SOUTH

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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SMS Falcon Character Theme

-November-



Be Ready

Bring all materials to class; Be on time; Stay engaged and focused on the task; Be respectful of others' learning; Challenge yourself

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Messages to Your Student:

We strive to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum to support forced learning. However, we understand that special circumstances may arise. If you need to get an urgent or emergency message to your child during the school day, please contact our attendance office - we're here to help!

To help us limit disruptions:

- ★ Remind your child of any special plans (appointments, early pickups, etc.) before the school day begins.
- ★ Encourage students to finalize after-school rides and activities with friends ahead of time.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our school day running smoothly!

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Falcon Calendar

November 2: Start of Winter Sports
November 3: Juntos Family Night
November 6: End of Quarter 1
November 6: End of Session One Clubs
November 9: Quarter 2 Starts
November 10: Dental Clinic at South
November 10: Forensics Kick Off
November 11: Veterans Program 2:10 PM
November 16: Session Two Clubs Begin
November 17: Forensics Paperwork Collection
November 18: Grade 8 Guthrie Field Trip
November 19: Grade 6 Band Concert
November 23 - 27: NO SCHOOL

ROYAL CREDIT UNION.
SchoolSense

Deposit Dates:
November 5, 12, 19
December 3, 10, 17
January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18, 25
March 4, 11, 18
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May 6



November Concert Dates:

Band Grade 6
November 19

Veterans Day Program



Program Starts: 2:10PM

Location: South Auditorium

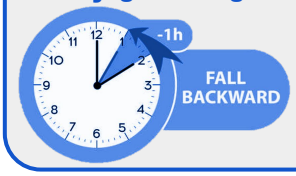
Attending Students: Grade 8

Live Stream: *SMS website> News & Events> Video Streaming> Eau Claire South Falcon TV-You Tube> Click Live and then select your video*



November 23 - No School - Staff PL Day
November 24 - 27 - No School
November 26 - 27 - No School - All Buildings Closed

Daylight Savings



Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK on Sunday, November 1.



Principal's Corner

FALCON PRIDE

Dear South Middle School Families,

November is a time to reflect, celebrate, and give thanks. It is hard to believe we are already wrapping up the first quarter! This is a great opportunity to pause and celebrate the learning, growth, and connections that have taken place during the first two months of school. Our entire staff is proud of the efforts our students have shown and enjoyed connecting with families during conferences.

This month, I also take time to recognize Veterans Day and honor the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country. Thank you to the veterans within our families and South school community and for your service.

As we approach Thanksgiving Break, I am also reminded of how much we have to be thankful for at South Middle School. We hope the break provides our students, staff, and families an opportunity to rest, reconnect, enjoy time together, and return refreshed for the weeks ahead.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and for being such an important part of our South community.

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WINTER
Sports Season

November 2- January 14

Boys Basketball (Grade 7-8)

Dance (Grade 6-8)

Girls Swimming (Grade 6-8)





TO ORDER:

- Scan the QR Code
- jostens.com/btsoffers
- 1 (877) 767-5217



Order Your 2026 Yearbook Today!

Capture the memories of this school year with our official 2026 Yearbook!
Secure your copy today and ensure your student has a keepsake they'll treasure for years to come.
Let's make this year unforgettable!

Celebrating our Veterans!

Please join us as we honor our veterans on **Wednesday, November 11 at 2:10 PM in the auditorium** .
This special event is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the brave individuals who have served our country. Our 8th grade students will be attending the celebration. The event will also be live streamed.

Following the program, we will host a reception for veterans and their families in the cafeteria. We warmly welcome all South families and veterans from our community to join us in person or virtually as we honor those who have served.

RSVP Information:

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Rhonda Pederson at rpederson1@ecasd.us by **November 10** with the following details:



- Name and grade of your child
- Name and branch of service of the veteran(s) attending
- Names of other family members attending

Donations Needed:

To help with the cost of the program, we are seeking donations of bottled water, store-bought cookies, and monetary contributions. Please bring donations to the school by **Monday, November 9** , clearly marked **Veterans Day Program** . (Here is the link to the donation sign up.)

Thank you for your continued support!

