

SM SOUTH

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UNDER ARMOUR



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

Kelsi Baird



Tweet of the Week!



Kurt Hodge @KHodge0124 · 13h

Another year, another Halloween contest win for the science department.



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

Kelsi Baird is new to SMS this year and serves as our College Adviser. She was nominated by her colleagues: "Kelsi has been such a great addition to the South Counseling family. She is doing an excellent job of reaching out to our seniors and helping with their post high school plans. She has already, in the first quarter, met with half of our seniors. She connects with our students and parents so easily and puts parents and students at ease while navigating the college process." Raiders- remember to reach out to Ms. Baird if you have any questions about college or FAFSA.

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

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
DECEMBER 11 Traditional Schedule	DECEMBER 12 Even Block	DECEMBER 13 Odd Block	DECEMBER 14 LATE START Even Block 6:00pm Cram & Cocoa	DECEMBER 15 Odd Block
DECEMBER 18 Odd Block Final Exams - 1 & 3	DECEMBER 19 Even Block Final Exams - 2, 4 & 6	DECEMBER 20 Odd Block Final Exams 5 & 7 1:10 dismissal	DECEMBER 21 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	DECEMBER 22 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
DECEMBER 25 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	DECEMBER 26 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	DECEMBER 27 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	DECEMBER 28 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	DECEMBER 29 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
JANUARY 1 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	JANUARY 2 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	JANUARY 3 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	JANUARY 4 NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORK DAY	JANUARY 5 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
JANUARY 8 Traditional Schedule	JANUARY 9 Even Block	JANUARY 10 Odd Block	JANUARY 11 LATE START Even Block	JANUARY 12 Odd Block

Health Office Update

NOVEMBER 2023



Parents/Guardians~ If your student is missing an immunization, we are calling them down to discuss. Expect a call from them while they are in the health office. Our exclusion date was October 23. We need Your State Required Immunizations- If you have them, please send in to soyork@smsd.org

Parents/Guardians~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.



Unfortunately the health office has no room for clothes. Accidents happen, keep a spare change of clothes in your car or locker.



Angie York – SM South Nurse

913.993.7516

soyork@smsd.org



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>



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 November Raiders R.I.S.E. winners:
Freshmen: Aylar Taganova
Sophomore: Jesus Delgado Tovar
Junior: Anne Hance
Senior: Cole Smith



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

- **JUNIORS-** Registration for the free ACT exam on Feb. 28th is now open. Junior students who would like to take this exam must register via this Google Form <https://forms.gle/htj46PuK5tDxhAXGA> before Sunday, Nov. 27th
- The deadline to register and pay for AP exams is Friday, Nov 3rd. Reach out to tracijohnson@smsd.org if you have any questions.
- Students must fill out this google form to request a SM2 schedule adjustment. <https://forms.gle/snNdiuECFmD56YAK8> The deadline to submit a request is Dec. 13th.
- Seniors can **apply to Kansas colleges for free Nov 7-9th**. There will be an application workshop for students during seminar on Tue, Nov 7th. See flier for more information. College or FAFSA questions? Reach out to kelsibaird@smsd.org
- Please call 993-7530 to speak with your child's counselor or social worker to share any concerns. We are here to help.
- Reach out to your alpha counselor if you are a junior or senior interested in ACT prep. We have a free Edgenuity course we can register you in for independent online prep.
- Are you moving or will your child be attending a different school 2nd semester? 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.

November

U.S. Marine Corps NROTC Scholarship	Monday, November 6	8:35
University of Kansas School of Business	Tuesday, November 14	1:05

December

University of Nebraska, Lincoln	Wednesday, December 6	1:05
University of Kansas Medical Center	Tuesday, December 12	9:20



Traditional 11th Grade Scholarship

 **Scholars**

Your Future Starts Now!

**Applications open soon! Applications accepted
January 9, 2024 – February 23, 2024.**

Click here to find out more or visit
greatjobskc.org/scholarships/

Scholarship Details

- Up to \$50,000 paid directly to the college, over the course of up to six years.
- Required to complete GPA and graduate requirements in senior year of high school.
- Minimum of 250 scholarships awarded yearly.
- Once awarded, the Scholar can enroll full-time the fall semester following on-time high school graduation.

