



# SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Falcon Calendar

January 1- No School

January 6- Orchestra 7 & 8 Concert 7 PM

January 9- Band 7 Concert 7 PM

January 16th- Chorus 6 Concert 7 PM

January 17- End quarter 2/Semester

January 20- No School

January 21 No school staff workday

January 22 No school staff PL day

January 27 & 28 Variety Show auditions 3-4:30 PM

SMS Falcon Character Theme



# -January-

"Be the rainbow in someone's cloud."

-Maya Angelou



# 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

# Announcements

**Summer School 2025**

Join us for a fun filled summer!



Over 20 Community Partners!

Registration for busing & programming.  
**BEGINS: MARCH 1**  
**ENDS: MARCH 28**  
Registration will be in Skyward

**SUMMER SCHOOL DATES**  
JUNE 10 - JULY 24: MONDAY - THURSDAY  
NO ELEMENTARY PROGRAMMING ON JUNE 9 OR JULY 7

The Program Guide will be available in February. Please check the guide for alternate building locations



[www.ecasd.us/summer](http://www.ecasd.us/summer)

**Escuela de Verano 2025**

¡Acompáñenos para disfrutar de un verano repleto de diversión!



¡Más de 20 socios comunitarios!

Inscripción para el transporte y la programación  
**COMIENZO: 1 DE MARZO FINALIZACIÓN: 28 DE MARZO**  
La matrícula se llevará a cabo en Skyward.

**FECHAS DEL PROGRAMA DE VERANO ESCOLAR**  
10 DE JUNIO - 24 DE JULIO: DE LUNES A JUEVES  
NO SE LLEVARÁ A CABO LA PROGRAMACIÓN DE PRIMARIA EL 9 DE JUNIO NI EL 7 DE JULIO.

La Guía del Programa estará accesible en febrero. Revise la guía para conocer las ubicaciones alternativas de los edificios.



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## Quarter 3 Sports

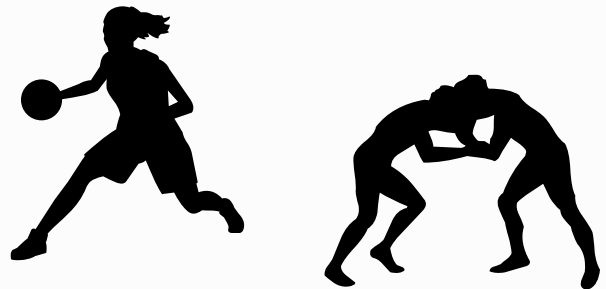
January 23 - March 28, 2025

7th and 8th grade girls basketball

Boys Swimming

Wrestling

Sign up at  
<https://ecasd-ar.schooltoday.com/>



## Meet our new School Resource Officer

Hello, I'm Officer Noah Young originally from a small town in southwest Wisconsin. I graduated from the University of Eau Claire which is how I ended up calling this area my home. I've been with the Eau Claire Police Department for eight years as a patrol officer.

My wife and I have two amazing little girls who are one and two years old that keep us on our toes. I love the outdoors, hanging out with family at the cabin, watching/playing sports, and working out.

I'm super excited to start my new role here at South Middle School! I appreciate everyone already making me feel at home, and look forward to getting to know all the kids and staff.



Officer Chapin (left) Officer Young (right)

## Thank you!

Officer Chapin has been a beloved figure at our middle school, known for his friendly sports banter and dedication. His presence brought security to our school. We cannot thank you enough for your service at South, where you connected wonderfully with students and staff. As you return to patrol duty, we will miss your approachable demeanor and the seriousness with which you took your job. Thank you, Officer Chapin!



# Announcements



Royal Credit Union is open at South Middle School before school on Wednesdays 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 fidgets, popcorn, 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 Wednesday! The winner will be drawn on January 29.