SFAC (South Falcon Advisory Council)

The Falcon Advisory Council is a parent volunteer group that works alongside our school to support students, teachers, and the entire Falcon community. Thanks to the generosity of our families and community, we've been able to fund field trips, classroom supplies, teacher appreciation events, student activities, pizza lunches, transportation, a staff refrigerator, and many other extras that help make South a great place to learn.

Our meetings are a great way to stay connected. Parents receive updates from our principal about what's happening at school, learn about upcoming events, and have the opportunity to connect with other Falcon families.

WE NEED YOU! As we look ahead to the coming school year, we're at an important crossroads. Several of our longtime volunteers are stepping away, and we're looking for parents who are willing to help keep the Falcon Advisory Council going. Whether you're interested in serving in a leadership role or simply lending a hand, your involvement makes a difference. Without new volunteers, this organization may not be able to continue.

If you've ever wondered how you can support our school in a meaningful way, this is a wonderful opportunity. We hope you'll consider joining us and helping ensure the Falcon Advisory Council continues to enrich the experiences of our students and staff for years to come.

Join us for our first meeting January 14th at 6:00pm.

Thank You for Making Your Mark!

A big, heartfelt thank you to all the families who have given to the **Make Your Mark Fund**! This simple, easy way to support South Middle School flows through the Falcon Advisory Council and goes straight to teacher initiatives that make our school shine.

Because of your generosity over the last few years, the Council has been able to:

- Bring a DJ to the 8th grade dance
- Treat teachers to coffee and donuts
- Provide GPS navigators for special teacher projects
- Supply glasses for viewing the eclipse
- Add a refrigerator to the staff room
- Fuel student incentives and report card rewards
- Support summer trips for students
- Serve up pizza for our sports teams
- Create a wellness station for Teacher Appreciation Week
- AND fund LOTS and LOTS of buses

2026-2027 Meeting Dates:

October 12 | January 14 | April 5

All meetings are held at South Middle School in the Media Center (Room C203) at 6:00 PM.

All are Welcome!!

It's not too late to join in! Families can still give to the Make Your Mark Fund and help us keep making a difference for our students and staff. Every gift, big or small, helps our Falcons soar.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community!

Please complete this short survey about how you would like us to make a difference. LINK



Thank You, South Families!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who generously donated food, drinks, and supplies for the staff lunch during conferences on October 15. Your kindness and support made the day extra special for our teachers and staff, and we are truly grateful for your thoughtfulness.

It's moments like these that remind us how lucky we are to have such a caring and involved school community. Thank you for helping us feel appreciated and well-fed during a busy day!

FORENSIC TEAM

Forensics is a speaking competition with a wide range of categories like play acting, news reporting, reading poetry or prose, persuasive speaking, and demonstration. This is a great opportunity for students to try new things, increase skills, and spend time with peers from South and other schools. Forensics is very flexible with practices 1 night per week with a coach (that is built around the student's availability), 4 competitions, and 1 family night. Students can easily participate in Forensics while doing sports or other activities!

Important dates:

November 11: Informational meeting after school
November 17: Paperwork turn in after school
After Thanksgiving Break: Practices begin

EAU CLAIRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Medication Safety is for Everyone!

Protect the people and pets in your house, our environment, and the community by properly disposing of any expired or unwanted medicine. There are 12 drop boxes in Eau Claire County where you may dispose of any prescription, over the counter, or pet medicine year-round for free – no questions asked! Learn more at echealthalliance.org/news/medication-drop-box-locations

ALTOONA
Altoona Emergency Services
1904 Spooner Ave.

AUGUSTA
Augusta City Hall
145 W. Lincoln St.

FAIRCHILD
Fairchild Village Hall
331 Oak St.

FALL CREEK
Fall Creek Village Hall
122 E. Lincoln Ave.

EAU CLAIRE

CVS Pharmacy
2200 Brackett Ave.

Eau Claire County Government Center
(Law Enforcement Center)
721 Oxford Ave.

Eau Claire County Jail Lobby
710 2nd Ave.

