



April 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-1 (12:30) Tennis @ Oakdale Park
4-1 (3:30) Track @ Salina Stadium
4-5 (12:00) PTO / Site Council Meeting
4-6 (1:00) Tennis @ Oakdale Park
4-8 (10:00) Tennis @ Oakdale Park
4-8 (3:00) Track @ Abilene
4-9 (2:45) Track Pictures
4-13 (3:30) Tennis @ Hutchinson
4-14 (DAY) Hearing Re-Checks
4-15 (1:30) Track @ McPherson
4-19 (3:30) Tennis @ Oakdale Park
4-19 (6:00) 5th Orientation - Stewart & Schilling
4-20 (1:00) Track @ Buhler
4-20 (6:00) 5th Orientation - Coronado & Sunset
4-22 (3:30) Tennis @ Newton
4-26 (1:00) Tennis @ Emporia
4-27 (2:00) Track @ Great Bend
4-29 (10:00) Track @ Hays
4-29 (3:30) Tennis @ McPherson

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

We are extremely excited for our students to return all day, everyday, April 1st through the end of the school year. With all students returning we want to remind our families how hectic after school pick-up can be. Please be careful when driving through cross-walks and around the building after school. We will do the best we can to educate our students on using cross walks. Parents and guardians can help us by picking up on the side closest to the sidewalk so students don't have to cross the street. If students are walking home after school we will encourage them to move off school property as quickly as possible. At 2:50 pm, we "sweep" all students waiting for a ride to the front of the school. Students picked up after 2:50 pm will need picked up in the front circle entry. We would like all students, not in the after school program or at sports practice to be picked up and off campus by 3:00 pm, 20 minutes after the conclusion of the school day.

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.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We are so excited to have students coming full time and look forward to seeing them in P.E. every day. Due to the increased class sizes this quarter, we are planning to be outside for P.E. as much as possible throughout the next couple of months. Please make sure to check the weather and have your student dress accordingly. Water fountains are still turned off, so make sure your student is bringing a water bottle to school each day. We can't wait to see our students' health and fitness continue to improve.

BUSING

The bus company has given each student their bus numbers, pick up locations, and pick up times. Please remember that the regular bus qualifications go back in place April 1, 2021. If you have any busing questions please contact Durham Bus Company.

BOYS TENNIS

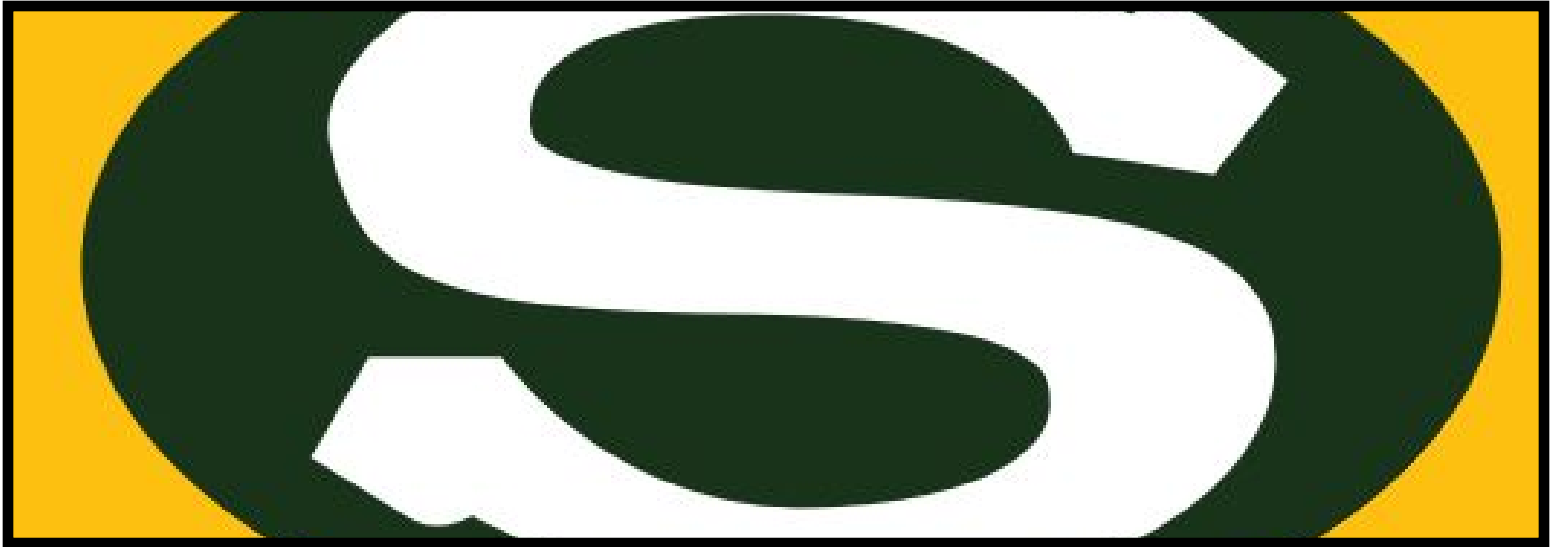
The South Middle School boy's tennis team started their season the week before spring break with 8 players participating. Thanks to friendships and some convincing, 4 more came out giving us a full team of 12. Looking at this year's team we are really looking forward to a fun and exciting year. Most of our players are beginners, so teaching them the basics of good technique will be important. The amount of effort and the speed at which they are improving is amazing. We have good leadership with four eighth graders and a solid core of 7th graders, this makes next season very promising. We start competition April 1st and then have one or two meets each week ending with the league tournament on May 6th. Time will tell how competitive we will be but the key to the season is the improvement from day to day and building the love for tennis. You can find the boy's tennis schedule on the school's Tennis website under the Cougar Athletics tab. Come out to watch and support the Cougar Tennis team.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council members have been hard at work getting snacks distributed for upcoming State and ACT Aspire testing. STUCO would like to thank the Salina Education Foundation's Trustees for selecting us a grant recipient. We will keep you updated as the grant funds are put to use.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to SMS 7th grade Math teacher, Curtis Demars for earning April teacher of the month!



