

SM SOUTH

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Values

We care about ALL students.

Beliefs

We believe ALL students can and will learn.

Vision

All means ALL! Personalized Learning for ALL students.



UNDER ARMOUR

Hard-Hat Hero

Staff member of the week

Wanda Hooper



Tweet of the Week!



SMS Raider Wrestling @RaiderWrestlin · 1d
 Match day for our JV boys at Lawrence. Good luck, gents. @SMSouthTDain @SMSRaidersAD



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

Wanda Hooper is a special education paraprofessional at South and was nominated by her colleagues: “Mrs. Hooper has an infectious positive attitude, and the staff and students that she works with all agree that she is integral to the success of the students she supports. No matter what the task is, Mrs. Hooper is up to the challenge! Mrs. Hooper puts her students’ needs first. We are grateful for all of Wanda’s contributions to the South community.”

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

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	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
JANUARY 20 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	JANUARY 21 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning	JANUARY 22 Traditional Schedule	JANUARY 23 LATE START Even Block	JANUARY 24 Odd Block
JANUARY 27 Traditional Schedule	JANUARY 28 Even Block	JANUARY 29 Odd Block	JANUARY 30 LATE START Even Block 6:30-8:30pm Come Look at South	JANUARY 31 Odd Block
FEBRUARY 3 Odd Block 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	FEBRUARY 4 Even Block	FEBRUARY 5 Odd Block 5-8pm PT Conferences	FEBRUARY 6 LATE START Even Block	FEBRUARY 7 NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences
FEBRUARY 10 Traditional Schedule	FEBRUARY 11 Even Block	FEBRUARY 12 Odd Block	FEBRUARY 13 LATE START Even Block	FEBRUARY 14 Odd Block
FEBRUARY 17 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day	FEBRUARY 18 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning	FEBRUARY 19 Traditional Schedule	FEBRUARY 20 LATE START Even Block	FEBRUARY 21 Odd Block
FEBRUARY 24 Traditional Schedule	FEBRUARY 25 Even Block	FEBRUARY 26 Odd Block	FEBRUARY 27 LATE START Even Block	FEBRUARY 28 Odd Block
MARCH 3 Traditional Schedule 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	MARCH 4 Even Block	MARCH 5 Odd Block	MARCH 6 LATE START Even Block	MARCH 7 Odd Block

Health Office Update December 2024



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 contact you if your student is sick and needs to go home.* You can always check with us to see if your student has been in our office before picking them up.



Raiders~ Winter Break is upon us.. Start off the New Year Strong. Take time to Relax, Refresh, and Recharge~



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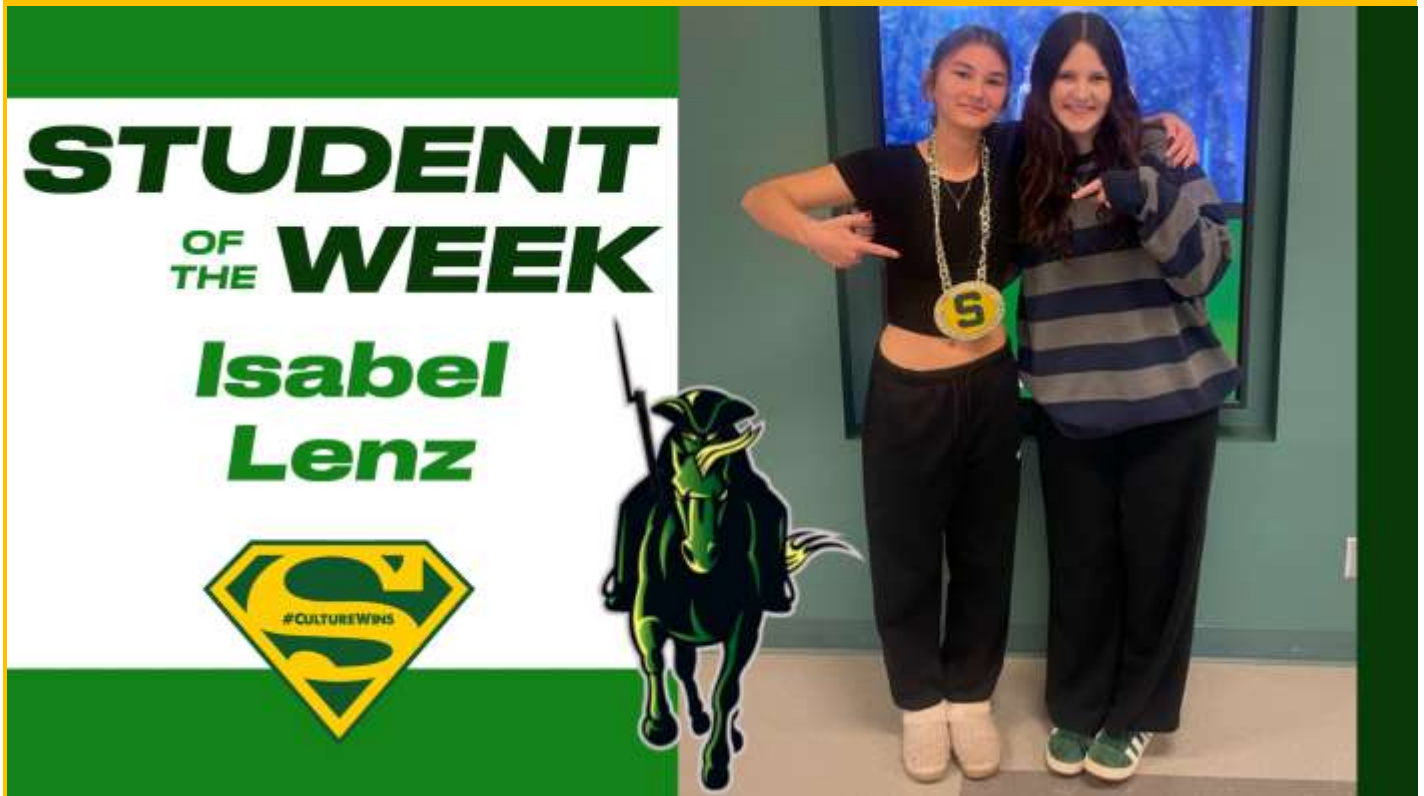
Raiders! - Nominate your Peers

