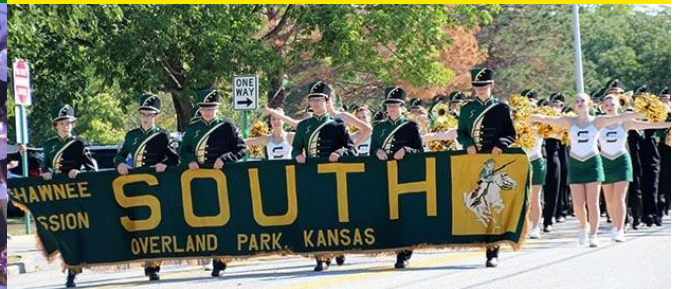


SM SOUTH



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

Erin Schneider



Tweet of the Week!



SMSD Women in Leadership Program · 2d ...
Women in Leadership Day at the Capitol! Excited to bring all @theSMSD HS together to learn from multiple women in legislative positions.
[#OneShawneeMission](#) [#SMSDTimetoShine](#)
[@SMEastLancers](#) [@smnw_office](#)
[@SMWestOffice](#) [@SMSouthTDain](#)
[@SM_NORTH_HS](#) [@thesmsdhr](#)



Follow Dr. Dain on
Twitter: @SMSouthTDain
Instagram: SMSouthTDain

Erin Schneider teaches French at South as was nominated by a student: "Mme. Schneider works hard to facilitate enjoyable conversations and lessons for her students. While she expects students to be punctual with assignments, she voices her appreciation of students' improvement and encourages them to keep doing their best. Mme. Schneider displays commitment to helping students succeed beyond the French class by taking interest in their academics and extracurriculars. Mme. Schneider is active in coordinating activities for the French Club and enthusiastic about getting non-French class students involved in the club. We are so happy to have her at South. Merci Mme. Schneider!"

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

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OCTOBER 2 Traditional Schedule	OCTOBER 3 Even Block	OCTOBER 4 Odd Block	OCTOBER 5 LATE START Even Block	OCTOBER 6 Odd Block
OCTOBER 9 Odd Block 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	OCTOBER 10 Even Block	OCTOBER 11 National Testing Day 1:10pm Dismissal	OCTOBER 12 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning	OCTOBER 13 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
OCTOBER 16 Odd Block	OCTOBER 17 Even Block	OCTOBER 18 Odd Block Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm	OCTOBER 19 LATE START Even Block	OCTOBER 20 NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences
OCTOBER 23 Traditional Schedule	OCTOBER 24 Even Block	OCTOBER 25 Odd Block	OCTOBER 26 LATE START Even Block	OCTOBER 27 Odd Block
OCTOBER 30 Traditional Schedule	OCTOBER 31 Even Block	NOVEMBER 1 Odd Block	NOVEMBER 2 LATE START Even Block	NOVEMBER 3 Odd Block
NOVEMBER 6 Traditional Schedule	NOVEMBER 7 Even Block	NOVEMBER 8 Odd Block	NOVEMBER 9 LATE START Even Block	NOVEMBER 10 Odd Block
NOVEMBER 13 Traditional Schedule 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	NOVEMBER 14 Even Block	NOVEMBER 15 Odd Block	NOVEMBER 16 LATE START Even Block	NOVEMBER 17 Odd Block
NOVEMBER 20 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER 21 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER 22 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER 23 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER 24 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING
NOVEMBER 27 Traditional Schedule	NOVEMBER 28 Even Block	NOVEMBER 29 Odd Block	NOVEMBER 30 LATE START Even Block	DECEMBER 1 Pep Assembly Odd Block
DECEMBER 4 Traditional Schedule	DECEMBER 5 Even Block	DECEMBER 6 Odd Block	DECEMBER 7 LATE START Even Block	DECEMBER 8 Odd Block



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

October 11th is an early dismissal day that provides each grade with different opportunities:

9th graders will work on their Individual Plans of Study.

