

SOUTH

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER



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SMS Falcon Character Theme

you're
AMAZING!

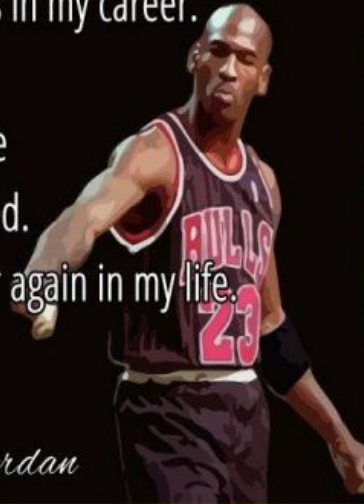
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CRUSHED
-IT!-



I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career.
I've lost almost 300 games.
26 times, I've been trusted to take
the game winning shot and missed.
I've failed over and over and over again in my life.
And that is why I succeed.

- Michael Jordan



“ Our greatest weakness
lies in giving up.
The most certain way to
succeed is always
to try just one more time. ”



you
ROCK!

Resiliency

PROUD
of
you!

Get back up and learn from a mistake; Overcome obstacles; Run toward a fear; Work through emotions; Be determined; End strong

Save the date!

8th Grade CELEBRATION



June 3, 2026 at 1:30PM
More information to come!



Falcon Calendar

May 1 – AVID Field Trip – Nellie's Holstein
May 1 – 8th Grade Dance – Hollywood Red Carpet 6-8PM
May 5 – Juntos Night
May 7 – Orchestra GD 6 concert
May 7 – Career Venture Day for Grade 7
May 8 – End of MID Q4 – Late work due May 13
May 8 – PBIS Celebration and Mile Run
May 13 – Late work for MID Q4 due today
May 13 – College and Career Readiness Field Trip
May 14 – Orchestra Grade 7 & 8 Concert
May 15 – Encore Pizza Party
May 21 – Last Day of After School Study Club
May 21 – Grade 7 Choir Concert
May 25 – Grade 7 & 8 Memorial Day Parade
May 26 – NJHS Inductions
May 28 – Grade 8 Choir Concert
May 28 – End of Q4 Sports
May 29 – Device Return for Grade 6
June 1 – Device Return for Grade 7
June 2 – Device Return for Grade 8
June 3 – 8th Grade Celebration
June 4 – Last Student Day – All late work is due.
June 4 – 8th Grade Field Trip to Valley Fair



May 25 – No School
Memorial Day



Last Deposit Date:
May 6

2026 – 2027 School Year
Calendar
[LINK](#)



Eau Claire Summer Library Hours

L.E. Phillips Memorial Public
Library

400 Eau Claire St • (715)

839-5004

9 AM–8 PM

Onsite services



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Principal's Corner

FALCON PRIDE



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South Families:

As we move into May, I want to begin by thanking our students, staff, and families for the support shown during our April Forward Testing window. The testing process has never gone smoother, and we were proud of the focus, engagement, and positive attitudes our students demonstrated throughout the experience. These assessments provide us with an important snapshot of student learning and will help guide future decisions, instruction, and support. Your partnership and encouragement at home make a meaningful difference, and we appreciate your continued collaboration. Our staff continue to live our motto of "Connect-Discover-Succeed" by participating in their own learning around effective instructional delivery and standards-based grading, and students have likely noticed administrators and instructional coaches visiting classrooms throughout the year—part of our commitment to your family and continuous improvement. If you were unable to attend the district's middle school standards-based grading parent night held at South Middle School on April 22, the presentation is available on our YouTube channel.

May is often our busiest—and most challenging—month of the school year. With warmer weather and summer approaching, staff are working intentionally to keep classrooms engaging and learning focused. We appreciate your support in reminding students that being respectful, responsible, and ready remains a priority through the final days of school. This includes partnering with families around student use of social media. We have seen an uptick in behavioral concerns connected to social media platforms, and your support in monitoring usage, discussing appropriate online behavior, and reinforcing expectations at home is critical. Together, we can help students make positive choices both in person and online.

As we look ahead, staff are also planning last day of school field trips, and we remind families that student behavior—especially as it relates to safety—can impact a student's ability to attend these activities. Please note that our **8th Grade Dance is this Friday from 6:00–8:00 PM**; all South Middle School 8th graders are welcome, but outside guests are not permitted. Our **8th Grade Graduation Celebration** will take place at **1:30 PM on Wednesday, June 3**. Due to limited gym seating, we ask families to plan to limit attendance to 2–3 guests per student; the event will be livestreamed with overflow seating available in the auditorium. Finally, student and staff safety remain a top priority. On Monday, April 27, our staff partnered with the Eau Claire Police Department, Fire Department, and first responders to practice an active threat scenario and reunification process. Please remind your children that they should always report concerning behavior to an administrator or use the Speak Up Speak Out app. We are excited to finish the school year strong and celebrate our students together.

