

SM SOUTH



Values

We care about ALL students.

Beliefs

We believe ALL students can and will learn.

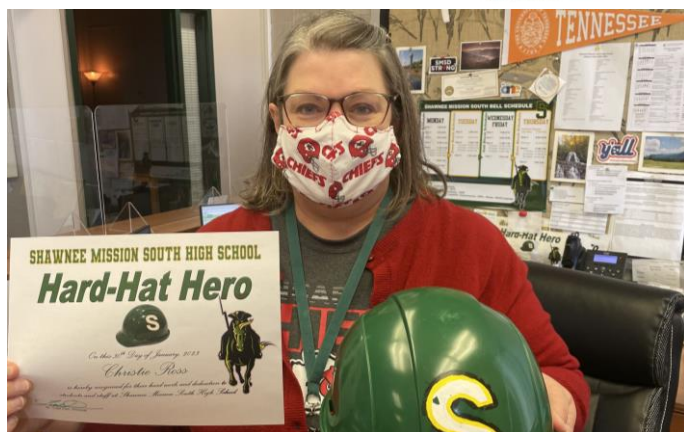
Vision

All means ALL! Personalized Learning for ALL students.

Hard-Hat Hero

Staff member of the week

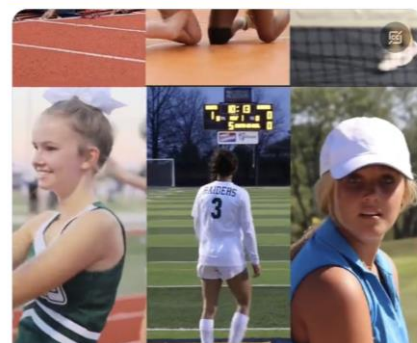
Christie Ross



Tweet of the Week!



South KSMS @southksms · 16h
Proud to celebrate our Lady Raider athletes today and everyday 🍀🍀
[#NationalGirlsAndWomenInSports](#)



Follow Dr. Dain on
[Twitter@SMSouthTDain](#)
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Christie Ross serves as our counseling secretary and she was nominated by her colleagues: "Christie works in our Student Services center and was nominated by her colleagues. Christie is such an amazing and caring person that does so much for not only our students, but also staff here at Shawnee Mission South. Her genuine ability to go above and beyond to support South is amazing. She sets the bar for our winning culture at SMS. She is a pleasure to work with everyday and always exudes a positive attitude. She was a key factor in the success of our 8th grade elective showcase and Come Look at South evening."

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

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FEB 6 Sweetheart Assembly Traditional Schedule 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	FEB 7 Even Block	FEB 8 Odd Block Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm	FEB 9 LATE START Even Block	FEB 10 Odd Block
FEB 13 Traditional Schedule	FEB 14 Even Block	FEB 15 Odd Block	FEB 16 LATE START Even Block	FEB 17 Odd Block
FEB 20 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	FEB 21 Even Block	FEB 22 Odd Block	FEB 23 LATE START Even Block	FEB 24 Odd Block
FEB 27 Traditional Schedule	FEB 28 Kansas ACT Test Even Block	MAR 1 Odd Block	MAR 2 LATE START Even Block	MAR 3 Odd Block
MAR 6 Odd Block 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	MAR 7 Even Block	MAR 8 Odd Block	MAR 9 LATE START Even Block	MAR 10 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
MAR 13 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	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 20 Traditional Schedule	MAR 21 Even Block	MAR 22 Odd Block	MAR 23 LATE START Even Block	MAR 24 Odd Block
MAR 27 Traditional Schedule	MAR 28 Even Block	MAR 29 Odd Block	MAR 30 LATE START Even Block	MAR 31 Odd Block
APR 3 Odd Block	APR 4 Even Block	APR 5 Odd Block	APR 6 LATE START Even Block	APR 7 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day



PTSA Meetings - 7:00pm - Library

Monday, February 6*

Monday, March 6*

Wednesday, April 5

**updated!*

Project Graduation

Hi Parents of 2023 Seniors,

The Project Graduation Committee has been busy planning a fun night for our seniors! After graduation on May 16th, the seniors are invited to attend the post-graduation party at The Main Event from 9pm - 1am. We have more opportunities for you to be a part of this fun night and to share your thoughts, talents or time. Our next meeting is Monday, **2/6/23 at 6:00 pm** in the SMS Library. Contact Dara Giuliani daragiuliani@gmail.com or Molly Gray dmgray0502@gmail.com with any questions! Let your Senior celebrate their Senior status with a 2023 Senior T-shirt! Order your SMS Class of 2023 T-shirt today & support Project Grad. Order deadline is 1/22/2023 <https://smsseniors.itemorder.com>.