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

Lotus McClure recognized

Isabel Lenz

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

- **Freshmen: Lulu Kirk**
- **Sophomore: Sydney Allison**
- **Junior: Joseph Kariuki**
- **Senior: Armstrong Laguerre**



UNDER ARMOUR



RAIDER REPORT

PRESENTED BY KSMS

click here to watch:

KSMS Holiday Show: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcF_3nB4cPA





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

- If you will be moving 2nd semester and not attending SMS, please fill out this [SMS Student Withdrawal Form](#)
- Please look at your 2nd semester schedule and if you are missing a class, please reach out to your counselor. All schedule change requests have already been made.
- Save the Date- FAFSA Workshop Event for Seniors and Parents- Wed, Jan 15th 6-8pm. If you have any questions or want help, please reach out to morganbryan@smsd.org.
- 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.

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

College and University admissions representatives and Military Recruiters come to the Counseling Center at Shawnee Mission South to share about the college/university/service branch they represent. If you are interested in attending a specific visit, please contact Ms. Young, Counseling Secretary, at bryoung@smsd.org to obtain a pass.

January

Yale University	Tuesday, January 7	1:05
Missouri S & T	Monday, January 13	8:35

March

Kansas State University	Wednesday, March 5	1:05 pm
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ACT Prep Course

Shawnee Mission South High School (01/03/25)

Sale Price: \$75.00! Original Price: \$90.00-
(Sale price expires 12/20/24)

WHEN: Friday, Jan. 3, 2025

8:30am - 2:10pm CT

(40-minute lunch break is included. Lunch is BYOL)

WHERE: Shawnee Mission South - Library

5800 West 107th St, Overland Park, KS 66207



[Click HERE to Register](#)

Why take this class? This class includes practical and relevant information on how to increase your ACT score. It shows you how to control the test and not let it control you! The workshop covers what will be on the test and how to master test-taking techniques. This class is not a practice test! Learn general ideas about the ACT as a whole and the individual tests:

- English- Learn what ACT test-writers are looking for and how to approach different types of questions.
- Math- Learn what problem-solving skills and math skills you need.
- Reading - Learn your best method for doing well on ACT reading.
- Science- Learn common question types and what's really required to do well.
- **Requests for refunds will have a \$20 processing fee deducted if cancelled more than 1 week prior to the class date. Cancellations within a week of the class date will not receive a refund. Make-up classes are not offered for partial attendance. No-show students are nontransferable and nonrefundable.**
- This class fills quickly; registrations are prioritized by date received. **Class size varies based on host location, but complies with local CV19 guidelines.** Upon receipt of payment all registrants will receive a confirmation email.
- Payment for this course does not register you for the official ACT. Students must register and pay for the ACT at actstudent.org.
- Additional ACT information is available in your high school counseling office.

About the program: Carolyn Devane has been teaching ACT classes and helping thousands of students improve their scores since 1999. Here's what students are saying:

"I took your class at the K-State campus at the end of August! I was the kid that said you raised my score by three points! Well, guess what? You have outdone yourself once again!

"I received, with a super score, a 26 on the ACT!! That's a two point increase from my previous score! My score in my math section increased five points!!!! I used all your tips... and this math score really made me proud of myself.