Caleb Hundt

South Middle School Principal

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SUMMER SCHOOL CONFIRMATION LETTERS:

ECASD Summer Program confirmation letters will be coming later this month. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tia Anderson at tanderson1@ecasd.us



SFAC (South Falcon Advisory Council)

Last Meeting
Date:

June 8

The South Falcon Advisory Council (SFAC) is a parent group supporting the work of SMS and our mission of Connect | Discover | Succeed. The primary goal of the SFAC is to open dialogue about strengthening the home-school connection to improve educational experiences for all students. We are very appreciative of the work of the SFAC and continue to seek new members. Contact our Building Secretary, Rhonda Pederson, (715-852-5289) for more information.

Meeting are held in the Media Center, room C203 at South Middle School 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

All are Welcome!!



Mid Quarter 4 ends May 8,
all late work is due **May 13.**

End of Quarter 4 is June 4
all work is due then.



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

MGN

For the Summer Food Service
Program Meal Schedule click
the link below.

[LINK](#)



Coming to an End

After Study Club: Last day is May 21

Q4 Sports: Ends May 28

Clubs: Ends May 22



Falcon FOODS

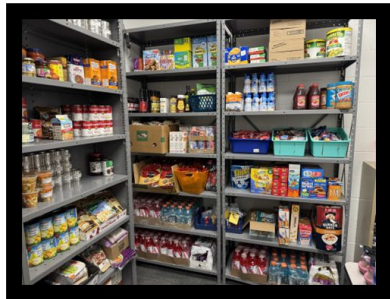


The South Middle School works with Feed My People Food Bank to provide nutritional support to our families who are challenged with having enough food in their cupboards for everyone in their family to thrive. To access our food pantry, an adult must fill out this confidential order form each time (paper copies available by request). Students may fill this out with an adult at school as needed. Form must be submitted every Monday by 8AM for the week the family would like to receive items. Orders may be picked up on Tuesday-Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, inside door I of the Attendance Office. Bags will be marked with your student ID number and initials. Should you have questions or want a physical order form, please contact South Middle School Social Worker, Ms. Austin Kruger at 715-852-3417 or akruger@ecasd.us."

Falcon Foods Order Form – Fill out form

This is available until the end of the school year.

Falcon Foods Order Form



Falcon Foods Pantry – Donations Always Welcomed

Our Falcon Foods pantry is always accepting donations to support students and families in need. We are especially in need of **individually packaged snacks** such as granola bars, crackers, fruit snacks, and trail mix—perfect for quick nourishment during the school day. Non-perishable food items and hygiene products are also appreciated. Thank you for helping us keep our pantry stocked and our Falcons supported!

Falcon Food donations will not be accepted June, July, and August. We look forward to more donations in September!

Thank you for all your donations this school year. It supports so many in our community!

SUMMER NEWS

Falcon Foods will be **CLOSED** for the summer, but you can click the link below to check out what is available in your area.

[Link](#) to Feed My People's list of food banks in the Chippewa Valley.

If you need any assistance over the summer please contact Austin Kruger at 715-852-3417 or akruger@ecasd.us.

Look for the South Newsletter in August for Falcon Food information on the reopen in September.

ECMDT SUMMER TRYOUTS

Open to all incoming 9-12 graders at Memorial! Tryouts are required to participate in summer dance.

- ✓ Dance team skills
- ✓ Pom choreography
- ✓ Performance team opportunity

REGISTRATION



MAY 18-20
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Questions? Email mdickerson1@ecasd.us

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ROYAL
CREDIT
UNION.

Royal Credit Union at South!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

FINANCIALLY SAVVY SUMMER:



You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a great summer. With a little planning, you can have tons of fun while being money-smart. Try these easy tips:

- Have fun close to home — Visit local parks, bike trails, libraries, pools, and community events. Many are free or low-cost!
- Stay with family or friends when traveling — Spending time with relatives or family friends can make trips more affordable and more fun.
- Pack snacks and water — Bringing food and drinks from home helps save money while you're out enjoying the day.
- Enjoy nature adventures — Hiking, camping, picnicking, or visiting a national or state park are exciting ways to explore without spending much.
- Plan ahead — Talking with your family, making a simple plan, and choosing free activities helps everyone enjoy summer without stressing about money.

SPRING INTO SAVING:

Spring is here! May is an exciting time at school and at home with outdoor sports, games, and field trips. Through all of the busy times, the Royal Credit Union Middle School team encourages students and families to continue to find time to save.

