

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

Jane Zeller



Tweet of the Week!



SMS Speech & Debate @smsdebate · 4d
 Another great weekend with the Raiders at BVW: shoutout to Hayes & Shaefer for making it to Quartersim Varsity at their first tourney of the season!!!



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

Jane Zeller works in our main office and was nominated by her colleagues: "Jane serves many roles at South always does so with a smile on her face. Jane is the master at solving puzzles, and making sure everyone is taken care of first. Janes puts in extra time working night events and greeting our teams and community members. Jane is a true culture keeper and we are so lucky to have her working with our students and teachers."

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

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 4 Traditional Schedule	NOVEMBER 5 Even Block	NOVEMBER 6 Odd Block	NOVEMBER 7 LATE START Even Block	NOVEMBER 8 Odd Block
NOVEMBER 11 Traditional Schedule	NOVEMBER 12 Even Block	NOVEMBER 13 Odd Block	NOVEMBER 14 LATE START Even Block	NOVEMBER 15 Odd Block
NOVEMBER 18 Traditional Schedule 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	NOVEMBER 19 Even Block	NOVEMBER 20 Odd Block	NOVEMBER 21 LATE START Even Block	NOVEMBER 22 Odd Block
NOVEMBER 25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	NOVEMBER 26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	NOVEMBER 27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	NOVEMBER 28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	NOVEMBER 29 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER 2 Traditional Schedule	DECEMBER 3 Even Block	DECEMBER 4 Odd Block	DECEMBER 5 LATE START Even Block	DECEMBER 6 Odd Block
DECEMBER 9 Traditional Schedule	DECEMBER 10 Even Block	DECEMBER 11 Odd Block	DECEMBER 12 LATE START Even Block	DECEMBER 13 Odd Block
DECEMBER 16 Odd Block	DECEMBER 17 Even Block	DECEMBER 18 Odd Block Final Exams - 1 & 3	DECEMBER 19 LATE START Even Block Final Exams - 2, 4 & 6	DECEMBER 20 Odd Block Final Exams 5 & 7 1:10 dismissal
DECEMBER 23 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	DECEMBER 24 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	DECEMBER 25 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	DECEMBER 26 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	DECEMBER 27 NO SCHOOL Winter Break
DECEMBER 30 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	DECEMBER 31 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	JANUARY 1 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	JANUARY 2 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	JANUARY 3 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
JANUARY 6 Traditional Schedule	JANUARY 7 Even Block	JANUARY 8 Odd Block	JANUARY 9 LATE START Even Block	JANUARY 10 Odd Block
JANUARY 13 Traditional Schedule	JANUARY 14 Even Block	JANUARY 15 Odd Block	JANUARY 16 LATE START Even Block	JANUARY 17 Odd Block

Health Office Update

November 2024



SMSD policy~~ students are not allowed to keep any medication with them, all medications are to be given through the health office. We have Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Zyrtec and more. Make sure you have filled out the OTC (over the counter form). This will not include emergency medications that the student is allowed to keep with them; epi pens and inhalers.

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.



Angie York - SM South Nurse
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Raiders! - Nominate your Peers

[Click HERE to Nominate for Student of the Week](#)

McKenzie Morehead recognized
Mariam Mohamed
with the KINDNESS CHAIN as our
Student of the Week!



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 October Raiders R.I.S.E. winners:
Freshmen: Breeleigh Essary
Sophomore: Carter Buci
Junior: Marquan Washington
Senior: Manahil Fatima



RAIDER REPORT

PRESENTED BY K S M S

click here to watch:

Raider Report 8: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OICtrdsErs>





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

Please see below to find your counselor's name.