Monday, February 6, 2023 – 6:00pm

SMS Library *(note time change)*



Project Graduation

Dear South Family and Friends,

Spring is just around the corner and this school year will be over in a flash. Spring semester and graduation can be bittersweet for Seniors. We want the memories of graduation night to be special, positive, and safe for this year's class. 2023 will mark the 32nd year that Shawnee Mission South will host Project Graduation for our Seniors. This project funds an event on graduation night, including a venue, activities, and prizes so graduates can form positive and safe memories on this special evening. Project Graduation is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and endorsed by the SMS PTSA and the Shawnee Mission School District administration. Every graduating student is invited to attend this fun, safe and substance free event. Project Graduation costs \$28,000 and relies on support from the entire school.

We're asking each SMS family to help offset this cost by making a financial donation if they're able. With the intention that each of our kids will enjoy this party when it's their turn to graduate, we're asking Freshman families to contribute \$20, Sophomores \$30, Juniors \$40, and Senior families \$50 to help support this special tradition. Every dollar raised will significantly reduce the cost per student to attend Project Graduation, making it feasible for every graduate to attend. Not only is your financial gift important, we also need parent volunteers to help make this an evening to remember. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tina Monks: tmonks1976@gmail.com. We're looking forward to hosting a terrific event. Thanks so much for your consideration and support of Project Graduation and the Senior Class of 2023.

WAYS TO GIVE: 1. Donate by PayPal or credit/debit card on the Paypal website. Click on the link below or scan the QR code to take you to the website. Once you are on the website, you may need to scroll down to see the credit card payment option.

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=VBWZST98SMSRN



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- Juniors- February 28th is the state funded junior ACT exam that will be administered here at SMS. Be on the lookout for more information coming the week of Feb 21st. Visit www.act.org/testprep to help you prepare.
- JCCC FAFSA Priority Deadline - March 15
- Still need to start or finish FAFSA? Come to the library February 16th 6-8pm to have Ms. Coopman, our college adviser, help you through it!
- Is your child making progress with their Individual Plan of Study? Ask them to show you their Xello goals and plans and their YouScience career results.
- KC Scholars is a great scholarship opportunity for Freshmen and Juniors! The application 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 their counselor for more info.
- 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.](#)

ATTENDANCE LINE UPDATE!

SM South Parents,

We want to share an update with you regarding our attendance lines. To improve efficiency we have established a second phone line for parents to call to excuse partial day absences. If you need to report that your student will need to be released from class for an appointment or will be arriving late due to an appointment, etc... please call our PARTIAL DAY LINE:

913.993.7546. Please use the same ATTENDANCE HOTLINE: 913.993.7545 to excuse your student for the entire school day. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE: 913.993.7545

PARTIAL DAY LINE: 913.993.7546

Sweetheart Pep Assembly Schedule Monday, February 6, 2023

Assembly Schedule 2.6.23

Hour 1 7:40 – 8:20 (40 min)

Hour 2 8:25 – 9:05 (40 min)

Hour 3 9:10 – 9:50 (40 min)

Assembly 10:00 – 11:00 (60 min)

Hour 4 11:00 – 11:45 (45 min)

Hour 5 11:45 - 1:10 (50/55 min)

1st Lunch - Lunch 11:45 – 12:15 (30 min); Class 12:15 – 1:10 (55 min)

2nd Lunch - Class 11:50 – 12:15 (25 min); Lunch 12:15 – 12:45 (30 min); Class 12:45 - 1:10 (25 min)

3rd Lunch - Class 11:50 - 12:45 (55 min); Lunch 12:45 - 1:15 (30 min)

Hour 6 1:15 – 1:55 (40 min)

Hour 7 2:00 – 2:40 (40 min)



Upcoming College Visits to South 2022-2023

College and University admissions representatives come to the Counseling Center at Shawnee Mission South to share about the college/university they represent. If you are interested in attending a specific visit, please contact Mrs. Ross, Counseling Secretary, at christinaross@smsd.org.

