

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

Chris Sevieri



Tweet of the Week!

 SMS Raider Wrestling @RaiderWra... · 1/2/25 ...
Match Day tomorrow at [#wonderwomanwrestling](#) in Columbia, MO



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

Chris Sevieri serves as our lead custodian at South and he was nominated by his colleagues: "Mr. Sevieri could earn this award every week, but this week has been especially difficult with the blizzard and snowstorm. Mr. Sevieri came in early every day to begin working on clearing the parking lots, sidewalks, and steps to be safe for students and staff to return. Thank you, Mr. Sevieri for making South Awesome!"

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

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JANUARY 13 Odd Block	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
MARCH 10 Odd Block	MARCH 11 Even Block	MARCH 12 Odd Block	MARCH 13 LATE START Even Block	MARCH 14 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
MARCH 17 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MARCH 18 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MARCH 19 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MARCH 20 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	MARCH 21 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
MARCH 24 Traditional Schedule	MARCH 25 Even Block	MARCH 26 Odd Block	MARCH 27 LATE START Even Block	MARCH 28 Odd Block

Health Office Update

January 2025



Start 2025 out strong. Stay healthy, get enough sleep, exercise, eat, stay hydrated and remember to take breaks as needed.



Wash your hands, and stay home when you are sick

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.



Don't forget to update our office with any injuries, health conditions, medications, or any other important information you need us to know about your student. We are here to help.

Angie York - SM South Nurse
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"A DREAM BECOMES
A GOAL WHEN
ACTION IS TAKEN
TOWARD ITS
ACHIEVEMENT."

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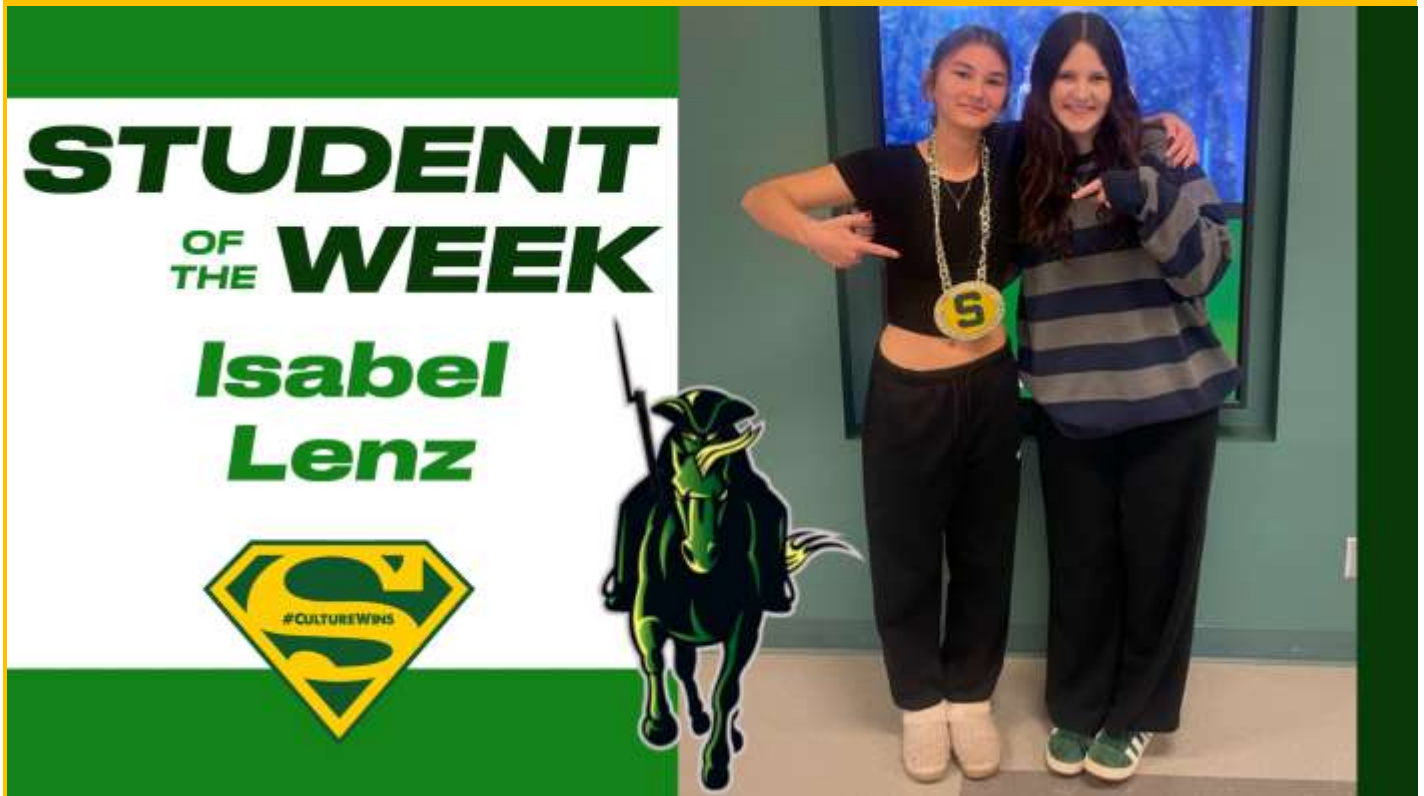
Raiders! - Nominate your Peers