10th graders can choose to take a FREE practice ACT (no registration needed) or a practice PSAT (registration needed) exam.

11th graders can choose to take a FREE practice ACT (no registration needed) or the PSAT/NMSQT (registration needed) exam.

12th graders will have a Senior Exploration Day again. This is time offered to them to do a job shadow, college visit, community service, or college application workshop. Please view recent detailed email for more information.

Registration is due SEPT 22nd for the **PSAT/NMSQT**. Cost is

\$20 www.TotalRegistration.net/PSAT/172772

Free and Reduced Lunch Students are free. Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT and score above a to be determined (by college board) score will enter the National Merit Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and scholarships conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

See these links for more information.

[NMSQT Parent Guide](#)

[NMSQT Student Guide](#)

- AP Registration is open. Detailed information was emailed earlier this week.
- Kelsi Baird is our new SMS college adviser. Feel free to reach out to her with any questions related to post high school planning. Kelsibaird@smsd.org
- Reach out to your alpha counselor if you are interested in ACT prep. We have a free online prep Edgenuity course for juniors and seniors.
- Are you moving? If so, please fill out the following form [SMS Student Withdrawal Form](#).
- 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 2023-2024

College and University admissions representatives come to the Counseling Center 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 to obtain a pass.

October

Grand Canyon University	Monday, October 2	10:30
Truman State University	Monday, October 2	12:55
New York University	Tuesday, October 3	1:05
Rice University	Wednesday, October 4	9:20
Drury University	Wednesday, October 4	1:05
Lafayette College (PA)	Friday, October 6	9:20 (virtual)
University of Pittsburgh (PA)	Monday, October 9	8:35
University of Alabama	Monday, October 9	9:30
Vanderbilt University	Monday, October 9	10:30
Colorado School of Mines	Monday, October 9	12:55
Grinnell College	Tuesday, October 10	9:30
DePaul University	Tuesday, October 10	1:05
Northwestern University	Monday, October 16	2:55
University of Missouri, Kansas City	Tuesday, October 17	9:30
William Woods University	Tuesday, October 17	1:05
University of Missouri, Columbia	Thursday, October 19	1:05
Johnson County Community College	Tuesday, October 24	1:05
Rockhurst University	Wednesday, October 25	9:20
Aardvark Israel Study Abroad Program	Monday, October 30	9:30
Saint Louis University	Monday, October 30	12:55

December

University of Nebraska, Lincoln	Wednesday, December 6	1:05
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SM SOUTH FATHER'S CLUB FALL CAMPUS CLEAN-UP DAY

RESCHEDULED

Saturday, Sept. 30th

9:00-11:00am

**Join the Tradition to beautify our campus at South!*

**Students earn 'Double' community service points when they attend with a parents!*





College Advising

KANSAS STATE
College Advising Corps



October Newsletter

October Checklist

- ✓ Have your student schedule an appointment with Ms. Baird
- ✓ Create an FSA ID (Student & Contributor)
- ✓ Sign your student up for Senior Exploration Day
- ✓ Take your student on campus visits
- ✓ Have your student submit 1-3 college applications
- ✓ Attend post-secondary planning events
- ✓ Email Ms. Baird with any questions



Kelsi Baird — **SMS College Adviser**



kelsibaird@smsd.org



913-993-7662



<https://calendly.com/kelsibaird>



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JOIN SOUTH PTSA



YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES HELP SUPPORT -
FACULTY APPRECIATION & MEALS
RAIDER RALLY
PTSA SCHOLARSHIPS
SOUTH KIDFEST
SENIOR BREAKFAST
DANCE REFRESHMENTS
& SO MUCH MORE!