February

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Missouri University of Science and Technology	Tuesday, February 7	1:05
Baker University	Tuesday, February 21	9:30
Kansas State University	Tuesday, February 21	1:05
Savannah College of Art & Design	Wednesday, February 22	9:20
Pittsburg State University	Friday, February 24	9:20
Truman State University	Friday, February 24	1:05
Johnson County Community College	Monday, February 27	10:30
Washburn University	Monday, February 27	12:55

March

University of Missouri, Kansas City	Wednesday, March 1	1:05
Oklahoma Christian University	Monday, March 6	10:30
Missouri State University	Wednesday, March 8	1:05

April

University of Missouri, Columbia	Wednesday, April 5	9:20
Marquette University	Wednesday, April 5	1:05





SMS Raiders RISE

Respectful to Others
Initiates Change
School Pride
Empowered Learner

#RaidersRise

PURPOSE

Monthly reward raffle for qualifying students who help Raiders RISE above expectations and develop an accepting and safe culture. RISE recipients are announced the first Monday of the month.

HOW TO QUALIFY

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

Congratulations to our FEBRUARY
Raiders R.I.S.E. winners:

Freshmen: JaKobe Powell
Sophomore: Jadon Gunkel
Junior: Ella Kesner
Senior: Kennedy Umphress



UNDER ARMOUR



Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, February 8

5:00-8:00pm




Conferences held in teacher classrooms/offices.

****We will use 'Open' scheduling, with no appointment needed. We ask parents to keep conversations to 5-10 minutes. If conference is taking place, please wait in the hallway or come back later.**

TECH TIPS

ORGANIZING CANVAS PARENT ACCOUNT

If you've set up an observer account on Canvas, there are some ways that you can organize your account. Below are four different ways you can organize your Canvas parent account. With each method, there is a link to instruction on how to set it up. 



1

Color Code the Dashboard
<https://bit.ly/colorcodecanvas>


2

Nickname Course
<https://bit.ly/nicknamecourse>

3

Personalize the Dashboard
<https://bit.ly/personalizedash>

4

Turn Off Notifications You Don't Need
https://bit.ly/no_notifications 

Health Office Update

Health Office~ February 2023



Parents~ 993-7545 to report an all day absence. 993-7546 To call out a student.
Please DO NOT send your student to the health office to leave.



Many ask what is going around~~ Covid~ Flu~ RSV and Strep.
It's winter, so germs are everywhere. Wash your hands, stay home
when sick, and get your vaccinations

Don't forget~ Eat Breakfast, Get enough sleep, and stay hydrated. We
have water bottle filling stations. **BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE**



Dates to Remember:

February 11th ~ Sweetheart Dance

February 12th ~ SUPER BOWL

February 14th ~ Valentines day

February 20th ~ No School Presidents Day

Angie York - SM South Nurse

913.993.7516

soyork@smsd.org



♥ Sweetheart Court ♥ 2023

Evan Allison
Pierce Allison
Aiman Boullaouz
Veronica Fast
Lettie Featherston
Megan Flint
Marek Gregory
Melanie Interiano
Ilan Khalil
Hayes Lavergne
Noel Mohamed
Madison Mower
Chabelly Palacio
Logan Penny
Irene Rues
Ava Smith
Kate Swift
Eliot Wagner
Andrea Walters
Ben Webb
Matt Wilson
Havely Wolff

Parents Sign Up **HERE** to Help with Sweetheart!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EACAA23AB9-sweetheart>



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Sweetheart Dance Volunteers



Erin Emley



Contact

Already signed up?

[Change my sign up](#)

South Families: We are looking for volunteers to help with the Sweetheart Dance Saturday Feb 11, 2023. There are multiple ways to help.