[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**





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

- **KC Scholars Scholarships for 9th and 11th graders** is open. This is a great opportunity for 9th and 11th graders. <https://greatjobskc.org/scholarships/> The deadline to apply is Feb. 28th
- Are you interested in learning more about the [SMSD Signature Programs](#)? There will be an **Open House on Thursday, January 16 5:30-7:30** at the Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st Street.
- **2025-26 Enrollment/Course Selections is upon us.** Please be on the lookout for enrollment information coming to your email inbox soon. The deadline for all students to submit their course requests is Feb. 2nd.
 - Here is a good resource to preview SMS courses [SMS Course Exploration Tour](#).
 - Juniors- Jan 14th during Seminar
 - Sophomores- Jan 14 & 15 during ELA 2
 - Freshmen- Jan 16 & 17 during ELA 1
 - 8th Grade Showcase- Jan 24th @ SMS
- Need help paying your electric bill? LIEAP can help you <https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx>

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](#).

SIGNATURE PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE



Are you interested in learning more about the Shawnee Mission School District Signature Programs? Middle and high school students and their families are invited to the annual **Signature Program Open House**, to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st Street.

Signature Programs provide unique opportunities for students in the areas of:

- Animation and Interactive Media
- Biotechnology
- Culinary Arts and Commercial Baking
- Engineering
- Health Science
- Sustainability & Urban Agriculture
- Project Blue Eagle (EMS, fire science, and law enforcement)

Those attending the open house will have the opportunity to tour state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, speak with instructors and current students, and learn about options for creating flexibility in high school schedules to allow time for enrollment in coursework.

In addition to the Signature Program Open House, students and their families can discover more about these opportunities at: <https://www.smsd.org/academics/signature-programs>.

The website includes short video introductions and information about each program. School counselors also serve as a tremendous resource in helping students develop a dynamic and individualized high school experience to help them explore their areas of interest.

We hope to have you join us on Thursday, January 16!

Occupation Spotlight: High Demand – High Wage Careers



\$14.97

Entry Level Wage

-0.1%

Average Annual Growth

NO

on-the-job training

\$26.42

Experienced Level Wage

1,338

Annual Openings

LESS THAN 5 YEARS

Work Experience

First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers

Also called: Department Manager, Meat Department Manager, Shift Manager, Store Manager

Directly supervise and coordinate activities of retail sales workers in an establishment or department. Duties may include management functions, such as purchasing, budgeting, accounting, and personnel work, in addition to supervisory duties.

Knowledge

Education & Training

- teaching and course design

Business

- customer service
- management

Engineering & Technology

- computers and electronics

Arts & Humanities

- English language

Skills

Basic Skills

- listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions
- talking to others

Social

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

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

Abilities

Verbal

- communicate by speaking
- listen and understand what people say

Ideas & Logic

- notice when problems happen
- order or arrange things

Technology

You might use software like this:

Database User Interface & Query

- Oracle Database
- Yardi software

Video Creation & Editing

- Apple Final Cut Pro
- YouTube

Point of Sale POS

- CyberMatrix POS
- Plexis Software Plexis POS

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 13 – Room 252

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



Cappuccino Days are Back!



