

SM SOUTH

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Values

We care about ALL students.

Beliefs

We believe ALL students can and will learn.

Vision

All means ALL! Personalized Learning for ALL students.

South Registration Information

2026-27 Fee Payment / Registration: We will NOT host a Fee-Payment Day. Families are strongly encouraged to pay fees online. Families currently have 3 options for paying fees:

- 1) Register/Pay online: www.smsd.org/families/pay-fees
Online fee payment will be available starting July 12.
- 2) Call Regina Mendez, bookkeeper, at 913-993-7510 for credit card payment over the phone.
- 3) Mail in payment along with registration form on the following page.
- 4) Payment plans / arrangements can also be made by e-mailing our bookkeeper, Regina Mendez at ReginaMendez@smsd.org

***Free Lunch eligibility will waive \$100 Instructional Resource Fee and \$5 ID fee in full.**

***Reduced Lunch eligibility will waive \$50 of Instructional Resource Fee and \$5 ID fee.**

- To apply: smsd.org; Families; Food Services; Free and Reduced Meals; Complete Form. Please email our Bookkeeper Regina Mendez at ReginaMendez@smsd.org AFTER APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED to confirm eligibility.





Get on the 'Gram!

Follow us on social media!

Instagram: @SMSouthRaiders

Instagram: @SMSAD_Raiders

Instagram: @dr_ben_rich

Instagram: @SMSouthTDain

TikTok: @SMSouthTDain

Facebook: SMSouth Dain

Good 'Gram of the Week!



SMSXC

SM South Cross Country



Fall Sports Start

Monday - August 17th

XC = 3pm in Fitness Room

SMSXC App



What is SMSXC

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- No Cuts
- No Bench

**Don't forget to
upload your
physical in BOUND.**

Questions? Contact:
sowannam@smsd.org



SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUGUST 17 Traditional Fall Sports Begin	AUGUST 18 Even Block	AUGUST 19 Odd Block	AUGUST 20 LATE START Even Block	AUGUST 21 Odd Block
AUGUST 24 Traditional 7:00pm Back-to-School Night	AUGUST 25 Even Block	AUGUST 26 Odd Block	AUGUST 27 LATE START Even Block	AUGUST 28 Odd Block Fall Pep Assembly
AUGUST 31 Traditional	SEPTEMBER 1 Even Block	SEPTEMBER 2 Odd Block	SEPTEMBER 3 LATE START Even Block	SEPTEMBER 4 Odd Block
SEPTEMBER 7 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	SEPTEMBER 8 Even Block	SEPTEMBER 9 Odd Block	SEPTEMBER 10 LATE START Even Block	SEPTEMBER 11 Odd Block
SEPTEMBER 14 Odd Block	SEPTEMBER 15 Even Block	SEPTEMBER 16 Odd Block	SEPTEMBER 17 LATE START Even Block	SEPTEMBER 18 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning
SEPTEMBER 21 Odd Block HOCO Assembly	SEPTEMBER 22 Even Block	SEPTEMBER 23 Odd Block	SEPTEMBER 24 LATE START Even Block	SEPTEMBER 25 Traditional Homecoming Parade
SEPTEMBER 28 Traditional	SEPTEMBER 29 Even Block	SEPTEMBER 30 Odd Block	OCTOBER 1 LATE START Even Block	OCTOBER 2 Odd Block
OCTOBER 5 Odd Block	OCTOBER 6 Even Block	OCTOBER 7 Odd Block	OCTOBER 8 LATE START Even Block	OCTOBER 9 NO SCHOOL Teacher Workday
OCTOBER 12 Odd Block	OCTOBER 13 Even Block	OCTOBER 14 Odd Block 5:00-8:00pm PT Conferences	OCTOBER 15 LATE START Even Block	OCTOBER 16 NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences
OCTOBER 19 Traditional	OCTOBER 20 Even Block	OCTOBER 21 Odd Block	OCTOBER 22 LATE START Even Block	OCTOBER 23 Odd Block



Health Office~



August 2026

WELCOME BACK Raiders~

Get ready for a Healthy 2026~2027 School year.

