

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

**Marli Ruis**



## Tweet of the Week!



SMS Black Student Union @smsouthbsu · 2d ...

Today we went to K-State for a BSU Leadership Conference!!



Follow Dr. Dain on  
Twitter@SMSouthTDain  
Instagram@SMSouthTDain

Marli Ruis teaches FACS at South and was nominated by her colleagues: "Marli has joined the South team this year and has been willing to do whatever it takes to help. She is coaching soccer in the fall and Spring. Her classes and her students are always engaged and excited to learn from Marli. We are so lucky she is a Raider!"

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 13 Odd Block	FEB 14 Even Block	FEB 15 Odd Block	FEB 16 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	FEB 17 Odd Block
FEB 20 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	FEB 21 Even Block	FEB 22 Odd Block	FEB 23 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	FEB 24 Odd Block
FEB 27 Traditional Schedule	FEB 28 <b>Kansas ACT Test</b> Even Block	MAR 1 Odd Block	MAR 2 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	MAR 3 Odd Block
MAR 6 Odd Block 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	MAR 7 Even Block	MAR 8 Odd Block	MAR 9 <b>LATE START</b> 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 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	MAR 24 Odd Block
MAR 27 Traditional Schedule	MAR 28 Even Block	MAR 29 Odd Block	MAR 30 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	MAR 31 Odd Block
APR 3 Odd Block	APR 4 Even Block	APR 5 Odd Block	APR 6 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	APR 7 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
APR 10 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning	APR 11 Even Block	APR 12 Odd Block	APR 13 <b>LATE START</b> Even Block	APR 14 Odd Block

# Join us PTSA

**PTSA Meetings - 7:00pm - Library**

**Monday, March 6\***

**Wednesday, April 5**

**\*updated!**

## ***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***



## *Project Graduation*

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





Follow @counselingSMS on twitter  
Facebook 'Shawnee Mission South Counseling'

- Juniors- February 28<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>. Visit [www.act.org/testprep](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.](#)

### 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](mailto:christinaross@smsd.org).

#### February

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
Donnelly College	Thursday, March 2	1:05
Oklahoma Christian University	Monday, March 6	10:30
Simpson College	Tuesday, March 7	1:05
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



# TECH TIPS

## HELPFUL CANVAS LINKS FOR PARENTS

Canvas is our district's learning management system. Below are some helpful links to help you learn about all of the features available to parents for Canvas.

1

Creating an Observer Account

<https://bit.ly/3xhNXUF>

2

Parent App

<https://bit.ly/3Xer7lg>

3

Basics of Canvas

<https://bit.ly/3Ylxw5F>

4

Grade Icons

<https://bit.ly/3YC7XgD>



# 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](mailto: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

2

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](mailto:rebeccaanthony@smsd.org)

SMW: [annestowers@smsd.org](mailto:annestowers@smsd.org)

SMS: [juliefales@smsd.org](mailto: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**.



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



## CONTACT

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T @gwoodedu



### 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



# Shawnee Mission South FCCLA Woolly Threads Sale



2203-18 HEATHER  
GREEN

Order Here!

<https://forms.gle/UoewLGmxy8kLgt5M9>

**\$58**

**All funds raised will go towards  
competition related travel for FCCLA  
members.**

Questions?  
Contact: Rachel Bravence  
[rachelbravence@smsd.org](mailto:rachelbravence@smsd.org)