<u>Your Last Name</u>	<u>Your Counselor's Name</u>
A-C & ELL	Nichole Dosland
D-I	Chris Shelby
J-O	Jasmine Morgan
P-T	Jennifer Herrmann
U-Z	Traci Johnson

- **AP STUDENTS- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH IS THE LAST DAY TO ENROLL AND PAY FOR YOUR AP EXAMS. CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR CORRESPONDENCE FROM MRS. JOHNSON. EMAIL HER WITH QUESTIONS TRACIJOHNSON@SMSD.ORG**
- **Juniors- Registration opened for the Free ACT exam on Feb 25th. The junior student must register [HERE](#) by Nov. 29th.**
- The deadline to request a 2nd semester valid schedule adjustment is Dec. 5th. Be on the lookout for an email soon with the link to do so.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aide (FAFSA) Parent & Student Informational Night is Nov 20th @ 6:30pm in the library.
- Wednesday, November 13th South students will be able to explore the Navy simulation at SMN. Students must register via the link that will be emailed to them soon.
- Tutoring is available to assist students before and after school and during seminar, lunch, and late start. Please reach out to your child's teacher or counselor if they could benefit from some extra help. There is still time in the semester to improve grades.

It's crazy to believe but the Holiday season is quickly approaching. If your family needs assistance, see below. If you know of a family who could use some extra help, please reach out to us.

🎄 Holiday Assistance – Johnson County Christmas Bureau offers a Holiday Shop during the month of December. All pre-qualified shopping guests receive an appointment - shoppers are below 150% of the poverty level and reside in Johnson County, Kansas. The Holiday Shop is like a pop-up department store providing a unique shopping experience (groceries, personal care items, toys & gifts, books, clothing, coats, hats, gloves & scarves, etc.) all free of charge. **Click the link to *apply* or learn how you can help:** <https://jccb.org/apply-to-shop>

If you or someone you know is feeling unsafe or having thoughts of harming themselves or others, please utilize these resources:

- Call 988/911/Go to an Emergency Room
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255
- Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a Crisis Counselor
- Recursos en Español- [El Centro](#) [JoCo Salud Mental](#)- se habla Español.

Upcoming College Visits to South 2024-2025

ST★HR

Students Training in Academia, Health, & Research

SATURDAY ACADEMY 2024-2025 APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN!



About

High school students in the greater Kansas City Area interested in healthcare can apply to:

- Explore healthcare careers
- Prepare for college
- Receive tips and strategies for academics
- Gain personal and professional development

Participants will meet 9am-12pm on Saturdays at UMKC's Health Sciences Campus.

Dates

Saturday Academy will occur on the following dates:

- October 12, 2024
- October 26, 2024
- November 9, 2024
- November 23, 2024
- December 7, 2024
- January 11, 2025
- January 25, 2025
- February 8, 2025
- February 22, 2025
- March 8, 2025

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Complete online application
- ✓ Submit copy of your grade history/transcript
- ✓ Recommendation form from a teacher/counselor/professional
- ✓ Submit a Parent Consent Form

Learn More &
Apply Here by
Friday, September
27th @ 11:59pm



<https://med.umkc.edu/saturday-academy/>

Contact Us: ☎ 816-235-6169

✉ stahr@umkc.edu

🌐 info.umkc.edu/stahr/

Occupation Spotlight: High Demand – High Wage Careers



\$17.38 Entry Level Wage	-2.0% Average Annual Growth	NO on-the-job training
\$30.73 Experienced Level Wage	598 Annual Openings	LESS THAN 5 YEARS Work Experience

Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants

Also called: Administrative Secretary, Executive Assistant

Provide high-level administrative support by conducting research, preparing statistical reports, and handling information requests, as well as performing routine administrative functions such as preparing correspondence, receiving visitors, arranging conference calls, and scheduling meetings. May also train and supervise lower-level clerical staff.

Knowledge

Engineering & Technology

- computer and electronics

Business

- customer service
- administrative services

Arts & Humanities

- English language

Skills

Basic Skills

- listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions
- reading work related information

Social

- looking for ways to help people
- changing what is done based on other people's actions

Abilities

Verbal

- communicate by speaking
- communicate by writing

Ideas & Logic

- notice when problems happen
- order or arrange things

Technology

You might use software like this:

Enterprise Resource Planning ERP

- Microsoft Dynamics
- Oracle PeopleSoft

Web Page Creation & Editing

- Google Sites
- LinkedIn

Graphics or Photo Imaging

- Adobe Illustrator
- JamBoard

EVERY. DAY. COUNTS!!!