MEET YOUR HEALTH OFFICE STAFF:



ANGIE YORK, MSN, RN



I grew up in Kansas, and both my husband and I graduated from SM West. This is my 12th year at South! Our 3 kids are graduates of South. I love getting to know our students and watching them graduate. I love animals (I have several cats), CHIEFS, reading, live concerts, and work with the best group of people around.



**JENNIFER MESSICK~
Nurse Aide**

I grew up in Jefferson City, MO. I have been in nursing for 16 years, and this is my 9th year in SMSD. I'm excited to get to know the incoming students and reconnect with the previous ones. I love animals and sports. I am thankful for the people I work with. We share lots of laughs and truly help each other.

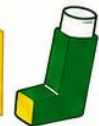


SMSD POLICY

Students are not allowed to keep any medication with them, all medications are to be given through the health office. We have Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Zyrtec and more.

Make sure you have filled out the OTC (over the counter form).

This will not include emergency medications that the student is allowed to keep with them; epi pens and inhalers.



DID YOU...

get your vaccinations over the summer.
Are you injured and need extra time in the hallways or special accommodations?

Make sure your bring in any documentation or send it into soyork@smsd.org.

PARENTS~

Do not send your student to the Health office to be called out.

Call Attendance at 993-7546.

We will call you if your student is sick and needs to go home.



Raiders, we are not just

BANDAIDS & IBUPROFIN,

we are a great resource for any health related questions, a space to get away if you need a break, snacks or a friendly smile.