**Date** 02/11/2023 (Sat.)**Time** 7:30PM - 9:45PM CST

Share



Dates shown as mm/dd/yyyy CST

Available Slot

Water Bottle Donations

[Sign Up](#)

Cases (drop to aux gym 12-3p 2/11/23)

2 of 25 slots filled

Dara Giuliani

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DG

Job Speaker Series

During Seminar

Come learn a little more about different professions

11/29- Abby Eden
Television Journalist

12/06- Roginia Moore
Realtor

01/31- LaDonna Thompson
Vet Tech

02/14- Meghan Dudek
Interior Design

02/21- Zach Olinger
IT Solutions Architect

03/21- Christi Mook
Fashion Merchandising

03/28- Bridget Anaya
Funeral Director

04/11- Maggie Flynn
**Risk Managment/
Insurance**

04/18- Macee Kelly
Esthetician



Sign up here
You must sign up to
attend



SMSD COMMUNITY READ

Scan here for more information



WHAT IS IT?

Reading books is a great way to connect with one another! The Project Lit chapters at SM Northwest, SM West, and SM South would like to invite all members of our school communities to read a book alongside their child.

Students identified the topics they wished the adults in their lives had a deeper understanding of, and then chose books that address those topics. Students--if you want to participate, regardless of whether or not an adult in your life is, that's awesome and we'd love for you to join us!

Parents, caregivers, and students can choose a book to read--maybe you and your child choose the same one, maybe you don't. We will all come together one evening to discuss the books and hopefully create meaningful connections and a better understanding of one another.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Please visit the [SMSD Community Read website](#).

There you will find more information, tentative dates (late February), links to descriptions for each book, and a Google form to fill out if you are interested.

SCAN HERE TO FILL OUT
THE GOOGLE FORM



I'M IN! WHAT SHOULD I DO?


If you have questions, please email the following people:

SMNW: rebeccaanthony@smsd.org

SMW: annestowers@smsd.org

SMS: juliefales@smsd.org

If you are ready to commit and choose a book, please scan the QR code to the left and fill out the [Google form](#).



AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA



SM SOUTH AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A two year sequence of individualized, college-level research courses taken junior and senior year of high school

How It Works

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of your choice, you'll receive the **AP Capstone Diploma**.

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, you'll receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate**.



AP SEMINAR (Year 1)
Team Project & Presentation
Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation
End-of-Course Exam
AP RESEARCH (Year 2)
Academic Paper
Presentation & Oral Defense
4 AP COURSES & EXAMS
(Taken at any point throughout high school)



CONTACT

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academic benefits

- *Earn college credit
- *Develop research, writing, and presentation skills
- *Complete Real World Learning targets



graduation benefits

- *Distinguish self on college applications
- *Be recognized at graduation ceremony



personal benefits

- *Pursue passion projects
- *Engage in individualized curriculum
- *Develop project management skills

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH | 5-9PM
6879 W 91ST ST, OVERLAND PARK, KS, 66212

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **P3XP3TA**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