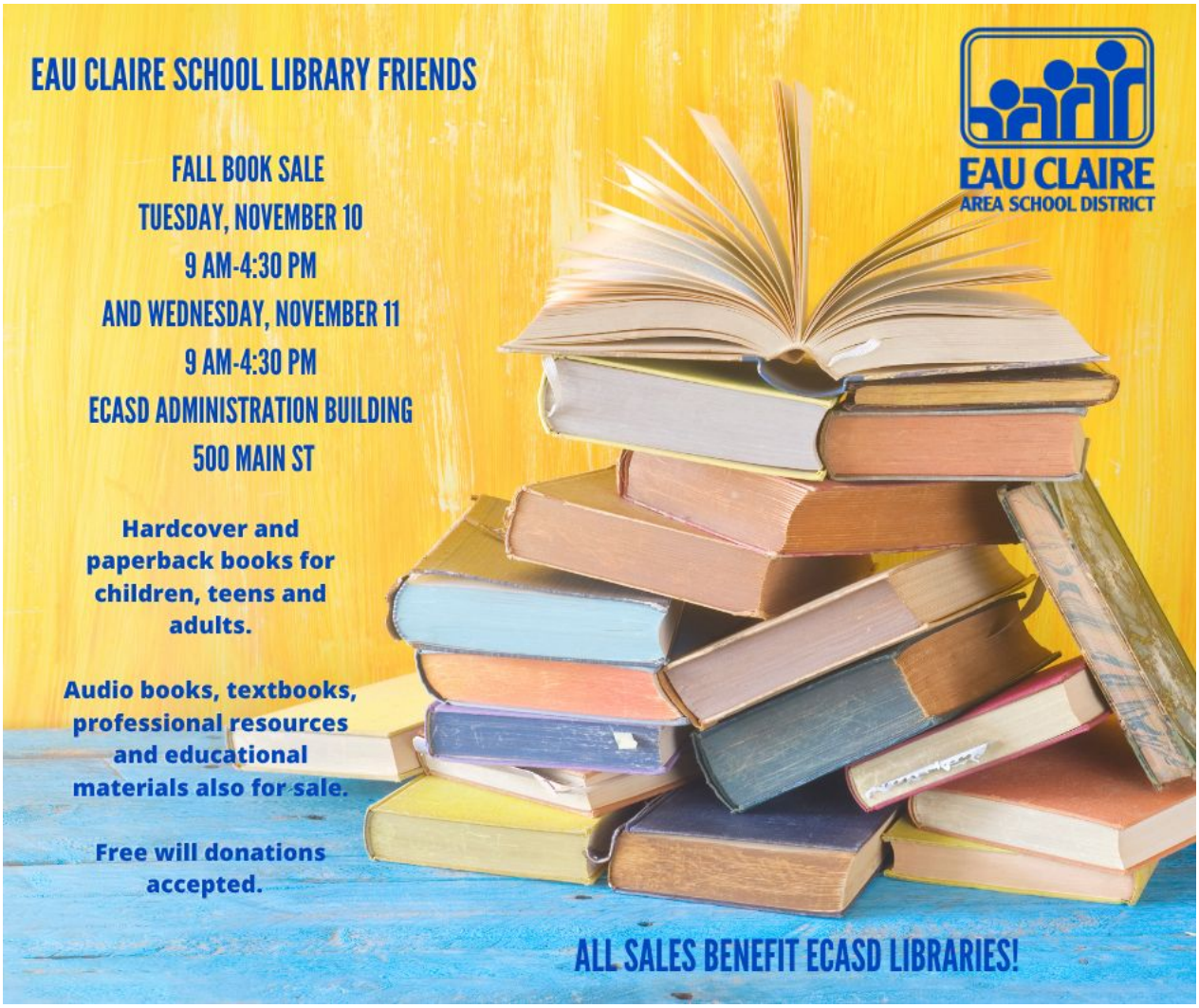
Hy-Vee
2424 E. Clairemont Ave.

Marshfield Medical Center Medical Offices
2116 Craig Rd.

Mayo Clinic Health System
1400 Bellinger St.

Mayo Clinic Health System
733 W. Clairemont Ave.

UW - Eau Claire
Police Department
Crest Wellness Center
630 Hilltop Circle



ROYAL CREDIT UNION
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Royal Credit Union at South!

COMING UP...

RCU at South is open every Thursday morning, before school, in the cafeteria. Stop by the RCU teller stand to make a deposit of at least $0.50 to earn a prize!



ROYAL POP SCHOOL BRANCH REWARDS

Royal Pop is back again this year! The first time that you save at South, you'll receive a stamp card.

