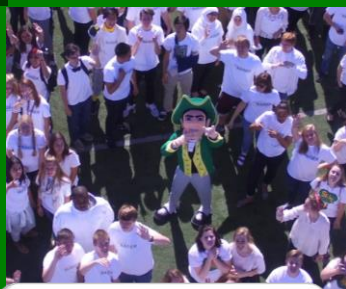


SM SOUTH



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

Traci Johnston



Tweet of the Week!



SMS Speech & Debate @smsdebate · 13h ***
Made it to Wichita—family dinner to kick off 6A State Debate!!!



Follow Dr. Dain on
Twitter@SMSouthTDain
Instagram@SMSouthTDain

Traci Johnston is a counselor at SMS and has taken on a new position this year serving as our Real World Counselor. She has been nominated by her colleagues: "She's been navigating this new position extremely well while also assisting the counseling department with other tasks. Recently, she went above and beyond to create two new enrollment resources that will be very useful for our students to use while choosing their future courses."

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

SM SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 6:30pm	JAN 27 LATE START Even Block	JAN 28 Odd Block
JAN 31 Traditional Schedule	FEB 1 Even Block	FEB 2 Odd Block	FEB 3 LATE START Even Block Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8pm	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
FEB 28 Traditional Schedule	MAR 1 Even Block	MAR 2 Odd Block	MAR 3 LATE START Even Block	MAR 4 Odd Block
MAR 7 Odd Block	MAR 8 Even Block	MAR 9 Odd Block	MAR 10 LATE START Even Block	MAR 11 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
MAR 14 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MAR 15 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MAR 16 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MAR 17 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MAR 18 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



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- **2022-2023 Enrollment began this week. Grades 9-11 are to choose their course selections for 22-23 via a Google Form in their Class of 2023/24/25 Canvas Pages. The deadline for course submissions is 1/28. Counselors are available for individual appointments from 1/18-1/28. Please keep an eye on your email for more information.**
- A tour is scheduled for 1/25 to the Center for Academic Achievement for students to learn more about the SMSD Signature programs. If your child is interested in a SMSD Signature Program course have them sign up via the link in their enrollment presentation or by emailing tracijohnston@smsd.org
- KC Scholars is a great scholarship opportunity for Freshmen and Juniors! The application is now open and the deadline is 2/25. Visit www.kcscholars.org for more information or reach out to our College Adviser.
- Is your child struggling in a class? Academic First Tutoring is available after school. Reach out to your child's teacher or 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. Tours are available this month. More info to be shared during the enrollment presentation. 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

January 2021

REQUIRED MASKING: Masking is now Mandatory at South as we are above the 3% threshold. Masks will be required for the next 14 consecutive days (including weekends), and the 14-day count will 'restart' each day that we are above 3%. **Encourage your students to bring their masks.**

COVID TESTING INFORMATION: SMSD testing center: Free PCR tests are available **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** at Broadmoor (6701 W 83rd St). Call 913-993-6218 to make an appointment. Be advised that due to the current COVID surge, testing and results may take longer than previously experienced. Very Important! anybody going to our SMSD testing site~ complete the pre-registration. <https://c19order.com/school/enrollment> - this will save our testers a lot of time.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS:

As we begin second semester 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](#).

SM South Nurse
913.993.7516
soyork@smsd.org

► Click here for ► [SMSD COVID guidance dashboard](#)

► COVID-19 guidance for staff and students General information regarding COVID-19 and symptoms



► Select an option:

I TESTED POSITIVE.

I HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

WHAT DO I DO IF I WAS EXPOSED AND I AM FULLY VACCINATED?

WHAT DO I DO IF I WAS EXPOSED AND I AM NOT FULLY VACCINATED?

With community incidence rates exceeding all previous levels in this pandemic, JCDHE is recommending a sustainable approach related to mitigation and contact tracing while providing students the opportunity to participate academically to the greatest extent possible. This interim document is based upon preliminary guidance provided by JCDHE for return to second semester 2021-2022 and will be updated when we receive final guidance. Preliminary guidance will take effect on January 11, 2022, and will apply to all previously identified cases currently excluded. Anyone excluded based on previous 10-day exclusion guidance may adhere to the below guidance beginning January 11, 2022.

DEFINITIONS:

• Positive COVID case:

Lab confirmed positive PCR, rapid PCR positive, lab confirmed positive rapid antigen, and positive antigen home tests are accepted for positive results. Lab confirmed negative PCR or lab confirmed negative rapid antigen results are accepted for negative results.