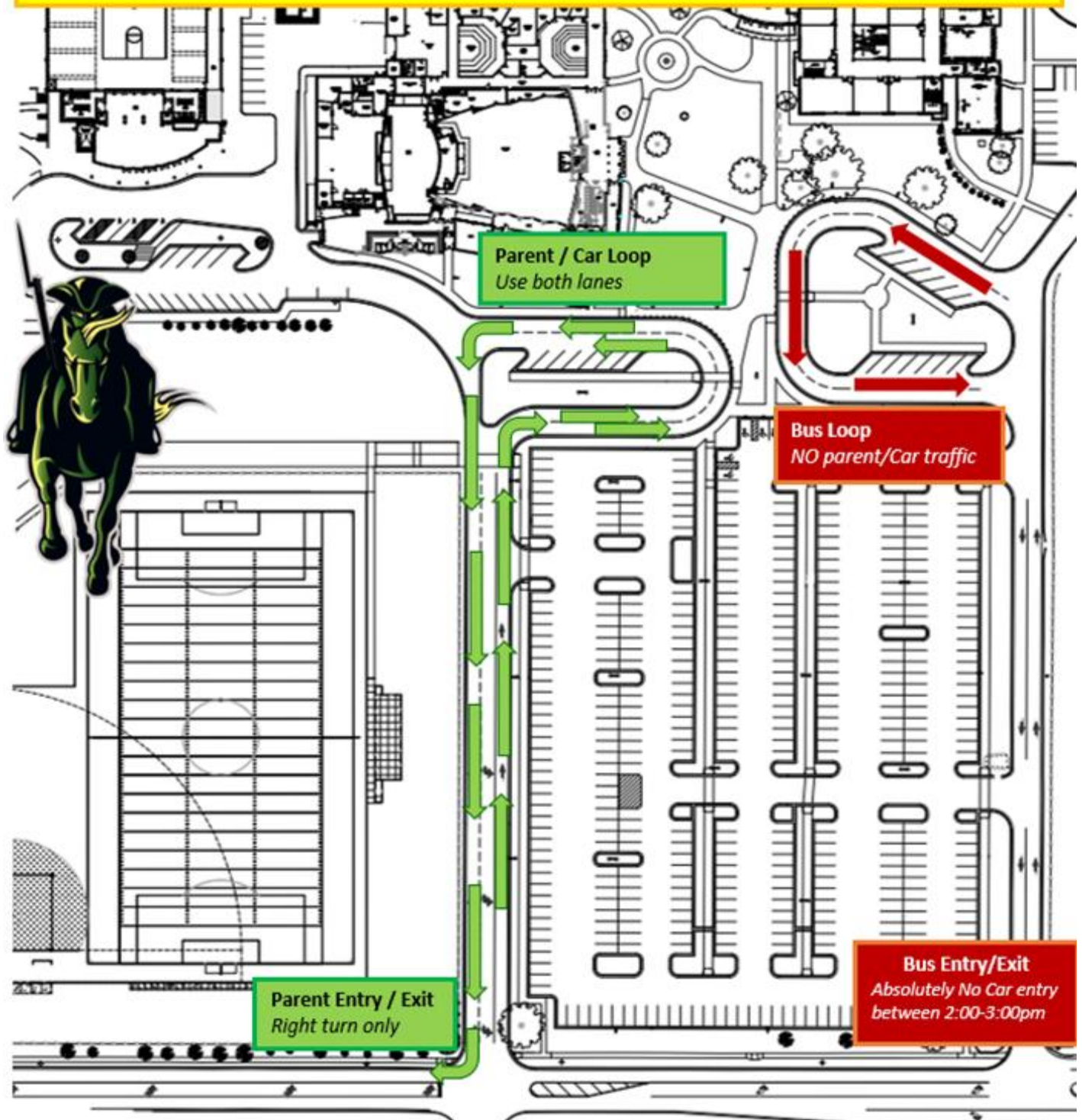


We're here for you~Have a great year, Raiders!



SM South Parent Pick-Up / Drop-Off Diagram

New parents! Please note the proper traffic pattern for arrival and departure as noted below. Parents should use the west drive to enter/exit the property. Right turn only when exiting onto 107th is crucial to keep the traffic flow moving. The east drive is strictly for busses and special education access only. Any parent vehicles entering the bus loop will disrupt the process as well. This is the most-efficient way to expedite the process safely for everyone.



NEW RAIDER ATHLETICS WEBSITE:

<https://www.gobound.com/ks/schools/smsouth>



A green rectangular graphic with a dark green background. At the top, the text "SCAN HERE" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this text is a white square containing a QR code. The words "SCAN ME" are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font at the top, bottom, left, and right of the QR code. On either side of the white square is a green silhouette of a raider on a horse, holding a spear. Below the QR code, the text "RAIDER ATHLETICS" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom of the graphic, the URL <https://www.gobound.com/ks/schools/smsouth> is written in white, sans-serif font.

SCAN HERE

SCAN ME

SCAN ME

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SCAN ME

RAIDER ATHLETICS

<https://www.gobound.com/ks/schools/smsouth>

Link to ROCKY'S RUNDOWN:

<https://view.gogipper.com/page/1924766>



Follow @counselingSMS on Instagram/X
'Shawnee Mission South Counseling' on Facebook



Your Last Name

A-C & ELL

D-I

J-O

P-T

U-Z

Your Counselor

Nichole Dosland

Chris Shelby

Jasmine Morgan

Jennifer Herrmann

Traci Johnson

- Please fill out the [SMS Student Withdrawal Form](#) if your child will NOT be returning to SMS next school year. This is only for grades 9-11.
- The deadline to enroll in Summer School and Summer eSchool is approaching. Check your email and Canvas Class of 202# for registration information or contact SMS Student Services at 993-7530.
- 26-27 schedules will be viewable in Skyward in late July. If corrections are needed, the request must be submitted by August 5th. More information regarding this will be shared in July.

If you or someone you know is feeling unsafe or having thoughts of harming themselves or others, please utilize these resources:

Call 988/911/Go to an Emergency Room

Call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255

Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a Crisis Counselor

Visit [Johnson County Mental Health Center](#) and [Johnson County Family Resources](#) for family/adolescent support.

Recursos en Español- [El Centro](#) [JoCo Salud Mental- se habla Español.](#)



EVERY. DAY. COUNTS!!!

Your Attendance Matters!

District Attendance Specialist

Hello! My name is Memo Rodriguez and I am the Shawnee Mission School District Attendance Specialist for the South high school feeder area. I am here mainly to provide follow-up monitoring of students identified as needing support for chronic absenteeism, but other functions I perform are:

- I serve as a liaison between students, families, and school teams to facilitate positive student attendance.
- I cooperate with representatives from social services and law enforcement agencies in cases of mutual interests.
- I manage all associated paperwork, arrange for educational facilitators, connect families with needed community resources.
- I communicate and work effectively and cooperatively with members of the school district and community to promote student attendance.
- I work effectively with chronically absent as well as truant students and their families.
- I connect families struggling with attendance with appropriate school and community resources.

