

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

Aidan Simecka



Tweet of the Week!



pam wilson @pswinozusa · 2d

@SMSouthTDain @SMSRaidersAD

@smsbowling

1st meet of the season. Congratulations to our varsity team.



Follow Dr. Dain on

X: @SMSouthTDain

Instagram: SMSouthTDain

Aidan Simecka is a special education teacher and coach at Shawnee Mission South. “Coach Simecka volunteers a lot of his time to come and support various South extracurriculars on his own time. Mr. Simecka is a positive role model for his students and anyone that knows him can attest to how much he cares about each and every student he interacts with. We are grateful to Mr. Simecka for all of his 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
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
MARCH 31 Traditional Schedule	APRIL 1 Even Block	APRIL 2 Odd Block	APRIL 3 LATE START Even Block	APRIL 4 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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soyork@smsd.org

"A DREAM BECOMES
A GOAL WHEN
ACTION IS TAKEN
TOWARD ITS
ACHIEVEMENT."

BO BENNETT

helliofearless.com

Raiders! - Nominate your Peers

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

Felicity Peters recognized

Ava Himmelberg

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 **December** Raiders R.I.S.E. winners:

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



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

- **2025-26 Enrollment/Course Selections is upon us.** Please check your email for 2025-2026 enrollment information. The deadline for all students to submit their course requests is Feb. 2nd.
- Students have the opportunity to travel to the Center for Academic Achievement (CAA) on Jan 23rd to learn about the various signature programs offered by SMSD. Transportation is provided. Sign up [here](#)
- **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
- Need help paying your electric bill? LIEAP can help you <https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/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.](#)

Occupation Spotlight: High Demand – High Wage Careers



\$22.56
Entry Level Wage

0.8%
Average Annual Growth

SHORT-TERM
on-the-job training

\$36.30
Experienced Level Wage

206
Annual Openings

LESS THAN 5 YEARS
Work Experience

Food Service Managers

Also called: Food & Beverage Manager, Food Service Director, Restaurant Manager

Plan, direct, or coordinate activities of an organization or department that serves food and beverages.

Knowledge

Manufactured or Agricultural Goods

- food production

Education & Training

- teaching and course design

Business

- customer service
- management

Arts & Humanities

- English language

Skills

Basic Skills

- keep track of how well people/groups are doing in order to make improvements
- listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions

Social

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

Resource Management

- selecting and managing the best workers for a job
- managing your time and the time of other people

Abilities

Verbal

- listen and understand what people say
- communicate by speaking

Ideas & Logic

- notice when problems happen
- use rules to solve problems

Hand & Finger Use

- hold or move items with your hands
- keep your arm or hand steady

Technology

You might use software like this:

Word Processing

- Google Docs
- Microsoft Word

Point of Sale POS

- ClubSoft Food & Beverage Point of Sale
- Restaurant Manager

Analytical or Scientific

- Aurora FoodPro
- SweetWARE nutraCoster

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

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!