• Fully Vaccinated individuals:

1. Age 18 and up: Individuals who have received a booster or completed the primary series of Pfizer/Moderna within the last 5 months, or completed the primary series of J&J within the last 2 months.
2. 5-17-year-olds: Individuals who have completed the primary series of Pfizer (2 doses).
3. All individuals with a documented history of COVID-19 in the last **90 days** will be considered fully vaccinated.

• Infectious period:

The incubation period for COVID-19 remains 14 days from the day of exposure (Day 0). CDC has shortened isolation and quarantine periods citing science demonstrating that the majority of COVID-19 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after.

• Close contact:

JCDHE determines close contacts based on situational risk of transmission including but not limited to unmasked individuals within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more of an unmasked positive case starting 48 hours prior to onset of symptoms/test.

- School personnel, including nurses, will not be involved in close contact identification.
- Positive cases are encouraged to notify any close contacts from 48 hours prior to onset of symptoms or positive test through the Day 10 infectious period.
- Individuals who report close contacts or self-report their exposure will be provided school guidance recommendations and resources including options to assist in limiting the spread in the school community.

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RAIDER MASKS



\$5

ORDER VIA VENMO:
@SMS-SOCCER-
BOOSTER

Covid mitigation practices are back in place, requiring everyone attending an event at Shawnee Mission South to wear a mask.

**SHOW YOUR RADAR
SPIRIT AND ORDER AN
SMS MASK!**

Send your name and mask quantity to Molly Gregory, mollygregory5@icloud.com



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
January
Raiders R.I.S.E.
Under Armour winners:

9th – Joshua Enko
10th – Libby Dugan (not pictured)
11th – Aiden Reynolds
12th – Stephen Ndavi



UNDER ARMOUR

TECH TIPS

CANVAS

Observer Access

As we move into a new semester, you may find that you want more access to your student's Canvas. With parent/guardian access in Canvas, you act as an Observer. As an observer, you can:

- View student grades
- View the calendar
- View a list of assignments with due dates
- Read announcements
- Receive email or text notifications for announcements, assignments, and more

[READ MORE](#)

Create the Account



When creating an account, you will need to have your child's "pairing" code.

1. Gather your student(s) "pair code" from Canvas. Please make sure to follow this guide with your student to generate that code.
 - a. Your child's teacher can generate the code and provide it to you.
 - b. Your child can log into his/her account and retrieve the pairing code.
2. Open the SMSD Canvas website:
<https://smsd.instructure.com/login/canvas>
3. Click on the Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here For an Account link.
4. Enter your name, email address, and password. Enter your Student Pairing Code.

How to Create a Pair Code

You will want to sit side-by-side with your student to create this code and link to their Canvas account. Here is how to create the "pair code:"

1. In Global Navigation, click on the Account link, then click the Settings link.
2. Click the Pair with Observer button.
 - a. If the Pair with Observer button doesn't display in your User Settings, please contact your teacher for help.
3. Copy the six-digit alphanumeric pairing code. You will need to share the code with the observer who will link to your account. The pairing code will expire after seven days or its first use.

2021-22 PTSA MEETING DATES

All meetings 7:00pm in Library & live on WebEx:

<https://smsd.webex.com/meet/todddain>

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

We Need Masks!!

The school's supply of disposable masks is running low. Anyone who can or has the resources please consider dropping a box of masks by the SM South main office!



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

Reflections

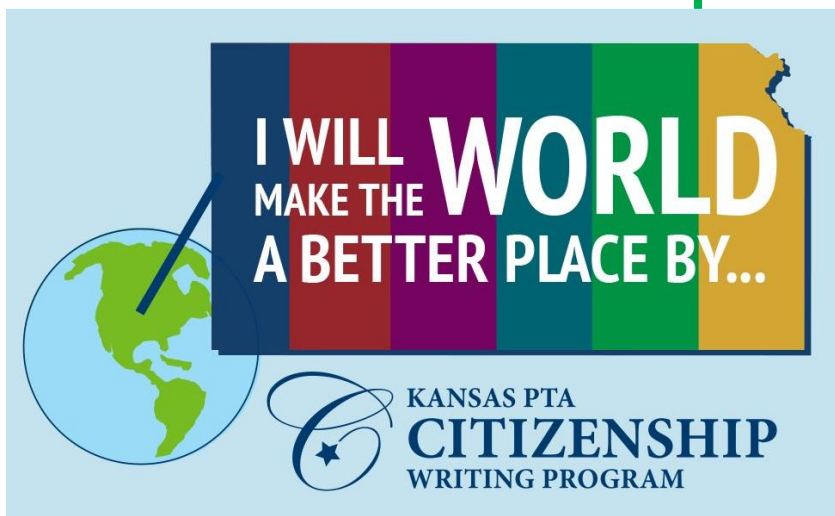


AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

*Congratulations to our South Award of Excellence Winners for the
SMAC Reflections Contest:*

