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SMS IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 26 - Feud for Food Begins
Oct 28 - Kona Ice
Oct 29 - Pizza with the Principals and Cookies with the Counselors
Nov 3 - Election Day (NO SCHOOL)-Growth Day for Teachers
Nov 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

SMS TUTORING

Mondays - Mrs. Head - Room 204
Tuesdays - Ms. Tonya Troxtle - Room 126
Wednesdays - Ms. Daulton - Room 154
Thursdays - Mrs. Morrow - Room 215

SMS CLUBS

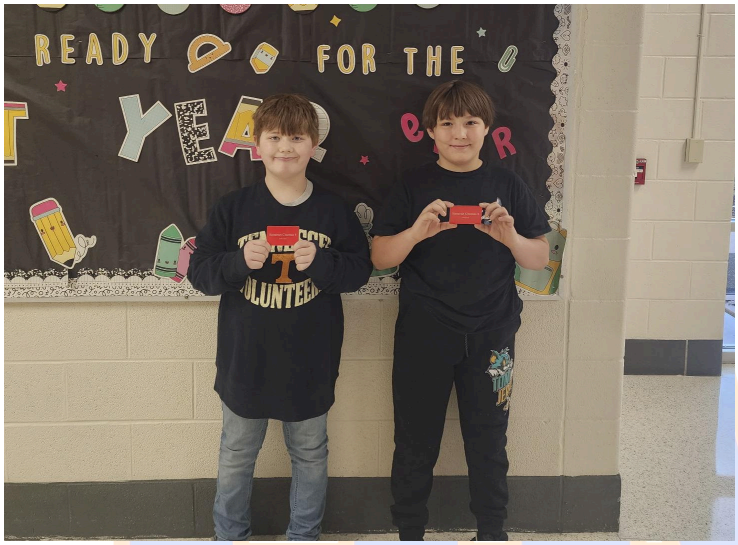
JROTC Warrior Prep Team - Major William Brookshire - Tuesdays @ 3:30-4:30 PM
Fellowship of Christian Anybodies (FCA)-Ms. Montie Daulton & Mr. Daniel Moody-Wednesdays @ 7:50 AM
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) - Ms. Montie Daulton - Tuesdays - 3:30-4:30PM
First Priority - Ms. Shasta Jones & Ms. Krystal Cornett - Thursdays - @ 7:35AM in the Library

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SMS NEWS



PERFECT ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR Q1

By Mrs. Tohill

We held a drawing for students who had perfect attendance for the first nine weeks of school. PTO provided two $20 gift cards to Somerset Cinemas 8.

Our winners were Haython Stringer and Connor Flannery!

Congratulations boys! Keep up the hard work!

"ATTENDANCE MATTERS" WINNERS

By Mrs. Tohill

For the week of October 12th-16th, the 6th Grade Orange team was our "Attendance Matters" winner. Their team had the best overall attendance with 97.36% of their students present.

Their team also received a scoop of ice cream on our ice cream bulletin board to work toward an ice cream sundae party.

The team who reaches 5 scoops of ice cream on our bulletin board first wins an ice cream sundae party!



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TAU CHAPTER OF ALPHA DELTA KAPPA CELEBRATES MRS. SHASTA JONES

By Mrs. Tohill

Shasta Jones, 8th grade Math teacher was chosen as an Outstanding Middle School Educator by the Tau Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa. October is ADK Month and Tau Sisters believe celebrating local educators is a wonderful way to celebrate the service of teaching.

The celebration was held Monday, October the 19th at First Baptist Church.



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STAFF GETS VISIT FROM "WOOT WOOT WAGON"

By Mrs. Tohill

Staff morale and well-being is so important to us at Southern Middle School. Wednesday, our staff got a much needed visit from the "Woot Woot Wagon" as Mr. Rusty Hendricks from the YSC and Mrs. Jami Tohill passed out Apple Nachos! Staff members were given pre-sliced apples and they could choose what toppings they wanted to add to them. They could choose caramel or chocolate drizzle, chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, sprinkles, M & M's, crushed pretzels, coconut flakes, and marshmallows.

The staff REALLY enjoyed their sweet treat!







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DUKE AND DUCHESS CROWNED AT 6TH GRADE SOCIAL

By Mrs. Tohill

Southern Middle School held their Grade Card Night on Thursday night. While parents/guardians were picking up their child's report card, 6th grade students were in the cafeteria having their 6th Grade Social. During the social, 6th grade students who were nominated for Duke and Duchess were also recognized.

Pictured are Ms. Greer Epperson, Mr. Stephen Butcher (Principal), and Mr. Andrew Gregg who were chosen by their classmates to be recognized as the Duke and Duchess.

Pictured below are the other representatives for the 6th grade class.