Membership Prices Increase September 1

<https://form.jotform.com/221923770805154>

PTSA Meetings 7:00pm – Library

Monday, October 9

Monday, November 13

Monday, January 8

Monday, February 5

Monday, March 4

Monday, April 1



2023-2024

**CALL FOR
ENTRIES!**

**I am
Hopeful
Because...**

**Explore the arts and
express yourself!**



Learn more and get involved!
smac-pta.org/reflections

Deadline for Entries:

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

For Details:

SMS PTSA Website
**[https://smsouth.smsd.org/
families/ptsa](https://smsouth.smsd.org/families/ptsa)**



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 September Raiders R.I.S.E. winners:

Freshmen: Patrick Flattery

Sophomore: Brittany Sanchez Valdiviezo

Junior: Creed Meyers

Senior: Natalie Kelley



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

OCTOBER 2023



Parents~If your student has texted you to go home, please call attendance 993-7546. Do not send your student to the health office to be called out. We will call you if your student is sick and needs to go home.

We need Your Immunizations– You MUST have your 2nd Meningitis vaccine after your 16th Birthday. GET IT NOW to be compliant for the state of Kansas. Exclusion Date Oct 23, 2023 Send in to soyork@smsd.org

GET YOUR SHOT

SMSD Policy ~

Students may not carry any medications with them. All medications must be administered through the health office.



Angie York – SM South Nurse

913.993.7516

soyork@smsd.org



SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH FOUNDATION

11th Annual Golf Classic

Monday, October 23rd

FALCON



RIDGE

<https://shawneemissionsouthfoundation.org/golf-tournament/>

Nothing Greater than a Raider!



“Green & Gold of Raiders Bold”

2024 SENIOR TRIBUTES SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH HERITAGE

CONTACTS

Tucker Love

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

Senior Tributes Manager

Maggie Gerritz
smsyearbookads@gmail.com

School Address

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

TRIBUTE DEADLINES

October 20 and December 1 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 at the time of purchase, and no later than December 1.

Tribute prices go up following the early bird 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.**
- Please choose photos of GOOD & HIGH quality. Please 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 cannot accept photos of children without clothing.
- We cannot 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 cannot 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 Tributes Manager if a proof has not been sent by January 31, 2024.
- 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 have any questions, 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
- 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 3.5% service fee on every senior tribute purchase
- Complete the purchase by checking out using your credit card information.



The Shawnee Mission South Athletic Department is excited to partner with **GoFan** for Athletic Tickets. Fans will now be able to purchase tickets in multiple ways. Download the GoFan App for an even easier experience with your tickets. Tickets will be required for all fans on any game night that includes a Varsity level competition.

Ways To Purchase Tickets:

1. Online through our GoFan ticket website: <https://gofan.co/app/school/KS18135>
2. QR Code Signs at the games: we will have signage for you to scan and purchase tickets through your mobile device.
3. Credit Card at the games
 - We will have point of sale iPads that accept credit cards and tap to pay.
 - Football games will require users to receive text message receipt in order to get past the ticket gate.
4. Cash at the games
 - Normal procedures, but will be the slowest option for getting into the game. There will only be one cash box at each event.

The quickest way to get into the game is to make sure you purchase your tickets ahead of time!

Reminders for our Raider Fans:

- ▶ No outside food or drink is allowed into events.
- ▶ SMS Students **MUST** have their current student ID card in hand to gain free entry. (Other SMSD student ID's are not accepted.)
- ▶ No re-entry is allowed.
- ▶ Fans who have purchased an All Sports Pass will go directly to the entry gate and are able to redeem their pass once per event.
- ▶ GOFAN tickets are good for all home events at SM South. **Games in Lawrence, Gardner, Mill Valley, and Olathe – will still need a purchased ticket. Your SMS pass is not valid for games outside South**

Help SMS Theatre Boosters.....



...And Embrace Love





FEED YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT

SMS Band Booster

Dine Out Night!

Wednesday, October 25th

4pm-8pm

When ordering ridiculously good food at the
Lion's Choice in Overland Park, a percentage of our
sales will go to your organization.