Each time that you save, you'll earn a stamp. When you've earned 5 stamps, you get to choose a bubble from our jar to pop and reveal your prize! Prizes include fidgets, Croc charms, tech decks, Needohs, & gift cards!

If your student would like to participate in our program, follow this link to open an account www.rcu.org/schoolaccounts. We welcome your questions about Royal Credit Union and how you can get your student started saving at school.

QUESTIONS??

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



2026-2027 RCU AT SOUTH STUDENT TEAM MEMBERS!

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

FOOD DRIVE

Give Thanks, Give Back

As we enter November and look ahead to Thanksgiving and the holiday season, we are reminded that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. **We are running low on all items** and need your help to restock our school pantry and support families right here in our South Middle School community.

MOST-NEEDED ITEMS:

- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Pasta, rice & boxed meals
- Cereal & oatmeal
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Canned soups & stews
- Mac and cheese
- Snacks & granola bars
- Easy-to-prepare meals
- Other nonperishable food items



IN NEED OF SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD ITEMS AT HOME?

South Middle School families can complete the Falcon Foods Form to request supplemental food items.

FALCON FOODS FORM

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/fbatjZxMZx

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER.

As we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving, let's remember that not every family has the same resources. Together, we can help make the holiday season a little brighter for our South Middle School community.

QUESTIONS OR NEED SUPPORT?

Please reach out to our School Social Worker.

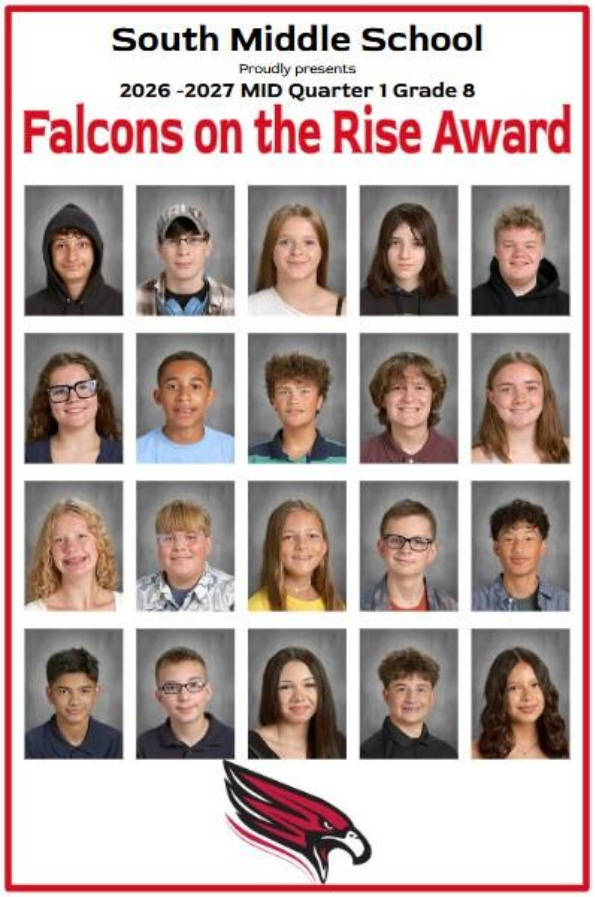
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Falcons on the Rise





Falcons on the Rise is awarded mid-quarter to students who are showing notable improvement or achievement in any area. Staff nominate one student per mid-quarter, and each student may be recognized by one teacher per year. This award is open to all students, regardless of academic performance or behavior history, and serves to highlight those who are making strides in their learning journey.



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RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week was a great success! The Student Council School Events Committee hid ribbons, hosted a raffle, and promoted dress-up days to bring awareness and inspire students to be their own Superhero and live drug-free.