SUMMER SCHOOL

As we wind down the end of the 2021-22 school year our grade level counselors are beginning to make recommendations for students who need to attend summer school.

Two summer school sessions will be offered at South High School. The first session will be held from June 15th through July 2nd and the second session will be from July 7 through July 21st. Students can be recommended for one or both sessions, depending on academic performance during the school year.

Both sessions will operate from 8:45 to 11:15 am, with both breakfast and lunch provided. Transportation will be available for participating families. More information will be forthcoming to families as we conclude the school year.

STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS

As spring approaches we are preparing to administer three different standardized assessments to SMS students. Bulleted below are the dates, grade levels as well as assessment type. Most content level assessments are one to two class periods and will be done during the class period as to not disrupt the school day.

Please remind your student to get good rest the night before assessments and please encourage them to do their best. As a school we use assessment data to plan instruction and identify teaching and learning gaps in our curriculum.

6th - 8th Kansas English Assessment (4/5-4/6)

8th Kansas Science Assessment (4/12-4/13)

6th - 8th Kansas Math Assessment (4/20-4/21)

6th - 8th ACT Reading Assessment (4/26-4/29)

6th - 8th ACT Math Assessment (4/26-4/29)

TRACK AND FIELD

Salina South Middle Track started March 22nd. It will be nice to have Cougar Track rolling along again this Spring after we missed the 2020 season. We hope to have over 100 kids participating in track this season. Our first track meet is a dual meet with Lakewood on April 1st at Salina Stadium, followed by the Abilene Invitational on April 8th. We always hope for great weather for our early track meets. We invite you to cheer on the SMS track team on May 6th at the Salina Invitational – our student/athletes can do some amazing things. If you have any questions about Track and Field – check out the SMS website and go to Athletics and then Track and Field.

5TH GRADE ORIENTATION



2021-22 Incoming 6th Grade Orientation

@ Salina South Middle School

6:00 pm

6:00 – 6:45 pm Informational Meeting – Gym #1

6:45 – 7:30 pm Families Tour the Facility

Monday, April 19th



Stewart Elementary

Schilling Elementary



Tuesday, April 20th



Coronado Elementary

Sunset Elementary





SPRING PHYSICALS

Salina Regional Health Center is offering \$25.00 sport physicals for summer sports and athletics for next school year. The physicals will be held at South High School on Wednesday, May 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Students will need to come to the lower gym, entering through the weight room gym doors. No appointment is needed and cash or check is the only payment method accepted. The physical will cover students for all KSHSAA sponsored activities during the 2021-22 attendance year.

FINAL FORMS

We are excited to announce that Salina South MS Athletic Department has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign athletic participation forms for your students. The most exciting news is that FinalForms saves your athlete's data from season-to-season and year-to-year. It will also save your child's data from the middle school to both Salina High Schools. The program will pre-populate information wherever possible, so there is no need to re-enter the same information over and over!

You will be reviewing your information once per school year to verify information is current and sign the forms.

Click on the Parent Playbook (attached) to get started in FinalForms. If you require any support during the process, scroll to the page bottom and click "Use Support".

