

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.

Hard-Hat Hero

Staff member of the week

Aidan Simecka



Tweet of the Week!



Mark Mahoney @SMSRaidersAD · 1d

2025 District Champions. Congratulations Lady Raiders.

1st District Title in school history. @RaiderWraslin @SMSouthTDain



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 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
APRIL 7 Traditional Schedule 7:00pm PTSA Meeting	APRIL 8 Even Block	APRIL 9 Odd Block	APRIL 10 LATE START Even Block	APRIL 11 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."

BO BENNETT

helliofearless.com

Raiders! - Nominate your Peers

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

Emme Hansen and Delani Young
recognized

Aleigha Adams

with the KINDNESS CHAIN as our
Student of the Week!

**STUDENT
OF THE WEEK**

**Aleigha
Adams**



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**





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 area HBCU College Fair is February 6th at 6pm at Park Hill South High School.
- Senior Parents- SMSD FAFSA NIGHT at the CAA- Tuesday, January 28th. 5:30-7pm
- The deadline to submit course requests for 2025-26 is January 29th for grades 9,10,& 11. Please check your email or child's Canvas for 2025-2026 enrollment information.
- 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/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.](#)

Occupation Spotlight: High Demand – High Wage Careers



\$21.04 Entry Level Wage	1.4% Average Annual Growth	LONG-TERM on-the-job training
\$33.27 Experienced Level Wage	531 Annual Openings	NO Work Experience

Industrial Machinery Mechanics

Also called: Maintenance Technician, Mechanic, Overhauler

repair, install, adjust, or maintain industrial production and processing machinery or refinery and pipeline distribution systems. May install, dismantle, or move machinery and heavy equipment according to plans.

Knowledge

- Manufactured or Agricultural Goods**
 - manufacture and distribution of products
- Engineering & Technology**
 - mechanical
 - product and service development
- Math & Science**
 - arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus, or statistics
- Arts & Humanities**
 - English language

Skills

- Basic Skills**
 - thinking about the pros and cons of different ways to solve a problem
 - figuring out how to use new ideas or things
- Problem Solving**
 - noticing a problem and figuring out the best way to solve it
- Technical**
 - figuring out what is causing equipment, machines, wiring, or computer programs to not work
 - planning and doing the basic maintenance on equipment

Abilities

- Hearing & Speech**
 - tell the difference between sounds
- Ideas & Logic**
 - notice when problems happen
 - order or arrange things
- Hand & Finger Use**
 - put together small parts with your fingers
 - hold or move items with your hands
- Controlled Movement**
 - quickly change the controls of a machine, car, truck, or boat
 - use your arms and/or legs together while sitting, standing, or lying down

Technology

- You might use software like this:
- Spreadsheet**
 - Microsoft Excel
 - Presentation**
 - Microsoft PowerPoint
 - Industrial Control**
 - KEYENCE PLC Ladder Logic
 - Supervisory control and data acquisition SCADA 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

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



WELCOME TO PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

- **Wednesday, February 5th ~Main Gym**
- **Friday, February 7th~ appointment only**

On Wednesday, February 5th, conferences will be held from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. During this time, all teachers will be set up in the Main Gym – no appointment needed.

On Friday, February 7th, conferences will be held from 7:40-11:00am and 12:30-3:10pm by appointment only. See attached guide to access [Skyward](#) to schedule appointments for Friday.

Help Us Treat Our Teachers! The Shawnee Mission South PTSA is collecting donations to provide our amazing teachers with a delicious meal from Olive Garden! Let's show our appreciation for all their hard work. Sign Up to Help:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090B4BAAAF28A57-54552438-ptsa>

Together, we can make this a special treat for our teachers.



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!