SME vs. SMS

DONATION DRIVE



Giving the Basics

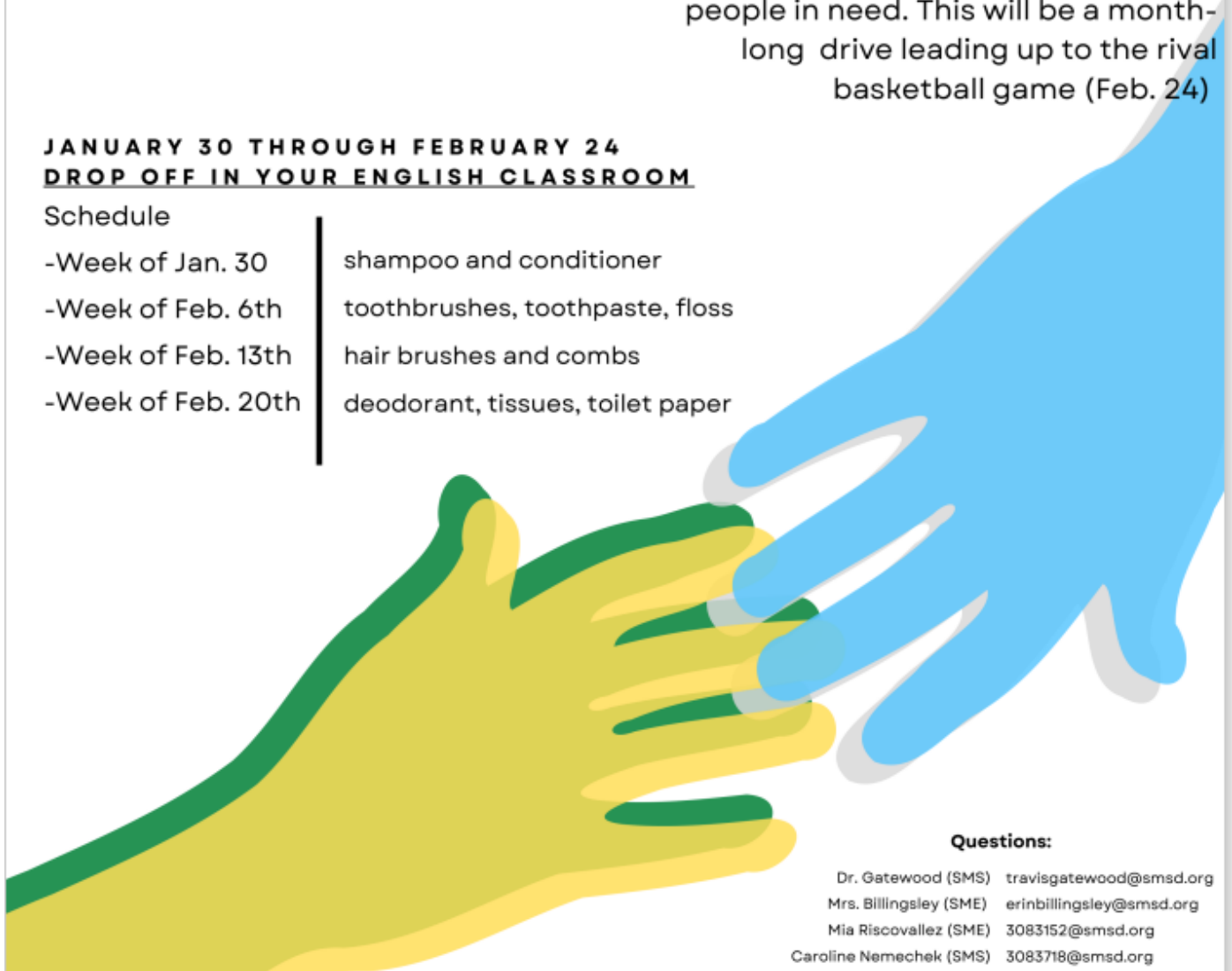
Help South beat East!

SME and SMS are **participating in a friendly competition** collecting hygiene products to donate to people in need. This will be a month-long drive leading up to the rival basketball game (Feb. 24)

JANUARY 30 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24
DROP OFF IN YOUR ENGLISH CLASSROOM

Schedule

-Week of Jan. 30	shampoo and conditioner
-Week of Feb. 6th	toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss
-Week of Feb. 13th	hair brushes and combs
-Week of Feb. 20th	deodorant, tissues, toilet paper



Questions:

