and older through the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment. Appointments must be made for first, second, additional or booster COVID-19 vaccines. JCDHE is not able to accommodate walk-ins for COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccines are also available at JCDHE's community vaccine clinics, through local health care systems and at local pharmacies. Get yours today so you can have a safe and Healthy Holiday.



**No school 12/22/21-1/5/2022**

**Enjoy the break that is coming up in a few weeks.**

**YOU GOT THIS**

**SM South Nurse**  
**913.993.7516**  
**soyork@smsd.org**





Respectful to Others  
Initiates Change  
School Pride  
Empowered Learner  
#RaidersRise

1 or less unexcused absences  
1 or less tardies  
90% attendance rate  
0 discipline referrals  
No Fs



## PURPOSE

Monthly reward raffle  
for qualifying students  
who help Raiders RISE  
above expectations and  
develop an accepting  
and safe culture.

#RaidersRise



## R.I.S.E

September 6  
October 4  
November 1  
December 6  
January 10  
February 7  
March 6  
April 3  
May 1



Congratulations to our  
**December**  
Raiders R.I.S.E.  
Under Armour winners:

9<sup>th</sup> – Lee Whitney  
10<sup>th</sup> – Greta Waller  
11<sup>th</sup> – Bradyn Kerr  
12<sup>th</sup> – Joselyn Hernandez-Abarca



**UNDER ARMOUR**

# TECH TIPS

## TALKING TO YOUR STUDENT ABOUT

### XELLO

Xello is a college and career readiness program designed to help organize student plans in one centralized location. Students complete Xello lessons during their advisory period for the purpose of equipping students with the knowledge and planning capabilities to help them navigate their future.

## What Xello Provides



When students complete Xello during their advisory period, this is what the program provides:

- Assessments that build self-knowledge about their interests, skills, and strengths. Each lesson also helps students reflect on their results.
- Personalized student portfolios that are sharable and showcase their interests, skills, and abilities.
- Lessons that provide students with opportunities for exploring college and career options that align with their survey results. These lessons also provide authentic lenses into different career options with real-world interviews.
- The option for students to request e-transcripts and letters of recommendation to ease future application processes.
- The integration of Method Test Prep to help students see how their ACT and SAT results align with acceptance requirements at various post-secondary institutions.
- The ability to track the college application process with the college application tracker.
- Interactive planning tools that help create a roadmap during their high school experience.
- Integrated lessons that build essential skills and knowledge so that students are successful throughout future life stages.

## Conversation Starters

If you would like to discuss your student's Xello survey results and lessons with your student, here is a list of some conversation starters

1. What are some of the most exciting results you learned about from your Xello Match Maker?
2. Were you surprised by any of your results, and why?
3. What are some of the career matches that were suggested to you?
4. What are your overall thoughts about some of the career matches that were suggested to you? What are you most excited about, and why?
5. What are some of the classes that were suggested that you could take to help you work towards your future goals? What are your thoughts about these classes, and why?

## Ways to Build Interest

As a parent, there is a lot you can do to help your child get excited about their future. Here are some of the ways that are suggested by Xello:

1. Talk about what your job means to you.
2. Encourage your child to reflect on their own strengths and preferences.
3. Point out careers in the community and among your friends and family.
4. Encourage your child to consider all options for their career trajectory.
5. Tour a variety of post-secondary institutions outside of 4-year universities.
6. Take time to review your child's results from Xello lessons and reflection activities.

## Second Semester Bus Fees Due



Payment for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester bus fees are due by January 5, 2022.

[To make your payment visit DS website.](#)

If you are a bus rider, please sign up to receive Textcaster alerts for late bus notifications. All family members may sign up. <https://my.textcaster.com/asa/default.aspx?ID=6c43d2d3-dcd5-4028-b06a-9a576508c5e6>



## ACADEMICS FIRST TUTORING

Faculty and staff provide academic support

We offer in person and virtual tutoring. More information is available on the Academics first canvas course

- **3-afternoons week after-school tutoring – in person**
  - **Tuesday: 2:50 – 4:00 Rm. 164**
  - **Wednesday: 2:50 – 4:00: Rm. 164**
  - **Thursday: 2:50 – 4:00; Rm. 164**
- **2-morning a week: Mon. and Wed. 7:00 am – 7:30 am**

## PTSA MEMBERSHIP FORM:

<https://form.jotform.com/212088140882152>

## 2021-22 PTSA MEETING DATES

All meetings 7:00pm in Library:

- Wednesday, January 5
- Wednesday, February 9
- Wednesday, March 2
- Wednesday, April 6

## 2021-22 ACT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Location
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021	SM South HS
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022	SM South HS
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022	SM South HS
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022	*Not available at SM South
July 16, 2022*	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022	*Not available at SM South



# 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 to the English class of your son or daughter during the week of 12/13. The kit is loaded with fun and helpful items such as snacks, crackers, candy, and other surprises to help reduce stress and uplift spirits.