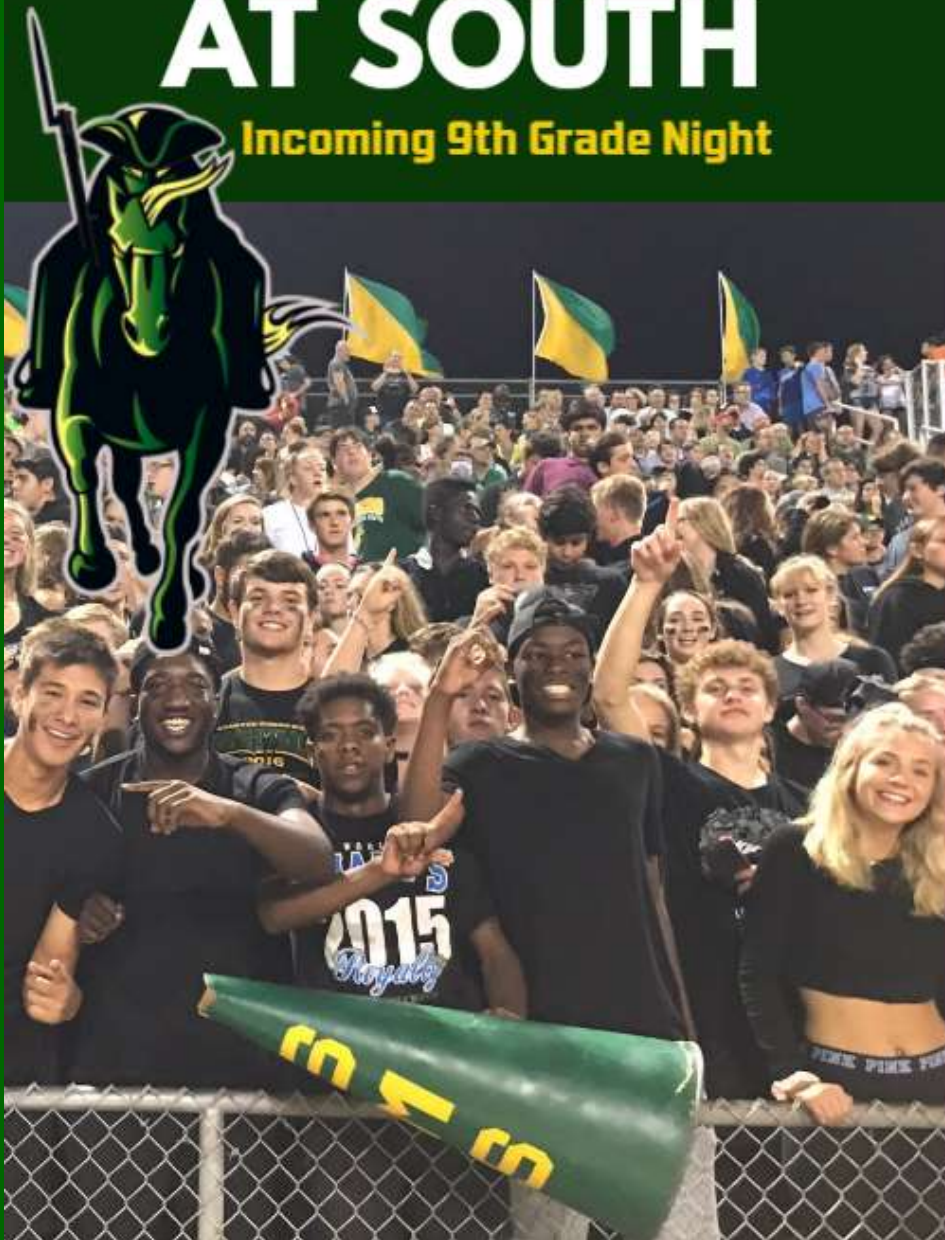
We need volunteers to HELP SERVE and to provide goodies to sell. Please sign up for multiple slots!

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



Goal-Setting for a New Semester

Tips for Students & Families

With a new semester, reflect together on goals for specific classes or overall progress at school.

Here are some sentence starters for students to define goals:

1. I am good at _____. I want to work harder at _____. To accomplish this goal, I will _____.
2. I want to work on _____. I want to improve this because _____. I plan to _____.

Questions for parents/guardians to ask students:

1. How can I help you reach your goal?
2. What specific actions can you take at home to reach your goal at school?



To Be Challenges

Last week in Advisory, students had a "To Be Challenge" as part of their Character Strong lesson in Advisory. These challenges focus on one word & are invitations for staff and students to put their character into action & can help with accomplishing goals.

Families, talk to your student about the challenge focus this week and ask them about their Character Strong lessons.

9-11th Grade

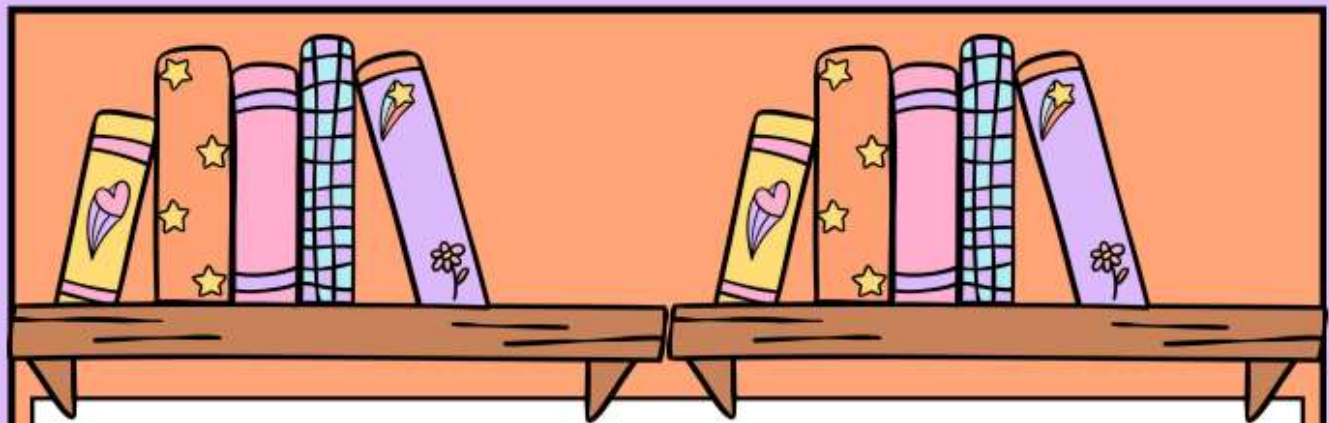
Accountability = taking responsibility for your actions & following through on your commitments.