My hours at South high school are Monday through Friday 7 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Indian Woods middle school hours are Monday through Friday 12:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

If you have any questions regarding phone calls or emails received by me, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

Memo Rodriguez

District Attendance Specialist

Shawnee Mission South High School

Indian Woods Middle School

SMSHS: 913-993-7781

IWMS: 913-993-0699

Memorodriguez@smsd.org

Attendance Incentive

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH

J'S FOR DAYS

PERFECT ATTENDANCE



2 STUDENTS EACH SEMESTER PICK OUT THEIR OWN JORDANS

Shawnee Mission South

RAIDERS RISE

EVERY RAIDER. EVERY DAY

We...

- Are Resilient
- Are Inclusive
- Show Respect
- Are Engaged



- We learn from mistakes, persevere through challenges, and never give up
- Everyone belongs.

- Respect yourself, others, and our school.
- Be present. Be prepared. Be involved.

2026-2027

Raiders! - Nominate your Peers for **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Scan QR code or [Click HERE to Nominate](#)

*"There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind;
the second way is to be kind; the third way is to be kind." - Fred Rogers*



LIFTER OF THE MONTH



WYATT LENZ



SPORT
FOOTBALL

**FAVORITE
LIFT**
BENCH PRESS

WORKOUT SONG
MANNEQUIN
CHALLENGE -
YOUNG THUG

JUNE



LIFTER OF THE MONTH



PAYTON COGAN



SPORT
VOLLEYBALL &
SWIMMING

**FAVORITE
LIFT**
BACK SQUAT

**WORKOUT
SONG**
FANTASY -
MARIAH CAREY

#GETLIVE
#BETHESTANDARD

LIFTER OF THE MONTH



LUKAS THOMSON



SPORT

BASKETBALL

FAVORITE LIFT

SQUAT

WORKOUT SONG

RUNNING THIS -
LIL BABY

#GETLIVE

#BETHESTANDARD

JULY



LIFTER OF THE MONTH



SIOBHAN FLANNER



SPORT

WRESTLING

FAVORITE LIFT

BENCH PRESS

WORKOUT SONG

HOURS IN SILENCE -
DRAKE

HELLO SUMMER!

TIPS FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Summer is a time to rest and recharge, but doing a few small things each week can help students feel more confident and ready when school starts again.

READ. WRITE. & SPEAK



Read, write, and talk about things that interest you. A few minutes a day can really help. You could create a reading bucket list, start a curiosity journal for things to research, or build an "analog bag" of off-screen activities like puzzles or coloring.



REST

Maintain a healthy sleep schedule to reset and refresh the mind. Take breaks from screens, spend time outdoors, and practice mindfulness to reduce stress.

KEEP A SCHEDULE



Find a simple summer routine that works for your family. A little structure each day or week can help you stay on track with your summer goals while still enjoying your break.



GAIN REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

Consider volunteering, getting a part-time job, or doing an internship. These opportunities provide valuable experience and can enhance resume for future career readiness.



STAY CONNECTED

WITH PARENTSQUARE



ParentSquare™

Download the app to receive **messages** from the District,
your child's school and teachers!

Android app



iPhone app



DOWNLOAD THE APP

Scan the QR code to download the app
to your phone. Once downloaded, you
will be taken through the account
creation process.

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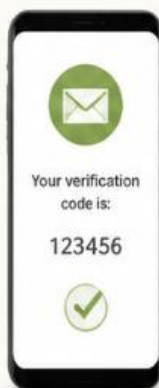
CREATE AN ACCOUNT



Type in your phone
number or email
address (must match
what the school has
on record). Create a
password for your
ParentSquare
account and click
"Register".

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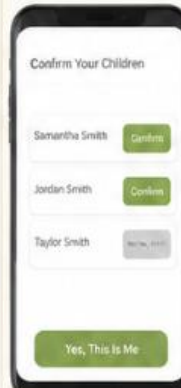
CONFIRM THE ACCOUNT INFO



Click "Confirm"
for your phone
number and/or
email. A
verification
code will be
sent to the
email or phone
number. Enter
the verification
code to confirm.

