



# NEWSLETTER

## 8th Grade Boys Basketball

Come support our winter athletes (see the calendar on page two).



### **S.A. Kindergarten Information Needed for 25/26**

If you are planning to send your child to South Adams for kindergarten in the fall, please email Sue Shoaf at

[sshoaf@southadams.k12.in.us](mailto:sshoaf@southadams.k12.in.us) with the following information:

**Child's Full Name, Date of Birth, Parent/Guardian, Address, Phone Number, Email**

**A child must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2025. Kindergarten roundup is planned for Tuesday, April 8 from 4:00-6:30 p.m.**

## Spelling Bee

On Monday, January 13, we will have our 5th-8th grade spelling bee in the auditorium starting at 1:25 p.m.



## Daddy/Daughter Dance

Mark your calendars for **Friday, February 8**. We will have a Daddy/Daughter Dance at South Adams Elementary School from **6-8 p.m.** for elementary girls and their dads (or a significant other). The cost will be \$15 per couple (add \$5 for each additional daughter) if prepaid. The cost will go up at the door. Light refreshments will be served. Additional soft drinks will be available for \$1.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the door for \$1. There will be many prizes available.

Elementary girls will be bringing home more information about this fun event later this month, but mark this event on your calendars now!



## Welcome Back to School

Hopefully you all enjoyed the 2-week break from school and are returning refreshed and ready to give your best during Semester 2. Quarter 2 report cards will be printed on Tuesday, January 7th.



## Calendar



### Monday, January 6

Return to School

### Tuesday, January 7

MS Boys Basketball vs. Blackford (home) - 5:30 p.m.

### Thursday, January 9

MS Boys Basketball at A.C. - 5:30 p.m.

MS Girls Basketball vs. A.C. (home) - 5:30 p.m.

### Friday, January 10

RAH RAH reward for 4th & 5th graders to West Park Skate Center in Huntington (lv. at 9 a.m./return at 2:30 p.m.)

### Saturday, January 11

MS Girls Basketball Tourney at SA. - 9 a.m. (note the location change)

### January 13-February 28

WIDA Access Testing Window

### Monday, January 13

5th-8th grade Spelling Bee at 1:25 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 14

MS Boys Basketball vs. St. Joe (home) - 5 p.m.

### Thursday, January 16

MS Intense field trip to McDonalds (lv. at 12:15/return at 1:15)

MS Girls Basketball at Fort Recovery - 5 p.m.

### Friday, January 17

MS Escape to the Roller Dome North (lv. at 10:30 a.m./return at 2:50 p.m.)

### Saturday, January 18

MS Wrestling at Belmont-8:30 a.m.

### Monday, January 20

MLK Day (Possible Make Up Day)

MS Girls Basketball at Monroe Central - 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 21

3rd Grade iLearn Check point 2 - ELA

### Wednesday, January 22

3rd Grade iLearn Check point 2 -

## MS Wrestling Starts Monday, January 6

MS Wrestling practice begins on Monday, January 6 from 3:15-5:00 p.m. for interested boys in grades 6-8. If this is your child's first sport of the year, they must have a sports physical turned in to the athletic office and must have completed final forms before their first practice. Interested boys should stop by Mrs. Werst's classroom (room 610) for more information.



## MS Swimming Starts Monday, January 13

MS Swimming practice begins on Monday, January 13 from 3:15-4:30 p.m. for students in grades 6-8. If this is your child's first sport of the year, they must have a sports physical turned in to the athletic office and must have completed final forms before their first practice. Interested students can contact Coach Ayres at [oayres@southadams.k12.in.us](mailto:oayres@southadams.k12.in.us) or Coach Steiner for more information.



## MS/HS Yearbook

24/25 MS/HS yearbooks can be purchased online at <http://jostens.com/ybksm>. For the 3rd year, the middle school students will be included in the high school yearbook.



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## SOUTH ADAMS SCHOOLS INTRODUCES THE NEW PARENT APP FOR STUDENT RIDERSHIP

*A mobile app that allows you to keep track of your student's bus-riding activity and receive SMART Alerts*

### BENEFITS

- View your student's profile and assigned route(s)
- Monitor your student's riding activity
- Be notified when your student loads/unloads the bus at home and school
- Be notified when the bus is on its way to your home stop
- Works best when students use their SMART-tag bus pass to scan on/off the bus each time



Available for  
Android and iOS.  
Scan the QR code or  
use the link to  
download the app.



<https://www.qbit.codes/q/smart-tag-parent-app>

**IMPORTANT:** The "primary parent" is the parent associated with the student in PowerSchool. The primary parent must complete their app registration and to the student first before any co-parent can proceed. Co-parents can only create their account after the primary parent.

*\*\*If you are the primary parent and your email address and phone number are not in our system, please contact the office to update your information in PowerSchool.*

### CREATE AN ACCOUNT

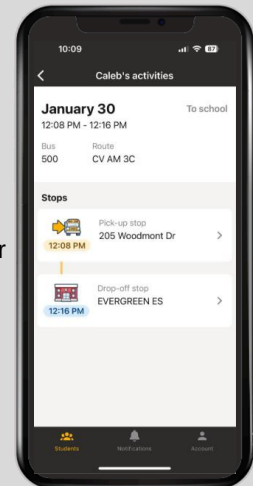
1. Download the app to your mobile device.
2. Tap *Create Account*. Enter the email address associated with PowerSchool, otherwise use your current email address.
3. Enter the 6-digit code emailed to the address entered.
4. Create a password (school cannot help if forgotten)

### LINK YOUR ACCOUNT TO YOUR STUDENT(S)

1. Sign in with your email and password.
2. On Welcome Screen, tap *Find Students*.
3. Select **SOUTH ADAMS** as your school district.

*If your email exists in PowerSchool:*

The next page will display "Email address recognized."



*If your email is not recognized, it is not associated with any student in PowerSchool.*

**You May Try...**

- **Using your phone number:**

If your phone number is associated with a student, a 6-digit code will be sent via text. Once received, proceed with linking to your students.

- **Linking to the student as a co-parent:**

Co-parents may request to link to a student if the student is already linked to a primary parent. Enter student information as above and the request will be sent to the primary parent for approval. The student will appear as pending in your students lists until approved. If there is no action from the primary parent please contact the transportation office through the email below.

**Each student must have the following info:**

**Student ID** (PowerSchool #)

**Date of Birth**

**School** (must be South Adams)

Once student is found tap *Link Student*.

Once students are linked, you will be asked if you'd like to receive push notifications from SMART-tag. *You must select YES to receive any SMART Alerts (student bus arrival load/unload, etc.) and South Adams notifications.* You can then set your preferences in Settings for each student.

There are **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** in the Account section of the app.

### QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT

[transportation@southadams.k12.in.us](mailto:transportation@southadams.k12.in.us)

*we will reply as soon as possible in the order received  
Thanks for your patience!*