# SME vs. SMS

## DONATION DRIVE



Giving the Basics

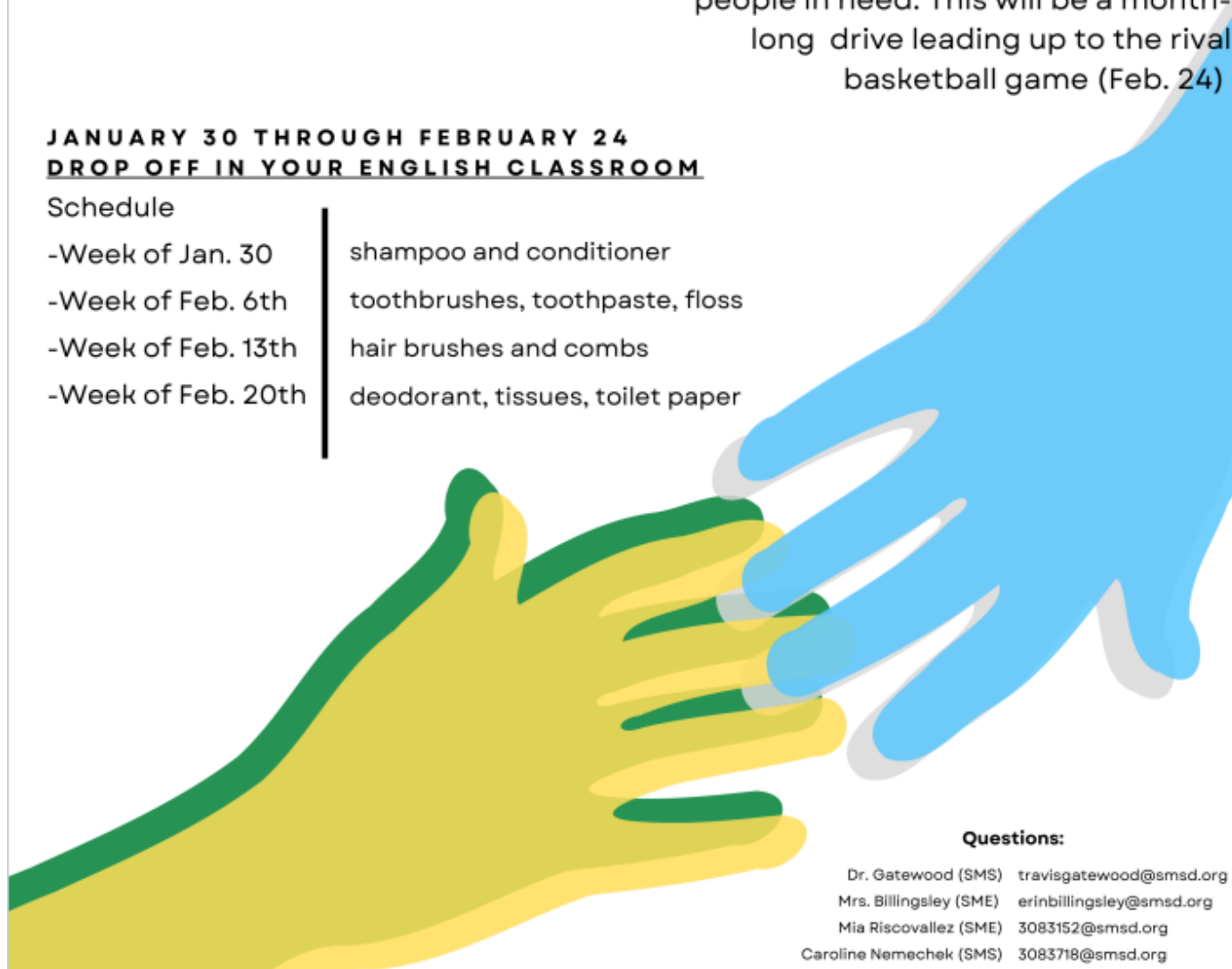
Help South beat East!

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:**

Dr. Gatewood (SMS) [travisgatewood@smsd.org](mailto:travisgatewood@smsd.org)  
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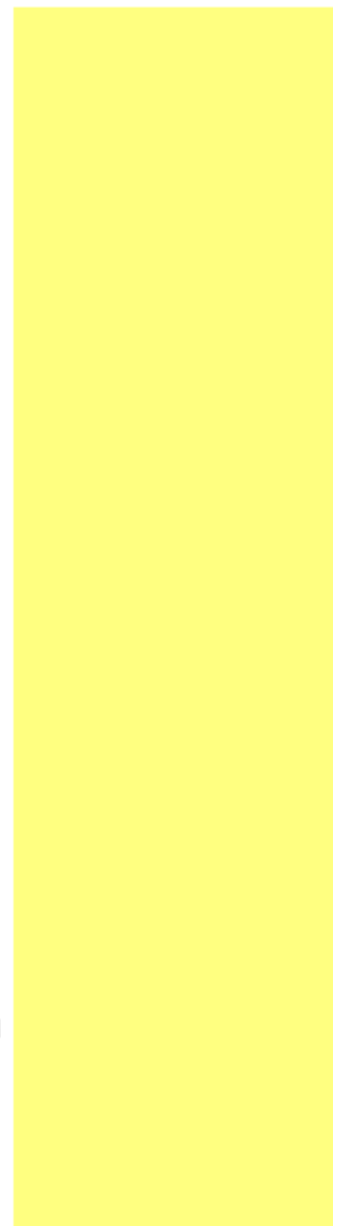


# Shawnee Mission South Athletic Senior Signing

**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](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 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 "RAIDERS" jerseys, posing together.