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 email your message to the address listed below. Order one for each of your students, and include younger siblings (K-8), too!

***Order deadline is Friday, December 10.***

**YOU CAN SEND FINALS BAGS PAYMENT VIA VENMO:**  
**@Kerri-thurston (4 digits are 5303)**

**OR SEND CASH OR CHECK TO:**  
***(checks payable to SMS Project Graduation)***

**DON'T FORGET YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE!**  
**Send your student's name and personal message to:**  
**Lisag9615@gmail.com**



# 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



## NFHS NETWORK

Watch from anywhere



iOS



Android



Any browser

### Subscription Options for Raider Fans

Annual Pass- \$69.99

Month Pass- \$10.99/month

Visit [www.NFHSnetwork.com](http://www.NFHSnetwork.com) – Search for Shawnee Mission South High School, then Subscribe and Follow

# Raiders Helping Raiders

Each year the music department comes together to give back to our SM South community. We know many families at South struggle from time to time to make ends meet. In an effort to bring cheer to those who have less, we hold a fundraising drive to donate gift cards to families in need. All money donated to this cause will be funneled through the SMS counseling center to be given out confidentially to SMS families in need. If you would like to join in this effort, please consider donating to Raiders Helping Raiders. You can do this in person at one of our December concerts or by using the link/QR code provided below.

**SMS Choir Concert – Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm**  
**SMS Band Concert – Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm**  
**SMS Orchestra Concert – Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm**

## Raiders Helping Raiders

to support SM South families in need this Holiday Season.



[https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=LZBBHD8AKGH4I](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=LZBBHD8AKGH4I)

Thank you for your generosity!





**SHAWNEE  
MISSION  
SOUTH**

**BOWLING  
FUNDRAISER**



**Where:** Mission Bowl

1020 S. Weaver St, Olathe, KS, 66061

**When:** December 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 pm

**Cost:** only \$15 per person!

*\$5 goes back to support the school.*

Scan the QR code  
to Sign  
up at Mission Bowl



## 2022 SENIOR TRIBUTES SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH HERITAGE

### CONTACTS

#### Tucker Love

Yearbook Adviser  
(913) 993-7605  
tuckerlove152@smsd.org

#### Senior Tributes Managers

Katie Gerritz  
Madeleine Enko  
smsyearbookads@gmail.com

#### School Address

Shawnee Mission South  
5800 W. 107th Street  
Overland Park, KS  
66207

### TRIBUTE DEADLINES

October 29 and December 10 are the two senior tribute deadlines. Payment is due by the deadline date to be accepted for pricing. Pictures and message for all tributes are due by December 10.

Tribute prices go up following the earlybird deadline, so turning in tribute information early is highly suggested.

### TRIBUTE PRICES

Tribute prices listed on the second page reflect a 3.5% service charge for online purchases.

### DEAR PARENTS,

Do you want to give your child recognition in an award-winning yearbook? If so, purchasing a senior tribute is a great way to show them how much you care about them. This is a wonderful way to share your own words, pictures and memories with your senior. A senior tribute is also a great parting gift for your senior, and a great way to support Shawnee Mission South's yearbook, Heritage. Students enjoy seeing these messages, words of encouragement, and funny and sentimental photos from their parents, grandparents and other loved ones.

