



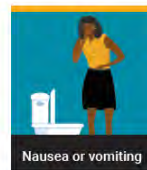
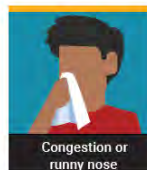
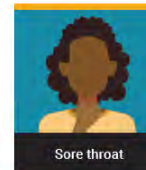
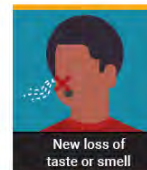
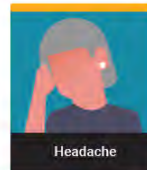
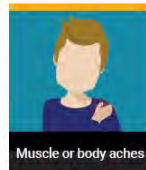
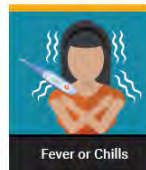
**February 2021**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

2-1 (2:45) BLT Meeting  
 2-1 (5:00) Boys BB vs. Hutchinson  
 2-2 (3:30) Scholar's Bowl @ Valley Center  
 2-4 (5:00) Boys BB vs. Goddard  
 2-5 (12:00) PTO / Site Council Meeting  
 2-8 (3:30) Boys BB @ Hays  
 2-11 (5:00) Boys BB @ Newton  
 2-15 (5:00) Boys BB vs. McPherson  
 2-16 (4:30) Boys BB @ Chapman  
 2-16 (6:30) 8th Parent Night via Zoom  
 2-18 (5:00) Boys BB @ Hutchinson  
 2-22 (5:00) Boys BB @ McPherson  
 2-25 (5:00) Boys BB vs. Lakewood

## DAILY SCREENER

**Does your student have any of these symptoms?**



If the answer is yes, keep your student at home and notify the school.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of South Middle School is to ensure a high quality education for all students in a safe, equitable, learning environment. This mission is best accomplished through a partnership including students, family, community, teachers and staff, preparing students to become life-long learners in an ever-changing world.

## BOYS TENNIS

We are really looking forward to this tennis season. Missing last season; it is going to be real interesting to see what kind of team we will have this year.

The boy's season will start March 8th, beginning at 3:00 pm at Sunset Park. Depending on the number of players that participate, we will have tryouts the first 3 days. To participate players do not have to have any experience. All we ask is that they come willing to learn and work to get better.

Our season runs from March 8th through May 6th. We have scheduled 6 home matches which will be at Oakdale Park and 5 matches out of town where we travel to Emporia, Topeka, Newton, Hutchinson and McPherson .

As with all sports please make sure you have all your paperwork turned into the office before March 8th. The state athletic association will not allow players to tryout or practice without all the paper work turned into the office.

We're looking forward to this season and hope we have a lot of boys willing to play. See our schools Athletic website for updated information about schedules and meets.

## DILLONS REWARDS

SMS Families, you can support the South Middle School PTO by using your Dillon's Plus Shopper's card. A percentage of all purchases are allotted to our PTO. Here's how to enroll in the Dillon's Community Rewards program.

1. Visit [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards)
2. Sign in to your existing online account or create an account
3. Find and select South Middle School PTO or Organization #VN011 and click save
4. Shop at Dillons and scan your existing PLUS Shopper's Card

## SCHOLARS BOWL

The SMS scholars bowl team has completed our short season. There were a limited number of competitions due to Covid restrictions, but our awesome group of students had fun and competed well to represent South Middle School in a very positive way! Go Cougars!

## SECOND SEMESTER

A reminder that the second semester began Monday, January 25th, normally the second term would have began immediately after Christmas Break. We want to encourage students to advocate for their education, asks questions, and keep their classwork turned in on -time.





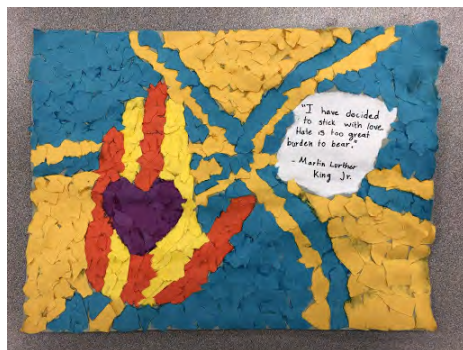
## ART

Art students adjusted well to hybrid learning during the fall semester, turning in work via photos posted to Google Classroom and carrying art kits with them each day. As teachers, we appreciated the amount of responsibility the students demonstrated. We are limited in the types of art materials we can use, but students practiced drawing forms, shading, and learned a great deal about color theory throughout the semester. Several students' works were featured on printed cards for Meals on Wheel recipients and delivered with a special holiday meal. For our final project, students studied Black female artist Alma Woodsey Thomas and her abstract paintings. They then chose a quote by Martin Luther King, Jr. and illustrated the quote's meaning by creating an abstract collage in torn paper. Selected works were displayed at St. John Missionary Baptist Church for their Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on January 21.



Kaelyn S.

*Sending joy and peace this Christmas from the artists at South Middle School.*



## CONNECT 2 LEARN DAYS

Recently, USD #305 added three Connect 2 Learn days for USD #305 certified and classified staff. The purpose of these days are for teachers and support staff to collaborate, plan lessons and units, refine grading practices and ensure that on-site and off-site activities are smooth. On these days, staff are expected to be at work, students do not have school. The three Connect 2 Learn Days are: February 8th, February 26th, and April 19th.



## BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys Basketball is off and running. This is our first experience with the split season model. We started our season on January 4th and played our first game on January 14. Our season will end on February 25 with a home game against cross town rival Lakewood. At the end of January, the 8thgrade boys A team is 4 and 2 and the B team is 0 and 6. The 7thgrade A team is 1 and 5 and the B team is 2 and 4. The boys are working really hard and are doing a great job adapting to all of the changes that COVID 19 is bringing this season. All of our games are being streamed through Facebook since they are limiting the number of fans allowed. The link can be accessed through the SMS Facebook page. We have a great group of boys this year and we are looking forward to the final month of our season. Go Cougars!

## 8TH PRE-ENROLLMENT

There will be a South High School information session with the high school counselors for all 8th grade parents, via Zoom, on **February 16, at 6:30**. An email with the link will be coming soon. You will also be able to find the link on our school website and on the South High website.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We want to remind all of our families that the after school program is available to all students Monday through Thursday from 2:45 to 3:30 pm. This is an opportunity for students to get one on one support from a certified or classified staff member. We also have a smaller after school program available in the library for cohort A students after they dismiss at 10:50 am. If any parent or guardian is interested in having their student stay for this, please contact your grade level counselor.