3

CONFIRM YOUR CHILD(REN)



Confirm your
children by
clicking "Confirm"
next to their
name(s). Use
"Not My Child"
if a child listed
is not associated
with your
account.
Finally select
"Yes, This is Me"
after you have
confirmed your
contact
information and
children.

4



THANK YOU FOR BEING AN
IMPORTANT PART OF THE
SOUTH COMMUNITY!

So Green. Go Gold.



TROUBLESHOOTING



Is your name
misspelled?



Wrong email or
phone number?



Missing a child
on your account?



CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL TO GET THIS INFORMATION UPDATED!



www.pvUSD.net/parentsquare

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Monday, August 24, 2026

6:00-6:45pm – AP/ College NOW Meeting

**Parents interesting in learning more about our articulated college credit options should attend the meeting about Advanced Placement (AP) and College NOW.*

7:00-7:10pm – 1st Hour

7:15-7:25pm – 2nd Hour

7:30-7:40pm – 3rd Hour

7:45-7:55pm – 4th Hour

8:00-8:10pm – 5th Hour

8:15-8:25pm – 6th Hour

8:30-8:40pm – 7th hour



Shawnee Mission South Foundation
15th Annual Golf Classic
Friday, August 28
St Andrews Golf Club

11099 W 135th St, Overland Park, KS 66221

Register on our South Foundation website

<https://shawneemissionsouthfoundation.org/golf-tournament/>

You can help us by passing this date on to others and forming your team

Nothing Greater than a Raider!



“Green & Gold of Raiders Bold”



SAVE THE

FRIDAY

DATE

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH

September

HOMECOMING

25th

PARADE!!

SMS PTSA MEMBERSHIP SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27

Scan here to join the SMS PTSA for the 26-27 school year to support programs for our students and staff. Volunteering is welcome but not required.



[HTTPS://SHAWNEEMISSIONSOUTH.GIVEBACKS.COM/SHOP](https://shawneemissionsouth.givebacks.com/shop)

Your membership helps fund these
programs and activities

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *PTSA Scholarships | *South Area Kids Fest |
| *Refreshments for Spirit Dances | *Teacher Conf Day Meals |
| *Raider Rally for Freshman | *Spirit Wear |
| *Reflections/Citizens Contest | *Senior Breakfast |
| *Support Clothing Center | *Come Look at South Night |
| *Cram & Cocoa | *Teacher Appreciation Week |

PTSA Meetings
Thursdays at 9:30am
in the Library
September 10
October 15
November 12

SMS 2026 SPIRIT WEAR



SCAN HERE TO ORDER



ORDER DEADLINE: 8/21

SM SOUTH STADIUM SEATS

PERFECT FOR FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL,
SOCCER, SOFTBALL & BASEBALL GAMES
(ANYWHERE YOU SIT AND WATCH!)



\$85 REGULAR | \$95 LARGE

VENMO @JENNIFER-BURNS-96

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR ORDER AND
EMAIL IN THE VENMO COMMENT



ORDER DEADLINE: AUG. 16, 2026

venmo.com/Jennifer-Burns-96

ALL PROFITS SUPPORT
SOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL

QUESTIONS:
JENNIFER BURNS
JBORESOW@GMAIL.COM

SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH

Yard Sign Order Form

Yard Signs

\$65 for Yard Sign

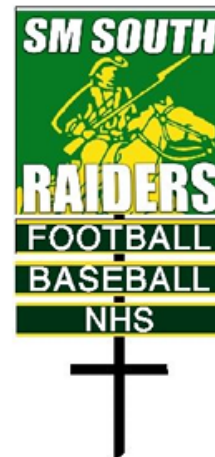
18" x 18" sign on white PVC

Riders

\$15.00 for Each Rider

3" x 18" white PVC

Riders are available for any school activity. Yard signs also come with steel T-bar stake and "S" hooks.