February 12th and 13th (7:30-11am and 1-3pm)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4aaaa62bab9-cappuccino>

Students and staff can purchase hot drinks and goodies for themselves or a special someone to benefit PTSA!

We need volunteers to HELP SERVE and to provide goodies to sell. Please sign up for multiple slots!

Please bring food no later than 7:30 am to the library!



CANVAS COUNTDOWN

TECH TIPS FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

10

Generate pairing codes for observers if you haven't already this school year.

9

Unfavorite or favorite classes by clicking on "Courses" > "All Courses" and using the star especially if you have past classes showing on your dashboard.

8

View Modules and see how teachers (especially those who might be new to you this semester) organize assignments & information.

7

Use the **Canvas Calendar** to quickly view assignments for all classes. Observers can view for all students observing or filter it.

6

On the go? **Download the Canvas app** to access it without your MacBook if that would be helpful to you.

5

Customize your dashboard by adding colors and rearranging the tiles (use the three dots).

4

Adjust your notifications. Click on your "Account" and the Notifications to adjust notification settings & receive emails for important due dates and more.

3

Read the syllabus for your courses & make note of grading policies

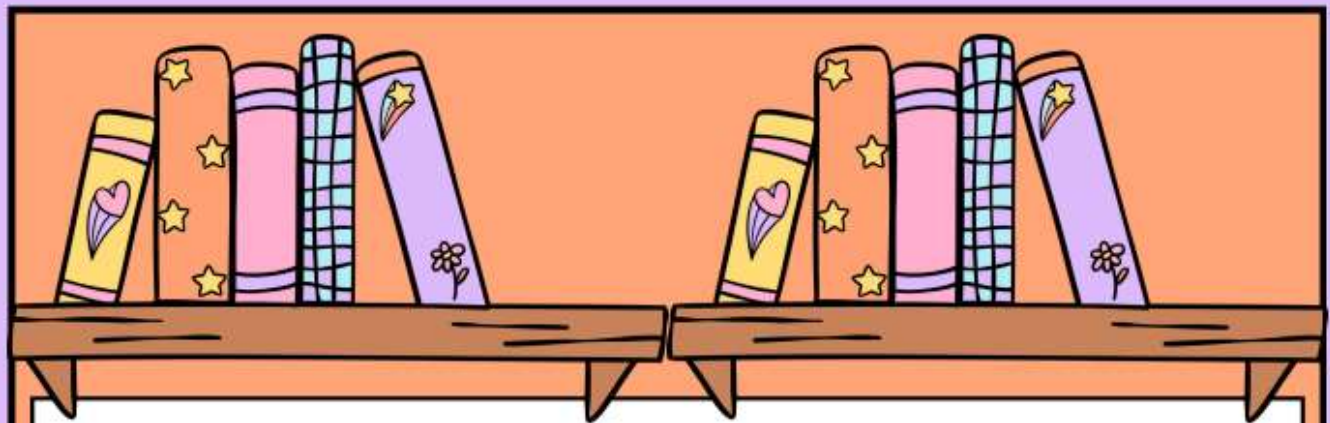
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Set up an event or alarm to check Canvas daily or weekly to stay on top of assignments & messages

1

Check out bit.ly/SMSDCanvas for how-to guides

HAPPY NEW SEMESTER!



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:
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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."

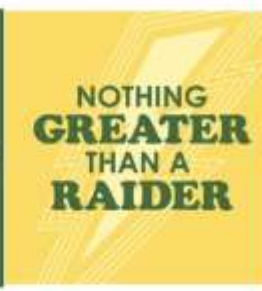
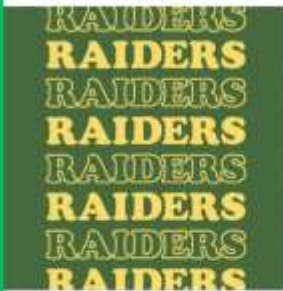
- RAIDER BASKETBALL - ELSIE SLAVEN

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!