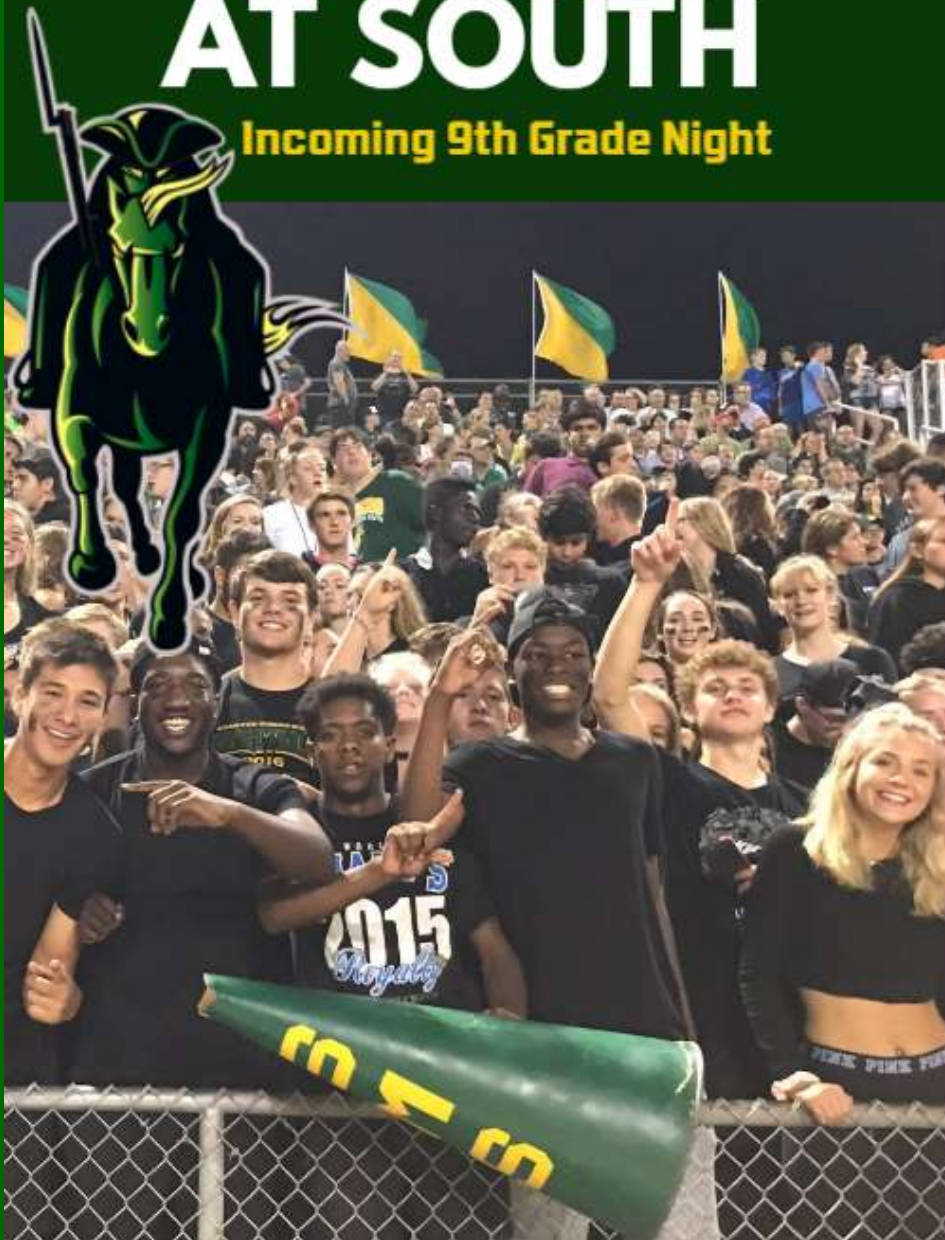
We need volunteers to HELP SERVE and to provide goodies to sell. Please sign up for multiple slots!

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



COME LOOK AT SOUTH

Incoming 9th Grade Night



6:30pm
Welcome
General Information
AUDITORIUM

7:10pm
Elective Showcase #1
CLASSROOMS

7:30pm
Elective Showcase #2
CLASSROOMS

7:50pm
Elective Showcase #3
CLASSROOMS

8:10pm
Athletics & Activities
Showcase
CAFETERIA

Tech Tools for a New Semester

FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Organizing Your MacBook Desktop with Stacks

If you find that you aren't being consistent with organizing your files with folders, try **Stacks**.

This organizes files on your desktop by file type or when you modified it.

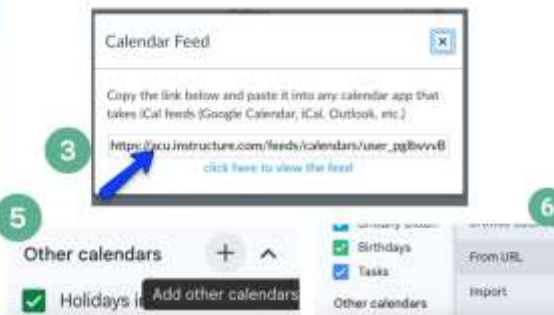
- Click the desktop
- Choose View > Use Stacks or press Control-Command-O



Add your Canvas Calendar to a Google Calendar

If you use Google Calendar or another program (either as a student or as a family), you can link your Canvas Calendar so assignments & due dates show up all in one place!