Rider Examples:

Football	Marching Band	NHS	Senior	Pep Club	Basketball
Soccer	Symph. Band	Spanish Honor Society	Class of 2026	Wrestling	Chinese Club
Jazz Band	Orchestra	KSMS	Class of 2027	French Club	Golf
Concert Band	Cross Country	Forensics	Swim/Dive	Bowling	Latin Club
Pep Band	Debate	Academic Decathlon	STUCO	Softball	Russian Club
Tennis	Drumline	DECA	Yearbook	International Club	Baseball
Gymnastics	Choir	Mathletics	The Patriot	Track & Field	Green Club
Heritage Singers	Volleyball	GSA	Categories	Inscriptions	Pacesetters
Chanticleers	Robotics	FCA	Coalition	Class Officer	Democrats in Action
Cheerleading	Chorale Choir	Raider Researcher	Science Olympiad	R.A.D.D.	Show-Me-South
Drum Major	Theatre	Business Professionals	Club 121	NAHS (National Art Honor Society)	Med Sci Health
Link Crew	Ethics Club	of America	Animal Rights Club		Swim

Customer's Name: _____ Student's Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

of Yard Signs: _____ Riders: _____ Total \$ _____

Venmo @jennifer-burns-96 (and put exact info from form).
If paying by venmo NO NEED to send paper form!
OR make checks payable to: SMS Project Graduation and mail to:
 Jennifer Burns c/o SMS Signs
 3517 West 97th Place, Leawood, KS 66206

For questions: Contact Jennifer Burns
 913-526-4977
 jboresow@gmail.com

Deadline for Fall order is August is August 23.
Signs will be available for pick-up on a specified date – watch your email!

Sales to benefit SMS Project Graduation

shawnee mission south high school

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Read the picture day opportunity information carefully. Contact tuckerlove152@smsd.org with questions.

First picture opportunity:

- Pictures will be taken during students' ELA classes
- Each class will have a scheduled time
- Students who do not have an ELA class for any reason can have their picture taken on Tuesday, August 19 during seminar from 9:20 to 10:55

- **Tuesday, August 18**
Even period ELA classes

- **Wednesday, August 19**
Odd period ELA classes

Other important information

- There will be one retake day on Thursday, October 1
- Students CANNOT get a retake on Wednesday, August 19 (You must wait until the October retake date)
- If you order a picture package during the first picture day opportunity, and decide to get a retake, you must return the original picture order to get the new picture order

To order pictures:

- Visit Inter-State Studio's [ordering website](#)
- Use order code **0486PVF**
- Online ordering is available before and after picture day
- Shipping & handling costs may apply to orders placed after picture day

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SENIOR TRIBUTES ARE ON SALE!

[Visit this link](#) to access the extended SMS Senior Tributes Information PDF.

Please direct questions to yearbook adviser
Tucker Love, tuckerlove152@smsd.org

Why buy a senior tribute?

- Senior tributes are a great way to commemorate your student's school journey.
- Reserve anywhere from 1/6 of a page to a full spread for your student's tribute.
- Your tribute purchase helps support the student journalists working to document the history of Shawnee Mission South.

How to buy a senior tribute:

- Visit yearbookforever.com
- Search for Shawnee Mission South to access our school store
- Select the senior ad option to start the detailed order process
- Add to your cart and submit payment to complete your purchase

When to buy a senior tribute:

- Senior tributes are on sale NOW!
- Early bird pricing is available until Saturday, October 31.
- Senior tribute prices increase Sunday, November 1.
- Final day to purchase a senior tribute is Friday, December 4.



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RAIDER TAILGATE



**ALL SPORTS TAILGATE TO
KICKOFF OF THE FIRST HOME
FOOTBALL GAME OF 2026. WE
WILL RECOGNIZE ALL OF OUR FALL
SPORTS COACHES AND ATHLETES
BEFORE KICKOFF ON THE FIELD.**



**SEPT 18TH
SOPHOMORE
PARKING LOT
5:00 PM**



SM South Athletics & Activities Calendar August 17-22, 2026

Access all SM South athletics and activity event calendar with real-time updates at <https://www.gobound.com/ks/schools/smsouth>

Monday, August 17, 2026 – Traditional 7-Period

3:00 PM Fall Sports Begin

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – Blocks 2 – Advisory - 4 – 6

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

Thursday, August 20, 2026 – LATE START Blocks 2 – Advisory - 4 – 6

Friday, August 21, 2026 – BLOCKS 1-3-5-7

7:00 PM Raider Night Lights

SM South Stadium

Saturday, August 22, 2026

