



**SOUTH**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

# South Middle School Newsletter

**October 9th, 2022**

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Do you know about the **[South Middle School Facebook page](#)**? You may see a face or two you recognize.

## Upcoming Events

**10/12 Picture Re-take Day**

**10/13 Schools Closed for conferences**

**10/14 Schools Closed**

**10/17 Schools Closed**

**10/20 Music Celebration Concert 7:00 pm**

**10/27 School Play 7:00 pm**

**10/28 Mile Run**

**11/3 Quarter 2 Sports Begin**

**11/4 End Quarter 1**

**11/10 Orchestra Concert**

**11/11 Veterans Day Program**

## A Reminder from ECASD Food and Nutrition

Just a reminder to all our families, the USDA no longer provides waivers for universal free breakfast and lunch for students this school year. That program was established during the pandemic and the program has now ended.

**As always, our families can apply for free and reduced breakfast and lunch.** Paper applications were mailed with the ECASD Family Handbook this August. Applications are also online at **[www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com)**. Questions? Call Food and Nutrition at 715-852-3021.



WORK  
hard.  
BE  
nice.

# SMS Falcon Character Theme -October-

BE  
kind



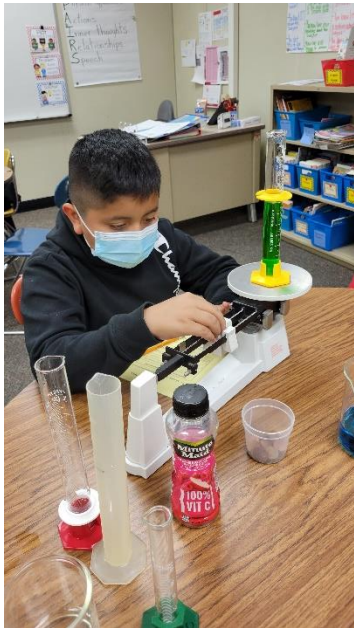
A SINGLE ACT OF KINDNESS THROWS OUT  
ROOTS IN ALL DIRECTIONS, AND THE ROOTS  
SPRING UP AND MAKE NEW TREES. THE  
GREATEST WORK THAT KINDNESS DOES TO  
OTHERS IS THAT IT MAKES THEM KIND  
THEMSELVES.

- AMELIA EARHART -



## Be Respectful

BE NICE AND COURTEOUS TO OTHERS; HONOR OPINIONS; TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD  
WANT TO BE TREATED; CHOOSE TO BE KIND; TREAT PROPERTY AS IF IT WERE YOUR OWN



Ms. Kopf's students are learning the names of the different science equipment while practicing how to use the equipment.

## Conference Meal

It is a tradition at South Middle School that a meal is provided to the staff on the day of conferences. Sign up [here](#) if you would like to donate. We appreciate your generosity.



## Eau Claire Area School District 2022 Capital Referendum

As many of you are aware, the Eau Claire Area School District is going to a capital referendum on November 8, 2022, to address aging infrastructure, to improve the learning environments for our students, and to continue necessary reinvestment in our buildings.

This \$98.6M referendum question will address major capital (building) projects at South Middle School, Memorial and North High Schools, and Putnam Heights Elementary School. In addition, projects at Northstar Middle School, Locust Lane, Manz, Meadowview, Northwoods, Sam Davey, and Sherman Elementary Schools will be included.

We have established a web page for you to visit for more information including [Frequently Asked Questions](#), details on upcoming [Information Sessions](#), and a [2022 Referendum Fact Sheet](#) which contains the scope of the capital projects at the buildings.

Please consider joining us for an information session on one of the following dates:

**Tuesday, October 11, 6:30-7:30 pm, at North High School IMC**

**Thursday, October 20, 6:30-7:30 pm, at Memorial High School IMC**

We also encourage you to email us at [2022referendum@ecasd.us](mailto:2022referendum@ecasd.us) with questions about the upcoming referendum.



## Did you know that you can report you student's absences from your phone?

Here is a 60 second video on using the mobile app to submit absence requests:

<https://www.skyward.com/parents-and-students/family-access-toolkit/parents/video/power-up-absence-requests>

Or:

[www.Skyward.com/Support/Family](http://www.Skyward.com/Support/Family) Toolkit.



## PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

October 12, 2022 is picture re-take day. All students who did not get their picture taken on Aug. 29 should get their picture taken for an ID card for library and textbook check out. Pictures can be ordered at the following link. Picture Day ID: EVT8DDMH8

**ORDER ON LINE**

<https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/pictureDayId/EVT8DDMH8>



## Community Conversations: SCHOOL FUNDING IN EAU CLAIRE

Guest Speaker



Tom McCarthy

Executive Director of the  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
**Monday, October 10, 2022**

Northstar Middle School  
2711 Abbe Hill Dr, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Dinner at 6 pm

Conversation & Questions  
from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm



Register Here!

*Hosted in partnership with Wisconsin PTA and ECASD.*

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

As we move into the second half of the first quarter your school counselors want to remind everyone why sleep is so important to your students. The following comes from the Change to Chill website and is great information to keep in mind.

*A healthy, balanced life is made possible by quality sleep hygiene. A full night of sleep helps us repair muscles, restore our immune system, improve memory, and even boost our mood! If you're a teen, getting a full night of rest can mean better grades in school and increased energy throughout the day. But so many of us struggle with getting quality sleep every night. Luckily, there are a few actions you can take now to improve your sleep.*

Check out this website to see those ideas!

<https://www.changetochill.org/better-sleep-tips/>



You can find the ECASD Family Engagement Newsletter [here](#).

## **Bully Awareness Month**

October is bullying awareness and prevention month. Many times, bullying and other forms of discrimination are a direct cause of mental health issues. We want to promote kindness and a positive culture at South Middle School. Civility, inclusion, and kindness make our school a great place to be! Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) initiatives prioritize positive behavior expectations. Learn more about bullying prevention at [www.stompoutbullying.org](http://www.stompoutbullying.org)

## Adult Crossing Guards Needed!

Are you looking for a flexible and fun position working with Eau Claire Area School District students and families? We are looking for two regular-shift adult crossing guards and three substitute adult crossing guards to help our students get to and from school safely. This position is a great opportunity for a retired person, college student, stay-at-home parent, or just someone who wants to pick up some extra hours. The position starts at \$13.88 per hour, is one to 1 ½ hours in the morning and again in the afternoon and pays mileage from residence to the assigned position both ways. If interested, please call Brian Marks, Safety and Security Manager, at 715-852-3025, email [bmmarks@ecasd.us](mailto:bmmarks@ecasd.us), or stop by 500 Main St to complete a paper application.



## WHO SHOULD YOU CONTACT?

To help ensure you get the information you need as quickly as possible, South Middle School has established this communication chart:

### 1 Contact the adult working with your student(s).

This may be a teacher, counselor, instructional coach, athletic coach, bus driver, school nurse, or another employee.

*If you still need your question answered...*

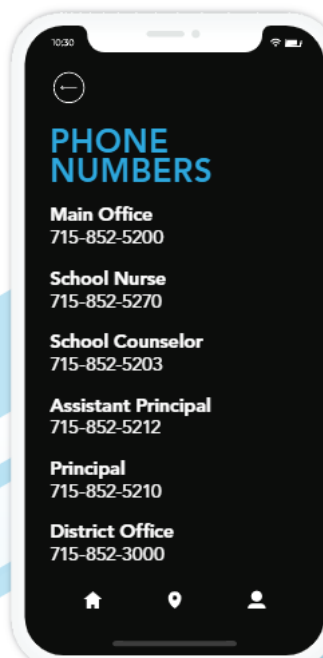
### 2 Contact the administration in your child's school.

This may be the principal, assistant principal, or activities director.

*If you still need your question answered...*

### 3 Contact the superintendent.

For email, refer to the staff directory on the school's website.



## Study Club

Do you need some extra help with assignments? Or you're just looking for a quiet place to get some work done after school. Meeting up with classmates for a group project? Come check out Study Club. Afterschool Study Club will be starting Monday, Sept 12 and run every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3 until 4 PM in the library.