Your Attendance Matters!

District Attendance Specialist

Hello! My name is Memo Rodriguez and I am the Shawnee Mission School District Attendance Specialist for the South high school feeder area. I am here mainly to provide follow-up monitoring of students identified as needing support for chronic absenteeism, but other functions I perform are:

- I serve as a liaison between students, families, and school teams to facilitate positive student attendance.
- I cooperate with representatives from social services and law enforcement agencies in cases of mutual interests.
- I manage all associated paperwork, arrange for educational facilitators, connect families with needed community resources.
- I communicate and work effectively and cooperatively with members of the school district and community to promote student attendance.
- I work effectively with chronically absent as well as truant students and their families.
- I connect families struggling with attendance with appropriate school and community resources.

My hours at South high school are Monday through Friday 7 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Indian Woods middle school hours are Monday through Friday 12:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

If you have any questions regarding phone calls or emails received by me, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

Memo Rodriguez

District Attendance Specialist

Shawnee Mission South High School

Indian Woods Middle School

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Attendance Incentive

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH

J'S FOR DAYS

PERFECT ATTENDANCE



2 STUDENTS EACH SEMESTER PICK OUT THEIR OWN JORDANS

PTSA Meets Mondays at 7:00pm in the Library

November 18

January 6

Febraury 3

March 3

April 7

English link <https://form.jotform.com/242038408631149>

Spanish link <https://form.jotform.com/242039139588162>



SOUTH PTSA

JOIN NOW

SOUTH PTSA BENEFITS -
TEACHER APPRECIATION -
KIDFEST - SCHOLARSHIPS -
RAIDER RALLY - SENIOR
BREAKFAST & SO MUCH
MORE!

Raiders



TIME MANAGEMENT TIPS FOR STUDENTS

As the semester gets busier with assignments, activities, sports, and other commitments, staying on top of everything can be tough, and motivation might dip. Here are a few tips to help students keep track of it all and stay focused on their academic goals.



USE A PLANNER OR TO-DO LIST EVERY DAY

The working memory can only hold 3-5 items at a time. A digital or paper planner can help to reduce the stress of remembering everything. Update your planner each class or designate a time to review it after school.



PRIORITIZE

Avoid the overwhelm by using a tool like the Eisenhower Matrix to determine what to-do list items are urgent vs. those that can wait. Families can help their students prioritize these items and have conversations about a healthy balance of activities.



BLOCK OUT TIME TO STUDY

Schedule a time to study or work on homework and be specific! Instead of saying "I need to study for math tonight," create a calendar reminder from 6-7 pm on Tuesday to study your notes from Chapter 3.



UTILIZE SEMINAR

Seminar is time on Tuesdays designated for students to get help from teachers. Students, reflect on how you are using seminar time. Families can help at home by encouraging students to get passes from teachers.

2025 SENIOR TRIBUTES SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH HERITAGE

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TRIBUTE DEADLINES

October 18 and December 6 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 6.

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.