1. Click on your Calendar in Canvas
2. Click on "Calendar Feed"
3. Copy the link
4. Go to your Google Calendar
5. Choose "Other Calendars" and click on the "+" sign
6. Choose "From URL"
7. Paste the link you copied!

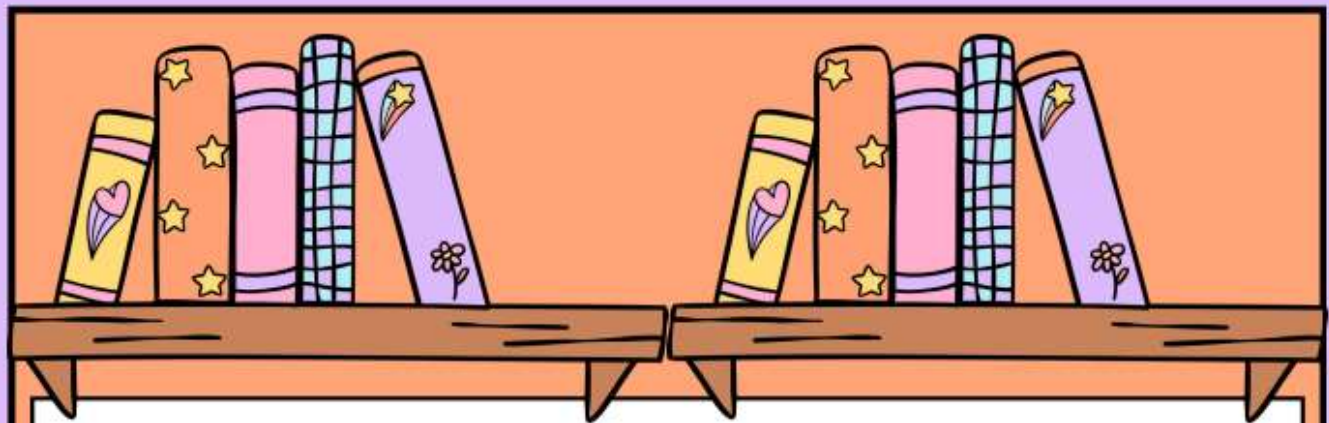


Text to Speech/ Read Aloud

The MacBook will read most texts aloud including Google Docs, PDFs, and websites. This feature can help make texts more accessible or help writers hear their own writing to revise it.

1. Open System Preferences
2. Go to "Accessibility Features" and click on Spoken Content
3. Toggle on Speak Selection
4. Go to anything & highlight text you want read
5. Click Option + Esc (at the same time) and it will read it to you





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."

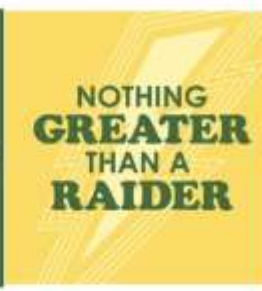
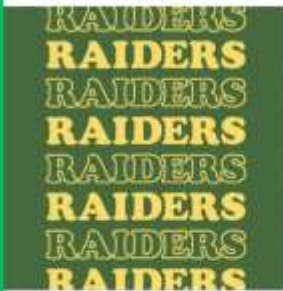
- RAIDER BASKETBALL - ELSIE SLAVEN

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!

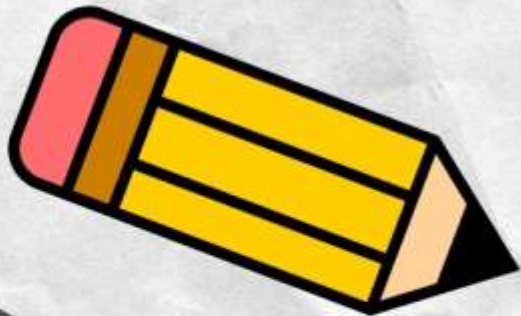
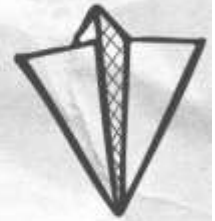
@SMS-BaseballBooster