Did you know that teens who eat dinner with their families are less likely to use drugs and alcohol? Family Table Time is an innovative, all-in-one, 52-week family activity kit that establishes lifelong healthy habits, rituals, and traditions. The materials will get you up to speed on having weekly family meetings including new character/value topics, creating memories from the week, and staying organized. It also includes a weekly fun activity - ideal for school-aged families - that promotes values, ethics and principles. Learn more by visiting their website: www.FamilyTableTime.com















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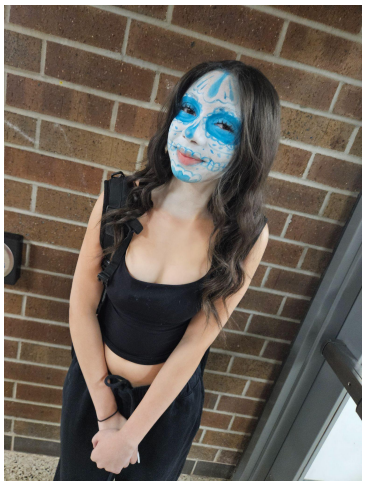


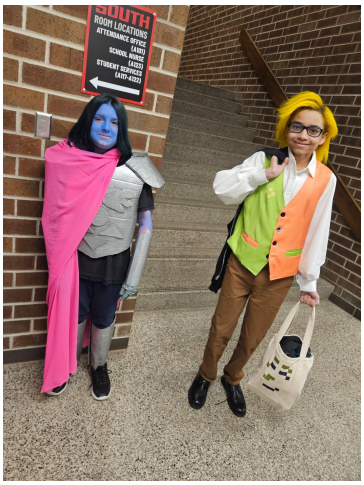










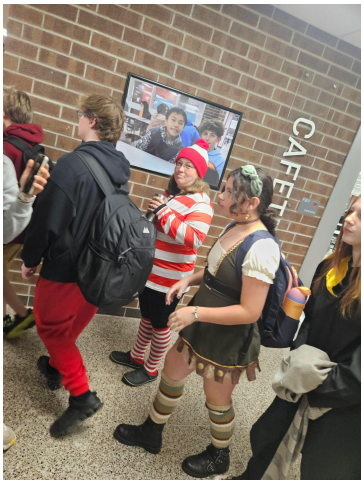


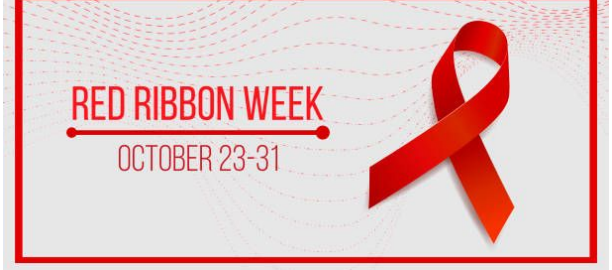




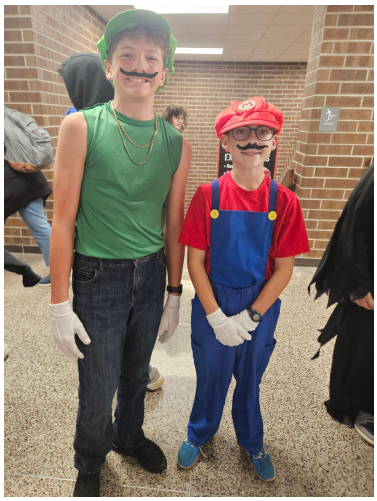






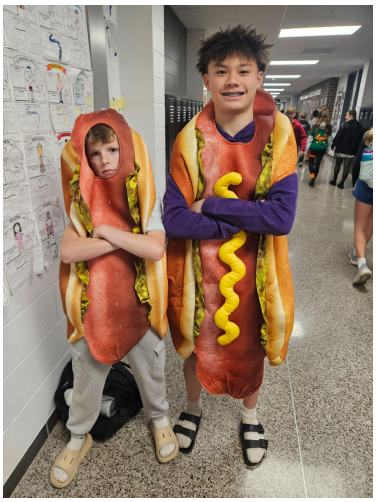


RED RIBBON WEEK

























PBIS/MILE RUN CELBRATION

South Middle School students wrapped up October on a high note, celebrating all they have accomplished during the first two months of school! Students enjoyed a day filled with fun activities, successfully completed the Mile Run, and had the opportunity to watch the school play after a fantastic production came to a close. To top it all off, the final day of Red Ribbon Week brought plenty of school spirit with creative costumes seen throughout the building. It was a great day to reflect on our successes, build connections, and continue moving forward as we Connect, Discover, and Succeed together.

GO FALCONS









PBIS/MILE RUN CELBRATION







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.

ECASD School Calendar

Community Events

Family Tech Support Information

Infinite Campus Information

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Infinite Campus LOGIN LINK