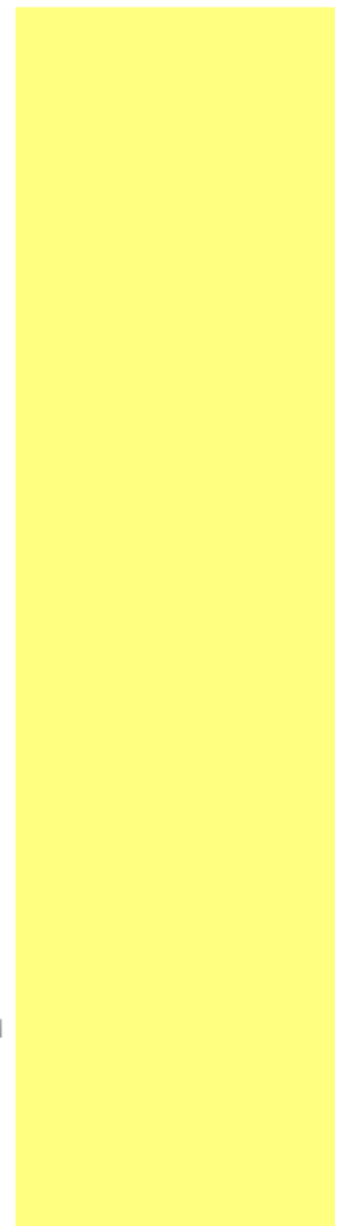
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Mia Riscovallez (SME) 3083152@smsd.org
Caroline Nemechek (SMS) 3083718@smsd.org

Shawnee Mission South Athletic Senior Signing

April 11
Seminar – 9:30
SMS Aux Gym
Parents welcome

**Athletes will receive a limited
number of tickets to pass out to
school friends and teammates**

Contact the SMS Athletics office for
more information: 993-7502



SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Make plans now to attend our summer athletic camps. Click link below to enroll:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HwsCCOAI3WMS0_V5kv4CpDI0SuvWHp5oD9Mu892OE6U/edit



A promotional graphic for Shawnee Mission South High School Summer Raider Camps. The background is a gradient of green and yellow with a dotted pattern. At the top right, there is a plus sign and the hashtag #GORAIDERS. In the center, the text "SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by "SUMMER" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, and "RAIDER CAMPS" in a large, white, cursive font. To the right of the text is a green silhouette of a raider on a horse, holding a spear. Below the text is a QR code. At the bottom right, there is a URL: <https://smsouthraiders.com/@SMSRaidersAD>. In the bottom left corner, there is a yellow starburst shape with the text "Enroll today!!" in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, there is a photograph of seven female athletes wearing white jerseys with "RAIDERS" and their numbers (24, 11, 20, 23, 32, 15) on them.

SHAWNEE MISSION
SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER
RAIDER CAMPS

#GORAIDERS

<https://smsouthraiders.com/@SMSRaidersAD>

Enroll today!!

SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar February 6-11, 2023

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

Monday, February 6, 2023 – Traditional 7 Period – Assembly Schedule

6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game	vs. Lawrence @ Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Lawrence @ Shawnee Mission South Main Gym
7:00pm	PTSA Meeting	Library
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. Lawrence @ Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – BLOCKS 2 – Seminar – 4 – 6

7:00am	National Honor Society Meeting	Auditorium
12:30pm	Bowling: JV/Varsity League	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Olathe Lanes East
3:30pm	Wrestling: Varsity District	vs. SMNW@ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
4:00pm	Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. Lawrence @ Lawrence High School LHS East (main) Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Lawrence @ Lawrence High School LHS East (main) Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Lawrence @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym
7:00pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Lawrence @ Lawrence High School LHS East (main) Gym
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Lawrence @ Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

5:00-8:00PM	Parent Teacher Conferences 7-12 – Teacher classrooms
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Thursday, February 9, 2023 – Late Start - BLOCKS 2 – Advisory – 4 – 6

10:00am	Bowling: JV/Varsity League	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Park Lanes
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game	vs. Lawrence Free State @ Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Lawrence Free State @ Shawnee Mission South Main Gym
7:30pm	Basketball: Girls C Team Game	vs. Lawrence Free State @ Shawnee Mission South Main Gym
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. Lawrence Free State @ Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym

Friday, February 10, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

3:00pm	Bowling: JV/Varsity Game	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Mission Bowl N'Olathe
3:45pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Lawrence Free State @ Shawnee Mission South Main Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Lawrence Free State @ S.M. South Main Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Lawrence Free State @ Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Lawrence Free State @ S.M. South Main Gym
7:00pm	Sweetheart Ceremony	Main Gym

Saturday, February 11, 2023

[ACT Exam](#)

Main Gym

[Sweetheart Dance](#)

Auxiliary Gym

TBD

Wrestling: Girls Varsity Regional

vs. TBA @ [TBA](#)