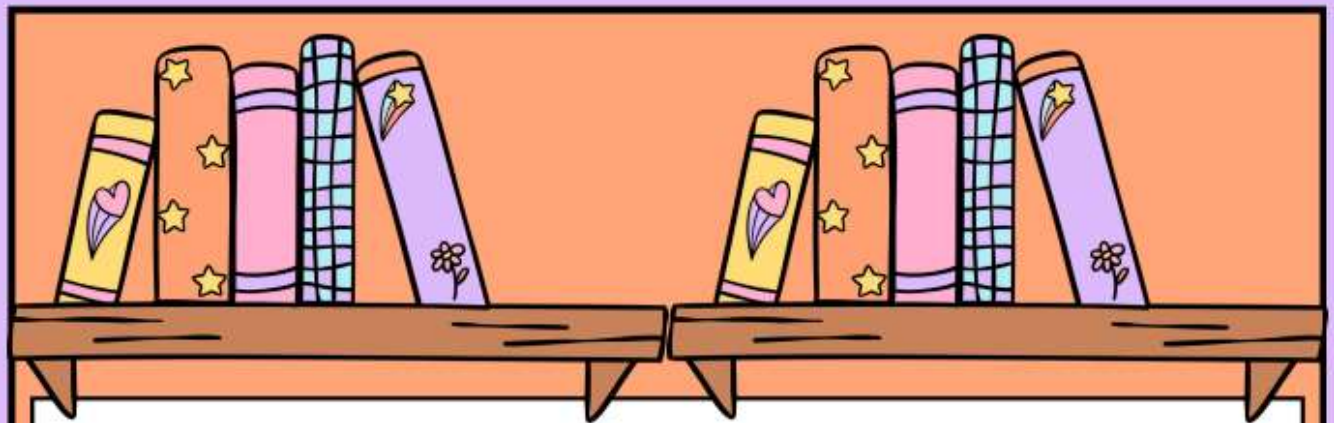
GUIDELINES

- 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, 2025.
- 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 the senior tribute editors at smsyearbookads@gmail.com or 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.



OUR LENDING LIBRARY

- SMS STUCO has created a shared resource library for all SMS clubs and teams to use when hosting banquets/ events. Think linens, decor, and more!
- This is putting your student activity fees to work for the SMS community



QR code for the Resource Library Form

Want to learn more? Check out our infomercial!

[LINK TO RESOURCE LIBRARY FORM](#)

If you have any further questions please contact:
ClaireClemons@smsd.org
3089772@smsd.org

Link to ROCKY'S RUNDOWN:

<https://view.gogipper.com/page/1924766>



STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

- RAIDER SOCCER - Alek Beckley

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

- RAIDER VOLLEYBALL - Maddie McCool

RAIDERS



DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH BOYS SOCCER

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH | 5-9PM
9900 COLLEGE BLVD, OVERLAND PARK, KS, 66210

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **9RVZZ6E**
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.

2024 SOUTH AREA ELEMENTARY SPEECH + DEBATE WORKSHOP

RAIDER SPEECH + DEBATE SPEAKTACULAR

SESSION 1: DEBATE

CAMPERS WILL LEARN DEBATE GAMES & DRILLS AND THEN LEARN HOW TO DEBATE ABOUT A FUN AGE-APPROPRIATE TOPIC & DEBATE ONE ANOTHER AT A CAMP TOURNEY.

SESSION 2: SPEECH

CAMPERS WILL LEARN SPEECH GAMES & DRILLS AND CHOOSE A STORY TO TELL (STORIES PROVIDED) OR WRITE A SPEECH OF THEIR OWN & WORK TO BRING THAT PERFORMANCE TO LIFE.

SAT, NOV. 16TH

8:10AM TO 3:10PM
SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH LIBRARY
ALL CURRENT 3RD-6TH GRADERS WELCOME



SCAN HERE OR GO TO
[TINYURL.COM/SMSELEMENTARY](https://tinyurl.com/smselementary)
TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION FEE:
ONE SESSION - 50\$
BOTH SESSIONS - 80\$

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT CAROLYNCOOK@SMSD.ORG

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH SPEECH AND DEBATE

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH | 4-8PM
6879 W 91ST ST, OVERLAND PARK, KS, 66212

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **3H9DQM4**
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.

SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar November 4-9, 2024

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

Monday, November 4, 2024 – Traditional 7 Period Schedule

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 – BLOCKS 2 –Advisory–4 –6

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

3:00pm

[Theatre](#)

Auditorium

Little Mermaid Auditions Begin

3:30pm

[Unified Bowling: Varsity Meet](#)

vs. Multiple Schools..

@ [Park Lanes](#)

Senior Night

Thursday, November 7, 2024 – (Late Start) BLOCKS 2 –Advisory–4 –6

Friday, November 8, 2024 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

Saturday, November 9, 2024

7:00pm

[Choir](#)

Auditorium

Caberet