Eligibility Requirements

- Current 11th grader
- Be home-schooled or attend a public, charter, or private high school in one of the six eligible counties (Kansas: Johnson, Wyandotte. Missouri: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte.)
- Income eligible (FAFSA Student Aid Index of 12,000 or less)
- 2.5 cumulative unweighted high school GPA OR at least a 16 on the ACT or at least an 800 on the SAT.

Network of Colleges

Avila University
Baker University
Donnelly College
Johnson County Community College
Kansas City Art Institute
Kansas City Kansas Community College
Kansas State University
Lincoln University
Metropolitan Community College
Northwest Missouri State University
Park University
Rockhurst University
University of Central Missouri
University of Kansas
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Missouri- Kansas City
University of Saint Mary
Western Governors University
William Jewell College

Be Bold. Be You. Be KC Scholars.

Click here to get started

APPLY FREE KS DAYS

Application Frenzy

**NOVEMBER 7TH
9:20AM-10:55AM
IN THE COLLEGE/CAREER ROOM**

**FROM NOVEMBER 7TH-9TH, ANY KANSAS
RESIDENT, REGARDLESS OF AGE OR INCOME CAN
APPLY FOR FREE AT ALL PUBLIC COLLEGES & SOME
PRIVATE COLLEGES IN KANSAS**

**Scan here to see a list of
participating colleges**



Email kelsibaird@smsd.org if you are interested

Kansas Apply Free Days

November 7-9, 2023



**No application fee from
Tuesday, Nov 7-Thursday, Nov 9
kansasregents.org/applyfree**

Who Can Apply?

- Any Kansas Resident
- Seeking a certificate, 2-year or 4-year degree
- Returning & Transfer students also eligible!

(Graduate program applications not eligible)

**Kansas Public & Private* Universities,
Community Colleges & Technical Colleges**

**see website for full list of participating colleges*

JCCC ACADEMIC ADVISING WORKSHOP

**Are you interested in attending
JCCC?**

**Are you thinking about
transferring to a 4-year institution
after?**

**Come hear from a JCCC
Academic Counselor!**

**NOVEMBER 28TH | 9:20AM-10:55AM
THE LEARNING COMMONS**



Email Ms. Baird if you have any questions

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, November 13

Monday, January 8

Monday, February 5

Monday, March 4

Monday, April 1

RAIDER REPORT

P R E S E N T E D B Y K S M S

click here to watch:

Raider Report 10: <https://youtu.be/B8LnUugogms>

Halloween Show: <https://youtu.be/hmlynM4Uppo?si=bBai8LH3uOwOi-pa>



2024 SENIOR TRIBUTES SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH HERITAGE

CONTACTS

Tucker Love

Yearbook Adviser
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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**

Shawnee Mission South Raider Wrestling

Parent, Coach, Athlete Meeting

Monday November 6th, 2023

6:15 PM in the SMS Library

Join us to discuss the upcoming season!

Practices will begin November 13th!

We are looking for Boy & Girl Wrestlers!

KSHSAA 2023 STATE PLACERS!

Sevyn Donovan (Jr)



Jackson Matchell (Sr)



Stella Segura (So)



Help SMS Theatre Boosters.....



...And Embrace Love



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](#)



SMS Project Graduation's Restaurant Night Fundraiser



Monday, November 6th
Johnny's Tavern Overland Park
8719 W. 95th Street

5:00 – 9:00 pm

Project Grad Earns 20% Back on Purchases

Dine In or Carry Out

****Mention or show this flyer when placing order****

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

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

Monday, November 6, 2023 – Traditional 7 Period Schedule

7:00pm

[National Honor Society Induction](#)

Auditorium

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

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

[DECA Dodgeball Tourney](#)

Main Gym

3:00pm

[Senior Signing Ceremony](#)

Library

Athletic Senior Signing

Thursday, November 9, 2023 – (Late Start) BLOCKS 2 –Seminar–4 –6

[DECA Dodgeball Tourney](#)

Main Gym

1:30pm

[Unified Bowling: Varsity Regional](#)vs. Multiple Schools.. @ [Park Lanes, Shawnee, KS](#)

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

Saturday, November 11, 2023

7:00pm

[Choir Cabaret](#)

Auditorium