### GUIDELINES

- Tributes are not considered as meeting deadline until payment is received.
- **All tribute content (words, photos) must be submitted at time of purchase.** This is different from previous years.
- Please choose photos of good quality and stay within the max photo limit for the tribute size chosen.
- Photos should be uploaded to the Walsworth ad portal, accessible after purchasing your tribute.
- Physical photos may be scanned in at South; please contact us to confirm scanning.
- Heritage is not responsible for any lost or damaged photos.
- We can not accept photos of children without clothing.
- We can not accept photos that have any sort of weapon related paraphernalia.
- Because of copyright, you must secure permission for one time use in Heritage, for any photos taken by a professional.
- We can not accept any song lyrics or poetry that you have not secured the copyright for.
- Heritage already has permission to use photos taken by Inter-State studios.
- If you do not want part of a photo to appear in your child's ad, or have other special instructions, please share a note detailing the requests via email to smsyearbookads@gmail.com.
- Heritage reserves the right to edit for content.
- A digital proof of your ad will be sent to the email address provided on the ad contract. Please contact T. Love or the Ads Managers if a proof has not been sent by February 16, 2022.
- You will be given one week from the date your proof is sent to provide feedback and request changes. After that period, all tributes will be considered final.
- If you need to pay for your tribute with cash or check, please contact T. Love at tuckerlove152@smsd.org

### HOW TO PURCHASE

To purchase your senior tribute, please follow these instructions:

- Go to [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com)
- Search for Shawnee Mission South High School in the search bar.
- Select our school to navigate to the Walsworth SMS yearbook store.
- Click "Get Started" in the Create a Senior ad box.
- Provide the requested student information and buyer information to begin the purchase. Click "next" when ready.
- Click "Have the school design my ad".
- Select the tribute size you wish to purchase and click "next".
- Select color as your ad option and then click "continue".
- At this point you will be prompted to add senior tribute copy. In the "headline" box, please type your students name. In the "body" box, please provide the message you wish to have in your senior tribute.
- Click "next".
- You will be prompted to upload your photos. If you don't want photos in your tribute OR plan to bring in physical photos for scanning, please click on that option in the upper right hand corner of the screen.
- Click "next" to get to your shopping cart. You may continue shopping at this point or you can checkout.
- There is a % service fee on every senior tribute purchase
- Complete the purchase by checking out using your credit card information.

# SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar December 6-11, 2021

Access all SM South athletics and activity event calendar with real-time updates at [www.sunflowerleague.org](http://www.sunflowerleague.org)

## Monday, December 6, 2021 – Traditional Schedule

### Tuesday, December 7, 2021 – BLOCKS 2 – Seminar – 4 – 6

5:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls C Team Game</a>	vs. Blue Valley North @ <a href="#">Blue Valley North High School</a>
5:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Frosh A Game</a>	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ <a href="#">SM South High School Auxiliary Gym</a>
5:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys JV Game</a>	vs. Olathe Metro Academy @ <a href="#">SM South High School Main Gym</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls JV Game</a>	vs. Blue Valley North @ <a href="#">Blue Valley North High School</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Soph Game</a>	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ <a href="#">SM South High School Auxiliary Gym</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Varsity Game</a>	vs. Olathe Metro Academy @ <a href="#">SM South High School Main Gym</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Choir Concert</a>	Auditorium

### Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

6:00pm	<a href="#">Wrestling: Boys &amp; Girls Dual</a>	vs. Olathe East @ <a href="#">Olathe East High School</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Band Concert</a>	Auditorium

### Thursday, December 9, 2021 – Late Start BLOCKS 2 – Advisory – 4 – 6

5:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls C Team Game</a>	vs. Shawnee Mission-Northwest @ <a href="#">SM Northwest High School</a>
5:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Freshman A Game</a>	vs. Shawnee Mission-Northwest @ <a href="#">SM Northwest High School</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Freshman B Game</a>	vs. Shawnee Mission-Northwest @ <a href="#">SM Northwest High School</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Orchestra Pops Concert</a>	Cafeteria

### Friday, December 10, 2021 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

4:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls JV/Boys Soph Game</a>	vs. Shawnee Mission-Northwest @ <a href="#">SM Northwest High School</a>
4:00pm	<a href="#">Wrestling: Girls Varsity Mixer</a>	vs. Olathe Northwest @ Olathe Northwest
5:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls Varsity/Boys JV Game</a>	vs. Shawnee Mission-Northwest @ <a href="#">SM Northwest High School</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Varsity Game</a>	vs. Shawnee Mission-Northwest @ <a href="#">SM Northwest High School</a>

### Saturday, December 11, 2021

8:00am	<a href="#">ACT Exam</a>	
9:00am	<a href="#">Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament</a>	vs. Highland Park @ <a href="#">Highland Park High School</a>
10:00am	<a href="#">Diving: Boys Varsity</a>	vs. Olathe East @ California Trail
10:00am	<a href="#">Swimming: Boys Varsity</a>	vs. Olathe East @ <a href="#">Summit Trail Middle School</a>