"I've been getting even higher scores when I practice, so I am thinking about retaking the ACT in January or February! 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!!"

Occupation Spotlight: High Demand – High Wage Careers



\$22.15 Entry Level Wage	0.7% Average Annual Growth	NO on-the-job training
\$38.22 Experienced Level Wage	784 Annual Openings	LESS THAN 5 YEARS Work Experience

First-Line Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers

Also called: Assembly Supervisor, Manufacturing Supervisor, Production Manager

Directly supervise and coordinate the activities of production and operating workers, such as inspectors, precision workers, machine setters and operators, assemblers, fabricators, and plant and system operators. Excludes team or work leaders.

Knowledge

- Manufactured or Agricultural Goods**
 - manufacture and distribution of products
- Business**
 - management
 - human resources (HR)
- Engineering & Technology**
 - computers and electronics
- Arts & Humanities**
 - English language

Skills

- Basic Skills**
 - listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions
 - talking to others
- People & Technology Systems**
 - thinking about the pros/cons of different options and picking the best one
 - figuring out how a system works and how changes in the future will affect it
- Social**
 - changing what is done based on other people's actions
 - understanding people's reactions

Abilities

- Verbal**
 - communicate by speaking
 - listen and understand what people say
- Ideas & Logic**
 - notice when problems happen
 - use rules to solve problems

Technology

- You might use software like this:
- Presentation**
 - Microsoft PowerPoint
 - Electronic Mail**
 - Email software
 - Microsoft Outlook
 - Enterprise Resource Planning ERP**
 - Oracle JD Edwards EnterpriseOne
 - SAP software

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

January 6

February 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



TECH TIPS FOR WINTER BREAK

Organize Digital Files

Winter break is a great time to organize digital files.



Macbook

- Create folders on your desktop or in "Documents" using Finder
- Move important files from your "Downloads" folder to folders in "Documents"
 - Delete any files you don't need any more
- Use Finder "tags" to label documents
 - To change tag names, click on Finder > Preferences > Tags > right click and choose Rename



Google Drive

- Name any untitled documents
- Create a folder for Fall 2024
 - Within it, create folders for your classes.
- Move documents to the right folder.



Final grades for the fall semester will be posted **January 7th**. The grade on Skyward will be the final grade posted on the transcript.

Access to 2nd semester Canvas courses should begin Monday, January 6th.



Set a reminder, alarm or calendar event to **charge your MacBook the night of Sunday, January 5th**.

How to Set Screen Time on the Mac



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.

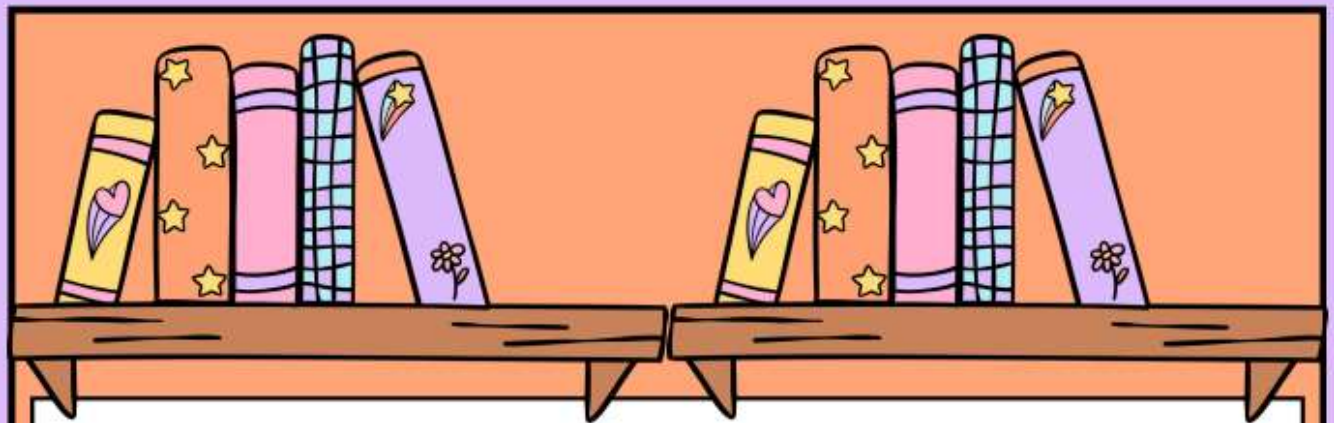
GUIDELINES

- 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 WRESTLING- SIOBHAN FLANNER

"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."

