



# SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Falcon Calendar

October 3- Falcon Store during lunches

October 10- Picture Retake Day

October 17-Regular School Day- Evening  
Family Conferenes

October 18- No School Family Conferences

October 21- No School Staff Work Day

SMS Falcon Character Theme

-October-

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

## Welcome to the 24-25 School Year Falcon Families!

We have had a really great start to our year. Staff and Students are starting to settle into their groove, and we've had a number of unique and fun experiences so far. Our admin team will continue to lead our building with a positive mindset and one that allows all to CONNECT, DISCOVER, and SUCCEED. A few things for families to know as we continue to make necessary changes to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

**Falcon Time Adjustments** - We have shifted to our regular Falcon Time request process. Students will no longer have "study hall" every day, rather they will use a system called FlexiSched to sign up for teachers. They do this on a weekly basis in homeroom. Teachers also take the opportunity to request students. This is not new for 7th and 8th graders, and they started to use the system last week. However, it will be for 6th grade. 6th Graders will be practicing signing up the week of September 30th and it will go live for them Oct. 7.

**Construction Updates** - We are still in the thick of this process. Right now we are starting phase (3) of a (6) phase project. We anticipate being fully finished around this time next year. We are constantly revising and revisiting plans to ensure our building is near perfect upon completion. Currently, we are finishing up the 6th grade "house" the new health and counseling area and finishing some infrastructure odds and ends. Around Christmas time we anticipate moving our 6th grade back in and clearing our 7th grade and foreign language areas.

**Activity Fair** - We are working on an activity fair to showcase all of our activities and athletics. This is new for us, but the hope is that students will be able to see all of the things we offer them in addition to their classes. Advisors are working hard to get this organized and our hope is to have displays up the week of conferences so you too can see all of our offerings.

**Grade Level Meetings** - We will be conducting Grade Level Student meetings each quarter. We take notes on all of the conversations we have with families and any "gaps" we notice in student understandings during the school year. We then hold a brief meeting with each grade level and go over these items to ensure all students are communicated with and understand important things moving forward. This includes topics of safety, discipline, state testing, and upcoming field trips.

**What the Teachers are Learning** - We have rolled out a new "Umbrella Plan" centered around a supportive learning framework. Staff are currently spending time learning from each other in "walkthroughs" and are being provided professional learning around student engagement and questioning. We are excited about this intentional focus to ensure we are utilizing the most up to date strategies to provide students with best practices.

**Late Work Policy** - You have likely received an email from my office regarding late work being due (3) school days after the "Grading Mark". The "Grading Mark" is simply a time where we have to "enter" grades to be on a report card. These are at "Mid-Quarter" and "Quarter". We want students to be able to stick to deadline while also providing flexibility around the grading mark. Staff will also be communicating with families if your son/daughter are in danger of failing. This is most critical at the "Quarter/Semester" mark.

We want your feedback and we need to be in this together. Please if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas, please communicate with any member of our administrative team.

Thank you for helping make our school a great place to be,

Caleb Hundt  
Principal, South Middle School.





THERE HAVE BEEN LOTS OF GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT SOUTH!





# Announcements



## Royal Credit Union Returns to South!

Royal Credit Union and South Middle School have partnered to make saving money each week fun and easy. Starting October 23, students can save money at school each Wednesday!

Before opening for the year, Royal Credit Union recruits student team members to operate the in-school branch. Interested students participate in an authentic hiring process, complete with an application and interview. Hired students receive hands-on training with Royal's computer system to process transactions at school!

Royal Credit Union at South will be open before school, every Wednesday in the cafeteria.

If your student would like to sign up for our program, follow this link to open an account [www.rcu.org/schoolaccounts](http://www.rcu.org/schoolaccounts). We welcome your questions about Royal Credit Union and how you can get your student started saving at school.

Please contact me at:

Rachel Orlousky  
[rachel.orldousky@rcu.org](mailto:rachel.orldousky@rcu.org)

# GET YOUR SHOT!

## FREE vaccines for kids:

- Flu (available for 6 months-18 years)
- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)



LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Augusta Senior & Community Center	Sat, Oct. 12	10am-1pm
<small>*Adult flu shots are available from Northlakes Community Clinic at this clinic. Bring your insurance card.</small>		
North High School (Commons)	Mon, Oct. 14	3:30-6:30pm
DeLong Middle School (Media Room)	Thur, Oct. 17	3:30-5pm
South Middle School (Cafeteria)	Wed, Oct. 23	3:30-5pm
Northstar Middle School (Gym)	Wed, Oct. 30	3:30-5pm

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Si desea que una persona hispana le traduzca esta carta en español o si tiene preguntas sobre esta carta, llame a Alicia al (715) 271-8841.

Let us know you're coming!

To RSVP, scan the QR code with your phone camera.



Eau Claire City-County  
Health Department

## Conference Meal

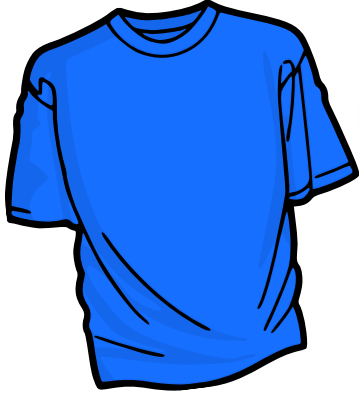
South Middle School Families have a tradition of providing a staff meal during Family/Teacher conferences. If you are willing to donate towards the meal it would be appreciated!