SHAWNEE MISSION  
SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

**SUMMER**  
RAIDER CAMPS

#GORAIDERS

[https://smsouthraiders.com/  
@SMSRaidersAD](https://smsouthraiders.com/@SMSRaidersAD)

**Enroll  
today!!**

**13 BEATS**

SAVING LIVES ONE ❤️ AT A TIME



# FREE BYSTANDER CPR & AED TRAINING

B E P R E P A R E D T O S A V E A L I F E !

As millions watched on national TV, NFL player Damar Hamlin suffered Sudden Cardiac Arrest. He's alive today, only because of the quick medical attention he received. On August 3rd, a BVHS junior collapsed at his baseball lesson and suffered Sudden Cardiac Arrest. He's alive today, only because of the quick medical attention he received. Bystander CPR kept him alive until medical help arrived.

**YOU CAN BE TRAINED IN LESS THAN 20 MINUTES.****February 25, 2023**

OPEN HOUSE STYLE - 3:30PM to 6:30PM

**Blue Valley Hilltop Conference Center**

7710 W 143rd St, Overland Park, KS 66223

**COME & GO  
NO RSVP  
REQUIRED****Raffle Prizes ♡ T-Shirts ♡ Cookies***Bystander CPR is hands-only. This training is not CPR certification.**Bring your family. They may need to save you!*

## SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar February 13-18, 2023

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

### Monday, February 13, 2023 – Traditional 7 Period

3:00pm	<a href="#">Bowling: JV District</a>	vs. Multiple Schools..@ <a href="#">Park Lanes</a>
4:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game</a>	vs. Olathe East @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym</a>
5:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls JV Game</a>	vs. Pembroke Hill @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South Main Gym</a>
6:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game</a>	vs. Olathe East @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls Varsity Game</a>	vs. Pembroke Hill @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South Main Gym</a>
7:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game</a>	vs. Olathe East @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South Auxiliary Gym</a>

### Tuesday, February 14, 2023 – BLOCKS 2 – Seminar – 4 – 6

3:00pm	<a href="#">Bowling: JV/Varsity District</a>	vs. Multiple Schools..@ Mission Bowl N'Olathe
3:45pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls JV Game</a>	vs. Olathe East @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South High School</a>
5:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls Varsity Game</a>	vs. Olathe East @ S.M. South Main Gym
5:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys JV Game</a>	vs. Olathe East @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South High School Auxiliary Gym</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls C Team Game</a>	vs. Olathe East @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South High School Auxiliary Gym</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Varsity Game</a>	vs. Olathe East @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym</a>

### Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

6:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game</a>	vs. SMN @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South High School Auxiliary Gym</a>
6:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys JV Game</a>	vs. SMN @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym</a>
7:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game</a>	vs. SMN @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South High School Auxiliary Gym</a>
7:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game</a>	vs. SMN @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission South High School Main Gym</a>
7:30pm	<a href="#">Theatre – Avenue Q</a>	<a href="#">Auditorium</a>

### Thursday, February 16, 2023 – Late Start - BLOCKS 2 – Advisory – 4 – 6

TBD	<a href="#">Swimming: Boys Varsity State</a>	vs. TBA @ <a href="#">SM Aquatic Center</a>
6:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game</a>	vs. Mill Valley @ <a href="#">Mill Valley</a>
6:00pm-8:00pm	<a href="#">FAFSA Workshop</a>	Library
7:30pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game</a>	vs. Mill Valley @ <a href="#">Mill Valley</a>
7:30pm	<a href="#">Theatre – Avenue Q</a>	<a href="#">Auditorium</a>



**Friday, February 17, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7**

TBD	<a href="#">Swimming: Boys Varsity State</a>	vs. TBA @ <a href="#">SM Aquatic Center</a>
3:00pm	<a href="#">Wrestling: Boys Varsity Regionals</a>	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission Northwest High School</a>
3:45pm	<a href="#">Wrestling: Boys Varsity Regional</a>	TBA vs. Shawnee Mission-Northwest @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission Northwest High School</a>
4:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Girls JV Game</a>	vs. Mill Valley @ <a href="#">Mill Valley High SchoolMVHS Main Gym</a>
4:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game</a>	vs. Mill Valley @ <a href="#">Mill Valley</a>
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7:00pm	<a href="#">Basketball: Boys Varsity Game</a>	vs. Mill Valley @ <a href="#">Mill Valley High School</a>
7:30pm	<a href="#">Theatre – Avenue Q</a>	<a href="#">Auditorium</a>

**Saturday, February 18, 2023**

10:00AM	<a href="#">Wrestling: Boys Varsity Regionals</a>	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ <a href="#">Shawnee Mission Northwest High School</a>
7:30pm	<a href="#">Theatre – Avenue Q</a>	<a href="#">Auditorium</a>