We can't wait to see you!

Lion's Choice
Overland Park:
10313 Metcalf Avenue,
Overland Park, KS 66212



SUPPORT SMS

SPEECH AND DEBATE

Our Raider Speech & Debate team just won Nationals in Policy Debate! We're home from camp and gearing up for a new season, but we need **your** help to make upcoming competition possible!

DONATION TIERS

\$100 SILVER DONOR

Company logo/family name in banquet program & invitational welcome letter

\$500 GOLD DONOR

Company logo/family name on SMS Speech & Debate T-shirt + Silver (above)

\$1,000

PLATINUM DONOR

Event/division named for your company/family @ our home tourney + Gold (above)

CONTACT US:

Donations can be made on our giving grid & logos should be emailed here:

✉ mkujawa05@gmail.com

☎ 913-304-9975

🐦 @smsdebate

📷 @smsspeechdebate



[Giving Grid](#)





SHAWNEE
MISSION

SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESENTS

SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

October 4th, 2023
6:00pm-8:00pm
Shawnee Mission West
High School

**Come hear from scholarship
foundations in the KC Metro
Area and learn about how
these scholarships can help
your student!**

Open to all Grade Levels

6:00pm **Rudd Foundation**

6:30pm **KC Scholars**

7:00pm **Hispanic
Development Fund**

7:30pm **KS Promise**



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2023

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

NOCHE PARA PADRES DE ESTUDIANTES SENIORS



October 25th, 2023
6:00pm–7:45pm
Shawnee Mission
South High School
Flex Theater

25 de Octubre, 2023
6:00pm–7:45pm
Preparatoria de
Shawnee Mission
South Teatro Flex

Financial Aid Presentation

By the University of Kansas Financial Aid Office

Presentación de Ayuda Financiera

Por la Oficina de Ayuda Financiera de la Universidad de Kansas

6:00PM-7:00PM

College Application Presentation

By the SMS & SMW College Advisers

Presentación de Solicitud de Ingreso a la Universidad

Por los Asesores Universitarios de SMS y SMW

7:00PM-7:45PM



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aubreighallen@smsd.org



Want to stand out in a test optional college? Want to obtain more scholarships? Then take this ACT class!

WHEN: Friday, Oct 13, 2023
8:30 AM – 2:10 PM CT

WHERE: Shawnee Mission West High School
8800 W 85th St, Overland Park, KS 66212

WHY: This class shows you how to control the test and not let it control you. Learn how to approach the test strategically and score higher. This class is not a practice test.

COST: \$70 per student
REGISTRATIONS AFTER 10/03/23 ARE \$75



About the Program: Carolyn Devane has been teaching ACT classes and helping 50,000+ students improve their scores since 1999.

Here's what students are saying:

"My score increased from a 26 to a 29, and I pushed my superscore up to a 31. Really glad I attended. Thanks."
-- Dalton, Purcell HS, OK (July 2021)

"I took your class at the K-State campus in August 2020! I was the kid who said you raised my score by 3 points! Well, guess what? You have outdone yourself once again! I received, with a super score, a 26 on the ACT! That's a 2-point increase from my previous score! *I also have to say that my score in my math section raised 5 points!!* I used all your tips. I am in no shape or form the best at math, but this math score really made me proud of myself. I just wanted to let you know that both of your classes have helped me to become a better test taker and a more accomplished student, and I want to thank you!!"
-- Tobias, Shawnee Mission West HS (October 2020)

"Not going to lie. I'm scared to tell my mom that this singular course was much more effective than the ACT course she enrolled me in. I think I can finally get my 36 and be less scared to apply to my dream Ivy League School."
-- Anonymous Student, KSU ACT Class (June 2019)

"I took the class a week before the April ACT, and I improved my composite score by 3 points to a 30. I brought my English score from a 24 to a 31 and my Science from a 25 to a 31. The class really helped me with strategies."
-- Bobby, Eudora HS (May 2018)

Steps to Register and Pay:

1. Go to <http://actprep.info/shawneemissionsouth> or scan QR code.
2. Complete the registration and pay online.*

*A receipt of successful registration will be emailed immediately.

