



February 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

2-1 (4:00) Scholars Bowl @ Newton
2-1 (4:30) BBB @ Concordia
2-2 (12:00) Site Council / PTO Meeting
2-3 (5:00) BBB @ McPherson
2-7 (5:00) BBB vs. Hutchinson
2-10 (5:00) BBB @ Lakewood
2-14 (5:00) BBB vs. McPherson
2-15 (3:30) BBB @ Junction City
2-16 (3:30) Parent Teacher Conferences
2-17 (7:30) Parent Teacher Conferences
2-18 No School
2-21 (4:30) BBB vs. Hays

SALINA PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

Salina Public Library and USD 305 are partnering to offer library cards to all students in the district. The School Library Card program gives students access to Salina Public Library's age appropriate books, digital resources, databases and other media. Students can check out up to 10 physical items at a time. There are no fines or fees, and free printing up to \$1 for school-related work when using the student card. Students can access learning resources such as Rosetta Stone, Creativebug, and the Learning Express Library. Students can use the database to research art, literature, genealogy, careers, history/government, and more. Many of the digital platforms are available in Spanish. Please feel free to contact the Salina Public Library for more information 785-825-4624. (If you do not want your student to participate and receive a Salina Public Library card, please contact Allyson at circ@salinapublic.org or 785-825-4624, ext. 221.)

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

South Middle School will hold parent teacher conferences on Wednesday, February 16th from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm and again on Thursday, February 17th from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm. Parents please be on the lookout for a note or an email to sign up for a conference time with your child's team. 6th grade conferences will be in the commons, 7th and 8th grade will be in gym #2. Please note that teachers will be given a break on Thursday from 11am-12 pm and again from 3pm-5pm. No conferences will be scheduled during this time.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We would like to remind all our students and families that SMS offers a robust after school program. The program operates from 2:45 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday through Thursday each week of the school year. Busing to the nearest elementary school is available if families wish. We have 12 adults on staff and serve approximately 40-50 students on a daily basis. This is a great opportunity for students to catch up on school work or finish work for the day.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of South Middle School is to ensure a high quality education for all students in a safe and 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.

TRACK AND FIELD

The 2022 Cougar Track season is quickly approaching. We welcome all 7th and 8th grade students that like to compete and strive to get better on a daily basis. There will be two track informational meetings for students in March during Advisory. The boys will meet March 2nd and the girls will meet on March 3rd. The first track practice will be Monday, March 21st from 2:50 to 4:35. The parent meeting will also be Monday, March 21st at 5:15 in the SMS commons. Please see Coaches Dohm, Robbinett, Wittman, and VanDeCreek if you have any questions. We hope to see you at one of the meetings to learn more about SMS Cougar track.



BOYS TENNIS

Boys Tennis will have their interest meeting on Thursday, February 24th at 8:00 am in the commons. We have a schedule of 11 dates, which includes 9 duals and 2 tournaments. One of those tournaments is our league meet.

6TH AND 7TH PRE-ENROLLMENT

Current SMS 6th and 7th graders pre-enrolled in 2022-23 classes during the month of January. Students should have brought home a piece of paper with the elective classes chosen for next school year. Counselors and administration will begin to plug the information into Skyward and work on the schedule for next school year.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to SMS February Teacher of the Month, Cindy Munk. Mrs. Munk teaches 7th grade English-Language Arts. She has great rapport with her students and cares about each and everyone's success.

DILLONS REWARDS

SMS Families can support the South Middle School PTO by using their 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:

- visit www.dillons.com/community-rewards
- sign in to your existing online account or create an account
- find and select South Middle School PTO or Organization #VN011 and click save
- Shop at Dillon's and scan your existing Plus Shopper's Card

ART

The Art Department at South Middle has been busy creating & learning this past semester. Sixth grade artists drew zoomed-in candy or food to practice observational drawing and created abstract notan designs. They learned to mix paint colors and created paintings showing depth or space. Seventh grade focused on drawing from observation and learning about Roy Lichtenstein, a Pop Artist. Students learned one point perspective and made a painting that included watercolor or acrylic techniques. Eighth grade focused on different art movements such as Cubism, Surrealism & Pop Art throughout their drawing, painting & ceramics projects. Within these art movements, students learned to create art using different methods & techniques.

Sixth & Seventh grade classes ended the semester with a ceramics project series based on their favorite holidays. They learned multiple methods of handbuilding with clay, such as creating texture and decoration, in order to make slabs and pinch pot mugs. Seventh & Eighth Grade classes created collaborative Tape Murals, inspired by muralists who covered up racist graffiti in urban downtown neighborhoods. Small student groups created the murals on lockers to send their own positive messages all around the school.

Curt Krob, a Salina Arts and Humanities Commission visiting artist, came to speak to students about his artworks, inspiration, techniques, and creative process. Curt really focuses on making art that is fun, witty, and showed our students what that can look like.

Finally, all of the art classes made handmade Holiday cards for Meals on Wheels to deliver with their holiday meals! Students focused on quality versus quantity and came up with some creatively layered holiday-themed cards. Students worked very hard to create 230 cards.





PEP CLUB

Pictured above is the very first Salina South Middle School pep club. These students chose to sign up for the pep club as their Friday club. These students will receive free admission to SMS athletic contests and will sit together and root on our Cougar athletic teams. During club time they will be creating posters, encouraging all students to attend events and creating other items to spark crowd support during the ball games. These students hope to spread positivity and sportsmanship to all our attendees while cheering on our Cougar teams. SMS teachers, Ginger Armbrust and Miranda Lumley will be sponsoring our Pep Club.





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Standard Substitutes (Bachelors degree in education)	\$17.42/hr.
Emergency Substitutes (60 completed college credit hrs.)	\$14.19/hr.
Temporary Substitutes (High school diploma)	\$12.14/hr.
Long-Term Certified Substitutes	\$19.35/hr.

Must be licensed in Kansas as a Substitute or eligible to obtain a temporary or emergency sub license

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Flexible Scheduling
Choice of work locations and assignments

Licensure application assistance and cost
reimbursement up to \$60 for first-time
Substitutes

***Up to \$250 Substitute Incentive per
semester for those who qualify**

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