### Conference Meal Signup





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**Wear BLUE!** October is National Bullying Awareness & Prevention Month. Please encourage students to wear BLUE to stop out bullying on Monday, October 7: World Day of Bullying Prevention. The BLUEST grade level will go to the front of the lunch line on Friday, October 11.

R3 Awards: Did you know? South Middle School recognizes students who are consistently Ready, Respectful, and Responsible at each mid-quarter! Watch for the first R3 Awards coming up in October. Staff members choose a student who is demonstrating these behaviors daily. Nominees are presented with a certificate, a list of students is posted in the display case, and a Facebook post announces the nominees. Fly high, Falcons!



1st Quarter Celebration: on Friday, November 8, we will celebrate our successes with an all-school Falcon Fest during Seventh Hour and Falcon Time. Staff will supervise and host activities in the gym, cafeteria, and classrooms for students to walk around and enjoy. Concessions will also be available. More information including expectations, and other details coming soon!





# Announcements

# yearbook

**Click here to order  
a yearbook today.**



## Library Tech Notes

### Technology Items

As a student of the ECASD, your student is responsible for a Dell Laptop and Charger. These items are labeled and inventoried every year.

If a student damages and/or loses tech items, a fee is added to their account. Fees can be paid in the School's Library or thru MySchoolBucks. If you have concerns/questions about payment as it relates to technology, please contact your building principal.

When items are turned in at the end of the school year, the ECASD Technology Staff evaluates the condition of the items. If an item is damaged, a fee is added to the account. All fees can be found [here](#).

Item	Replacement/Fee
Dell Charger	\$25.00
Student Laptop Repair	\$80.00
Dell 3300	\$534.00
Dell 3310	\$560.00
Dell 3310 Gen 2	\$757.00
Hot Spot	\$149.00



# Announcements



As many of you are aware, the Eau Claire Area School District has an operational referendum question on the ballot on November 5, 2024. Please visit our Referendum 2024 website to learn more about the referendum. In addition, the district is offering several information sessions this fall to share details and answer any questions you may have. See Information Sessions for dates and times of the sessions, including a link to a virtual Teams session for those who are unable to attend in person.

If you have questions now, don't hesitate to email [referendum2024@ecasd.us](mailto:referendum2024@ecasd.us) anytime. Thank you, as always, for all you do for our schools!

## FALCON FOODS IS OPEN!

Contact Jen Whatley, [jwhatley@ecasd.us](mailto:jwhatley@ecasd.us) if you would like more information.

You can start ordering food [here](#).





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# South Falcon Advisory Council (SFAC)

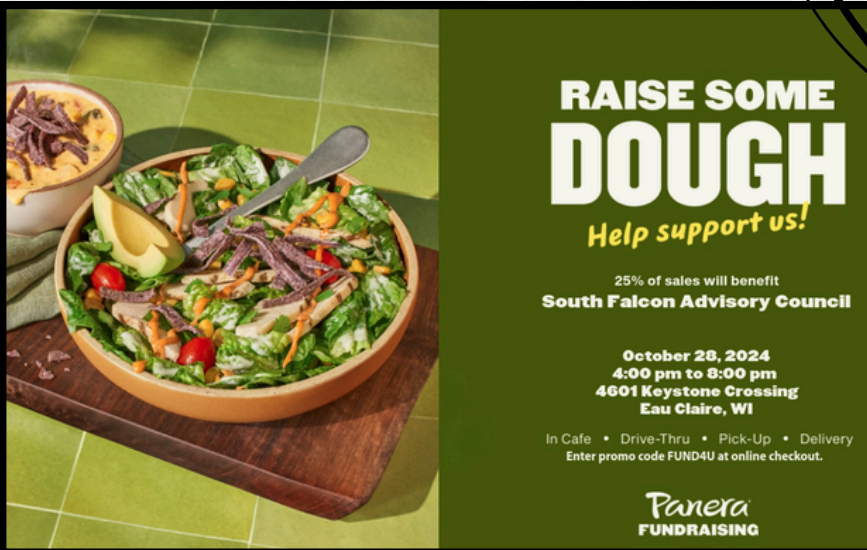


Fundraiser at  
Olson's Ice Cream  
on Thursday,  
October 10th.  
Stay tuned for  
more information.



## Make Your Mark

Thank you for the generous donations to the Make Your Mark fundraiser! Donated funds will be used for field trips, special events, and requests within the school. You can still make a donation to the Make Your Mark fund. Please make checks out to South Family Advisory Council and drop off in the attendance office. Thank you for supporting South!



## Meeting Dates

November 11th

January 13

March 10

May 12

**Join Us**

## Box Tops

Hey South Families! Want to earn money to support field trips, (add other fundraising items here) just by doing your usual shopping? Get the Box Tops App and scan your receipt to earn \$.10 for each item with the Box Tops logo on it. No more clipping like in the past. Use the code NJUK7NXE when you scan your first receipt and South will earn extra!



# IMPORTANT LINKS

[October 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](#)

