



# SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We had a fun and festive December at South





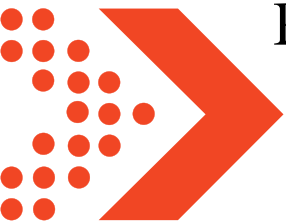
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NEW MAIN ENTRY IS DOOR #8 BY THE GAGA PIT. PARENTS WILL STILL NEED TO BUZZ IN TO ENTER THE SCHOOL.

## Reminder

There is no school for students the following days this month:

Monday, January 15th  
Monday, January 22nd  
Tuesday, January 23rd



Remember to check the lost and found before items are donated on Friday, January 12th.



[Royal Credit Union](#) is open at South Middle School on [Wednesdays](#) before school to help students learn how to manage their money and create the habit of saving each week for life. Students receive a different giveaway item, such as stress balls, chips, or cookies each time they save at least \$0.50 at school. Encourage your student to be responsible with their money by saving each week!

In January, every time a student saves at least \$0.50, their name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. Increase your chances of winning by saving every Friday!

If you want to know how to start saving at South with Royal Credit Union, please contact Rachel Orlousky at: [rachel.orldousky@rcu.org](mailto:rachel.orldousky@rcu.org).



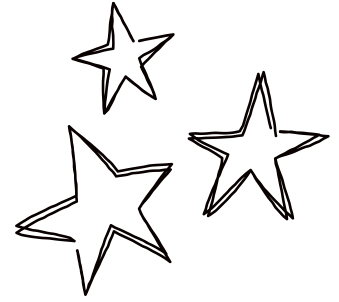
# Student Services

## Upcoming High School Registration Dates For Students currently in the 8th Grade:

**January 5th-** Memorial Counselors visit South Middle School during Falcon Time to discuss upcoming registration. Students receive the ACP guide (registration catalog) and registration worksheet.

**January 8th-** Course Preview Night in the Memorial High School auditorium for adults and students. Break out sessions to follow.

**January 12th-** High School registration at South Middle School during 8th grade Science classes.



## Upcoming Registration dates for 6th and 7th graders

**Wednesday, January 10:** Mr. Polzer presents to Grade 6 about registering for 7th grade during science class.

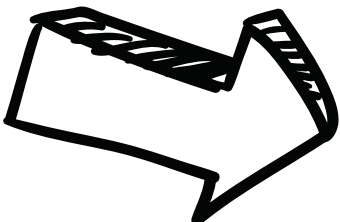
**Thursday, January 11:** Ms. Kostka presents to Grade 7 about registering for 8th grade during social studies class.

**Wednesday, January 17:** Mr. Polzer registers Grade 6 for 7th grade during science class.

**Thursday, January 18:** Ms. Kostka registers Grade 7 for 8th grade during social studies class.



**WE GOT A NEW LOGO!**



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# South Falcon Advisory Council

(SOUTH PARENT GROUP)

**JOIN NOW**

## FIRST MEETING

Our first parent meeting of the year will be held on Monday, **January 8th at 6:00 pm**. The meeting will be held in the library. We hope to see you there!



**SMS Falcon Character Theme**  
**-January-**  
"Be the rainbow in someone's cloud."  
-Maya Angelou

**CONNECT SOUTH DISCOVER**  
**SUCCESS FALCONS**

**DREAM Leadership** *MAKE IT HAPPEN*

Lead in a positive direction; Set a positive example; Set a goal and work to achieve it; Show empathy to others; Inspire others





Students in 8th grade German created gingerbread houses to celebrate the holidays. Gingerbread houses can trace their history to 16th century Germany and became popular from the fairy tale, 'Hansel and Gretel'



Six-grade social studies had a Celebration of World Cultures Day as a culmination of their Immigration unit.



Contact Jen Whatley (jwhatley@ecasd.us or 715-852-5207) if you want food from our food pantry or weekend meals.

# Effectively Manage Your Time

Effectively managing your time will help you meet classwork deadlines, increase the quality of your work, reduce your stress, accomplish your goals, and ensure that you have time for your other interests and passions.

1	<b>Keep Track of Your Events &amp; Deadlines</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use your planner.</li><li>• Write your LT (learning target) and TD (to do).</li><li>• Create a schedule.</li><li>• Sample schedules: <a href="#">Cohort A</a> <a href="#">Cohort B</a></li><li>• Create a <a href="#">Set Up Study Space &amp; Routine</a></li></ul>
2	<b>Set Goals, Prioritize Tasks, &amp; Use Checklists</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1st: Define your <a href="#">SMART</a> goals.</li><li>• 2nd: Prioritize your tasks. Complete urgent tasks first. Plan for the unexpected. Set reasonable timelines for each task.</li><li>• 3rd: Create "to do" lists for items needed to complete your tasks.</li></ul>
3	<b>Create an Action Plan</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review goals, tasks, and checklists daily.</li><li>• Follow your schedule.</li><li>• Avoid procrastination.</li><li>• Check email, Skyward, and Canvas daily.</li></ul>
4	<b>Reflect, Monitor, &amp; Adjust</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each week, reflect upon your goals, tasks, checklists, and action plans.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Are you achieving your goals?</li><li>◦ Are you meeting your deadlines?</li><li>◦ Are you using your time most efficiently?</li></ul></li></ul>



# IMPORTANT LINKS

[January Lunch Menu](#)

[ECASD Family Service Webpage](#)

[South Middle School Website](#)

[My School Bucks](#)

Check balance and deposit money into  
your child's lunch account

[ECASD School Calendar](#)

[Community Events](#)

[Family Tech Support Information](#)

[Skyward Family Access](#)



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