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



## Concessions

Student Council students will be setting up a Concession Stand at home basketball games this quarter. Bring your cash and have a snack! All proceeds will go toward Student Council initiatives like the 8th Grade Dance, Teacher Appreciation Week, and supporting other school events.



January 2025

Dear Families,

AVID is an acronym for Advancement Via Individual Determination. Its mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.



South is a Certified AVID School! This means that we have met AVID's implementation expectations to support program effectiveness and student progress, bringing us closer to our goal of closing opportunity gaps and supporting the district's goal of preparing students for post-secondary success!

The AVID Elective is a semester or yearlong 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th-grade elective that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students in an AVID Elective course are provided with skills needed to succeed academically. For more than 30 years, AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for higher education. AVID Elective is a semester or yearlong elective that will replace other elective(s).

The AVID Elective supports students who challenge themselves in more rigorous classes. Students are taught study skills, note-taking, time management, writing, and research skills while immersed in a college-going culture. The class also includes tutoring sessions led by peers and/or college students and provides support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Additionally, the AVID Elective provides access to information about colleges and universities through guest speakers and campus tours.

AVID Elective students are motivated to do well and are serious about their academic future. Please complete the application, family information, and short answers on the following pages to help us better know your child and family circumstances.

Application process:

January 2025	Sign up on the Registration Card, and then a counselor will share the application with you
January 31 by 3 pm	Students submit completed AVID Application **IF you have ANY questions, PLEASE reach out**
February 2025	Students participate in interviews (Ms. Syverson will contact you via email)

IF you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

Ms. Syverson

AVID Site Coordinator

[csyverson@ecasd.us](mailto:csyverson@ecasd.us)



# Announcements

## Holiday help and meals

**You can find information for meals and resources on the community events page.**

## Community Events and Resources

### Registration Information

#### Registering for High School – Very Important Dates!

##### High School Registration Materials Handed Out

- *January 10th – High School Counselors at South Middle School (Falcon Time)*
  - *January 13th – Course Preview night at North*
  - *January 14th – Course Preview night at Memorial*
  - *January 16<sup>th</sup>-High School Registration at South Middle School Science Class*
- High School Counselors will be at South for the day
  - Signed registration forms will need to be turned in



**In 6th grade Science class on January 7th Ms. Kison will present information on 7th grade to students and hand out the registration materials to students.**

**In 6th grade Science class on January 14th Ms. Kison will have students enter their selected classes into Skyward and collect the registration sheets.**

**In 7th grade SS class on January 8th Mike Polzer will present information on 8th grade to students and hand out registration materials to students.**

**In 7th grade SS class on January 15th Mike will have students enter their selected classes into Skyward and collect their registration sheets.**

# EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL YOUTH DANCE CLINIC

FEB. 11 & 13 | OPEN TO GRADES 3-8



*Learn a dance with the Memorial Dance Team,  
and perform at a varsity basketball game!*

**Practice:** Feb. 11, 4:30-6:15 @ South MS

**Performance:** Feb. 13, 6:45 arrival @ Memorial HS



**Cost: \$40 Cash or Check** - Includes instruction, youth t-shirt, youth poms, and dancer entry to the game. Please bring payment to dancer check-in on Feb. 11.

**REGISTER NOW:** [bit.ly/ecmyouth](https://bit.ly/ecmyouth)

Only 40 spots available! Registration will close once full, or by Jan. 8.

**YEARBOOK**

**Click here to order  
a yearbook**



# FALCON FOODS

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

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



THANK  
*you!*

We are excited to announce that our recent food drive was a tremendous success, collecting over 2,000 items to support Falcon Foods. Your generosity has made a significant impact, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

# DRESS-UP DAYS



# South Falcon Advisory Council (SFAC)

## Meeting Dates

January 13

March 10

May 12

Everyone is welcome!

## Save Your 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!

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**SOUTH FALCON  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH | 4-8PM**  
4738 GOLF RD, EAU CLAIRE, WI, 54701

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **TDWNWQE**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count toward the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

# 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](#)