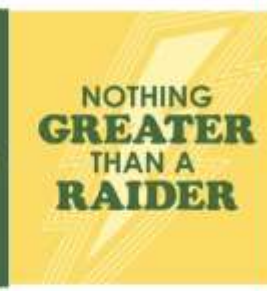
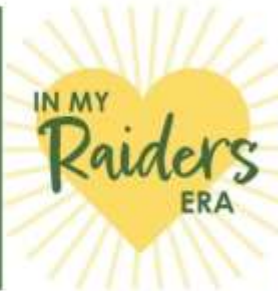
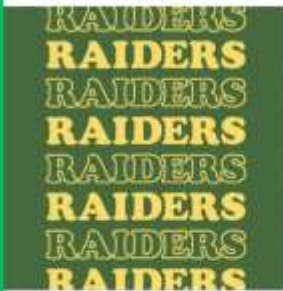
- RAIDER BASKETBALL - ELSIE SLAVEN

RAIDERS



SOUTH SPIRIT BUTTONS!

\$4 a button or 3 buttons for \$10



How to Purchase:

- Visit us in the cafeteria during lunch on Fridays before home basketball games.
- Find us at the Raiderdome during Friday home games.
- Stop by the Green Bean.

Payment via venmo or cash!

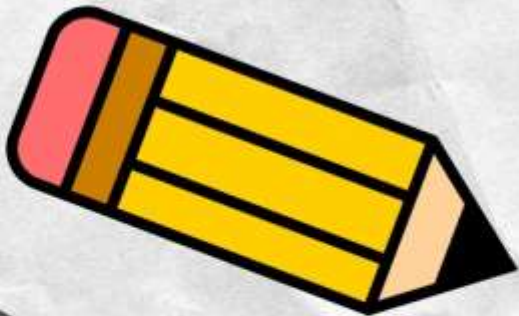
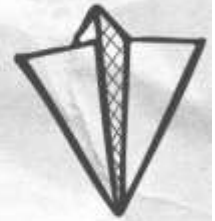
@SMS-BaseballBooster



venmo

**DOES YOUR TEAM, CLUB, OR GROUP
HOLD A YOUTH NIGHT DURING
SECOND SEMESTER AT SHAWNEE
MISSION SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL?**

**Fill out the form to
share that info today!**



**Clinic:
Saturday
Jan. 25**

**9-11:30am
SMS Cafeteria
performance at 11:30**

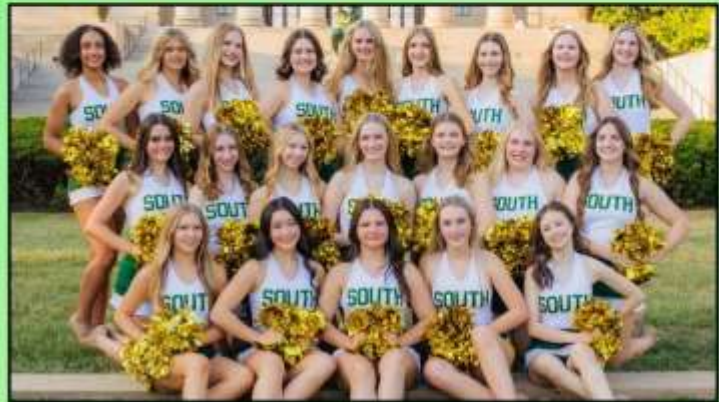
**\$45
per dancer
\$50 after 1/15**

**K-8th
grade**

**Optional performance
at the Varsity
Boys Basketball
halftime show
Tuesday, Jan. 28 7pm**

Join us for the
Shawnee Mission South Pacesetters

Little Pace Dance Clinic



**Registration includes one adult
admission to the Varsity Boys
basketball game on Jan. 28,
a treat and a t-shirt*
(if registered by Jan 20).**

***t-shirt size guaranteed before 1/15**

scan to sign up!



SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar January 6-11, 2025

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

Monday, January 6, 2025 – Traditional 7 Period Day

6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game	vs. Blue Valley North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Blue Valley North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:00pm	PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student, Association)	Library
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. Blue Valley North @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 – BLOCKS 2 –Seminar –4 –6

5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Blue Valley West @ S.M. South
5:30pm	Wrestling: Boys JV Mixer	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Blue Valley West @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game	vs. Blue Valley West @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. Blue Valley West @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Thursday, January 9, 2025 – LATE START 2 – Advisory - 4 - 6

5:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ Shawnee Mission West High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ Shawnee Mission West High School

Friday, January 10, 2025 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

4:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ Shawnee Mission West High School
4:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ Shawnee Mission West High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ S.M. West
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ Shawnee Mission West High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Shawnee Mission-West @ Shawnee Mission West High School
7:00pm	Theatre – State Thespian Festival	Wichita, Kansas

Saturday, January 11, 2025

9:00am	Wrestling: Joel Rios Varsity Invitational	@ Shawnee Mission South High School
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