# **SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **COFFEE AND TREATS WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

**A TIME FOR FAMILIES TO MEET THE PRINCIPAL AND HEAR ABOUT SOUTH**



**WHEN: OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – DURING FAMILY CONFERENCES**

**TIME: 8:30 - 9:30 AM AND 5:30 – 6:30 PM**

**WHERE: SOUTH LIBRARY**





October is  
Prescription Drug Take Back *and*  
Communicate with Your Kids Month

Take this opportunity to talk to your kid(s) about prescription medication safety! Talking about medication safety keeps kids safe and healthy. This includes not sharing or taking someone else's medication. Learn more at:

[drugfree.org/article/talk-with-your-kids/](http://drugfree.org/article/talk-with-your-kids/)

Another great way to participate is the National Drug Take Back Day! Each year, this day provides a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs and unneeded medications. This event will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm at

- Marshfield Medical Center – Eau Claire  
Medical Offices - Door B; 2116 Craig Rd., Eau Claire
- Altoona Police Department

Visit [GetInvolvedASAP.org](http://GetInvolvedASAP.org) to find a take back location near you.

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This information is provided by The Alliance for Substance Misuse Prevention coalition, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse. For more information visit

[www.getinvolvedasap.org](http://www.getinvolvedasap.org)



### Analyze:

- Examine carefully
- Look at it closely
- Interpret details



### Cite:

- To "quote" (book, author, passage)
- To mention in support, proof, or confirmation



### Compare:

- Tell all the ways topics, objects, people, etc. are the same



### Contrast:

- Tell all the ways topics, objects, people, etc. are different

Reconstruction and Civil Rights	
Similarities	Differences
Both led to equal minority rights.	Reconstruction was concerned with rights for African Americans.
Both men with strong leadership to bring about social reform.	Civil Rights Act included women and other minorities.
	Civil Rights Act had gender issues, as the South general many Reconstruction reforms during Reconstruction - Reconstruction 18 12 were called. Most rights amendments failed for women past 1900.

### Describe:

- Tell me about it
- Give details
- Paint a picture with words



### Explain:

- Tell me the steps
- To make something clear or easy to understand by describing it in detail
- giving information about the topic



### Evaluate:

- Form opinions
- Make judgements
- Develop ideas from text
- Tell the good and the bad



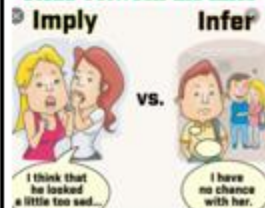
### Formulate:

- Create
- Put together
- Devise or develop



### Infer:

- \*to draw a conclusion about topic, person, event based on evidence in text
- \*Look at the clues, use background knowledge & experience
- \*Read between the lines



### Predict:

- Make an educated (smart) guess
- Hypothesize



### Summarize:

- Tell the "main idea" & supporting details
- Tell the beginning, middle, and end

**SUMmarize It**  
Shorter than the text  
Use your own words  
Main ideas only

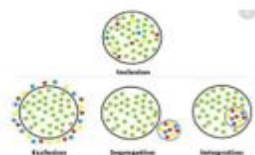
### Support/Evidence:

- Back up the information
- Prove
- Provide evidence

EVIDENCE OF THE MAIN IDEA		
TOPIC	MAIN IDEA	DETAILS
Who or what the reading passage is about.	The most important point the author is making about the topic.	The specific words & sentences that are repeated in the text.

### Integrate:

- Top combine or incorporate parts of text together into a whole
- To unite



### Determine:

- To come to a decision or resolution
- To decide on an answer or solution



### Define:

- To show or describe someone or something clearly and completely

**define** [dɪ-ˈfayn] *verb* (transitive)

- to state or set forth the meaning of (a word, phrase, etc.): They disagreed on how to define "liberal".
- to explain or identify the nature or essential qualities of, describe: to define political functions.
- to fix or lay down clearly and definitely, specify distinctly: to define one's responsibilities.
- to determine or fix the boundaries or extent of: to define property with statutes.

ALL students have been working with the Power Words! 6th graders are learning them in ELA. You can also find the power words on page 12 in the planner. Help your scholar get a head start.