



# SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Falcon Calendar

**February 1**- Chorus 7 Concert 7:00  
**February 12-16**- Dress-up days  
**February 15**- Chorus 8 Concert 7:00  
**February 23** - Mid-quarter 3  
**February 29**- Schools Closed- Family  
Teacher Conferences 7:45-8:15

**FEBRUARY FUN FALCON FEST DRESS-UP DAYS**  
**FEBRUARY 12TH-16TH**

 **Monday:** Hearts vs. Flowers

**Tuesday:** Color-out Day (**8th -pink, 7th- red, 6th- camp shirt**)

**Wednesday:** College Wear 

 **Thursday:** Comfy Day

**Friday:** Spirit Day 

Check out Principal Hundt's message to families in the link below.  
This message was also sent to families last week over email.

### "Falcon Time Changes"

In an effort to provide students with more access to teachers, South is changing their approach to "Falcon Time" at the end of the day. Staff have been training students for the past two weeks on how to "sign up" for teachers each week. This change takes place and starts next week. If your child is struggling academically, needs to retake a test, or needs time to meet with a teacher, please remind them that they should schedule time with their teacher. Students will also be requested by teachers during this time, and we have study halls and an honors system built in based on grades and discipline. We are excited about this change, and there will be some issues, but we are confident that this will be a positive change for our students.

[SMS Semester 2 Parent Video-20240123\\_114840-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)



# Take a look at what has been happening in PE this month

**HARD  
WORK**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Falcon Families,

In an effort to make conferences more accessible, we would like to inform you of some format changes made to South Middle School's Spring Conferences.

This is similar to what South did last year. For the conferences on **February 29**,

South will be offering virtual, one-on-one traditional conferences, and an open house.

We highly encourage families that want to connect with a teacher to discuss specific concerns to book a conference.



The open house is a chance for you to explore the school and classrooms as your student shares what they are or will be learning this semester. Staff will be available during the open house **10:15-11:45** and **5:15-6:45**. This option is ideal for families that want to learn more about what we do here at South but don't have specific concerns about their students' performance.

It is our hope that these options provide more opportunities for our Falcon families to come to our school to learn more how we Connect, Discover, and Succeed here at South. If you have any questions or need a translator, please reach out to the office as soon as possible, so we can assist you.

Thank you!  
SMS



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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Variety Show

The SMS Variety Show is coming up in March. Students from all grades are invited to audition for this exciting show. Any talent is welcome; we're hoping to showcase all of the unique talents of our student body such as musical performances, martial arts demonstrations, comedy routines, skits, dances, magic tricks, or any athletic skills. We will hold auditions after school in the auditorium on Thursday February 15th. Students must have parent permission to audition - permission slips and info packets can be picked up from Ms. Moore (room 226I) or in the main office. Contact Ms. Moore ([smoore@ecasd.us](mailto:smoore@ecasd.us)) with any questions.

## Clothes and Toy Drive

Wondering how to help provide for others and the community? Have any old clothes that don't fit you anymore? NJHS is doing a Clothes and Toy Drive to help our Community and others. This Drive will be held February 1st - February 29th. Boxes will be in your Falcon Times and that is where you will be able to put your donations. The Falcon Time with the most donations will receive a prize. Go Falcons!

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).





**DONT  
FORGET!**

## ACTION CITY FUNDRAISER

*Save the Date*

Friday, February 9th, 5 pm - 9 pm

\$45.00 includes access to the trampoline park,  
arcade rides, pizza, and a can of soda.



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## 2024-2025 School Year Calendar Approved by School Board

Our School Board approved the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar at the January 22, 2024, School Board meeting. Please go to [2024-2025 School Year Calendar \(pdf\)](#) for details.

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*Choose Kind*

SMS Falcon Character Theme

**-February-**

*WORK hard, BE nice.*

*MAKE IT happen*

**Kindness**

*ATTITUDE is every THING.*

Be truthful to yourself and others; do the right things;  
be trustworthy; honor your commitments; don't gossip

# Student Services

**Many teens get their first alcoholic drink from a friend or family member.**

Underage drinking negatively impacts brain development and can have life-long effects.



**Do you have concerns about the health or well-being of your child?**

Screen4Success is a 10-minute screener that looks for signs of elevated risk in youth and helps you find support to address concerns.

Access the screener through the "Talk. They Hear You." mobile app, available for free in the App Store, Google Play, and the Microsoft Store.

Data is from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.  
This information is provided by the Eau Claire Health Alliance - Substance Misuse Action Team, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse. Learn more at: [echealthalliance.org](http://echealthalliance.org)

**FAMILIES - JOIN US FOR**

## **FAMILY SERVICES AFTER HOURS**



★ Wisconsin Educational Opportunities Representative available to:

- Help with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Provide information on WI TIP and Gear Up Grants - available to ALL students

★ Information about Youth Substance Misuse:

- Stop by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department resource table to learn more about new and emerging cannabis products sold in Wisconsin, e-cigarettes and vaping, youth substance misuse in Eau Claire County, youth resources, and more!