Here is what we need from you now.

1. If your student is planning to participate in a sport during 2021-22 school year, you MUST fill out the forms online at the link provided below. We recommend registering online BEFORE YOU GET YOUR PHYSICAL SO YOU CAN PRINT THE PHYSICAL PAPERS FROM FINALFORMS.

2. Please register now and complete ALL forms at: <https://salina-ks.finalforms.com>

Thank you for your assistance in streamlining our paperwork process at Salina South MS. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jamie Jackson at 785-309-3918.



FinalForms

Parent registration

How do I sign up?

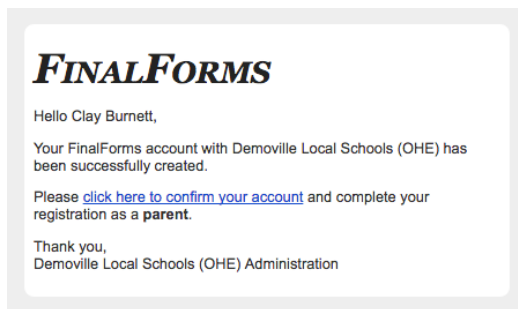
1. Go to: <https://salina-ks.finalforms.com/>
2. Locate the parent icon and click **NEW ACCOUNT** below.



3. Type your YOUR NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, and EMAIL. Next, click **REGISTER**.

NOTE: You will receive an email within 2 minutes prompting you to confirm and complete your registration. If you do not receive an email, then check your spam folder. If you still can not locate the FinalForms email, then email support@finalforms.com informing our team of the issue.

4. Check your email for an **ACCOUNT CONFIRMATION EMAIL** from the FinalForms Mailman. Once received and opened, click **CONFIRM YOUR ACCOUNT** in the email text.



5. Create your new FinalForms password. Next, click **CONFIRM ACCOUNT**.
6. Click **REGISTER STUDENT** for your first child.



FinalForms

Registering a student

What information will I need?

Basic medical history and health information. Insurance company and policy number. Doctor, dentist, and medical specialist contact information. Hospital preference and contact information.

How do I register my first student?

IMPORTANT: If you followed the steps on the previous page, you may Jump to Step number 3.

1. Go to: <https://salina-ks.finalforms.com/>

2. Click **LOGIN** under the Parent Icon.



3. Locate and click the **ADD STUDENT** button.
4. Type in the **LEGAL NAME** and other required information. Then, click **CREATE STUDENT**.
5. **If your student plans to participate in a sport, activity, or club**, then click the checkbox for each. Then, click **UPDATE** after making your selection. Selections may be changed until the registration deadline.
6. Complete each form and sign your full name (*i.e.* 'Jonathan Smith') in the parent signature field on each page. After signing each, click **SUBMIT FORM** and move on to the next form.

7. When all forms are complete, you will see a 'Forms Finished' message.

IMPORTANT: If required by your district, an email will automatically be sent to the email address that you provided for your student that will prompt your student to sign required forms.

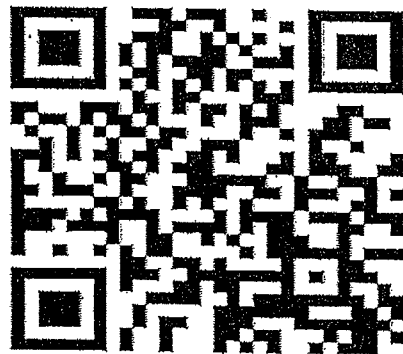
How do I register additional students?

Click **MY STUDENTS**. Then, repeat steps number 3 through number 7 for each additional student.

How do I update information?

Login at any time and click **UPDATE FORMS** to update information for any student.

**YOU MAY ALSO USE YOUR
SMART PHONE TO
DOWNLOAD THE
QR CODE READER APP
AND SCAN THE CODE BELOW
IT WILL TAKE YOU DIRECTLY TO
FINALFORMS**



\$25 SPORT PHYSICALS for South Middle School Students



Salina Regional Health Center is offering \$25 sport physicals for summer sports and the next school year. **This includes Salina South Middle School students entering 7th grade and 8th grade.**

No appointment needed. Cash or check only, please. Make checks out to SRHC. Please wear a mask.

KSHSAA sport physical forms must be completed and turned in during the physical.

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
at Salina South High School**

Come to the lower gym; enter weight room gym doors.



Matthew Pyle, D.O.
Sports Medicine Physician



Garrett Hooker, M.D.
Family Medicine



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785-452-7366



www.comcarepa.com
785-825-8221



BE SMART ONLINE



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