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**

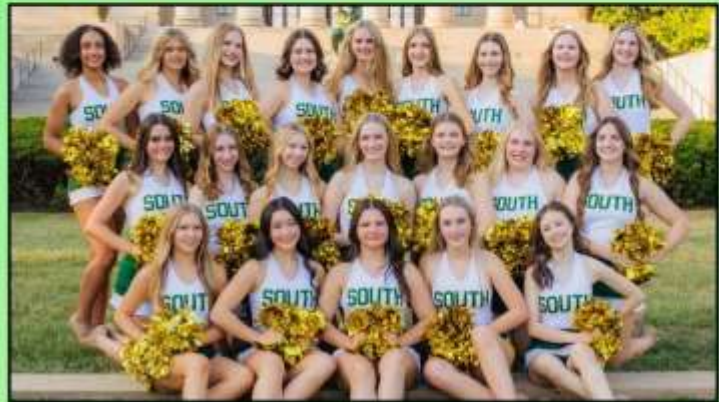
**\$45
per dancer
\$50 after 1/15**

**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!



Sweetheart Dance Volunteers

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EACAA23AB9-44465771-shawnee>






sms

SMS Sweetheart Dance February 15

JB Jennifer Burns

 Contact

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

 Share   

Available Slot

Cases of Water Bottles

Sign Up

0 of 25 slots filled

drop off at aux gym 2/15 12-3p

2025 Sweetheart Court

ADA BROWN	PARKER LANK
BENJAMIN CLAPPER	TARYN LOCKETT
COLETTE DAVIS	JEWELL MCCLURE
ISABEL DE JONG	MADDIE MCCOOL
CHARLIE EYLER	JASE MCDONNELL
BRODY FEATHERSTON	NICO MOORE
MILLIE FICKENSCHER	TAYLOR REASONS
DREW GELLHAUS	BRENDEN SWANSON
MOLLY HANNAN	CAROLINE SWIFT
NORAH HUFFMAN	CAITLIN WISEMAN
VIANNEY KARIUKI	MAGGIE WRIGHT
LIAM KIRKPATRICK	GRAHAM ZIEGLER

WINTER DANCE FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Benefitting Shawnee Mission South Baseball Booster Club

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BRANCHES & TWIGS



ORDER BY:
FEB 12TH

PICK UP IN
RAIDERDOME LOBBY
FEB 15TH 10AM-NOON





SHAWNEE
MISSION
SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCAN *Here*

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
OUR SMSD SIGNATURE
PROGRAMS!



SCROLL THROUGH AND LEARN
ABOUT ALL OUR OPPORTUNITIES
FOR STUDENTS!

SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar January 20-25, 2025

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

Monday, January 20, 2025 – No School – MLK Day

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – No School – Professional Learning Day

5:00pm	Basketball: Girls C-Team Tournament	vs. SME @ Shawnee Mission East High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Olathe West @ Olathe West High School
7:15pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. Olathe West @ Olathe West High School
7:15pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. Olathe West @ Olathe West High School

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – Traditional 7 Period Day

3:00pm	Bowling: Varsity Game	@ Mission Bowl N'Olathe
3:00pm	Wrestling: Boys/Girls Varsity District	@ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Girls C-Team Tournament	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission East High School

Thursday, January 23, 2025 – LATE START 2 – Advisory - 4 - 6

3:30pm	Swimming: Boys Varsity Dual	vs. Blue Valley Northwest @ Blue Valley Northwest
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Friday, January 24, 2025 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

	8th Grade Showcase	Auditorium/Library/Classrooms
2:00pm	Wrestling: Boys Varsity	vs. Blue Valley Northwest @ Blue Valley Northwest
4:00pm	Swimming: Boys Varsity Diving	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Shawnee Mission Aquatic Center
5:00pm	Basketball: Girls C-Team Tournament	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ Shawnee Mission East High School
6:00pm	Wrestling: Boys JV Mixer	@ DeSoto High School Main Gym

Saturday, January 25, 2025

9:30am	Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament	vs. Olathe South @ Olathe South
9:00am	Wrestling: Boys Varsity	vs. Blue Valley Northwest @ Blue Valley Northwest
10:00am	Swimming: Boys Varsity Meet	@ Shawnee Mission Aquatic Center
12:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. SMNW @ Shawnee Mission South High School