★ Representatives from CVTC and UWEC:

- Stop by their resource tables to chat and get information

★ SKYWARD Assistance

★ SNACKS

**MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 5**  
**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**ECASD Administration  
Building**  
**500 Main St.**

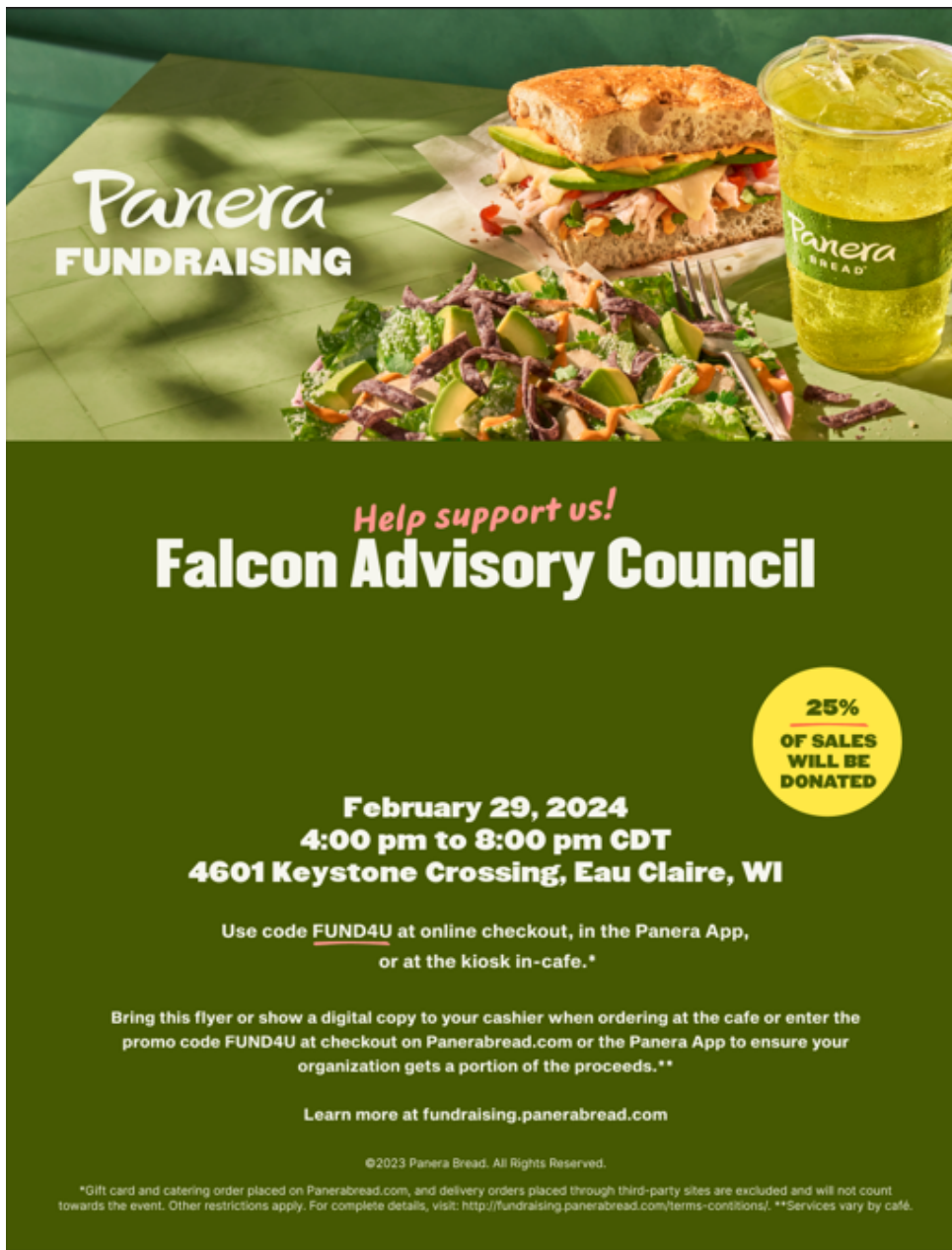


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# South Falcon Advisory Council

(SOUTH PARENT GROUP)



**Panera**  
**FUNDRAISING**

*Help support us!*  
**Falcon Advisory Council**

**25%**  
**OF SALES**  
**WILL BE**  
**DONATED**

**February 29, 2024**  
**4:00 pm to 8:00 pm CDT**  
**4601 Keystone Crossing, Eau Claire, WI**

Use code **FUND4U** at online checkout, in the Panera App,  
or at the kiosk in-cafe.\*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the  
promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your  
organization gets a portion of the proceeds.\*\*

Learn more at [fundraising.panerabread.com](http://fundraising.panerabread.com)

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towards the event. Other restrictions apply. For complete details, visit: <http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-conditions/>. \*\*Services vary by cafe.

## Conference Meal

The Falcon Advisory Council is graciously donating the meal for staff at conferences. They would like your help in providing sides and desserts. Sign up below if you would like to donate.

[donation link](#)

# IMPORTANT LINKS

[February 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](#)