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SMS ATHLETICS





SMS GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY FINISHES SEASON

By Mrs. Tohill

The Southern Middle School Girls Cross Country team wrapped up their season last weekend with a 2nd place win at the Cave Lake Fall Classic. These girls have worked hard all season and it shows! Their level of energy is unmatchable! Way to go girls!

8th graders Natalie Guess and Lauren McElroy competed at MS State finishing in 70th place (Natalie) and 88th place (Lauren) out of 320 runners. They will compete in the Varsity Region race Saturday, Oct. 24th at 9am in Corbin. Let's go Warriors!



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BOYS COMPETE IN THE KTCCCA MEET OF CHAMPIONS

By Mrs. Tohill

The SMS Boys Cross Country team will run at the Middle School Nationals in Louisville on November 14th.

Jackson Gilreath, Ashton Lockard, Evan Lockard, and Cooper Prone will be competing at the High School Region Race Saturday at Lynn Camp.

Jackson Gilreath placed 35th among all middle schoolers in the state.

SMS finished the year as the 3rd Place Middle School State Cross Country Team!

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SMS BASEBALL TRYOUT INFORMATION

By Mrs. Tohill

SMS Baseball tryouts will be held on Saturday, November 7th and Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at Lloyd Johnson Field. Players only have to attend 1 tryout session. Players must have a physical to tryout.



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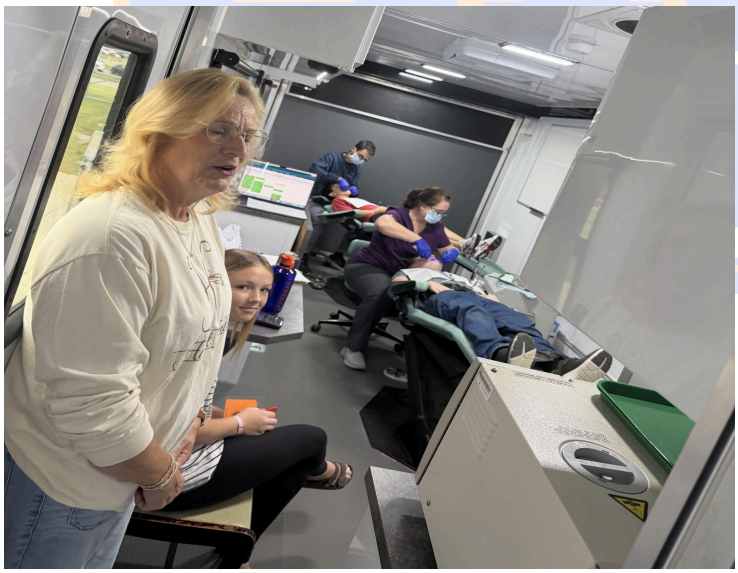
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FRYSC SPOTLIGHT





ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The YSC Advisory Council meets every other month at Southern Middle School. The next meeting is scheduled for 11/20/2026 at 9:00 AM.

SMILE BUS VISITS SMS

By Mr. Rusty Hendricks

The Smile Bus visited SMS on Friday October 16th. Students that signed up were able to get dental care without missing school.

This visit was their very first school visit! The employees at Harvest Dental were excited to kick off this new program and bring quality dental care directly to students in our community.



LOST AND FOUND

By Mr. Rusty Hendricks



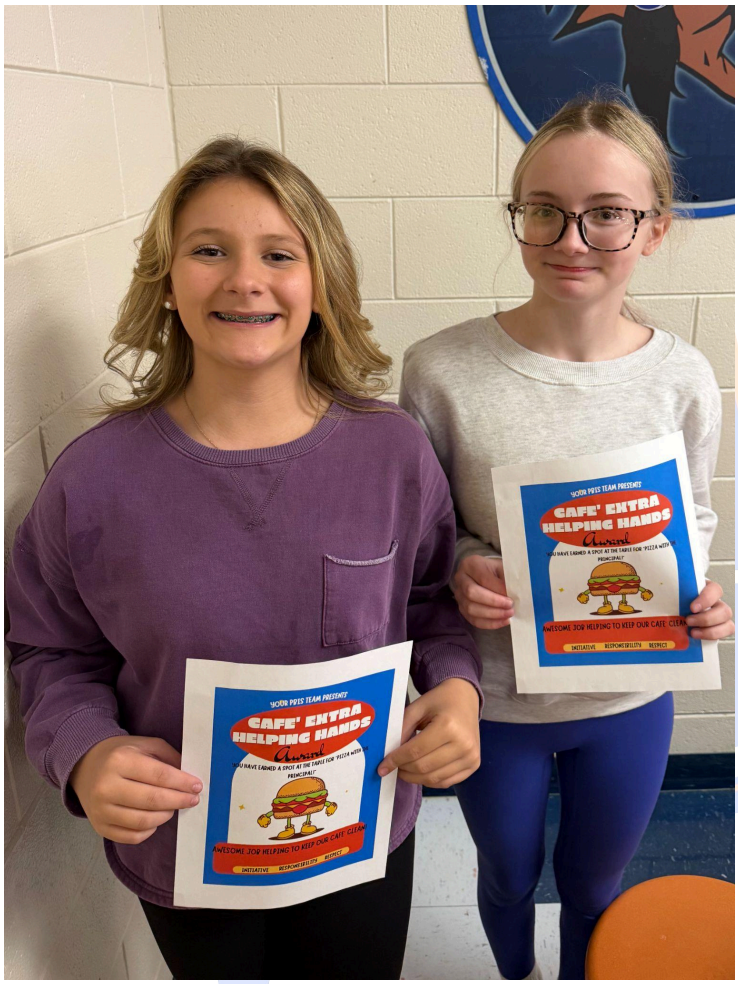
Are these items your child's? If so, they can be picked in the Youth Service Center.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER



"EXTRA HELPING HANDS" Award Winners

By Mr. Melton and Mrs. Gregg

Our Southern Middle School PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) Team has a new recognition award for this 2026-2027 school year. In an effort to help encourage cafeteria expectations as well as keep it clean, our staff has been keeping an eye out for students who are showing responsibility, initiative, and respect in the cafeteria!

This week's "Extra Helping Hands" winners are

ADALYN TURNER and KYLEIGH DAVIS!

Congrats on a job well done! We appreciate you!

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SMS Staff Member of the Week

Congrats,

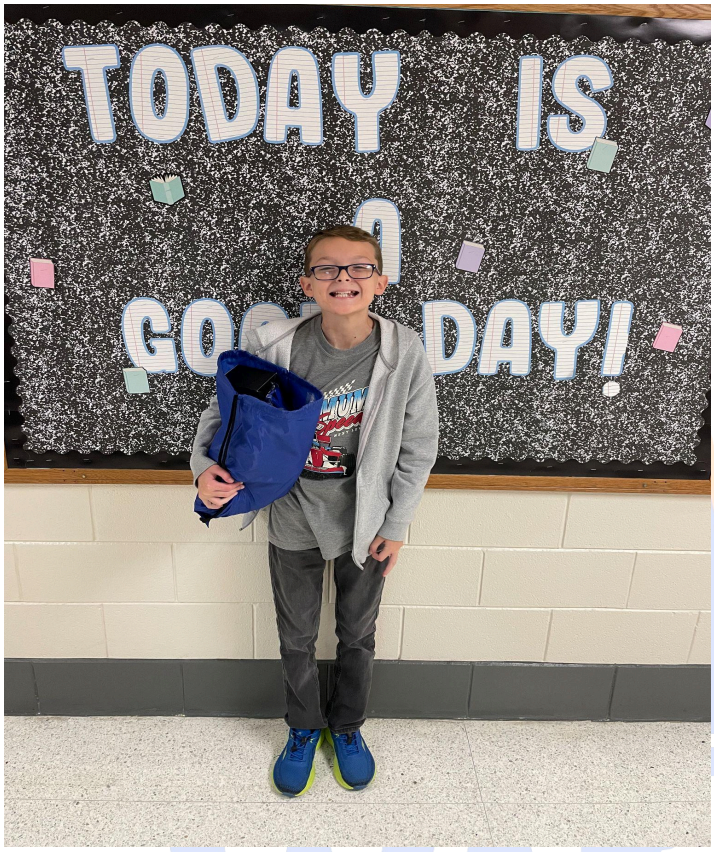
KAYDENCE GRAHAM!

Thank you for all that you do for our students and staff!

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6th Grade "Warrior of the Week"

Congrats,

CARSON BAKER!

Keep up the hard work and continue to demonstrate the A.R.R.O.W. to Success!



6th Grade "Warrior of the Week"

Congrats,

JACKSON SMITH!

Keep up the hard work and continue to demonstrate the A.R.R.O.W. to Success!

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7th Grade "Warrior of the Week"

Congrats,

QUINN KEITH!

Your teachers notice your hard work and winning attitude! Keep up the hard work!

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8th Grade "Warrior of the Week"

Congrats,

EVALYNN MEHARG!

Wow! We are so proud of you and your hard work to be a great example to others! Keep it up!

SNAPSHOTS AROUND SMS





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MISSION: SMS will engage, enable, and empower all students to reach for personal and academic greatness every day.

VISION: SMS will provide a safe and highly successful educational experience empowering all students to be academically ready for a successful high school experience and beyond.

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