Noah Xiong – Visual Art

Sam Granade – Music Composition



*Congratulations to our South Nominees for the
SMAC Citizenship Contest:*

Lexie Johnson – Freshman – Essay

Abigail Dumont – Freshman – Poem

William Siegel – Junior – Poem

Jack Shaw – Senior - Essay

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

January

Tuesday, January 18	Pittsburg State University	10:00
Thursday, January 20	Missouri Western State University	1:05
Friday, January 21	NROTC Scholarship Informational Meeting	1:05

February

Tuesday, February 1	Ottawa University	1:05
Wednesday, February 2	Illinois Wesleyan University	9:20
Monday, February 7	Johnson County Community College	10:15
Monday, February 7	Kansas Wesleyan University	1:05
Tuesday, February 15	University of Missouri-Columbia	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



SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES 2021-22



PLAN A	No School. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All District facilities are CLOSED including YMCA and JCPRD Daycare. • No remote learning/teaching 	What does this mean for parent(s)/student(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will not report to school <p>(Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)</p>	What does this mean for staff? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No staff reports to work • No CAA staff reports to work • No building secretaries report to work • No O&M or custodial staff reports to work <p>*(Could be contacted to report later in the day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Principals work remotely • Associate Principals work remotely • Cabinet works remotely
PLAN B	No School. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All District Schools and facilities are CLOSED • YMCA and JCPRD daycare are in session at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benninghoven • Comanche • Santa Fe Trail • Trailwood • No remote learning/teaching 	What does this mean for parent(s)/student(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will not report to school <p>(Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)</p>	What does this mean for staff? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All O&M/custodial staff report • No certified staff reports to work • No classified staff reports to work • CAA employees work remotely • Building Principals work remotely • Associate Principals work remotely • Building Secretaries work remotely (per Admin request) • Cabinet works remotely
PLAN C	Remote Learning Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote teaching and learning go into effect. • Meal services will be provided at the following site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Center/ Broadmoor • YMCA and JCPRD daycare are in session at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benninghoven • Comanche • Santa Fe Trail • Trailwood 	What does this mean for parent(s)/student(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students will learn remotely from home <p>(Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)</p>	What does this mean for staff? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff may work remotely or from their building <p>*(Staff log into classrooms at normal time virtually)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All O&M/custodial staff reports to work • Building Principals report to work • Associate Principals report to work • Building Secretaries work remotely (per Admin request) • CAA employees report to work



SHAWNEE MISSION

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signature Program Open House

Thursday, January 20

5:30-7:30pm

Center for Academic Achievement.

This open house offers an opportunity for students and their families to learn more about the district's Signature Programs.

Signature Programs provide unique opportunities for students in the areas of:

- Animation and Game Design
 - Biotechnology
 - Culinary Arts and Commercial Baking
 - Engineering
 - Health Science
 - Project Blue Eagle - Fire Science, EMS, & Law Enforcement (offered at the Career and Technical Campus)
- Project Blue Eagle will have a presence at the Signature Program Open House. Interested individuals are also encouraged to Save the Date for an open house focused on Project Blue Eagle from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Career and Technical Campus, located at 11475 W. 93rd Street.

Those attending the open house will have the opportunity to tour state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, speak with instructors and current students, and learn about options for creating flexibility in high school schedules to allow time for enrollment in coursework.

In addition to the Signature Program Open House, students and their families can learn more about these opportunities at <https://www.smsd.org/academics/signature-programs>. The website includes short video introductions and information about each program. School counselors also serve as a tremendous resource in helping students develop a dynamic and individualized high school experience to help them explore their areas of interest.



POLAR PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF KANSAS
Saturday, February 5, 2022 at Shawnee Mission Park

The annual Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics of Kansas and our own Unified bowling, bocce, basketball, and soccer teams is coming up on February 5, 2022 at 11:00am at the beach at Shawnee Mission Park. As our program grows, our expenses grow, as well. Fundraising has become an essential part of keeping our organization up and running. 15% of money raised goes DIRECTLY back to us. The remaining 85% benefit us indirectly through SOKS events.