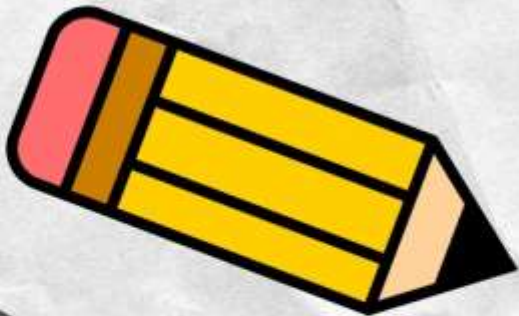
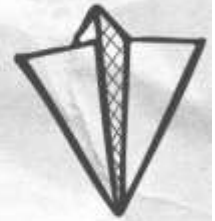
@SMS-BaseballBooster



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**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**

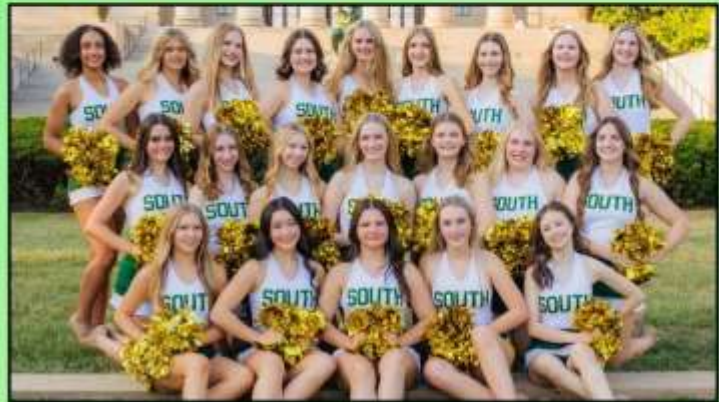
**\$45
per dancer
\$50 after 1/15**

**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 13-18, 2025

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

Monday, January 13, 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)	Room 252
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. Blue Valley North @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – BLOCKS 2 –Seminar –4 –6

7:00am	NHS Meeting	Auditorium
3:00pm	Bowling: Varsity Game	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Mission Bowl N'Olathe
3:30pm	Swimming: Boys Varsity Meet	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Shawnee Mission Aquatic Center
4:00pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. Gardner Edgerton High School @ Gardner-Edgerton High School
4:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Gardner Edgerton High School @ Gardner-Edgerton High School
4:00pm	Wrestling: Boys JV Mixer	vs. Olathe Northwest @ Olathe Northwest
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. Gardner Edgerton High School @ Gardner-Edgerton High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game	vs. Gardner Edgerton High School @ Gardner-Edgerton High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Gardner Edgerton High School @ Gardner-Edgerton High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Girls C-Team Game	vs. Gardner Edgerton High School @ Gardner-Edgerton High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. Gardner Edgerton High School @ Gardner-Edgerton High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Gardner Edgerton High School @ Gardner-Edgerton High School

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

4:00pm	Wrestling: Boys Varsity Dual	vs. Blue Valley Northwest @ Blue Valley Northwest High School
5:30pm	Wrestling: Girls JV Mixer	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ ONHS North Gym
6:00pm-8:00pm	FAFSA Workshop	Library

Thursday, January 16, 2025 – LATE START 2 – Advisory - 4 - 6

2:00pm	Bowling: Varsity Meet	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Bowlero OP
3:30pm	Swimming: Boys Varsity Meet	vs. Shawnee Mission-East @ SM Aquatic Center
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game	vs. SM North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. SM North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. SM North @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Friday, January 17, 2025 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

TBD	Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament	vs. Blue Valley West @ Blue Valley West High School
3:45pm	Basketball: Girls JV Game	vs. SM North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
4:00pm	Wrestling: Girls JV Tournament	vs. Blue Valley West @ Blue Valley West
5:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. SM North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. SM North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Girls C-Team Game	vs. SM North @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. SM North @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Saturday, January 18, 2025

9:00am	Wrestling: Boys JV Mixer	vs. Bishop Miege @ Bishop Miege
4:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. St. James Academy @ Shawnee Mission South High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. St. James Academy @ Shawnee Mission South High School