Questions to Discuss:
How can you show **accountability** next week and throughout the semester, and what specific actions will you take to ensure you follow through on your goals

12th Grade

Intentional = doing something on purpose, with a clear goal in mind.

Question to Discuss:
How can you be **intentional** about your actions or goals next week, both at school and at home?



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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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."

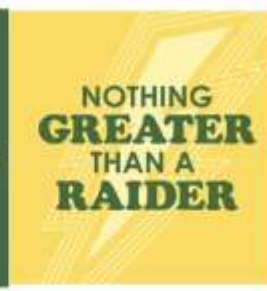
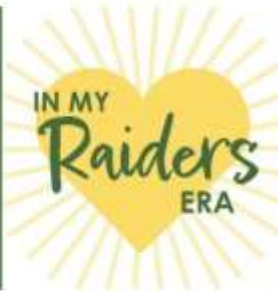
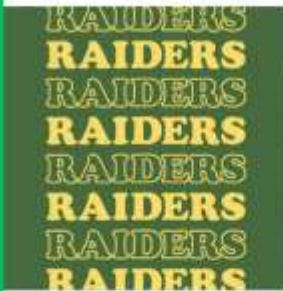
- RAIDER BASKETBALL - ELSIE SLAVEN

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!

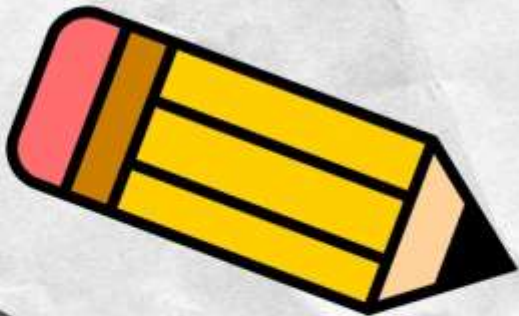
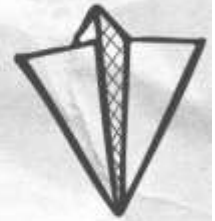
@SMS-BaseballBooster



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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!



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!

YES!

~Youth Equity Stewardship~



CULTURAL NIGHT



Friday, January 31
6 - 8:30 pm

HOSTED BY:
MSA, OLA, BSU, ASU, JSU



~Expect performances, food, music, games and much more!~

Location: Gymnasium Entrance



Saturday,
February 1st

2025 MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH, MOCK TRIAL & DEBATE WORKSHOP

2/1/25:
9 AM - 3:30 PM
@ SMS

RAIDER SPEECH & DEBATE SPRING SPEAKTACULAR!

FOR 7TH-8TH GRADERS



MOCK TRIAL
Campers will have the opportunity to learn about a fun age-appropriate case & act as attorneys & witnesses in their very own trial for a judge & jury!

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.

SPEECH
Campers will learn speech games & drills & work to bring their own performance to life. They will also get the opportunity to watch high schoolers perform.

COST
\$80 per camper
Checks Payable to:
SMS Debate & Forensics

Join us for fun with the National Champion Shawnee Mission South Raider Speech & Debate team! Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/DB8camp25> or scan:



🌐 carolyncook@smsd.org

📍 Shawnee Mission South High School,
Check-In inside the front door

SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar Jan. 27-Feb. 1, 2025

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

Monday, January 27, 2025 – Traditional 7 Period Day

6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-A Game	vs. SM East @ Shawnee Mission South High School
6:00pm	Basketball: Boys Sophomore Game	vs. SM East @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys Freshman-B Game	vs. SM East @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. SM East @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 – BLOCKS 2 – Advisory - 4 - 6

3:00pm	Bowling: Varsity Game	@ Royal Crest Lanes
3:30pm	Swimming: Boys Varsity Dual	vs. Shawnee Mission-North @ SM Aquatic Center
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Olathe-Metro Academy @ Shawnee Mission South High School
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Olathe-Metro Academy @ Shawnee Mission South High School

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

3:00pm	Bowling: Varsity Game	vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Bowlero OP
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Thursday, January 30, 2025 – LATE START 2 – Advisory - 4 - 6

6:30pm	Come Look at South	Auditorium
5:00pm	Wrestling: Girls/ Boys Varsity Dual	vs. BVSU @ Blue Valley Southwest High School
5:00pm	Wrestling: Boys JV Mixer	@ Lawrence

Friday, January 31, 2025 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

	Forensics Tournament	
5:30pm	Basketball: Boys JV Game	vs. Olathe Northwest @ Olathe Northwest
7:00pm	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Olathe Northwest @ Olathe Northwest High School

Saturday, February 1, 2025

	Forensics Tournament	
9:00am	Swimming: Boys Varsity Diving	@ SM Aquatic Center
9:30am	Wrestling: Girls/Boys Varsity Tournament	vs. Junction City @ Junction City High School