We'd like to see a big team come out this year to participate in the plunge. Plunger registration is officially open, and we are registering team members starting today and closing on January 29. Students, friends, staff, community members, and families are all welcome to join our team. If you'd like to take the plunge with the SMSPLS Ice Raiders click this link:

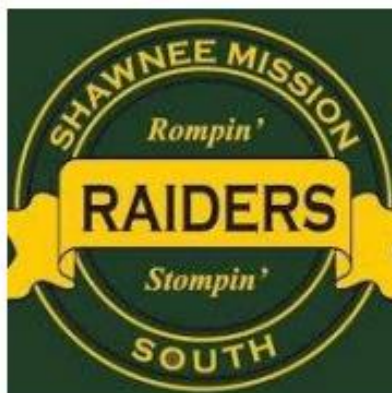
<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=971867&langPref=en-CA>.

Once you have registered, you will be given a link to share with friends and family via email or social media accounts that you can use to raise the \$75 registration fee. If you'd like to simply pay the fee, you can also do that!

Not up for taking a dip in an icy lake, but still want to support the team? Donate to the team or share the donation link with your friends and family via your social media

accounts: [https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?SID=\(!SolicitationID\)&LangPref=en-CA&EID=367476](https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?SID=(!SolicitationID)&LangPref=en-CA&EID=367476)

EAT PIZZA RAISE DOUGH



TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

4:00 - 9:00



All supporters, family, and friends are invited to eat pizza and raise funds! Mention this flyer when ordering and up to 20% of all food purchases will be donated to **Shawnee Mission South Band**.

Order Online: deweyspizza.com [mention "GBN" in Order Notes]

DEWEY'S PIZZA, OVERLAND PARK
3615 W 95TH ST | 913.257.5311



Valid only on 1.25.22 at Dewey's Pizza Overland Park.
Not valid with DoorDash delivery.

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



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**SHAWNEE MISSION
SOUTH SOFTBALL**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, JANUARY 31ST | 5-9PM
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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **GVDXJW3**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



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WATCH RAIDER ATHLETICS ALL YEAR LONG!!

Watch the **RAIDERS** on the NFHS Network!
The NFHS Network is your home for LIVE
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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:

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- All other sporting events from around the Nation



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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 January 17-22, 2022

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

Monday, January 17, 2022 – NO SCHOOL – MLK DAY

4:30pm	Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. Louisburg @ Louisburg High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Louisburg @ Louisburg High School
7:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Louisburg @ Louisburg High School

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – BLOCKS 2 – Seminar – 4 – 6

TBD	Basketball: Girls C Team Tournament	vs. Shawnee Mission-East @ Shawnee Mission East High School
3:00pm	Bowling: JV/V Quad	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Park Lanes
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Olathe Northwest @ Olathe Northwest High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman A Game	vs. Olathe West @ Shawnee Mission South High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Olathe West @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Olathe Northwest @ Olathe Northwest High School
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman B Game	vs. Olathe West @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Olathe West @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 –BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

TBD	Basketball: Girls C Team Tournament	vs. Shawnee Mission-East @ Shawnee Mission East High School
5:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Tournament	vs. Carthage High School @ Chanute, Ks
6:00pm	Wrestling: Boys Varsity Double Dual	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Thursday, January 20 2022 -Late Start BLOCKS 2 – Advisory – 4 - 6

3:30pm	Swimming: Boys Varsity Dual	vs. Blue Valley Northwest @ SM Aquatic Center
6:00pm	Wrestling: Boys JV Mixer	vs. Blue Valley West @ Blue Valley West

Friday, January 21, 2022 –BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

TBD	Basketball: Girls C Team Tournament	vs. Shawnee Mission-East @ Shawnee Mission East High School
3:00pm	Bowling: JV/V Triangular	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Mission Bowl N'Olathe
4:00pm	Swimming: Boys Varsity Diving	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ SM Aquatic Center
4:00pm	Wrestling: Boys Varsity Invitational	vs. Blue Valley Northwest @ Blue Valley Northwest High School
5:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Tournament	vs. Andover Central @ Chanute, Ks
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Junction City @ Junction City High School
7:15pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Junction City @ Junction City High School

Saturday, January 22, 2022

TBD	Basketball: Boys Varsity Tournament	vs. Chanute High School @ Chanute, Ks
9:00am	Wrestling: Girls Varsity Invitational	vs. Olathe-South @ Olathe South High School
9:30am	Swimming: Boys Varsity Invitational	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ SM Aquatic Center
10:00am	Basketball: Boys Freshman A Game	vs. Blue Valley North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
10:00am	Wrestling: Boys Varsity Invitational	vs. Blue Valley Northwest @ Blue Valley Northwest High School
11:30am	Basketball: Boys Freshman B Game	vs. Blue Valley North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
12:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School

