

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

Kurt Hodge



Tweet of the Week!



SMS Speech & Debate @smsdebate · 2d ***
Great news from competition at South today: these Raiders Debaters qualified to State out of our regional!!! We are so excited to take this awesome 4-Speak team & our 2-Speak to the State tourney in January! #RaiderDB8fam



Follow Dr. Dain on
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Kurt Hodge teaches Chemistry at South and was nominated by his colleagues: "Mr. Hodge has created a 'pathway to passing' for several students who were in jeopardy of failing his class. He has been creative, supportive, and willing to accommodate student's needs. It's been a pleasure working with him this semester. Thank you, Mr. Hodge for all you do for our students at South."

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

SM SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
FEB 7 Traditional Schedule	FEB 8 Even Block	FEB 9 Odd Block	FEB 10 LATE START Even Block	FEB 11 Odd Block
FEB 14 Traditional Schedule	FEB 15 Even Block	FEB 16 Odd Block	FEB 17 LATE START Even Block	FEB 18 Odd Block
FEB 21 NO SCHOOL President's Day	FEB 22 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning	FEB 23 Traditional Schedule	FEB 24 LATE START Even Block	FEB 25 Odd Block

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



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- **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. 3rd 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 2nd 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 (9th 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, is happy to assist senior families with the FAFSA and the college application process.
- 9th and 10th graders who may be interested in taking a SMSD Signature Course in the future should contact 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!

Updates From the Health Office

December 2021

All things Covid

As we prepare for second semester and the likelihood of increased COVID cases after winter break, we are asking parents of students who have received the vaccine to provide documentation of their student's COVID vaccine to the school nurse. While COVID vaccine documentation is not required, it helps the school nurses in two ways:

1. Students who are asymptomatic, with documentation of being fully vaccinated, are not excluded from school if exposed to a positive case.

2. Nurses can better estimate the number of fully vaccinated students in a building which is useful information when there are outbreaks.

Again, while COVID vaccine documentation is not required, it would be helpful to the school nurses.

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:

9th – Lee Whitney
10th – Greta Waller
11th – Bradyn Kerr
12th – 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 2nd 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**

Upcoming College Visit to South

If you are interested in attending a specific college visit, please contact Mrs. Ross, Counseling Secretary, at christinaross@smsd.org.

February

Monday, February 7

Kansas Wesleyan University

1:05

2021-22 ACT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Location
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





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



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Any browser

Subscription Options for Raider Fans

Annual Pass- \$69.99

Month Pass- \$10.99/month

Visit www.NFHSnetwork.com – Search for Shawnee Mission South High School, then Subscribe and Follow

SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar Dec 22-Jan 7, 2022

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

Wednesday, December 22 – Friday December 31, 2021

NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

Monday, January 3, 2022 - NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman A Game	vs. Free State @ Shawnee Mission South High School Auxiliary Gym
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Free State @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym
7:30pm	Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. Free State @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

3:45pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Free State @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Free State @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Free State @ Shawnee Mission South High School Auxiliary Gym
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Free State @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – Traditional 7 – Period Day

7:00pm	PTSA Meeting
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Thursday, January 6, 2022 -Late Start BLOCKS 2 – Advisory – 4 - 6

6:00pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. FL Schlagle @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym
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Friday, January 7, 2022 –BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

3:30pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission North High School
3:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman A Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission North High School
4:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission North High School
5:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission North High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore 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
7:30pm	Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission North High School

Saturday, January 8, 2022

KMEA BAND – CHOIR – ORCHESTRA State Auditions, Salina

9:00am	Wrestling: Boys / Girls Varsity Tournament	vs. Multiple Schools @ SM South High School
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