The last day to save at school before summer break is Thursday May 7. However, don't take a vacation from your great habit of saving money — keep up the good work! Royal student savers can deposit at any Royal office at any time to continue to work towards their savings goals!

If your student will be attending Memorial or North High School next year, the saving fun continues! The Memorial HS branch is open on Mondays and Thursdays during 5th hour. The North HS branch is open on Tuesdays and Fridays during 5th hour.

Be on the lookout for more information in the fall!

THANK YOU FOR SAVING AT SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR!



Please contact Rachel Orlovsky at rachel.orlovsky@rcu.org with any questions.



EAU CLAIRE
AREA SCHOOL
DISTRICT

MULTILINGUAL FAMILY NIGHT

*Learn about standards-based grading
and changes to next year's report cards*

Families of students in grades 6-12

Light snacks will be provided

Wednesday, May 6th
5:30-7:00 pm

Memorial High School Library
2220 Fairfax St.

Interpreters will be available for the following languages

- Arabic
- Hmong
- Vietnamese
- Pohnpeian/Chuukese
- Ukrainian
- Spanish

Contact your school's Multilingual Department and/or BEA with questions.



As summer begins, we hope our students and families enjoy some well-earned time to relax, recharge, and make special memories together. Whether it's travel, outdoor fun, or quiet time at home, we wish everyone a safe and joyful summer break. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the fall and are excited for another great year ahead!

Career Venture 2026

This annual interactive career exhibition welcomes over 2,500 students from 7th grade to high school. It presents a great chance to engage with some future talents and leaders in the region. Showcase your company's offerings, emphasize career prospects, and contribute to guiding our students in shaping their future in West Central Wisconsin.

Career Experience:

All 7th Grade students will attend **Career Venture** @ Indoor Sports Center

Thursday, May 7th 12:30-2:30 PM

Students will learn about career and educational opportunities available in West Central Wisconsin. By exploring careers in each career cluster, students can bridge what they learn in school with the knowledge and skills needed for success in college and careers.

Device Return Information

As we near the end of the school year, here are some details about account and return procedures at the middle level:

All Middle Level Students:

Items needed to return:

Chromebook

Chromebook Charger

Hotspot w/charger (if given)

Tech will be returned on the following dates in Social Studies Class:

Friday, May 29th (Grade 6)

Monday, June 1st (Grade 7)

Tuesday, June 2nd (Grade 8)

Library Materials need to be turned in to avoid overdue/lost fees. Students can return any Library Items to any of the Library Bins. South will be open for Summer Library as well.

Failure to return the tech items/library items will result in a fine. Please return/resolve to lift the fine. After school ends, tech items can be returned to South Middle School Front Office.



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R³ Award Recipients

South Middle School

Proudly presents

2025-2026 Quarter 3 Grade 6



R³ Award



CONGRATULATIONS!

At the end of the quarter, the **R³ Award** is presented to students who consistently follow South's core principles of **Respect, Responsibility, and Readiness**. To be eligible, students must have zero major behavior infractions and no missing assignments. Staff nominations ensure that these students are acknowledged for their dedication and positive contributions to our school community.

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2025-2026 Quarter 3 Grade 7



R³ Award



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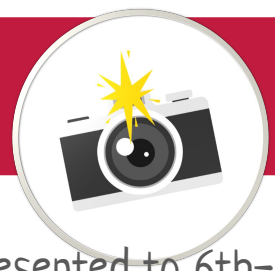
2025-2026 Quarter 3 Grade 8



R³ Award



AVID NIGHT



AVID held its final Family Night in April. Current students presented to 6th-8th graders and their families about what they have learned and upcoming opportunities. We then played games to build our community and have fun ❤️



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AVID FAMILY NIGHT



SAFE Club



5 students from our SAFE club went to Dove West to present at the Health Alliance Coalition meeting. The room was filled with adults from all areas of our county that have a hand in health-related community organizations. People from the county health department, UWEC staff, nurses from Mayo, parks & recreation officials, city council members, senior living council members, early childhood representatives, ECASD human resources, etc. were all there to hear about what our youth are doing to promote health in our schools. Our students gave a few minute speech on what our SAFE club has done at our school over the past 3 years. The students also fielded some questions from the adults, and they did a great job thinking on the spot and giving ideas how adults in our community could better support the youth. Some of the students had time at the end to connect and talk to these people about future activisms we could participate in or to figure out how these adults and organizations could help our schools. Several representatives approached us afterward and gave us their business cards because they want to work our kids!



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SOUTH LINKS



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[Lunch Menu](#)

[ECASD Family
Service Website](#)

[South Middle
School Website](#)

[My School Bucks](#)

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

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