Students/parents will also receive a reminder email 48-72 hours before the class date with all class details.

Questions? Go to www.powerprepinc.com.



TRAILWOOD
2024
SENIOR PICTURE

SUNDAY OCT8TH @ 4PM
TRAILWOOD PLAYGROUND



SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar October 2-7, 2023

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

Monday, October 2, 2023 – Traditional 7 Period Day

12:00pm	Golf: Girls Varsity 3rd Leg Sunflower League	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ St. Andrews Golf Course
1:00pm	Golf: Girls Varsity Tournament	vs. Olathe East @ St. Andrews Golf Course
3:30pm	Tennis: Girls JV Match	vs. Gardner Edgerton High School @ 103rd & Marty
5:00pm	Football: JV Game	vs. Free State @ Shawnee Mission South Upper Turf -
6:00pm	Soccer: Boys Gold Game	vs. Mill Valley @ MVHS Turf Soccer Stadium
6:00pm	Soccer: Boys C Team Match	vs. Olathe West @ ODAC
7:00pm	SMSD Marching Festival Concert	Shawnee Mission South Stadium

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 –BLOCKS 2 –Seminar–4 –6

1:00pm	Golf: Girls JV Tournament	vs. TBA @ Tomahawk
3:30pm	Tennis: Girls V/JV Match	vs. Saint Thomas Aquinas @ 103rd & Marty
5:00pm	Soccer: Boys JV Game	vs. Mill Valley @ Mill ValleyMVHS Turf Soccer Stadium
5:00pm	Volleyball: Girls Freshman Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ Shawnee Mission South High School
5:00pm	Volleyball: Girls JV Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ Shawnee Mission South High School
5:30pm	Gymnastics: Varsity District	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
6:00pm	Volleyball: Girls Sophomore Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ Shawnee Mission South High School
6:00pm	Volleyball: Girls Varsity Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ Shawnee Mission South High School
6:30pm	Swim Team Open Swim	SMSD Aquatic Center
7:00pm	Soccer: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Mill Valley @ Mill ValleyMVHS Turf Soccer Stadium

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

6:30pm	Swim Team Open Swim	SMSD Aquatic Center
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Thursday, October 5, 2023 –(Late Start) BLOCKS 2 –Seminar–4 –6

5:00pm	Football: Freshman Game	vs. Mill Valley @ Shawnee Mission South Upper Turf - Soccer Field
5:00pm	Soccer: Boys JV Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission South Stadium
5:00pm	Volleyball: Girls Freshman Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-East @ Shawnee Mission South High School
5:00pm	Volleyball: Girls JV Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-East @ Shawnee Mission South High School
6:00pm	Volleyball: Girls Sophomore Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-East @ Shawnee Mission South High School
6:00pm	Volleyball: Girls Varsity Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-East @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:00pm	Soccer: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission South Stadium

Friday, October 6, 2023 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

TBD	Tennis: Girls Varsity Regional	vs. TBA @ TBA
7:00pm	Football: Varsity Game	vs. Mill Valley @ Mill ValleyMVHS - Football Turf

Saturday, October 7, 2023

TBD	Tennis: Girls Varsity Regional	vs. TBA @ TBA
8:00am	Cross Country: IV/V Invitational	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Johnson County Community College
8:00am	Volleyball: Girls Freshman Sunflower League	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Lawrence Free State Both Gyms
8:00am	Volleyball: Girls Sophomore League	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Olathe West High School
8:00am	Volleyball: Girls JV League	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Shawnee Mission West High School
9:00am	Volleyball: Girls Varsity Tournament	vs. Atchison @ Atchison High School
11:00am	Gymnastics: Varsity Invitational	vs. Newton @ Newton High School

